

24th November 2025

AGENDA

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to a meeting of the:

Town Development Committee
to be held on
Monday 1st December 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) (Chairman)	Mr Matt Towl (Advisor)
Cllr Keeble (West) (Vice Chairman)	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

1. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive and accept apologies, including reason for absence, from those unable to attend.
2. **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.
3. **Minutes**
3.1 To approve and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 8th September 2025; copies of these minutes have been circulated and Standing Order 12.1 provides that they may therefore be taken as read.
3.2 To note any matters arising from the minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 8th September 2025.
4. **Chairman's Announcements**
To note any announcements made by the Chair.
5. **Questions**
To receive questions from members of the committee submitted in advance.

Standing Orders will be suspended to allow for public participation.

6. **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.

7. **Reports from Unitary Authority Members**
To note any reports provided which are relevant to this committee.
8. **Warminster Business Network**
To receive an update from the Warminster Business Network.
9. **Tynings Allotments**
Members to note the minutes from the meetings held on 13th August and 17th September 2025. (see attached).
10. **Operational Flood Working Group South**
To receive the notes from the meetings of the Operational Flood Working Group South held on 22 October 2025.
11. **Report Back on Community Energy Advice Events, October 2024 to March 2025.**
Sustainable Warminster has submitted a report on these events which were part funded by the town council.
Members to note.

12. **Warminster Town Council Litter Champion**
To receive an update from Cllr Jones, the council's Litter Champion
13. **Rights of Way Volunteers**
To note the updates from the Rights of Way Volunteers September and October 2025 (see attached).
14. **Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Volunteers**
To receive an update from the Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Volunteers.
15. **Communications**
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 2nd March 2026

Tynings Allotments
Committee Meeting
The Pavilion
Wednesday 13th August 2025

Minutes of Meeting

Committee Members: Mike Forward (Chairman), John Howlett (Treasurer), Jacqui Abbott (Secretary), Jim Ellison (Plot Manager), Chris Brookes, Helen Taylor, Jenny Weston, David Butler, Andy Robins, John Howlett.

Warminster Town Council: Cllr J Kirkwood

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of last meeting Wednesday 23rd July

Signed by the Chairman, accepted as accurate.

3. Matters arising

The secretary to reply to correspondence regarding the oak tree.

The secretary to complete the LHFIG (Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement) form regarding congestion in Bradley Road, which goes to the Town Council in the first instance.

4. Treasurer's Report

July was a fairly quiet month. £490.20 income. Jim's booty morning raised £200. Well done Jim again! Expenditure had included plumbing parts, tea, coffee and milk. Total expenditure was £196.31.

Surplus for the month was £29.89

Tea and coffee income was £66 whereas the costs were £120. The committee would like to make sure that everyone is putting money into the kitty when they have tea or coffee.

New signs would be put up in the pavilion to remind people and HT volunteered to make some.

5. Plot Manager's Report

16 on the waiting list. Plots will be let at the end of September due to the time of year as it would not be worth invoicing for one month's rental. Invoices would then be for the full year which made sense in terms of administration.

6. Correspondence

A plot holder whose hedge had been trimmed asked about the trimmings on the ground. The committee agreed it should be the plot holder to clear it as we have no more volunteer capacity.

7. Maintenance

A quote has been received for £785 to complete both of the raised beds. The committee agreed it would be good to get the raised beds underway. There may be an amount for labour and some of the committee would check this.

Proposed MF, Seconded JH, voting unanimous in favour.

8. Cultivation Policy – the committee had worked on the draft at a special meeting and it was now ready for adoption.

The cultivation policy was adopted.

Proposed MF, Seconded JA, voting unanimous in favour.

DB would have a look at the website as it would be useful to have a website on which all up to date information could be accessed including policies, notices and special events.

9. Memberships

NALC membership renewal 2025-26 this was now paid and the cost had been £805

The committee considered whether this was good value for money and would discuss this further for next year's renewal.

RHS membership

JA to keep trying to get hold of the appropriate person to renew the RHS membership.

10. Forthcoming events

- Annual produce show 6th September

The committee is concerned about the potential quality of the show due to the unusually dry weather. It is hoped that people will enter produce, food and crafts for the show.

11. AGM Thursday 25th September

12. AOB

Unfortunately, there have been 2 break-ins recently.

The committee discussed security. There has been a larger monitor kindly donated.

