

Delivering a brighter, greener future for all

27th May 2025

AGENDA

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to a meeting of the:

Town Development Committee to be held on Monday 2nd June 2025 at 7pm at the Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB

Membership:

Cllr Allensby (West)	Cllr Lee (Broadway)
Cllr Barnes (East)	Cllr Robbins (East)
Cllr Davis (East)	Mr James Sullivan-Tailyour (Advisor)
Cllr Jones (North)	Mr Matt Towl (Advisor)
Cllr Keeble (West)	Mr Len Turner (Advisor)

Copied to all other members for information.

Members of the public are warmly welcome to attend meetings of the council and its committees, unless excluded owing to the confidential nature of the business.

If you wish to contribute during public participation, please contact admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk prior to the meeting to enable this to be facilitated.

Yours sincerely

Tom Dommett CiLCA

Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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1. <u>Election of a committee Chairman for the municipal year 2025-2026</u> Members to elect a committee Chairman for the municipal year 2025-2026.



2. <u>Election of a committee Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2025-2026</u>

Members to elect a committee Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2025-2026.

3. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies, including reason for absence, from those unable to attend.

4. <u>To appoint up to three Advisors to the Committee</u>

Members to resolve to appoint up to three non-voting advisors to the committee. The following nominations have been received:

James Sullivan-Tailyour

Matt Towl

Len Turner

5. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest under Warminster Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

6. Minutes

6.1 To approve and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025; copies of these minutes have been circulated and Standing Order 12.1 provides that they may therefore be taken as read.

6.2 To note any matters arising from the minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025.

7. Chairman's Announcements

To note any announcements made by the Chair.

8. Questions

To receive questions from members of the committee submitted in advance.

Standing Orders will be suspended to allow for public participation.

9. Public Participation

To enable members of the public to address the committee with an allowance of three minutes per person regarding any item on the agenda and **to receive** any petitions and deputations. The Chairman may read out statements submitted in advance.

Standing Orders will be reinstated following public participation.

10. Reports from Unitary Authority Members

To note any reports provided which are relevant to this committee.

11. Flood Wardens

The current wardens are Jon Ellis, Roi Head, Len Turner, Mike Baxter, and Trevor Woodyatt. They have all indicated that they are willing to be reappointed. There is still one vacancy for a flood Warden in the town centre.

Members to appoint Flood Wardens for 2025 – 2026.



12. Events

Members to nominate three members to work with officers and partner organisations on preparations for events.

13. Sub Committees

To appoint up to three town council members to the Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Sub-Committee and to agree that these should be closed meetings due to the confidential nature of the business discussed.

The next meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 24th June 2025 at 11.30 am.

Represented bodies	Membership 2025 – 2026:
Wiltshire Council (Warminster)	Cllr Andrew Davis
Wiltshire Council (Westbury)	TBC
Wiltshire Police	Sgt Lyndsey Smith
Local businesses	Mr Dave Deacon
Warminster Garrison	Sgt Gareth Kenniford
Warminster Town Council (Officers)	Town Clerk, CCTV Supervisor, Parks and Estate Manager
Westbury Town Council (Officer)	Deborah Urch, Westbury Town Clerk.
Westbury Town Council	Cllr Radek Evans
West Wilts Trading Estate	Peter Sammons
Warminster Town Council (up to three). Nominees Received to Date:	Cllrs Allensby, Davis and Hawker

14. Working Groups

13.1 Town Regeneration Working Group: To appoint members to the Town Regeneration Working Group.

The working group is tasked with bringing forward suggestions for the regeneration of Warminster.

Membership 2025 – 2026: Nominations received to date
Cllr Allensby
Cllr Lee
Peter Roscoe
Matt Towl
Len Turner
James Sullivan-Tailyour



13.2 Cycle Route Improvements

The working group is tasked with bringing forward suggested improvements to the local cycle routes. No nominations have been received to date.

Members are asked to resolve to appoint members to or to abolish the Cycle Route Improvements Working Group.

13.3 Flood Working Group

The flood plan is now incorporated into the Warminster Community Resilience Plan. The Resilience Plan will be updated but there is currently no need to review this plan.

Members are asked to resolve to approve the closure of the Flood Working Group.

13.4 Car Parking Charges in Warminster Working Group.

The working group was tasked with bringing forward proposals to change parking changes in Warminster to encourage a longer dwell time without a loss of revenue to Wiltshire Council. This task has been completed, and any future work will be carried out by the Town Regeneration Working Group.

Members are asked to resolve to approve the closure of the Car Parking Charges in Warminster Working Group.

15. <u>Town Litter Champion</u>

Previously, members have appointed a Town Litter Champion. It is recommended that a Town Litter Champion is not appointed and that in future the town council will participate in the annual Great British Spring Clean led by the Mayor.

Members to resolve.

16. <u>Warminster Royal British Legion – Commemorations for the 80th Anniversary of World War II</u>

Members to receive a verbal update for the RBL community event to be held at the Town Park on 26th July 2025.

17. Wiltshire Towns' Programme

Members to receive a verbal update regarding the Wiltshire Towns Programme.

18. Tynings Allotments

Members to note the minutes from the meetings held on 19th February 2025, 26th March 2025, and 16th April 2025 plus accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

19. Operational Flood Working Group South

To receive the notes from the meetings of the Operational Flood Working Group South held on 18th December 2024, and 19th February 2025. Matters relating to Warminster highlighted (see attached).

20. Warminster Business Network

To receive a verbal update from the Warminster Business Network.

21. Rights of Way Volunteers

To note the update from the Rights of Way Volunteers (see attached).



22. Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Volunteers

To receive an update on water voles along the River Were from the Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Volunteers (see attached).

23. <u>Toad Patrol 2025</u>

To note the update report from Sustainable Warminster on the Smallbrook Lane 2025 toad migration.

24. <u>Communications</u>

The members to decide on items requiring a press release and to nominate a speaker for any item on the agenda if required.

Minutes from this meeting will be available to all members of the public either from our website www.warminster-tc.gov.uk or by contacting us at Warminster Civic Centre.

Date of next meeting: Monday 8th September 2025



Tynings Allotment

Bradley Road, Warminster BA12 8BN

Minutes of Committee Meeting 19th February, 7pm

The Pavilion

Present: Chairman Mike Forward

Committee Members: J. Ellison, J. Howlett, C, Brooks, A. Robins, J. Abbott, H. Taylor, J. Weston.

Warminster Town Council: Cllr Kirkwood

Co-option: The committee voted unanimously to co-opt Dave onto the committee.

