



UPDATES FROM CANCELLED 24 JUNE HWB FORUM

The Forum on 24 June was cancelled due to the exceptionally hot weather and the HWB Trustees have agreed that we will not reschedule the meeting due to the holiday season. So, the next Forum will be on 23rd September. This written update replaces the usual written notes of the meeting.

CONDOLENCES

We were saddened to hear the death of one of our HWB Warminster members, Janet Marshall. Janet was a key member of the Warminster and Westbury Visually Impaired Club and worked tirelessly with Steve Kervell for many in our community. Our condolences go to Janet's family.

UPDATE ON FINANCES

DR has been active submitting funding requests from two sources – the Waitrose Community Matters (Green Token) Scheme and the Selwood Housing Stronger Community Fund. We have now withdrawn our application for grants of £600 (£00 each from Warminster Town Council and Warminster Area Board) following our successful application to the Selwood Housing Stronger Community Fund. After due consideration, the HWB Trustees decide not to join the Wiltshire Community Lottery for several reasons.

MOBILE BREAST CANCER SCREENING IN WARMINSTER

Following another meeting with Wiltshire Breast Screening Service (BSS), DR and LL have been exploring other potential sites in Warminster. Aside from the two sites already used, 15 have been investigated and five of those remain possibilities, subject to more work.

UPDATE ON HEALTH FAIR AND BOOKLET 2026

DR thanks all the volunteers and exhibitors for again making this triennial event a significant success. Blessed with perfect weather - not too hot, not too cold and not too wet! - public footfall was up 10% on 2023 and the exit survey ratings maintained with 97% of public attendees surveyed saying that they found it useful or very useful; and 86% of public attendees surveyed saying they were likely or very likely to follow up with one or more exhibitors. Similarly, feedback from exhibitors has been very positive with the Health Fair fast becoming a valued part of community life in the Warminster area.

Having printed 600 of the revised HWB booklets, more than 480 have already been distributed to individuals or placed at locations including the Civic Centre, the Information Point at the Athenaeum, the Garrison Welfare Office, Warminster Action Group, Warminster Leisure Centre and at other points in the town. Since 1,100 of the

2023 booklet were issued over the three years, we have applied for – and been granted - gained funding from the Selwood Housing Stronger Community Fund for a further print run.

You can read the Health Fair/Booklet Project report here:

https://healthwellbeingwarminster.org.uk/hw_fair_2026/

As you would expect from a competent accountant, DR advises that the cash cost of the combined project came in 3.5% under the budget. DR also thanks all of you who marketed the event on your own websites and in many other ways.

UPDATE ON THIRD PHARMACY

Having campaigned hard to achieve regulatory approval for the third pharmacy, we were pleased to see it open on 7th April, albeit still in its temporary portacabin form. Those who have switched have given hugely positive feedback and patient uptake has been steady to date.

UPDATE TO THE CONSTITUTION

At the May Trustee meeting, it was agreed to update the HWB Warminster Constitution after over three years of formal existence. Many of the amendments are cosmetic but we are required to inform members of the changes as shown in the agenda/pre-meeting pack for the June Forum. As this meeting was cancelled, **we are happy to take any questions or comments by email** and, subject to receipt of views, we will seek to ratify the changes at the September meeting

HWB WARMINSTER MEMBER UPDATES

Lindsey Death (Wessex Rivers Trust)

I gave a presentation at the last meeting on my Community Engagement Project called Our Healthy Headwaters, and encouraging people to take 'river friendly' actions in their day to day lives. Key themes about water saving, reducing harmful chemicals used in the home, and the harmful ingredients in pet medications. I am keen to get these messages out more widely in Warminster so if you have links with any groups that may like to hear from me further, whether it might be a presentation, guided walk, or mini project - I would love to hear from them.

Similarly, if you know of anyone who might have an interest in spreading these messages, we are looking for project volunteers who might be able to do a wide range of activities. Thank you. Please share my email address.

lindsey.death@wessexrt.org.uk

Lucy Brown (Wiltshire Sight)

Staying Independent is absolutely central to our ethos at Wiltshire Sight - we are here with information, advice and a wide range of services to help blind and partially sighted people to stay independent, active and to enjoy what matters to them. Wiltshire Sight hold a monthly advice hub in Warminster Library on the 2nd

Wednesday of the month. Whatever stage of sight loss someone may be at we are here to support them. For more information or to book an appointment call us on 01380 723682 or e-mail us at info@wiltshiresight.org

Laura Gowers (Wessex Water)

We are continuing to run Community drop-ins in Warminster library. These give our customers the opportunity to come and talk to me face to face and ask any water related question. I can also help people understand their water bills and try to help them save money. If someone is really struggling to pay their water bill, we have help to pay schemes. I am always happy to give more information about the schemes to any group supporting clients.