The cameras need to be repositioned so that they focus more on the car park and the pavilion as they simply will not pick up anyone on the plots as it is dark and too far away. It seems sensible therefore to focus on the pavilion, the sheds and the car park with part of the roads. The cameras could be adjusted to focus on these areas and the committee agreed that this was a good idea.

In addition, it was agreed that solar powered security lights are now relatively cheap and the committee agreed to invest in some of these low cost lights which would act as a further deterrent.

Proposed MF, Seconded DB, voting unanimous in favour.

13. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 17th September at 7pm

Tynings Allotments
Committee Meeting
The Pavilion
Wednesday 17th September 2025

Minutes of Meeting

1. Apologies

Mike Forward (Chairman); Cllr Kirkwood (Warminster Town Council);

David Butler stood in as Chairman for the meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting Wednesday 20th August

These were accepted as true account and signed by acting Chairman.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Treasurer's Report

August was quite a busy month with £1431 for rent and subscriptions received. Donations for the pavilion were £105. Bacon butty mornings took £100 Income totalled £1,636.75. Expenditure totalled £1,842.92. This included £559.27 electricity and NSALG was £805.00. There was a small deficit of £206.17 but cumulatively the picture is fine.

Community Account funds hold £2602.54. Premium £13,417.01. Cash in cashbox £1,811.88. Total cash £17,831.43. Accruals remain £500 for water costs which may not be required and £800 for the raised beds. Net assets are £16,431.43

5. Plot Manager's Report

Jim gave a report on the plots that were available to rent. Jim was going to let the plots at the end of the current period so that invoices would be for the full year. Turnover of plots was steady at the moment.

6. Correspondence

- Tree Preservation Order – The Secretary had received a letter from Wiltshire Council confirming the TPO for the oak tree on the boundary of the allotments and King Street.
- Oak Tree Mr DP – secretary to write a letter confirming that Tynings cannot control the weeds on the border or rats which were found everywhere. Plot holders remained responsible for their own plots in this regard.

7. Maintenance

- Raised beds

All the steel is arriving next week. The timber is coming from Sydenhams. The committee has been helping to remove weeds from the beds.

The middle bed is being used. Jim will let the plot holders know.

- Security cameras

The camera positions have been altered to make it easier to pick up the car parks. One of the camera picks up the sheds. These are in better positions now.

- Security lighting

David Butler is recommending a solar panel street lamp at a cost of £20. They need to be placed on a pole. 20ft poles are around £40-£50. The idea would be to put a pole up which shines back towards the pavilion as this is where most of the break-ins are currently taking place.

DB also planned to put one on his plot personally which will shine towards the pavilion.

The committee agreed £100 for a trial of these lights.

Proposed by JH, Seconded DB, voting unanimous in favour.

8. AGM Thursday 25th September

Everything was in order for the AGM. No correspondence had been received and no-one had asked to stand on the committee. All publicity was in order.

9. Events:

- Harvest Festival Saturday 25th October

10. AOB

The website is WordPress. Last updated in 2023. We need access to the website. DB will check to see if there is historical access. There is some drone footage which could look fabulous on the website.

JH and CB discussed security and wanted the committee to have codes for the gate to unlock and close the gates. People with chickens come at any time and some people arrive very early. It was decided to discuss this at a later date.

Operational Flood Working Group - South Notes

DATE: 22 October 2025 – 10:00 – 12:00

Warminster Civic Centre/Teams

Attendees

Nick	Dye	Chairman Wilts Cllr Cricklade & Latton
Michael	Ash	Bishopstone
Graham	Axtell	Highways Engineer
Ian	Blair-Pilling	Wilts Cllr - Avon Valley
Paul	Cobbing	Pewsey
Martin	Cook	Highways Engineer
Danny	Everett	Principal Tech Officer Drainage Improvement
Andrew	Davies	Shrewton
Tony	Deane	Teffont
Naomi	Defriend	Downton
Derek	Finnis	Britford
Frank	Freeman	Hindon
Charlotte	Fry	Wessex Water
Lee	Haine	Highways Engineer
Graham	Hill	Bishopstone
Mike	Holm	Environment Agency
Judy	Jones	SBSO - Notetaker
Grish	Lohani	Area Engineer Stonehenge
Jay	McGowan	Combe Bissett
Steve	Malpass	Environment Agency
Renata	Malton	Flood resilience Officer
Gerry	Murray	Wilts Cllr - Tisbury
Denise	Kinsella	Thames Water
Den	Parrett	Shrewton
Jennifer	Pugh	Orcheston
Richard	Roberts	Enford
Chris	Sankey	Pitton & Farley
Peter	Sharpe	Pewsey
Mark	Symonds	Enford
Federica	Villa	Wessex Water
Chas	Williams	Orcheston FW
Bridget	Wayman	Wilts Cllr - Nadder Valley
John	Wells	St Francis & Stratford

