

Social Care and Health

Health in the community area is generally good with a range of facilities available and no major health problem issues. In keeping with many rural areas in Wiltshire, people are concerned about the future of their local community hospital and the provision of local services against the backdrop of increasing financial pressure on the Kennet and North Wiltshire Primary Care Trust. Average life expectancy in the area is 76.8 years for men and 80.7 years for women compared to an average across England of 75.2 years for men and 80.1 years for women. Over three quarters of the population in the area self-reported that they are in good health in the 2001 Census, compared to an average of 69% of people doing so across England.

Headline *Issues*

Concern over future of the hospital and lack of health and social care provision

Malmesbury Community Hospital



Concerns and priorities	What is currently happening	The next steps	Targets and milestones
Retain Malmesbury Community Hospital	Provides a 10-bed general ward, geriatric day unit, maternity unit, antenatal clinics, physiotherapy and minor surgery unit	The Primary Care Trust (PCT) is undergoing a further strategic review of all of its services including outpatients and maternity services	The results of the strategic review in Summer 2006 should give clarity for the future of all of Malmesbury's hospital based health services
Nursing Home in Malmesbury	Re-development of the hospital site should provide a 60-bedded care home. Outline planning permission granted November 2004	Planning permission to be sought in Summer 2005	New facility to be opened by 2007
Older people's accommodation	New development on the hospital site includes some 18 units of extra care accommodation	Access to all of the services on the new site could be prioritised for local people, within reason	It is currently proposed that a new facility is to be opened by 2007

Given the national government's commitment to improving rural social and health care services, people living in the community planning area must feel assured that they can look forward to better and easily accessible services in future and not lose out. There are many elderly people living in the area and it is considered to be unrealistic and not sustainable to expect people of all ages to have to travel long distances for good social and health care

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Residential care home provision	Wiltshire County Council is committed to purchasing at least 15 permanent placement beds within the new care home at the hospital site for 15 years	Reinforce and confirm commitment	New facility to be opened by 2007
Rehabilitation beds for intermediate care	The PCT is committed to purchasing 6 beds within the new care home for rehabilitation and palliative care	Re-affirm this commitment in the light of the PCT strategic service review across Kennet, North Wiltshire and West Wiltshire	New facility to be opened by 2007
Provide adequate facilities for people with special needs	<p>The extra care units at the hospital site could allow independent living for adults with a range of disabilities</p> <p>Learning disability services are being modernised in line with the 'Valuing People' white paper</p>	<p>A business case to be made and a provider sought</p> <p>All services supporting people with learning difficulty should be improved. Furthermore, more mainstream services should become more accessible ie housing registers</p>	<p>New facility to be opened by 2007</p> <p>See the Supporting People Strategy for targets</p>
Transport services	<p>The PCT has commissioned a survey to assess the access to all health services</p> <p>PCT and Wiltshire County Council fund a range of transport providers</p>	Survey results should inform the patterning of health services	Strategic review published 2005
Future of health care services	Kennet and North Wiltshire Strategic Review of services	The results of the strategic review should give clarity for all of Malmesbury's health services	From Summer 2005 to Spring 2006
Improve access to NHS Dentistry	Dental Access Centres are available in Wiltshire. Only 31% of the population of Kennet and North Wiltshire are registered with an NHS dentist as opposed to about 50% nationally	During 2005 there are to be new contracts with NHS dentists. This, combined with a number of national initiatives should improve access to NHS dentistry	Increased access to NHS dentistry

Housing and the Built Environment

Home ownership in the community area is high with 75% of homes being owner occupied. The area has the 4th highest percentage of holiday or second homes in Wiltshire. A high proportion of homes are owned without a mortgage (36%).

