

# Just a Minute

January 2012

## News From Tidworth Area Board

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**This newsletter, sent to the Tidworth Community Area Network** enables you to keep in touch with things that are happening locally. With regular news from the Area Board, Council, Police, NHS and many other local community groups and organisations, you can be the first to know what is happening. With opportunities to have a say on important issues and to take part in local events and activities, **Tidworth CAN** will put you in the picture. If you have received this from a friend or colleague you can join **Tidworth CAN** by clicking on this link. [Sign Up!](#)

### Chairman's Foreword

#### Happy New Year!

**Welcome to the Tidworth Area Board Newsletter. The Board meets every two months, providing an opportunity for local people to hear presentations on current topics, updates from our partners, issues raised by the community and current consultations.**

Our last meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 At Phoenix Hall Netheravon.

The meeting heard from Wendy Higginson, Youth Development Service, about savings of £550,000 which needed to be made. This would require exploring the use of volunteers to maintain youth services across the county.

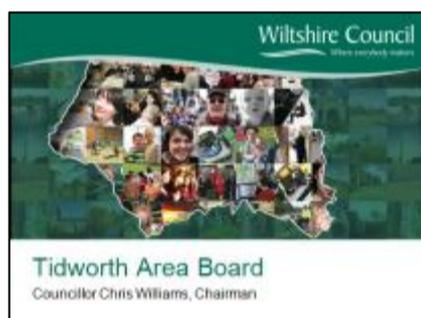
Chairman Cllr Chris Williams reported that the Waste Strategy Outcomes would go to Wiltshire Council cabinet in January 2012 and that the Olympic torch would be passing through Tidworth and Ludgershall in July.

The meeting also heard from Cabinet member John Noeken who gave an overview of his portfolio and took questions from the floor. Cllr Noeken was pleased to report that Wiltshire had managed to keep its libraries open unlike other authorities, thanks to volunteers from our local communities.

There were two presentations, one from David Richmond of Help for Heroes who introduced the work and services provided at Tedworth House and one from Rod Campbell from Leonard Cheshire Disability which has won the contract for Help to Live at Home Services in our area.

Cllr Mark Connolly reported back from the Community Area Transport group and secured the support of the board for the recommendations to fund an informal crossing point outside of Wellington Academy and for 9 sites within the community area to be prioritised as Speed Indicator Sites.

**Councillor Chris Williams, Chairman**



### Community Area Grants- new funding available

Tidworth Area Board has funding available to support local community projects. Awards will be made at each area board meeting as funds allow. The maximum award is £5,000 for which projects would need to have match funding in place, however for smaller applications up to £1,000 there is no match funding requirement.



The emphasis this year is on supporting local community groups and organisations rather than organisations that can raise funds by other means, so please encourage your local community groups and organisations to bring projects forward.

All the information you need, including application forms is available on our website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or contact your Community Area Manager, Mary Cullen on 01722 434260 for further information. Please remember the application deadline is usually 6 weeks before meetings.

We work closely with the Charities Information Bureau who can help you identify other suitable sources of funding for your projects. Go to <http://www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk>

### Join us at our next area board meeting

The next meeting of Tidworth Area Board will be on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at Wellington Academy, starting at 6.30pm** with tea and coffee from 6.00pm.



Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

## Fund for village events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and Olympics 2012



At its next meeting Tidworth Area Board will be allocating funding to Town and Parish Councils to put on events and activities to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Olympics 2012.

Come along to find out more about the range of activities planned right across the Community Area. Laurie Bell from Wiltshire Council's Communications Team will also be giving a presentation about the Olympic Torch Route through our Community Area.

## Village SOS



Starting a community business is a proven way to revitalise your village and boost rural pride. From running shops and pubs to libraries and swimming pools, generating your own renewable energy or setting up a broadband service, the ways to get involved and help your community are only limited by your imagination. Have an idea? We can help...

### Give Village SOS a call

Whether you're looking for inspiration, already have a brilliant idea, or an existing business you want to grow, the Village SOS [Advice Line](#) can help.

The Advice Line is here to help you get started – and keep going – as you work on your community business. Our in-house experts can answer almost any question – or direct you to someone who can.

Give us a call on 0845 434 9123, email [advice@villagesos.org.uk](mailto:advice@villagesos.org.uk) or [Ask Village SOS](#)

## Tidworth Voices



Over the past few months, Mary Cullen your Community Area Manager has been talking to army wives to find out more about their experiences of living in the area and the key issues and challenges they face.

A DVD has been produced and will be shown at a launch event and workshop to be held in the coming months.

Watch this space for further details.

## Youth Initiatives Funding



The area board has been awarded a new allocation of Youth Initiatives Funding and, with the carryover from last year, now has £6,228 available to support projects for young people.

It is proposed to hold a participatory budgeting event at our next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January when young people can present their ideas for projects, up to a maximum of £1,000 to the area board, where the winning project will be voted on by the local community.

## Community Area Transport Group update



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## NHS Wiltshire Stroke Awareness Campaign



As part of the stroke awareness campaign, NHS Wiltshire's message is for people to maintain a healthy lifestyle, understand the risks, and improve awareness of what to do if a stroke is suspected. So people are encouraged to:

- Learn about the warning signs of a stroke and how to take action.
- Know their personal risk factors for blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol – your GP can help you understand these.
- By physically active and exercise regularly.
- Avoid unhealthy weight gain by keeping to a healthy diet.
- Drink alcohol sensibly.
- If you smoke, seek help to stop now, and avoid passive smoking.

NHS Wiltshire actively promotes the FAST message. FAST is the acronym to help assess three symptoms:  
Facial weakness – can the person smile? Has their mouth or eye dropped?

Arm weakness – can they raise both arms?

Speech problems – can you understand what they are saying? Are they speaking clearly?

If not Time to call 999

## Update from Police

Inspector Christian Lange reported that the overall level of crime in Tidworth Community Area has fallen by 5% compared to last year. The number of assaults has fallen by 35% compared to last year. Regarding the theft of the bronze statue from outside the Royal British Legion, he reported that a 22yr old man had been arrested on suspicion of theft but there is as yet no indication of the whereabouts of the statue.

PCSO Mike Tryhorn reports that over recent weeks there has been an increase in reports of thefts and non dwelling burglaries within the Zouch Estate, Tidworth. Officers are investigating six similar incidents which have occurred since late December 2011.

The offenders are targeting communal hallways and garden sheds and have taken bicycles, mini motos and fishing equipment.

PCSO Mike Tryhorn said: 'In many of these incidents the property has been left unsecure and the offenders will have had very little difficulty in removing the items. I would like to appeal for residents to review their security, the Tidworth Neighbourhood Policing Team would be happy to advise people on improvements and preventative measures.

It is also important that people contact us with any information which may help to identify those responsible and report suspicious activity so we can stop other members of the community becoming victims. All calls will be treated confidentially.

Anyone with information should contact PCSO Tryhorn on 101 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 where details may be left anonymously if preferred.



## Wiltshire Council new free home insulation scheme



The new Wiltshire Warm and Well scheme is open to all home owners and private tenants and enables residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes through installing loft and cavity wall insulation- saving money on bills and making homes warmer.

For further information go to <http://www.warmandwell.co.uk>

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