1.	Welcome and Introduction – Chair	Action
2.	Update from statutory agencies Environmental Agency (EA) 2.1. Reported unsettled autumn weather with potential for localized flooding. Groundwater levels are currently normal but could be impacted by: A dry spring and summer and possible new fissures or fractures in soil due to dryness. If winter remains dry, there's a risk of drought conditions by spring 2026. 2.2. Highlighted major government reforms to flood management funding: 2.3. £300 million over 10 years allocated to Natural Flood Management (NFM). 2.4. Increased support for property flood resilience. 2.5. Simplified funding for capital flood defence schemes, reducing reliance on partnership contributions. 2.6. Greater focus on repairing existing flood assets, not just building new ones. 2.7. Full details of the reforms are expected to be released over the next six months. <u>Flood and coastal erosion risk management funding policy</u> Wiltshire (Wilts) 2.8. Two CCTV units are actively inspecting and maintaining drainage infrastructure. Minor repairs and maintenance schemes are ongoing across the county. Groundwater levels are being monitored closely, with expectations of rising levels as rainfall increases. 2.9. Wiltshire Council proposes reissuing A0 plans to all town and parish councils. These are large-scale maps for councils to annotate areas prone to flooding. The last round was done in 2009, and many areas that didn't respond later experienced flooding. Councils can choose between: • Paper maps (A0 size) for communal annotation. • Digital maps for easier sharing and record-keeping. • The annotated maps will be compared with updated EA flood mapping to identify discrepancies and improve planning.	

- 2.10. A concern was raised about the large-scale flood maps presented at a previous area board meeting. These maps showed river flooding, surface water flooding, and climate change impacts. However, due to their scale, individual villages were obscured, making it difficult to assess local flood risks. It was requested for smaller-scale maps for each village in Southwest Wiltshire. It was emphasized the importance of accurate local mapping to verify and correct flood risk data.
- 2.11. The Chair confirmed that RM will handle the map requests. Email drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk subject matter AO maps.
- 2.12. Wiltshire Council is exploring a pilot scheme allowing communities to close roads during flood events. (See full notes of the scheme in AOB) Inspired by models used in Nottingham and other councils. Requires participating parishes to have:
- A flood plan.
 - Trained flood wardens.
 - Appropriate signage and equipment.
- 2.13. Interested councils should respond via drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk with subject matter Community Road Closures Pilot.
- 2.14. Following responded via the chat:
- Bishopstone
 - Downton
 - Villages from Durrington to Enford in Avon Valley
 - Tisbury
 - Shrewton
- 2.15 Natural Flood Management (NFM) Field Walks, in partnership with Wiltshire Wildlife, councils can request catchment walkovers. Cost: £500 for a two-day walk and report. Wiltshire Council may cover 50% of the cost. Reports include:
- Flow patterns.
 - Risk areas.
 - Recommendations for NFM interventions.
- 2.16 Wiltshire Wildlife engages directly with landowners, offering a more collaborative approach. Email drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk, with subject matter NFM. Parish should have flood plans current or underway.