1. Apologies

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None received

2. Minutes of meeting from 22nd January

These were signed as a true record by the Chairman

3. Matters arising

None

4. Treasurer's Report

£80 had been raised from the bacon butty morning this month.

Income was £246

Expenses included electricity £561 and NFU £346.15

Altogether expenses were £1,006.89 with a deficit of £760.89

Most important aspect is the cumulative surplus of £5375. However, £3000 worth of invoices for the new doors was due, so around £2000 surplus is predicted for the end of February.

This will be put forward towards a new project for the kitchen and will be carried over to next year as a reserved fund.

The cash in the community account is £6k

Cash in cash box is £2,430

Total cash is £21k

The allotment society is in a strong financial position which is well managed.

There will be float for the jumble sale and then the plant sale in May and this will be taken from the cash box.

Debtors remain in terms of 6 plot holders and some progress is being made here.

5. Plot Manager's Report

There are 16 on the list. There are 5 plot vacancies which will be let shortly.

KM and JM have received a letter to quit. AJ is giving up too.

The broken greenhouse has not been removed and there is also a shed which has blown over. Jim will contact the plot holders to have a word regarding moving them.

6. Correspondence

None received.

7. Maintenance

- a) **New doors** these have been installed and are very nice. They need to be made more rigid for windy conditions.
- b) **Raised beds** Unfortunately no volunteers have come forward to help build the new raised beds.

It was agreed that potential volunteers would be approached to support volunteers on the committee. It was agreed that one bed at a time would be undertaken.

A start date to aim for would be Saturday 29th March around 9.30am, weather permitting.

c) Notice boards

Helen has provided 3 options size A1. John agreed to check whether they could be put outside and if so, he would purchase 2.

Proposed JH, Seconded JA, voting unanimous in favour.

d) Allotment road access

The committee discussed the possibility of asking Wiltshire Council about installing no parking lines between 9am and 5pm on the approach to the allotments as vehicles were struggling to get through the narrow road. There are some vans parked in the road which block access. The lines would need to be the whole length.

The committee discussed the issue and decided that it was not worth pursuing for a variety of reasons including residents' need to park there.

8. Events

a. Jumble Sale 22nd March 2pm - 4pm

The Committee will begin advertising this event and there is a lot of jumble that has been donated.

Volunteers are needed to put the tent up on Thursday and all day Saturday to sort it out.

b. Easter Bingo

This has been changed to the beginning of April instead.

c. May plant sale

This is on Saturday 24th May. Please grow extra for the show.

d. Broadlands Garden Show

This is booked for 7th June

The secretary read the brochure to the committee. Admission would be £8.00 The coach is for 53 people. The coach is £800. This makes £24 per person. The committee could subsidise £200 from the jumble sale. So tickets will be £20 per person. This is a reasonable amount to ask as it is £40 per couple.

Proposed CB Seconded JH; Voting unanimous in favour

e. VE day celebration May day bank holiday 5th May

This would be open to the community and is likely to include a BBQ.

All agreed to this.

9. RHS Membership

The committee noted that Tynings Allotments had this membership in the past and it allows some allotment holders to visit RHS gardens. There is also a lot of useful information provided by the RHS. The cost is around £50.

Proposed JA, Seconded CB, voting unanimous in favour.

10. AOB

Potatoes: Only 2 of 3 boxes were delivered. Kings have been chased numerous times. Finally it was found that the potatoes had been sent to Manchester. The potatoes are being redirected and should be here on Friday.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 26th March 7pm in the pavilion

Tynings Allotment

Bradley Road, Warminster BA12 8BN

Minutes of Committee Meeting 26th March, 7pm

The Pavilion

Present: Chairman Mike Forward

Committee Members: J. Ellison, J. Howlett, C, Brooks, A. Robins, J. Abbott, H. Taylor, J. Weston,

Dave Butler

Warminster Town Council: Cllr Kirkwood

1. Apologies

None received

2. Minutes of meeting from 19th February

These were signed as a true record by the Chairman

3. Matters arising

The bingo in April is not going ahead as it has been a busy time with the jumble sale.

Jacqui to re-join the RHS for the society as agreed at the last meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

Income in March included £39.60 for plot rents.

The committee would draw a line under the plot rents for now as almost all had been received.

£151 was received from the crafting groups.

Maintenance included notice boards and cleaning totalled £319 for the month.

There is likely to be a small surplus to be reported in March with some funds accrued towards updating the kitchen.

There are funds of almost £22k as net assets which is a prudent amount to hold for a large society with ongoing maintenance costs.

5. Plot Manager's Report

4 plots are ready to be let. The list has decreased considerably. Some on the list are impossible to contact and unfortunately will go to the bottom of the list.

There has been a request to erect a greenhouse on plot 34.

All agreed that the greenhouse would be fine.

Tynings Allotment Association		;					;		;		;	!	,
Year Ended 31St March 2025	Iotal	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
INCOME													
Rents & Subscriptions	7,008.99	60.15	42.03	13.13	68.60	64.13	3,611.97	2,646.35	140.97	252.53	53.03	39.60	16.50
Donations for use of Hall	1,402.00	20.00	60.00	149.00	169.00	131.00	40.00		62.00	278.00	105.00	151.00	124.00
Bank Interest	201.26			49.28			49.46			49.65			52.87
Raffle Proceeds	250.00									250.00			
Jumble Sale & Books	914.55												914.55
Tea & Coffee	70.70	17.31	21.80		15.14					8.55	7.90		
Bacon Butty Mornings&Teas	1,053.21		100.00	118.95	100.00	176.54	103.00		124.72	70.00	80.00		180.00
FiT Payment	205.44			26.32			73.51		105.61				
Plant Sale	900.00		900.00										
April Tea & Cakes afternoon	79.00		79.00										
Wiltshire Council Grant	982.00			982.00									
Harvest Supper (Net)	295.83							295.83					
Seed Orders (Kings) (Net)	337.09							65.65	271.44		0.00		
Total Income	13,700.07	97.46	97.46 1,202.83	1,338.68	352.74	371.67	3,877.94	3,120.83	704.74	908.73	245.93	190.60	1.287.92