Dates for the Drop-in at Warminster Library are: Monday 6 July, Monday 7 September and Monday 9 November 2026

Stacey Sims (Wessex Community Action)

State of the Sector 2026 - Have Your Say. Our annual State of the Sector survey helps build a clear picture of Wiltshire's voluntary and community sector - its strengths, challenges and impact. This year, the survey is shorter than ever and takes just 10 minutes to complete.

Your responses provide vital evidence that helps influence policy, secure support and strengthen the voice of the sector. Previous findings have helped shape the Wiltshire Council's VCSE Partnership Framework, support the launch of the Wiltshire Community Lottery, and highlight the challenges facing local charities.

Every response counts. Whether you're a small community group or a large organisation, your experience matters.

Complete the survey today and help shape the future of Wiltshire's VCSE sector.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdavfISmddhGJUC_3CHcyFs0z1HmNkl_nqfxfh4rRAyaZlgLSw/viewform

Jonathan Aldridge-Mansfield (Beyond Dementia)

Please may I remind all members of dementia support services/groups available in this area:

1) We have a wonderfully colourful and energetic day club at the Old Silk Works in Warminster, which is open Tuesday to Friday for anyone with a dementia diagnosis (or on the pathway to a diagnosis). Whole or part-days available for clients. Club Manager (Louise) is happy to arrange a visit from clients, carers and their families (call her on 01985 624005).

2) Our Warminster Memory Group meets at Christ Church (in the foyer) every Tuesday from 2pm for dance, singing and other fun-filled activities (£5 per-

person), first session is always free. Available to anyone with dementia and their carer.

3) the Warminster Art Group meets fortnightly at the Pleasure Grounds community centre, Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:30pm. £6 per-person. You don't have to be 'good' at art, just enjoy a range of activities for all abilities, lovely company, tea and home-made cake. All enquires for both the Memory Group and Art Group can be sent to Tayla Fowler at taylaf@beyonddementia.org.uk

4) Our Home Support service is available for companionship/ company, we are actively seeking both client and support workers in the Warminster area. See our website for all details: www.beyonddementia.org.uk

5) Lastly, anyone requiring help and support, information and guidance relating to their dementia diagnosis, or are caring for an individual with dementia, can self-refer to our dementia adviser service (which is free of charge). The one-to-one ongoing relationship can be a vital line of support for many individuals. To refer, go to www.beyonddementia.org.uk/services/self-referral

6) Beyond Dementia is a member of the Carers Together consortium, which provides help and support to carers across the county. Any carer in need of help can self-refer. Full details on the Carers Together website: www.carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk

Both Carers Together Wiltshire and Beyond Dementia run a number of carers cafes in the Warminster/South West Wiltshire area, so do please look out for details on both websites listed above.

I am very happy to receive enquiries from anyone about the above - Jonathan

Kirsten Kerr (Age UK/Carers Together Wiltshire)

Carers Support Wiltshire closed on the 31st March 2026. Carers Cafes in Calne, Ludgershall, Amesbury, Westbury and Warminster moved to Carers Together in April 2026. We are working in partnership with AWP to run Carer Mental Health Cafes in Trowbridge and Salisbury. We are also working with Dorothy House to support their Bereavement groups.

Please support us by updating your Carers information and communications so that Carers know that there is still support for them. You can email us if you need leaflets or posters: enquiries@carerstogetherwiltshire.org.uk

Warminster Carer Café - Barchester Henford House Care Home, Lower Marsh Road, Warminster, BA12 9PB

3rd Monday of the month (next date 20/7/26)

10:30am-12pm

Rebecca Seymour (Age UK Wiltshire)

Please find attached information about our summer concerts in the library. May I ask everyone to share through their organisations. If anyone would like printed copies posted, let me know with the address to send.

rebecca.seymour@ageukwiltshire.org.uk

Free Summer concerts for all at Warminster Library

Fridays 7 & 21 August 2026 3.00 - 4.00pm

2 free concerts are happening at Warminster library this summer for anyone to attend:

7 August - Disney Sing a long with Frankie
21 August - Movie soundtracks piano concert with Sophie

The music is suitable for all ages and we encourage families to bring grandparents along to enjoy the fun together!

This is a FREE event, but please book with the library team or call them on 01985 216022

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Date of next Forum: Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Dates of future meetings –				
<u>2026</u>	HWB Forum	Trustee Meetings	Area Board	Other
July		Thu 30 th	Thu 2 nd	
August				
September	Wed 23 rd			
October				
November		Thu 19 th	Thu 19 th	
December	Wed 16 th			
<u>2027</u>				
January				
February		Thu 11 th		
March	Wed 31 st Inc. AGM		Thu 18 th	