	Wessex Water (WW) 2.17 Wessex Water is actively preparing for winter storms. Communities are encouraged to report any drainage or flooding issues promptly so that teams can investigate and respond. Emphasis was placed on early reporting to ensure timely intervention. 2.18 Staffing Update: Charlotte Fry will be going on maternity leave in December. Federica Villa will be covering her role and attending future meetings. Thames Water (TW) 2.19 Thames Water is actively preparing for winter weather and potential flooding. Emphasis was placed on community reporting; Residents are urged to report any flooding or drainage issues directly to Thames Water. This ensures timely inspection and response, especially in smaller villages. 2.20 Current groundwater levels are lower than usual, but Thames Water is monitoring them closely. The team is ready to respond to any groundwater-related flooding incidents. 2.21 Reiterated the importance of local feedback. Encouraged communities to stay in touch and report issues early.	
3	Actions from last meeting 3.1 EA - to look into reinstating the footway near the play park at Salisbury River Park - CF 3.2 Wilts (DE) – Enford - A firm date for the survey to be scheduled - Complete 3.3 Wilts (DE) – Enford – Atkins to check planning application. Investigate potential for a runoff mitigation scheme. Report back at the next meeting – no feedback as yet, condition on the planning application – Complete 3.4 It was acknowledged that the planning issue with Landmark (a development in Enford) had raised concerns, particularly around flood risk and lack of mitigation measures. It was clarified that although the MOD has certain legal rights, they usually follow the planning process. It was urged that the group should not shy away from engaging with MOD developments, and to treat them like any other developer. Flood mitigation should be considered regardless of the applicant, and MOD projects should not be exempt from scrutiny.	EA

3.5	Wilts- A meeting is proposed to explore how flood mitigation can be better prioritized in planning decisions. Residents are encouraged to submit planning references to help assess potential harm and explore mitigation options.	Wilts (ND&DE)
3.6	WW – Enford – Works timeline for the works along the river to prevent water ingress – Complete	
3.7	WW - is monitoring infiltration issues near the river. Identified problems are scheduled for resolution in 2026, pending budget allocation.	
3.8	Wilts (EB) – Enford - to re-engage with Bishopstone Parish Council. Drainage team to review the dossier and assess enforcement options. Follow-up action to be reported at the next meeting on 22 October 2025 – CF	Wilts (EB)
3.9	Link to the guidance in the meeting chat and noted its usefulness, especially for flood-prone areas - https://www.tcpa.org.uk/resources/community-guide-to-flood-risk/	
3.10	EA & WW – Warminster – requesting flood group meetings reinstated. Renate to ask Nicola to arrange.	Wilts (RM)
3.11	Wilts (DE) – Frog Lane, West Overton – update for next meeting re the two large pipes run from a farm in West Overton down through Frog Lane, discharging onto open land – Complete A drainage maintenance exercise was conducted in September 2025. The work included: Jetting of pipes to clear blockages and CCTV inspection to assess pipe condition post-jetting. A dip in the pipe was discovered where silt had accumulated. This was cleared during the visit, though it may refill over time. A large root ball was found and broken up. Additional root removal work is planned for 2026. TW - CCTV and lining work is scheduled for early November in the SN8 catchment, which includes Frog Lane. The work aims to address infiltration issues and improve the foul water service.	
3.12	Wilts (DE)/WW – Laverstock & Ford - A statement from WW on how they plan to accommodate increased capacity at Herdcott. Joined-up planning between Wilts and WW to mitigate environmental risks - CF	Wilts (DE) & WW
3.13	Wilts (DE) – Laverstock & Ford - Wilts to engage with the landowner to clear the ditch. Consideration of mitigation measures to prevent seasonal flooding and ice formation – CF	Wilts (DE) Wilts (DE)

	3.14 Wilts (DE) – Netherhampton - Wilts to investigate and assess the drainage system. Consideration for intervention works if the issue poses a safety risk – CF 3.15 Wilts (DE) – Pewsey - awaiting a visit from Wiltshire Highways to inspect and address a couple of blocked drains - CF 3.16 Wilts (RM) – Pewsey – to assist in implementing a flood dashboard on their website - Complete	Wilts (DE)
4	Town and Parish Agenda items and updates Combe Bissett 4.1 The Coombe Bissett flood warden had previously met with the Chair at the September area board meeting. Have been awaiting a follow-up visit or update, particularly regarding a camera investigation of a specific drain. Wilts – confirmed that they had already visited the village. During the visit they walked the area and identified drainage issues. Actions were agreed upon, including: • Installation of eco drains. • Potential construction of a bund across a right of way. • Engagement with landowners to facilitate improvements. 4.2 A push rod camera is scheduled to inspect a specific drain in the village. This is part of a targeted investigation to assess blockages and improve flow. The clerk had not been aware that the site visit had already taken place. It was clarified that the flood warden's concerns were being addressed and that the camera work was part of the planned follow-up. Wilts - the manhole cover just along from the shop is going to be changed for a gulley cover, so that the water can get away quicker. It is currently on order, so as soon as Milestone have, it we will get it changed Bishopstone 4.3 Bishopstone has ongoing flooding concerns, particularly in Nathans Street. A privately owned ditch remains blocked and overgrown, contributing to local flood risk. The parish council followed the standard enforcement process of issuing two letters to the landowner in 2022. No action was taken by the landowner. The matter was escalated to Wiltshire Council in December 2022 for follow-up enforcement. Michael Ash (outgoing clerk) expressed frustration that Wiltshire Council had not acted on the enforcement	

request. Graham Hill (incoming clerk) reiterated the urgency and requested a site visit to discuss the issue face-to-face.