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EXPENDITURE	Total	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
Postage & Stationery Cleaning & Cleaning Materials	114.73	80.00	18.60	122.45	80.00	8.95	75.00	100.95	6.80	80.00	80.00	80.00	5.38 199.84
Maintenance Water Engineers Accruals	2,990.50		47.37	7.00	254.00	52.53	326.68	106.92	127.50	1,208.48	20.00	239.00	601.02
SSE (Electricity) Coach trip to Garden Show (Ticket Sales) Coach trip to Garden Show Costs	2,391.02 -677.10 1,276.00		0.00 -977.10 1,276.00			462.79		667.49			560.74		300.00
Net Cost of Flower Show AGM Expenses Insurance NFU Mutual	305.39 305.39 57.27 346.15		0000				255.39	57.27	50.00		346.15		
Christmas Raffle costs NSALG Membership Raised Bed Repairs (Accrual) Pavillion French Doors	9.00 197.36 675.00 750.00 3,521.00		0000	444.00				675.00	175.00	22.36			750.00
Total Expenditure	13,566.84	80.00	153.55	573.45	334.00	604.27	737.07	1,607.63	439.30	1,310.84	1,006.89	319.00	6,400.84
Surplus/(Deficit) Cash Docition	£133.23	£17.46	£17.46 £1,049.28	£765.23	£18.74 (f	:232.60) £	£18.74 (£232.60) £3,140.87 £1,513.20	1,513.20	£265.44	(£402.11) (£760.96)	(£760.96)		
Community Account 31/03/2025 2,663.34 Premium Account 31/03/2025 13,372.59 Cash in Cashbox (31/03/2025) 3,028.53 Total Cash Accruals Electricity -700.00 Coach Trip -300.00 Water Engineers -767.60 Raised Beds 16,546.86													

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Tynings Allotments

Committee Meeting

The Pavilion

Wednesday 16th April 2025

Minutes

Present: Chairman Mike Forward

Committee members: J Ellison, J. Howlett, C. Brooks, A. Robins, H. Taylor, J. Weston, D. Butler, J. Abbott.

Cllr Kirkwood (Warminster Town Council)

1. Apologies

No apologies received

2. **Minutes of last meeting 19th February** – these were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

Jacqui is applying for RHS membership on behalf of the society.

Jacqui has contacted NASC and updated the records.

The trailer has been fixed.

4. Treasurer's Report

End of year figures.

March rent and subscriptions - £16.50 was received from outstanding plot rental.

£124 was received in donations.

Jumble sale raised a massive £914.55.

Bacon butty mornings raised £180.

Revenue was a total of £1,287.92.

Costs in March were £3,077 for the new French doors. Cleaning for 2 months totalled £199.84. Maintenance expenditure included the water pump at £601.02.

Expenses have been incurred and accrued and we owed £767.60 for water engineers and £700 accrued electricity. The coach trip to the garden has a provision of £300 which has been raised through fundraising. A further accrual has been set aside for the raised beds of £750.

Looking at the year in total the income was £13,700. Rent and subscriptions were £7,000. Only 50% of income is from rent and subscriptions. The other 50% is from fundraising.

Jim was especially thanked for the bacon butty mornings which raised over £1,000 and received a round of applause. Everyone was thanked for their fundraising efforts including Sue Forward and all the committee members.

£16,500 remained in net assets as there have been a lot of planned costs and some accruals for next year. This is a prudent amount for the society. Some of this is due to fundraising and some of the funds come from the community of Warminster who benefit greatly from the wide range of events that the society puts on throughout the year.

5. Plot Manager's Report

The waiting list is now down to 10 people mainly for large and medium plots.

Someone emailed on 6th January and they are not on the list. This would now be added to the list.

JA to put the new contacts onto the list for Jim.

There are two plots at the moment that have been left to become overgrown and Jim is going to send a letter from the society. Chris would take the pictures and give them to Jim.

Chris and Jim to check if more letters need to be sent out.

6. Correspondence

None received

7. Maintenance

a. Water and electrics

The electrician has been here for 3 long afternoons to see if there is a fault in the electrics; the earth in the box near the gate is not very good. There is a poor earth in the water pump green box. The green box that holds the pump has an electric box and one of the cables goes into the floor; the actual wire is 3 phase as is the plug. But there are no 3 phases up here. The extra wires are not helping the situation. The electrician has managed to get an earth but it is not good enough so there remains a fault. Four light columns have been removed and they were full of soil and ants! This was because a plastic protector has been used. The electrician is going to get some proper connectors in a sealed box. There are 14 light columns which require fixing. The system is now safer but it is not good enough and the electrician will be back on Easter Saturday to do the work. Some of the committee will help to prepare the lights for the electrician on Good Friday.

The water engineers have taken the filters to clean them.

b. Raised beds

A lot of people realise the society is raising money for the raised beds. They beds need replacing. The 4ft gap between them needs to remain. Some of the allotment community have been discussing the beds and they may be able to help. The committee reiterated its commitment to providing this facility for disabled people but it is taking a little time to make sure the best solution is achieved in terms of cost and longevity.

c. Rotten picnic tables

The wooden tables and benches are rotten and falling apart. They may need replacing next year as they were not the best quality. They could be replaced with a similar type to the ones bought last year which will last decades.

There may need to be grant application to the Warminster Area Board, potentially for their 10th July meeting.

8. Fundraising

i. Book sale

The book sale went very well and Mike thanked all those involved. Some books have been sent to the Warminster book festival and to the Lions shop.

£140.50 was made.

ii. May Plant Sale 24th May

The plant sale is set for 24th May so please grow extra. It might be worth bring out some of the bric-a-brac to sell at the plant sale. There are a lot of tools. The marquee will be put up on Thursday 22nd May and committee members will do this.

A lot of the bric-a-brac is being sent to Dorothy House and other charities.

9. Coach Trip to Broadlands

The notice is up for the plant sale. Please sign up. There are 52 places on the coach, which is the smallest coach possible. Mike will place some Broadlands posters up.

10. Flower Show September 6th

The committee is hoping that Steve Cripps from Crockerton garden centre will sponsor the brochure for the garden centre. However, he is very busy this year.