Headline *Issues*

Affordable housing Preserving the historical character

Affordable Housing, Knockdown Road, Sherston



Concerns and priorities	What is currently happening	The next steps	Targets and milestones
Affordable housing	<p>In Brinkworth, smaller housing needed for young families instead of large 4/5 bedroom houses and bungalows for the elderly to enable them to vacate 2/3 bedroom houses for needy families</p> <p>Affordable housing in Lea and Cleverton. Existing dwellings built by the District Council are now either privately owned or have been transferred to the Westlea Housing Association</p>	<p>To provide 25 affordable homes by 2010 in low density developments accessible to village amenities; 15 x 2 bed starter homes to attract younger families/residents; 10 x 2 bed bungalows for older or disabled residents</p> <p>There is a need to build additional properties for this area of the market to prevent the migration of local young families to local towns. Housing Needs Survey carried out by District Council in 2004 indicated a need for 8 one or two bedroom homes for rent (of which 4 should be suitable for the elderly) and one two or three bedroom home for shared ownership or low cost home ownership</p>	<p>Complete a minimum of 11 new affordable housing units in the Parish in accordance with the needs identified (in 1997) by 2010. District Council to carry out new local needs survey for the Parish of Brinkworth by March 2006 to fully assess local needs.</p> <p>To progress the Village Design Statement document to adoption and publication. Housing Survey carried out in 1998/99, published in September 1999 and put forward to District Council as Parish input for the emerging Local Plan. Identify sites either within or adjacent to the framework boundary of the Parish suitable for the provision of affordable housing. Complete 9 new affordable homes to meet needs</p>

The **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** feels that it is important that, where possible, there is environmental gain with any developments, not any biodiversity loss and would welcome targets to indicate this ambition

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<p>Affordable housing</p> <p>Young People Comment Consultation with young people reveals the feeling that there should be a limit to the number of houses built around Malmesbury and the villages, but with an emphasis on building affordable housing, which is also nice housing.</p>	<p>Great Somerford would like accommodation to support starter homes for younger families and bungalows for older or disabled residents</p>	<p>Local housing needs survey was carried out in October 2003, identifying a need for 3 rented units and 5 shared ownership or low cost home ownership. Outline planning permission granted (Spring 2005) on a site within the village which should provide sufficient new affordable homes to meet identified need. Aim to carry out a new local housing needs survey in 2008/09</p>	<p>To provide 8 affordable homes by 2010 in low density developments accessible to village amenities to meet identified need within the Parish. Complete a new local housing needs survey by March 2009 to assess any new need arising</p>
	<p>In Little Somerford a housing survey undertaken in October 2004 identified the need for 2 rented units for disabled people and 2 shared or low cost home ownership units</p>	<p>Identify suitable sites to provide affordable homes</p>	<p>Identify a site for the provision of 4 affordable units within the physical limits of the village in partnership with local Housing Associations</p>
	<p>Affordable housing to rent and buy in Charlton. This is an issue that needs to be addressed in the village and the Parish Council would be keen to look at any applications for affordable housing in the village whilst recognising the needs of a village in a conservation area</p>	<p>Parish and District Councils to work together to carry out housing needs survey</p>	<p>Complete new local housing needs survey by March 2006. Identify a site for affordable housing to meet any identified needs</p>
	<p>Affordable housing in Luckington and Alderton. Housing needs survey identified in 1999 a need for 4 new affordable homes for rent and for 3 shared ownership or low cost homes</p>	<p>An outline planning application has been submitted which includes 5 new affordable homes</p>	<p>To build at least 7 new units of affordable housing in the Parish by 2010</p>
	<p>22 units of affordable housing provided in last 5 years (12 in 2004) in Sherston</p>	<p>Ensure that regular housing surveys take place (every 5 years) with emphasis on providing for all age ranges</p>	<p>New housing survey to be completed by 2007</p>


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<p>Affordable housing</p>	<p>A local housing needs survey carried out in Minety in 1999 identified a need for 6 rented and 4 shared ownership properties. Sovereign Housing Association is currently putting together a proposal for 6 new affordable homes on a site owned by the District Council</p>	<p>Support a bid for funding for a new affordable housing scheme in Minety. Minety wants the village to grow 'organically' with new houses predominantly on infill sites and within the village structure line. There should be no large housing developments. The Parish Council and the village lobby groups actively oppose such developments.</p>	<p>Complete a new local housing needs survey by March 2007. Complete 6 new affordable homes by 2010</p>
	<p>St Paul Malmesbury Without requires gentle growth, in particular affordable housing which is compatible with the surroundings and infrastructure</p>	<p>Need to try to identify potential sites within the physical limits of settlements within the Parish to meet needs of 11 affordable homes to rent and 1 new home for shared ownership. The need for affordable/key worker housing must be a high priority for the Filands development together with associated cultural, recreational and open space needs. If new residential building takes place on the old school Filands site, develop designated cycle and walking routes to provide residents with an alternative route into town so that they can avoid using the busy Tetbury Road</p>	<p>Work with the Rural Housing Enabler, Parish Council and local Housing Associations to identify suitable sites. If new residential building takes place on the old school Filands site, consult the people who need low cost housing regarding the house designs.</p>
	<p>Oaksey has 36 Housing Association rented homes, 6 flats for renting to local people and 4 equity-shared homes</p>	<p>A housing needs survey is to take place in 2005 to establish the need for affordable housing</p>	<p>Need to establish possible sites for small development</p>