Wilts - confirmed that David Button had provided an internal update. RM requested Danny tailor the memo for external sharing. A response is expected within the week. The Chair committed to following up before the next meeting to ensure the issue is addressed.

Wilts
(RM/DE)

Wilts (Chair)

Pewsey

4.4 Reported ongoing issues with three key highway drains. One drain near a zebra crossing was blocked, resulting in an incident where an elderly woman was soaked—highlighting the safety risks. These drains are known to impact local flooding and need urgent attention.

4.5 Have launched a dashboard on its website that includes:

- Flood forecasting
- River level monitoring
- Drainage information

The dashboard is designed to help residents and agencies track flood risks in real time. Encouraged other parishes to explore similar tools and offered to share contacts and advice.

Pewsey and Rushall Flood Info

EA - Pang Valley Flood Forum for the best dashboard and lots of additional flood information on their other tabs

<https://www.floodalleviation.uk/dashboard/>

Teffont

4.6 On 11 May 2023, Teffont experienced a significant flood event where 23 houses were inundated due to runoff from the surrounding catchment. This prompted a coordinated response involving Wiltshire Council, Environment Agency, and local stakeholders. A flood mitigation scheme has now been approved. The scheme includes construction of grips to divert floodwater, directing water into a designated area known as Springhead and a key breakthrough was securing landowner cooperation, particularly from a previously reluctant estate at the head of the valley. With landowner agreement now in place, the grips are expected to be constructed within the next 12 months, pending budget confirmation.

- 4.7 The village is currently experiencing drying of its chalk stream, which is causing concern among residents. The drying is attributed to reduced rainfall, over-pumping of groundwater by water companies. The issue highlights broader concerns about aquifer depletion and water resource management. A call was made for water conservation measures, such as metering and hosepipe ban enforcement and greater awareness of the long-term impact of over-extraction on local ecosystems and flood resilience.

Shrewton

- 4.8 A recurring issue was reported at the junction of the A360 and High Street. A drain frequently blocks, causing water to overflow toward a nearby property. The blockage is typically caused by leaves and straw, which the local flood warden clears manually using drain rods. The pipe leading to the river is undersized (approximately 5–6 inches in diameter), limiting water flow during heavy rainfall. A missing kerbstone exacerbates the problem by allowing more water to enter the drain than it can handle. The flood warden requested Wiltshire Council to investigate the issue and consider infrastructure improvements, such as replacing the kerbstone and enlarging the pipe.

Wilts - submit the issue formally via email so it can be referred to the area engineer for assessment and potential inclusion in the works list.

PC

Britford

- 4.9 Britford Parish Council is awaiting planning permission for the construction of a flood defence bund. The project has encountered delays due to biodiversity net gain requirements, which have complicated the approval process. The parish is actively working to make the scheme feasible for the landowner, who has been collaborative throughout.

- 4.10 Britford is part of the Brookland Water Group, a strategic initiative focused on managing the three main river channels that flow through the area. The group's goals include developing a comprehensive river management plan, enabling landowners to maintain waterways without needing individual permits for every small intervention and reducing bureaucratic barriers while ensuring environmental compliance. The group has received support from the Environment Agency and Wiltshire Council. The aim is to shift toward landowner-led maintenance, improving responsiveness and sustainability.

Hindon

4.11 Hindon's primary flood risk is from groundwater. As of the meeting date, groundwater levels were at 104 metres above Ordnance Datum, approximately 10 metres below the level at which springs begin to emerge. No flood event occurred last winter despite heavy rainfall, which may be due to aquifer over-extraction. Three households in Hindon have modified their septic tanks to function during flood events. These modifications aim to allow continued use of downstairs toilets and washing machines even when groundwater rises. The effectiveness of these adaptations will be tested during the next flood event.