11. AOB - none

12. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday May 14th at 7pm

10 People ON WAITING LIST.

Tynings Allotment Association Year Ended 31st March 2026	Total	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25 Sep-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
INCOME													
Rents & Subscriptions	30.29	30.29											
Donations for use of Hall	90.09	60.00											
Bank Interest	0.00												
Raffle Proceeds	0.00												
Jumble Sale & Books	0.00												
Tea & Coffee	24.21	24.21											
Bacon Butty Morning	20.00	50.00											
FIT Payment	0.00												
Plant Sale	0.00												
Book Sale	142.00	142.00											
Wiltshire Council Grant	0.00												
Harvest Supper (Net)	0.00												
Seed Orders (Kings) (Net)	0.00												
Total Income	306.50	306.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

EXPENDITURE	Total		Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
Postage & Stationery Cleaning & Cleaning Materials Mower Repairs Maintenance Coffee Tea & Milk Water Engineers Accruals SSE (Electricity) Coach trip to Garden Show (Ticket Sales) Coach trip to Garden Show (Subsidy) Net Cost of Flower Show AGM Expenses Insurance NFU Mutual Petrol for Mower Christmas Raffle costs NSALG Membership Raised Bed Repairs (Accrual)		13.92 80.00 0.00 23.40 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	13.92 80.00 81.09 23.40											
Total Expenditure	16	198.41	198.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	£1(£108.09	£108.09	£.00	£.00	£.00	£0	£.00	£.00	£.00	£.00	£.00	£.00	£.00
Cash Position Community Account 30/04/2025 2, Premium Account 30/04/2025 13, Cash in Cashbox (30/04/2025) 3, Total Cash Acruals Electricity Coach Trip Water Engineers Raised Beds Net Assets 16,	2,426.03 13,372.59 3,106.32 18,904.94 -523.78 -500.00 -500.00													

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Operational Flood Working Group - South Notes DATE 18 December 2024 – 10am Hybrid Meeting at Warminster Civic Centre

Attendees:

First name	Surname	Area
Andrew	Davis	Chair & Wilts Cllr Warminster East
Nic	Puntis	Wilts Cllr Portfolio holder flooding.
Danny	Everett	Principle Technical Officer Drainage Wilts Council
Renate	Manton	Flood Resilience Officer Wilts Council
Grish	Lohani	Highways Engineer Stonehenge & Tidworth Wilts Council
Layla	Hill	Senior Business Support Officer Wilts Council
Charlotte	Fry	Sewage Planning Engineer Wessex Water
Vicky	Farwig	Flood Risk Coordinator Wessex Water
Mike	Holm	Flood & Coastal Risk Advisor Environment Agency
Carrie	Whittaker	Flood & Coastal Risk Technical Advisor Environment Agency
Steve	Malpass	Flood & Coastal Risk Environment Agency
Carl	Jacobs	Chilmark
Chris	Sankey	Pitton & Farley
Sven	Hocking	Salisbury City & Wilts Cllr Salisbury Harnham East
lan	Blair-Pilling	Wilts Cllr Avon Valley
Adam	Hill	Landford Parish Council
Richard	Roberts	Enford Parish Council
Mark	Symonds	Enford Parish Council
Den	Parrett	Shrewton Parish Council
Tony	Wheeler	Salisbury Cathedral Community
Tony	Jackson	Wilts Cllr Warminster Broadway
Alan	Crossley	Wilton Town Council
Tom	Dommett	Warminster Town Council

1. Welcome and Introduction from the Chair Andrew Davis - Wiltshire Councillor

2. Update from statutory agencies

Environment Agency (EA)

- 4 Week dry period enabling water levels to drop. Storm Bert and Dara caused significant rainfall. Surface water fed into main river.
- Recovery grant not available, is generally released when it is a multi-impact event. Across the country
- Property Flood resilience scheme started in Shrewton and will continue into New Year. Work undertaken in Britford. Laverstock/Ford on the programme. Only addressing those areas with significant risk.
- Grant aid on hold subject to review and concerns over large projects not going ahead and uncertainty regarding funding.

• Wiltshire Wildlife currently working around the Pewsey/Nadder valley on a rural run off projects in conjunction with local landowners.

Wessex Water (WW)

- Catching up post incident reports are still coming in after the flood, requested these reports are sent at the time of flooding.
- Keeping an eye on ground water levels, being proactive with operational issues. Reminder that any issues with sewers should be reported.
- Ongoing infiltration works lining sewer to ensure they have a resilient network.
- Aware pumps are being installed for PLP, any observations to be reported back to Charlotte.

Wiltshire Council (WC)

- 117 reported flood incidents. 53 Business affected. Recovery is ongoing remember to report internal flooding problems to drainage team.
- CCTV being used to investigate issues.
- Directional drilling in Bromham, hopefully finished early next year. Working alongside other organisations. Christmas hopefully dry.
- Highways are currently prioritising gullies, please ensure reports are made via MyWilts, which is the quickest way of dealing with them.
- Reminder to Town and Parish councils to draw up flood plans, review them
 regularly particularly following events. By doing so it will enable you to request the
 appropriate resources to assist in the event of a flood event.

Network Rail (NR) – not present.

3. Town and Parish Agenda items and updates

Warminster -

- Storm Bert affected the River Weir causing flooding in Smallbrook Road, and one car was stranded.
- Wiltshire Wildlife are looking at a project to re-meander the river.
- Advised the car park is part of the functional flood plain.
- Request for data on Groveland's and dropped kerb at Boreham Road.

4. Actions:

Town & Parish Councils	 Report sewage issues to Wessex Water and/or appropriate sewage undertaker. Draw up flood plans and keep current plans updated. Advise Wiltshire is aware of issues with MyWilts and improvements are underway.
Warminster	 Danny – advise on dropped kerb and data from Groveland's.

5. AOB
None

6. Date of next meeting – 19th February 2025

If you would like to join the meeting online, please use the below link:

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Operational Flood Working Group - South Agenda DATE 19 February 2025 - 10am Hybrid Meeting at Warminster Civic Centre

Statutory		
Agencies: Andrew	Davis	Chair & Wilts Cllr Warminster East
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Layla	Hill	Senior Business Support Officer Wilts Council
David	Button	Highway Engineer South West Wiltshire
Charlotte	Fry	Sewage Planning Engineer Wessex Water
Vicky	Farwig	Flood Risk Coordinator Wessex Water
_		Flood & Coastal Risk Technical Advisor Environment
Carrie	Whittaker	Agency
Steve	Malpass	Flood & Coastal Risk Environment Agency
Denise	Kinsella	Thames Water
Town & Parish Coun	cils	
Chris	Sankey	Pitton & Farley
Sven	Hocking	Salisbury City & Wilts Cllr Salisbury Harnham East
Richard	Roberts	Enford Parish Council
Mark	Symonds	Enford Parish Council
Den	Parrett	Shrewton Parish Council
Anthony	Wheeler	Salisbury cathedral community
Sheila	Glass	Ramsbury
Jill	Turner	Kennet Valley
Estelle	Cherry	Landford
Lin	Walker	Donhead St Mary
Bridget	Wayman	Cllr

1.	Welcome and Introduction from the Chair Andrew Davis - Wiltshire Councillor
2.	Update from statutory agencies



Wiltshire Council (WC)

- Business as Usual, CCTV gangs out along with the drainage repair gangs.
 Still dealing with flooding events from 2024
- Working with Town/Parish councils to identify flood risks
- Renate looking at flood plans with Town/Parish, if anyone would like detailed AO maps of their parish, please let her know. Flood warden training is being organised awaiting confirmation of date and venue.
- Working through top five schemes nominated from by the highway engineers for each area.
- Parishes can keep nominating the same gullies for clearance when requesting the discretionary gully tanker.
- Stella is putting a case forward for funding for Telementry project with the Environment agency. Telemetry can be placed near trash screens, main rivers and watercourses and used to monitor water levels. These can be run on battery and do not need a permanent electrical supply.
- Parishes interested in having telemetry contact Danny via <u>drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk</u> of any suitable locations. Pitton advised that it is very helpful, and they no longer have to get up in the night and physically check levels. Parishes can also work together to create a network across their catchment.