Housing and the Built Environment *continued*

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Affordable housing	The village appraisal in Hullavington showed that concern existed over the lack of low costs homes with the village	New building within the village needs to be sympathetic in design and materials with the current village scheme	No targets at present
Development and infrastructure	Strongly held view in the area about fragile character of villages. Too much housing development comes up as an issue all the time eg in St Paul Malmesbury Without .	Continue involvement in planning system. New system of Local Development Framework	Core Strategy and Housing and Employment Development Plan documents to be produced by March 2006
	Little Somerford wishes to provide a template to guide future development in the village. Local people want to see organic growth of villages and coordinated development/planning.	Ensure that adherence to the village design statement remains a key factor in assessing planning applications. Work with prospective developers to plan developments that enhance rather than detract from the community's vision for Little Somerford	Ensure District Council adopts village design statement as supplementary planning document under the new planning system
	In Malmesbury local authorities need to take infrastructure into account in planning development (top priority in Malmesbury survey). This includes health facilities, water supply, sewage, access etc.	Malmesbury Town Council are keeping this issue under regular surveillance. Malmesbury Town Council to comment on this aspect for each planning application received for consideration	A mixed tenure scheme with affordable social housing for rent, low cost market housing for sale and shared ownership is currently being proposed by the Westlea Housing Association on the Malmesbury Swimming Pool site. Refurbishment of the adjacent play area, which is supported by the Newnton Grove Play Committee, will form part of this proposal
	In Sopworth , there have been two recent barn conversions and planning permission has recently been granted for 3 new dwellings in the village	With the lack of infrastructure, there is now little scope for further development if the village is to retain its particular charm and identity	The community to consider the need to progress a Conservation Area and Village Design Statement
There is a concern about the lack of affordable housing for young people who grow up in the area and want to stay local. Most new housing is still too expensive for starters			

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Development and infrastructure	Stop development that is not sustainable	Revised Local Plan policies	To be adopted in 2006
	Concern at large number of holiday homes in nearby Cotswold Water Park and its impact on the character of Oaksey	Opposition to further housing development in the Water Park	Ongoing
Preservation of historic character	12th Century Church in Charlton ; the Parochial Church Council is active in the village and a variety of subgroups have been organised to try and address the funding of the high maintenance costs that a historic building commands. In addition, the village needs to fund the maintenance of the burial ground in the churchyard	The community to explore opportunities for fundraising and to identify available grants	Ongoing
	The current village envelope for Oaksey does not take account of the way the village has developed	The Parish Council should re-examine the envelope with the District Council to see where it might be adjusted	No targets at present
	Little Somerford wishes to improve and maintain the appearance and general infrastructure of the village. The Little Somerford village design statement and conservation statement was adopted as supplementary planning guidance to the North Wiltshire Local plan in July 2002 and provides a template to guide future development in the village	To reduce the amount of overhead power and telephone cabling especially in the village centre by the end of 2008. This is just one of a large number of enhancement proposals contained in the adopted Little Somerford Conservation Area and Village Design Statement.	Need to consult with utility companies about replacement programmes. (Great Somerford would also like to re-route the overhead power cables away from Somerfords Walter Powell School playground)
	Development control in Brokenborough	Control development especially where land near Brokenborough which is owned by the Lords Morton and Suffolk. Protection of the Fosse Way. Felling of old trees that interfere with overhead cables	No targets at present
	<i>Easton Grey</i>		