4.12 A local resident has been monitoring sewage leakages from the nearby Hindon sewage treatment works, reportedly logging up to 100 incidents last year. The resident requested an update on what actions Wessex Water is taking to reduce these leakages.

WW - confirmed that the Hindon treatment works is on the AMP9 prioritisation list. Scheduled for improvements between 2030 and 2035. The site is being monitored and is part of long-term investment planning.

4.13 Concerns were raised about a stalled development on Chickley Road, reportedly due to nitrate runoff issues.

WW - offered to follow up with the catchment team to provide more information.

4.14 Hindon residents noted that flood zone designations have created a planning blight for some properties. There is interest in reviewing and potentially updating flood zone maps to reflect current risks more accurately.

WW (CF)

Pitton

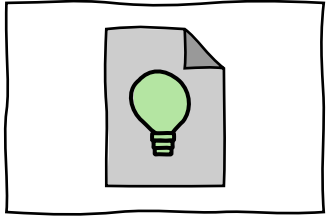
4.15 Raised concerns about several gullies and culverts in the village - A new gully opposite Ames Pond was installed but the connecting drain under the road was blocked, rendering it ineffective. Gullies on White Way above the bridge are critical - when blocked, water flows down White Way into the High Street. This leads directly into the emergency pump chamber, increasing flood risk and complicating emergency response.

Wilts - confirmed that the drainage contractor (the "fact") had visited and cleaned the gullies and culverts a couple of months ago. He assured that both the gully near Ames Pond and those on White Way were included in the cleaning schedule.

	4.16 It is planned to inspect the gullies during the next heavy rainfall to verify their effectiveness and report back if issues persist. Wilts - the contractor would return in three weeks, and any new issues identified could be addressed during that visit.	
5	AOB 5.1 Community-Led Emergency Road Closures – Pilot Project Invitation Wiltshire Council is developing a new pilot initiative focused on community-led road closures during emergency flood events. We're in the early stages of exploring this idea and are looking for communities across the county who are interested in helping shape and test the approach. To be considered for the pilot, your community should ideally meet the following criteria: • An existing Community Flood Plan • A group of willing and active volunteers • Support from your Parish Council • A known flood risk that has previously led to road closures 5.2 What the Pilot Will Explore: Our initial concept includes: • Identifying the most effective locations for placing road closure signage • Defining clear triggers for when community-led road closures should be activated • Establishing a communication process with Wiltshire Council when closures are implemented • Setting criteria for removing signage once flood risks subside • Creating a notification process for informing Wiltshire Council when signs are removed 5.3 Additional Considerations: As part of the pilot, we'll also work with participating communities to: • Identify training needs for volunteers • Explore how risks can be managed locally	PCs & TCs

	• Develop a framework to ensure the scheme is sustainable and well-maintained if adopted more widely	
6	Date of next meeting – 17 December 2025	

Report on Community Energy Advice Series 2024-2025



This report summarises the feedback and outcomes from a series of Community Energy Advice Events, which ran from October 2024 to March 2025 in Warminster.



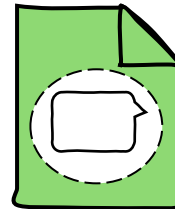
These events were funded by the Futureproof Wiltshire Local Energy Advice Demonstrator. The funding is from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, working with the South West Net Zero Hub to deliver the programme.



Warm & Safe Wiltshire and The Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE), as well as Warminster Town Council, also awarded grants. The total expenditure on the energy advice events was £6070.86, with an income from refreshments of £258.48. Our Remaining Balance is £4108.38.



Over the series, 161 people attended the events



More events are planned for the future due to positive feedback

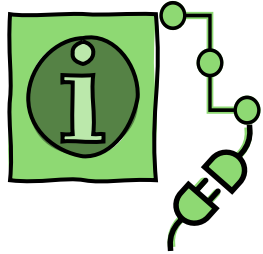


A mixture of private renters, social housing tenants and homeowners attended the events.