Environment Agency (EA)

- Catching up from storms
- Dauntsey has been nominated to take part in the post effectiveness in respect of PFR installed in properties.

Thames Water (TW)

- Very busy with storms
- Ground water levels still high with tankers and filter units still being deployed e.g. Aldbourne.
- Any questions please email Renate, and she can pass them onto Denise

Wessex Water (WW)

- Enford requesting an update regarding replacement pump recently installed and works undertaken.
- Storage tank was set to be complete in March delayed due to construction issues new date to be confirmed.

Network Rail (NR) – apologies

3. Town and Parish Agenda items and updates



Actions:

Town & Parish Councils	 Report sewage issues to Wessex Water and/or appropriate sewage undertaker. Draw up flood plans and keep current plans updated Wiltshire is aware of issues with MyWilts, and improvements are underway. Suggest sites suitable for Telemetry e.g. watercourses via the drainage inbox in next 4 weeks
Wiltshire Council	 Respond to Bridget's query identifying all communities top 5 gullies.
Wessex Water	Email update to Enford regarding replacement pump recently installed
EA	 Find out about overview of Salisbury and inform Sven

AOB

None

Date of next meeting – 16th April 2025

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NIGEL LINGE - MONTHLY SUMMARY OF VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR SALISBURY PLAIN RIGHTS OF WAY VOLUNTEERS & SELF AS AT 28 MAY 2025

Wiltshire Council 's ROWs map:

https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/cae051befa5649fbb318c836afe901c1/page/Page/

Examples of Tasks

Completed Maintenance Analysis of Warminster rights of way (20 hrs).

Cleared five overgrown signposts in Warminster, Longbridge Deverill & Horningsham (2 hrs). Inspected arable fields in Corsley & Horningsham to see if paths needed mowing yet (2 hrs). Mowed 27 Warminster paths (33 hrs).

Reported WARM91 as being badly overgrown, since inspected by Wilts Council & to be cleared.



Signing Day on SPTA (E) (65 miles round trip). Inspected all signs (RoW & Permissive). Replaced 8 posts & 44 "fingers", cleaned 35 sign "clusters". Four posts had been pulled over by "mud pluggers" using posts as an "anchor"







Month	Admin &	Volunteer Practical (Hrs)	Total Hrs	Remarks
	Maint. (Hrs)	Liaison, Research, Preparing Briefs,		
		Signing, Mowing & Clearing		
April 25	22	77	99	Also holiday!
May 25	24	126	150	
Financial Year	46	203	249	

WARMINSTER RIGHTS OF WAY MAINTENANCE ANALYSIS

Notes.

- 1. The Definitive Map & Statement (DMS) were produced in the early 1950s. Much has changed since then and many footpaths that 70 years ago ran across field now run along pavements i.e. should be treated as the road beside them is ... by the Highways team.
- 2. A number of numbered rights of way (RoW) did not get through the adoption process and the number was lost leaving gaps.
- 3. In the 1960s all RoW in Imber Ranges were stopped up following a Public Inquiry & those numbers were lost.
- 4. Footpaths WARM81 & 82 were upgraded to a Cycle Track & were removed from the DMS as Cycle Tracks are a Highways Asset.
- 5. Byway Warminster 89 & Restricted Byway WARM93 were claimed as they were public roads until they "fell off the map" in the 1974 transfer of highway responsibilities to Wiltshire County Council.
- 6. Private roads but public footpaths carry little responsibility to the Highway Authority as the land owner maintains them.

Key	Mowed at least in part by Nigel Linge	Maintained By Grazing or Trod/Surface Means no mowing needed	Pavements or Tarmac Paths	Landowner Maintains
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Ser.	Parish Number	Name	Status	Length (m)	Surface	Remarks
1	WARM 1	Reformatory Path	Footpath	595	Grass	Ends on Frome Road. Will ask Longleat if it can be extended slightly to end in Longleat Forestry (woodland with Permissive access).
2	WARM 2	Quaker's Burial Ground Path	Footpath	670	Mixed	Starts as a stone track & crosses an arable field. Has a well- established trod.
3	WARM 3		Footpath	500m	Mixed	A field edge path with a well-established trod then a section of concrete road.
4	WARM 4	Pound Lane	Bridleway	550m	Metalled	Links to CORY20 & work underway to make a cycling link to Chapmanslade. An outstanding DMMO from 2005 has a definitive width of 40 feet (12.1m).
5	WARM 5		Footpath	800m	Mixed.	It starts as an enclosed footpath from Victoria Road, turns left across an open field & becomes an enclosed path again beside the hedge & entering XXX road. Access to both sections is non-compliant with BS2018 Gates, gaps & stiles as is well below the required 1100mm. It then crosses the estate as pavements or a stone path to the Bypass & Folly Lane.