Organisations that took part over the series of events:



Energy advice



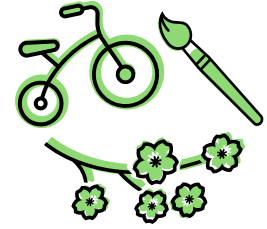
- National Energy Action
- Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks
- Warm and Safe Wiltshire
- Centre for Sustainable Energy
- Salisbury Eco Hub
- Wiltshire Council (Trading Standards)

Community projects/support of local people



- Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy
- Warminster Food Bank
- Warminster Community Radio
- Warminster Area Health and Wellbeing Forum
- Sustainable Warminster
- Wessex Water Community Outreach
- Warminster School
- Morrisons, Waitrose and Coop stores

Sustainable activities/crafts

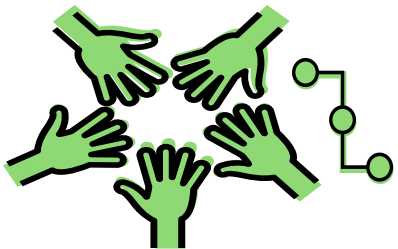


- Wiltshire Scrapstore
- Cyclone Works
- Arty Pants
- Art Nurture Wellness

Energy efficiency/alternative energy

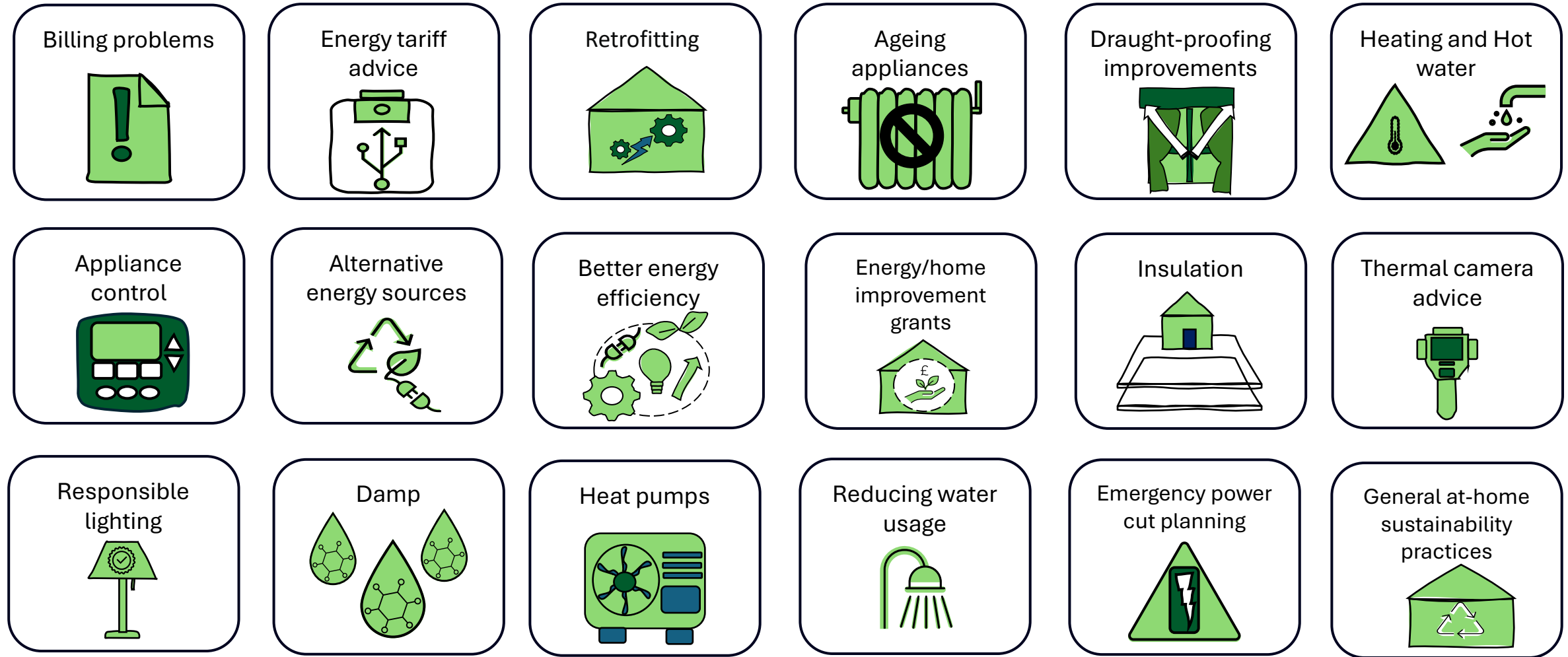


- Wiltshire Energy
- Cranborne Chase National Landscape (Dark Skies)



Around 25 volunteers from the local community and Sustainable Warminster generously gave their time, dedicating over 150 hours to make it possible for all five events to go ahead successfully

Advice or information that visitors sought from experts included:



Alongside offering advice and guidance, the event provided items to help people boost energy efficiency at home or stay warm in winter, including electric blankets, draft excluders, energy-saving bulbs, hats, and gloves

Feedback from people who attended the events:

"Advice on heating and home assessment; solutions found online with Southern Electric. There was a specific problem with heating in the home, which was resolved at today's event."

"Warm and Safe Wiltshire was particularly beneficial in the information/guidance advice offered."

"It's well-run and all the bases are covered; there's a good variety of representatives and interests; it's a non-threatening environment."

"I found the advice we were exactly looking for."

"Found what I wanted. It was a lovely event. Perhaps provide specific information for tenants who may not have helpful landlords when it comes to making their property energy efficient."

"I thought the event was good but was a bit disappointed that there were no actual firms here who might come and install the things that would help with our energy savings. CSE was particularly helpful."

"My mum attended the event to seek advice about having two energy accounts from one provider. Speaking to someone at this event has meant a resolution is in sight after months of going round in circles with the energy provider."

"One person returned in January having been to the November event and said they had a new gas cooker and radiators thanks to a referral via Warm and Safe Wiltshire."

"Could there have been someone with advice on bills and housing benefit?"



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WARMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL, LONGLEAT & SELF AS AT 28 SOCTOBER 2025**

Examples of Tasks			
28 sign issues fixed on Salisbury Plain (East) & part of the Imber Path (8 signs). Ten paths mown. Two kissing gates and five stiles identified at Horningsham for replacement with a gap or a gate, like those provided by Corsley PC.			
Ten paths mown in Corsley & Warminster.	Two Destination Signs & 6 new RoW signs on the Imber Path.	18 sign issues addressed around Tidworth.	
			
Six signposts replaced on the Plain	New structures planned for Horningsham.	Fly Tip reported. Cleared by Wilts Council next day.	
			
Month	Admin & Maint. (Hrs)	Volunteer Practical (Hrs) Liaison, Research, Preparing Briefs, Signing, Mowing & Clearing	Total Hrs
April 25	22	77	99
May 25	24	126	150
June 25	48	122.5	170.5
July 25	45	93.5	138.5
August 25	40.5	151.5	192
September	45	129	174
October	30	124	154
Financial Year	254.5	823.5	1078

Kind Regards,

Nigel

Nigel D Linge MBE, Team Coordinator for SPROWV & Advisor to Warminster Town Council & Longleat Estate.

Signing Day on the Southern Imber Range Perimeter Path on 20th September 2025

Some Figures

104 Volunteer
Km on the day
on the route.

70 Volunteer
Hours.

48 signs
replaced.

43 sign clusters
worked on.

38 clusters
cleaned i.e. all
but new posts.

27 Km of Rights
of Way.

23 signs
recovered for
refurbishment.

14 new
destination
signs erected.

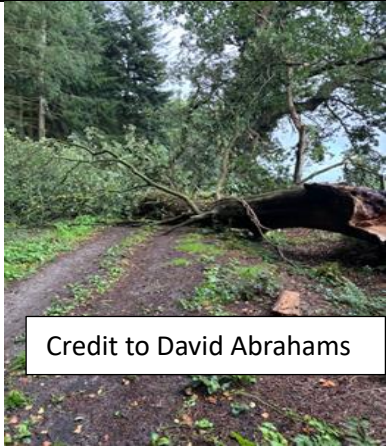
6 Rights of Way
Mown.

5 new posts

4 missing signs
replaced.

3 fingers re-
aligned.

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Examples of Tasks			
The main effort was on refurbishing 27 km of the southern section of the Imber Range Perimeter Path, 48 sign fingers were renewed, 38 clusters cleaned, 23 fingers to be repaired & re-used, 5 metal posts replaced.			
17 paths mown in Warminster & on the Imber Path.	14 New Destination Signs on and near the Imber Path.	8 broken signs repaired in a day.	
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Five rusted out signs replaced on the Imber Path.	75 th Longleat destination sign installed at Crockerton.	Massive fallen oak tree cleared from bridleway CORY 8 in 24 hours.	
		 Credit to David Abrahams	
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