Ser.	Parish Number	Name	Status	Length (m)	Surface	Remarks
6	WARM 6	Haygrove Lane	Footpath	880m	Mixed	Starts on Victoria Road with a section of tarmac road serving bungalows. It becomes a grass path, narrowed by a hedge for a while before meeting a new cycle path from Tascroft Estate. It then turns left between fenced houses and a hedge. Crosses an access road to houses & narrows up. beside the Play Area. Problems with overgrowth to be resolved. It joins Broxburn Road and follows pavements on a meandering route to Thornhill Road.
7	WARM 7	Princecroft Lane	Footpath	540m	Metalled	Runs from Pound Street to Victoria Road. All now pavement/under tarmac. Diverted to allow development & now ends with footpath WARM75 linking to Victoria Road.
8	WARM 8	North Lane	Footpath	2300m	Grass/Mud	North Lane pre-dates the 1783 Inclosure Award & varies from c 10 feet to c20 feet as defined by the original banks.
8a	WARM 8	The Remainder	Footpath		Mixed	The remainder of WARM8 is a string of awarded 20 foot wide private roads from the 1783 Award. North of the Bypass it borders Norridge Wood (Longleat). South of the Bypass it is mainly within the West Warminster Urban Extension (WWUE). Following its junction with WARM9 it is neighboured by Warminster School sports pitches and long standing occupants of Cold Harbour Lane. Persimmon Homes enclosed the section between WARM12 & 13 & I reminded them that it was then their duty to maintain the RoW.
9	WARM 9		Footpath	779m	Mixed	From Victoria Road to the Grovelands Way car park it runs along pavements. It was then diverted onto a grit path to the Northern Were. From there it crosses an open field before entering a narrow hedged section until reaching the tarmac WARM8 (Cold Harbour Lane).
10	WARM 10		Footpath	725m	Mixed	A short section follows Cuckoo's Nest Lane before running along pavements to the footbridge crossing the Were. It has been diverted onto a new line and laid to tarmac as a cycle track beside the Grovelands Way public open space. On leaving that field it follows an ancient track between hedges before turning right and eventually joining WARM8 crossing across the West Warminster Urban Extension (WWUE) as a grass path with an established trod.
11	WARM 11	The Hanging	Footpath.	146m	Tarmac.	(From HANGR Old English for a slope). Links Fore Street to Alcock Crest.
12	WARM 12		Footpath	366m	Grass.	Will be diverted and surfaced. Currently closed for building work.
13	WARM 13		Footpath	580m	Grass	Has been diverted. Currently closed for building work.

Ser.	Parish Number	Name	Status	Length (m)	Surface	Remarks
14	WARM 14		Footpath	200m	Grass	From Granada services towards Upton Scudamore. Maintained by grazing. Isolated by the Bypass extension to Westbury.
15	WARM 15	Furnax Lane.	Footpath	823m	Mixed	Now a tarmac road with a short dead end field edge grass path at the end.
16	WARM 16	Dorothy Walk	Footpath	750m	Metalled	From beside the Minster Church on bath Road as a tarmac road serving a few houses into a hedge enclosed path, then across the public open space at Portway Field then between the houses on pavements & over a railway bridge to Westbury Road. To become a combined footpath & Cycle Track under the West Warminster Urban Extension.
17	WARM 18	Portway Lane	Footpath	c1,000m	Mixed	It runs along Portway Lane (a public road), then crosses the railway by a level crossing and across the fields to Upton Scudamore Lane.
18	WARM 21		Footpath	780m	Mixed	From the Avenue, beside the school under the railway & up to Cop Heap Lane as a tarmac path. Thence up to Cop Heap Memorial Wood Lych Gate on a tarmac path. Thence to Elm Hill on a mown path.
19	WARM 22	Three Horseshoes Yard Lane	Footpath	230m	Metalled	From the Avenue via Three Horseshoes Mall to the Market Place. All now under stone. Subject to a Prohibition of cycling order but not signed as such.
20	WARM 23	Cop Heap Lane	Footpath	686m	Metalled	Now the pavement from Westbury Road/Elm Hill junction to the roundabout by the railway bridge on Imber Road.
21	WARM 24	Lime Kiln Path	Footpath	550m	Mixed	From Westbury Road on tarmac past South Down House then as an earth path to Elm Hill near the road up to the Golf Course.
22	WARM 25		Footpath	183m	Earth	This not a dead end as it then joins the Arn Hill Pleasure Ground public space where there is a network of paths to which the public have legal access. The Pleasure Ground was donated to the town by Lord Bath in the Early 1920s but now owned by Wilts Council.
23	WARM 26	Nun's Path	Footpath	914m	Mixed	A combination of earth and stone path. From Westbury Road to the west end of the Golf Course where it meets WARM28.
24	WARM 27	Dead Well Path	Footpath	731m	Earth	From WARM26 to Cannimore Road inside the tree line. A twisting path with a steep drop over the edge.
25	WARM 28	Colloway Drove	Restricted Byway	1180m	Mixed	An earth track with stone showing through. From Westbury Road to the Reservoir, then along the northern boundary of the Golf Course to a junction with WARM29 & 30.

Ser.	Parish Number	Name	Status	Length (m)	Surface	Remarks
26	WARM 29	Kidnapper's Hole	Bridleway	1100m	Chalk & grass.	Repaired by MoD now an excellent bridleway with drainage grips. Runs from Elm Hill along the eastern boundary of the Golf Course to the junction with WARM28 & 29 on the northern boundary of the Golf Course.
27	WARM 30	Mudhouses Track	Restricted Byway	914m	Mixed	A grass track to the Field Barn, it then turns right down a tarmac road to Cradle Hill (scene of UFO hysteria in the 1960s). Permissive vehicular access from Cradle Hill to the Field Barn was terminated due to the effect of dog fouling on military training.
28	WARM 31	Old Bratton Road	Byway Open to All Traffic	750m	Tarmac	Maintained by MoD for access to the rifle ranges from Cradle Hill to the range gates.
29	WARM 34	Woodcock Lane	Footpath	201m	Tarmac	Although a footpath, it is signed as a Cycle Track, without a Cycle Track Order.
30	WARM 35	Boreham Lane	Footpath	500m	Metalled	From Boreham Road via a narrow track to Highbury Park where it becomes a pavement through to Woodcock Road.
31	WARM 36	Chancery Lane	Footpath	165m	Metalled	From Woodcock Road a narrow path before it reaches "Chancery Lane Proper", which continues down to Boreham Road.
32	WARM 39		Footpath	3200m	Mixed	From Woodcock Road at the entrance to the Industrial Estate to the railway line then between the barracks & the railway to & over Battlesbury Bridge. This section is maintained by Mod.
						The path then splits with one spur continuing along the north side of the railway to WARM40.
						The second spur heads north, over the Battlesbury Spur concrete road
33	WARM 40	Grange Lane	Footpath	2200m	Mixed	Grange Lane starts as a private road & public footpath as far as The Grange. It then narrows & becomes enclosed by hedges until it reaches Battlesbury Barracks. It then turns right alon a concrete road until it meets WARM41 where it turns north and runs alon a stone path, over the railway to the Battlesbur Spur concrete road. On the other side of the Spur it becomes a track as far as the Imber Range boundary.
34	WARM 41	Home Farm Path	Footpath	550m	Metalled	A private road and public footpath from Salisbury Road to WARM40.

Ser.	Parish Number	Name	Status	Length (m)	Surface	Remarks
35	WARM 44		Footpath	519mm	Metalled	From the southern end of Chain Lane, SE into Prestbury drive with a narrow path & hedges at the end of the first section. Then SW along the footway of Prestbury Drive, turning southward along the linking pathway to Willow Crescent. Then eastward along the northern footway of Willow Crescent & down a ramp to Smallbrook Lane (WARM46 & 93).
36	WARM 45		Footpath	670m	Metalled	Along the footway of St John's Road to Yeat's Meadow where it becomes WARM80. On the other side it becomes WARM45 again, thence out to Boreham Road.
37	WARM 46	Gooseacre Lane	Footpath	338m	Metalled	From Smallbrook Road north of the car park heading east to the junction with WARM44.
38	WARM 47		Footpath	370m	Metalled	From the top of the steps up from the Park along a section of Plants Green & Gypsy Lane to the junction of Chain Lane & Smallbrook Road.
39	WARM 50	Rye Hill Lane	Footpath	411m	Metalled	From Smallbrook Road to Rye Hill it has a wide and excellent surface. From Rye Hill to the Park, the surface has been scraped clear of detritus and is in good condition. The verge is mown when required.
40	WARM 51	Swan River Path (Alternative name for the Were)	Footpath	550m	Mixed	The section from its junction with WARM50 & WARM85 junction has been prone to flooding since the Were was "meandered". It has a good surface from its junction with WARM53 (the Nature Reserve grit path) & continues from there beside the Were to Weymouth Street, maintained by the Park team.
41	WARM 52	Damask Farm Path	Footpath	320m	Mixed	From its junction with WARM51, 53 & 54 at the SW corner of the park, it crosses Smallbrook Meadows Nature Reserve (maintained by grazing), to Bourbon Close, across Damask Way to Upper Marsh Road via a linking path all on tarmac paths.
42	WARM 53	Mount Skipit Path	Footpath	550m	Mixed	Initially on a wide grit path but after its junction with WARM51, 52 & 54 continues on grass, leaving the Reserve via a kissing gate & continues to Smallbrook Road near the thatched Turnpike Cottage.
43	WARM 54		Footpath	365m	Mixed	From its junction with WARM51, 52, & 53 at the SW corner of the park, it crosses Smallbrook Meadows Nature Reserve (maintained by grazing), to Ferris Mead footways to Upper Marsh Road on tarmac paths.
44	WARM 55	Hampton Lane	Footpath	229m	Metalled	From the Shaftesbury Road at the foot of Boot Hill leading east to Upper Marsh Road.
45	WARM 56		Footpath	280m	Metalled.	All pavements from the junction of Upper Marsh Road with Hampton Lane via Avon Road, into Wylye Road to the junction of Ebble Crescent.

Ser.	Parish Number	Name	Status	Length (m)	Surface	Remarks
46	WARM 57		Footpath	137m	Earth	From Upper Marsh Road to Lower Marsh Road.
47	WARM 58		Footpath	550m	Grass	From Lower Marsh Road by the entrance to the Sewage Works heading south to join WARM59 (from Bore Hill to Five Ash Lane). Maintained by grazing.
48	WARM 59		Footpath	575m	Grass	From Bore Hill heading east & south to Five Ash Lane near Jobs Mill.
49	WARM 60		Footpath	457m	Grass	From Bore Hill heading west to Bradley Road. An enclosed path with problem from hedges on the field side.
50	WARM 61		Footpath	530m	Mixed	From Bradley Road on tarmac then turning right as a narrow enclosed path.
51	WARM 62		Footpath	130m	Grass	From Path 61 NE of Ludlow's Farm leading NE & continuing as Path 61. A confusing arrangement caused by merging two paths when Warminster Bypass was built. The two form a continuous route.
52	WARM 63		Bridleway	270m	Tarmac	Links Folly Lane to Cannimore Road so that both can cross the Bypass by the same tunnel.
53	WARM 64		Footpath	740m	Earth track	Part of Imber Range Perimeter Path. A permissive bridleway running from WARM30 to WARM76.
54	WARM 65	Cannimore Road	Bridleway	1006m	Metalled	Leads from South Street past Cannimore Farm to the Corsley parish Boundary & then onwards as CORY49. Flooding issues need to be resolved on WARM65 but a plan is under way. Arranged with tenant to cut back the hedge on the Ludlow's Farm side & cutting back on the Cannimore Brook side is planned for later in 2025.
55	WARM 66		Footpath	457m	Mixed	From the junction with WARM1 near Pine Lawns along the tarmac road to Tascroft and then as a stone road, becoming grass. As it enters the wood it becomes Corsley 48, which has recently been widened and levelled by Longleat down to Cannimore Road (CORY49).
56	WARM 70	Blue Ball	Footpath	192m	Metalled	From the Frome Road NNW along a private road to WARM8 (western end of North Lane). To become a combined footpath & Cycle Track under the West Warminster Urban Extension.
57	WARM 71		Footpath	183m	Grass	Originally a road but has been squeezed between the Tynings Estate former Council House & the Tynings allotments. The Tynings Association could take over its maintenance.
58	WARM 72		Footpath	130m	Grass	Links WARM52 with WARM53 but not visible on the ground or waymarked. The relevant date is shown on the Definitive Statement as 1992 but Smallbrook Meadows took on that field in 2003 and it effectively public open space. Maintained by grazing.

Ser.	Parish Number	Name	Status	Length (m)	Surface	Remarks
59	WARM 73		Footpath	137m	Earth.	A dead end path from WARM24 (Lime Kiln Path). This appears to be an error. The start point from WARM 24 is nearly vertical & appears to have been an unfenced hedge line. The end point is "a seat erected by public subscription". Long since rotted away. The view it would have enjoyed is now blocked by trees. A more realistic route is marked by an established desire line. I will keep that open.
60	WARM 74		Footpath	800m	Earth	A well established trod linking WARM8 & CORY20. There is a 30m issue at the CORY20 end that needs to be resolved.
61	WARM 75		Footpath	55m	Grass	A diversion at the end of Princecroft Lane (WARM7) when Beacon View was built. A hedge to be maintained and grass cut twice a year.
62	WARM 76	Imber Range Path	Footpath	470m	Metalled.	Part of the Imber Range Perimeter Path & a permissive bridleway linking WARM64 with Upton Scudamore 19. A stone track.
63	WARM 77	Imber Range Path	Footpath	400m	Metalled.	Part of the Imber Range Perimeter Path. Now a military road with Elm Hill married quarters.
64	WARM 78	Imber Range Path	Footpath	1980m	Grass	Part of the Imber Range Perimeter Path from the Imber Road at Sack Hill to path Bishopstrow 11.
65	WARM 79		Footpath	60m	Tarmac	From Wylye Road opposite Avon Road leading SW to Lower Marsh Road.
66	WARM 80	Yeats' Meadow Path	Footpath	140m	Grass	From 23 Smallbrook Lane to Prestbury drive across Yeats' Meadow. Maintained by Warminster Town Council.
67	WARM 83		Footpath	60m	Tarmac	Link from western end of Wylye Road to Deverill Road. A useful short cut but the hedge on one side can reduce the width.
68	WARM 84		Footpath	130m	Tarmac	Link from local school in Boreham Road to Barley Close. It would make a good cycle track.
69	WARM 85	Roly Poly	Footpath	350m	Mixed	Concrete steps from the Park to the junction with WARM47 then left along a narrow enclosed path to East Street. Consistently one of the worst paths in Warminster on this section with obstructions on the path, overgrown hedges and brambles.
70	WARM 86		Footpath	20m	Tarmac	A short link between Robin Close & Chancery Lane.

Ser.	Parish	Name	Status	Length	Surface	Remarks
	Number			(m)		
71	WARM		Footpath	70m	Tarmac	From the SE end of Stuart Green leading SE & S to Ferris Mead. Prohibition of Cycling
	87					Order on the path but not signed.
						Path NW from there and then across the corner of the Nature Reserve next to
						Warminster Town's ground has no legal status.
72	WARM		Footpath	300m	Uncertain	From Sambourne Road, south of Emwell Street to Weymouth Street NE of the Football
	88					Ground.
73	WARM	Original South	Byway Open	480m	Mixed	From between Nos 58 & 60 South Street to the Bypass turning left onto on an earthen
	89	Street	to All Traffic			section then a tarmac section onto Bradley Road. Original local stone has been
						brought to the surface by recent water mains work.
						Mowed by Wilts Council while mowing Warminster Common.
74	WARM		Footpath	30m	Tarmac	Links North Row to the Iceland car park.
	90				_	
75	WARM		Footpath	700m	Tarmac	This was handed over to Wiltshire Council in the 1985 Highways England Warminster
	91					Bypass Side Road Order. It has a 3m width and was intended to compensate for the
						loss of Folly Lane's exit onto the Frome Road. It is very poorly maintained with an
						accumulation of detritus, overgrown with nettles on one side & with branches from the Bypass verge on the other.
76	WARM		Footpath	147m	Metalled	Links Ridgeway to East Street. A 4m width narrowing to 2m as approaching Ridgeway.
	92					
77	WARM	Gooseacre Lane &	Restricted	500m	Metalled	The section from Smallbrook Road runs beside footpath WARM46. From the junction
	93	Smallbrook Lane	Byway			with WARM44 it runs along Smallbrook Lane.

Water voles on Grovelands along the River Were (south)

The first sightings of water voles in 2025 were captured in April. Water voles have been spotted in previous years along the Southern Were on the Grovelands Countryside & Wildlife site; however, it has now been established that they exist at three separate locations in the area.

There have been confirmed sightings by more than one person of at least five individual water voles already this year and, in just one week, volunteers have observed more water vole activity at more locations than in any of the previous six years of monitoring the watercourses at Grovelands. Monitoring will continue.





To maintain a suitable habitat for the water voles, volunteers will continue working to keep the vegetation under control and the watercourses clear of obstruction and litter. Work has also been carried out to remove vast quantities of silt that have been an increasing problem since work started on the West Urban Extension Housing Sites.



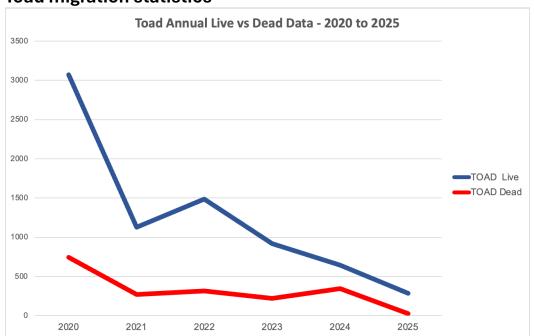


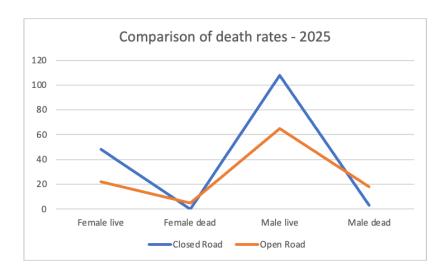
Toad Patrol 2025 Report

Introduction

The Warminster Toad Patrol has been running since 2019, and despite our best efforts at rescue, the population has been reducing dramatically. This year for the first time, Smallbrook Road has been officially prohibited to motor traffic from 5pm through the night, for the migration season.

Toad migration statistics





Closed – Smallbrook Road **Open** – Lower Marsh Road and Henfords Marsh

These results show that the road closure has significantly reduced the proportion of fatalities to live migrations. However, as the starting numbers are desperately low, it could be a few years before we see stabilisation or an increase in numbers. Other amphibians have also benefited from the closure, with lower numbers of frogs and newts being killed on the road.

Toad Patrol 2025 Report

Volunteer Statistics

36 people were involved, including 7 children. There were **290** volunteer trips, and the time spent patrolling and on cone duty added up to over **280 hours**.

Effect of road closure

Despite much publicity about the closure, patrollers found early on that numerous drivers were still using the road, often repeatedly. The partial closure of Weymouth Street in town didn't help. Although some drivers have been very considerate and complied with the closure, many others were still coming through and putting the toad patrollers at risk.

The real improvement came when we were allowed to temporarily position cones across the road to form a (minor) physical barrier. While a few drivers moved the cones and came through anyway, there was a dramatic decrease in traffic.

For the toad patrollers, it became much safer to be on the road, and far fewer toads were being killed. However, the routine of putting out 2 sets of cones and removing them late at night, plus monitoring illegal traffic, was a considerable extra burden on top of the actual patrol.

One very positive aspect of the closure was the number of people who were very happy to have a quiet safe road to walk with children, go running, exercise their dogs or ride horses. We heard many comments to that effect.

Costs

Our thanks to Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy, who provided a grant of £500 towards the road closure costs.

Sustainable Warminster contributed £1000 towards the Town Council's costs for the official signs. In addition, we purchased some free-standing signs, which cost £159.28.

Thanks to the Town Council for their part in covering Wiltshire Council's costs. The total cost has not yet been provided.

Future

The operation of the TRO in this first year has been reviewed with Highways and the Police, and will be considered again before the beginning of the next migration season.