

PLAIN ACTION

newsletter

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Key dates

Management meetings, all Thursdays

3 December 2009
4 February 2010
1 April 2010
3 June 2010
5 August 2010
7 October 2010
2 December 2010

Annual Event

15 April 2010

All open to the public. For venues and further details please see website.

A reminder What is Plain Action??!

Plain Action is a rural development programme operating across Salisbury Plain and into Hampshire

Comprehensive details are to be found on the website: www.plainaction.org.uk

Main purpose: To improve the lives of all those working and living in the Salisbury Plain area.

Timescale: 2008 to 2013

Main fields of activity: Skills and training, business and employment, communities

Funding: £2.5m provided by the EU and defra

Delivery:

(1) By a variety of local organisations through a project application process

(2) By direct commissioning through a tender process.

Governance: Plain Action is a 'Local Action Group' directed by 18 locally appointed members representing all interests

Museum Observation and Interpretation Area

- Viewing balcony and interpretation area at first floor level overlooking take off and landing field at Middle Wallop
- £39,500 for capital works

£223,457 ... nine projects ...

"We thank Plain Action for their unstinting help and support through the application process. The project will give our vast range of visitors a superb view of the airfield which is very active and should greatly add to the Museum's attraction."

Andrew Simkins OBE, Museum for Army Flying.

£223,457 allocated – and plenty left!!

Funding is available to the following organisations who can help deliver the Plain Action programme in the area covered by the map on page 3:

- Micro-businesses
- Businesses operating in farming and tourism
- Formally constituted voluntary sector organisations, social enterprises
- Statutory organisations (but not statutory activities)

Please look at our website and contact us for further information. Contact details on the back page.





£223,457... nine projects

By early October 2009 Plain Action had approved nine projects totalling £223,457. All will be contracted to make an impact on Salisbury Plain and deliver parts of the Plain Action programme. The largest grant was £64,552, and most were between 65% and 75% of the total project costs.

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Post Point

- Support for the establishment of 'post points' in up to ten communities in the Plain Action area
- £30,850 over one year

"Wiltshire Council funded the preparatory work on Post Point. Now we can really assist people in the Plain Action area, bringing post type services to those villages without."
 Tim Coomer, Community First

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"We've recently had some real success, and this grant will help us to get many more visitors from further afield to Salisbury Plain to see the Bustards. It's really important to make the most of what we have - to the benefit of the whole area."
 David Waters, The Great Bustard Group.

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"Making Tracks will enable (mainly) young people to get into training or employment by providing them with a scooter. There are many other benefits as well - increasing their confidence, independence, and enabling them to stay in their own village and communities if they wish."

Liam Tatton-Bennett, Community First

Making Tracks

- Provision of scooters, a credit union savings scheme, and transport advice for 50 people who cannot reach training or work
- £39,845 over two years

Main Grants Applications £10,000+

- Grants will be made to those who can help deliver Plain Action's objectives
- Minimum £10,000, maximum £100,000, exceptionally over
- Majority of main grants will be between £20,000 and £60,000
- Up to 75% of project costs available
- For certain businesses, voluntary organisations, statutory bodies (but not for statutory activity)
- For further information see the website www.plainaction.org.uk and/or contact John Dowsett /Lesley Thomas

Bustard Country

- Professional assistance and part time staff to design and implement a publicity programme.
- £38,000 over two years



**(Relatively) Small Grants
 Applications under £10,000**

Plain Action is with this Newsletter formally launching the availability of small grants. These are an essential part of the main Programme.

- Grants will be made to those who can help deliver Plain Action's objectives.
- Minimum £2,000, maximum £5,000, exceptionally up to £10,000
- Up to 75% of project costs available
- For small businesses, community groups and clubs, Parish Councils
- One month turnaround from receipt of full application
- For further information see the website www.plainaction.org.uk and/or contact John Dowsett /Lesley Thomas.

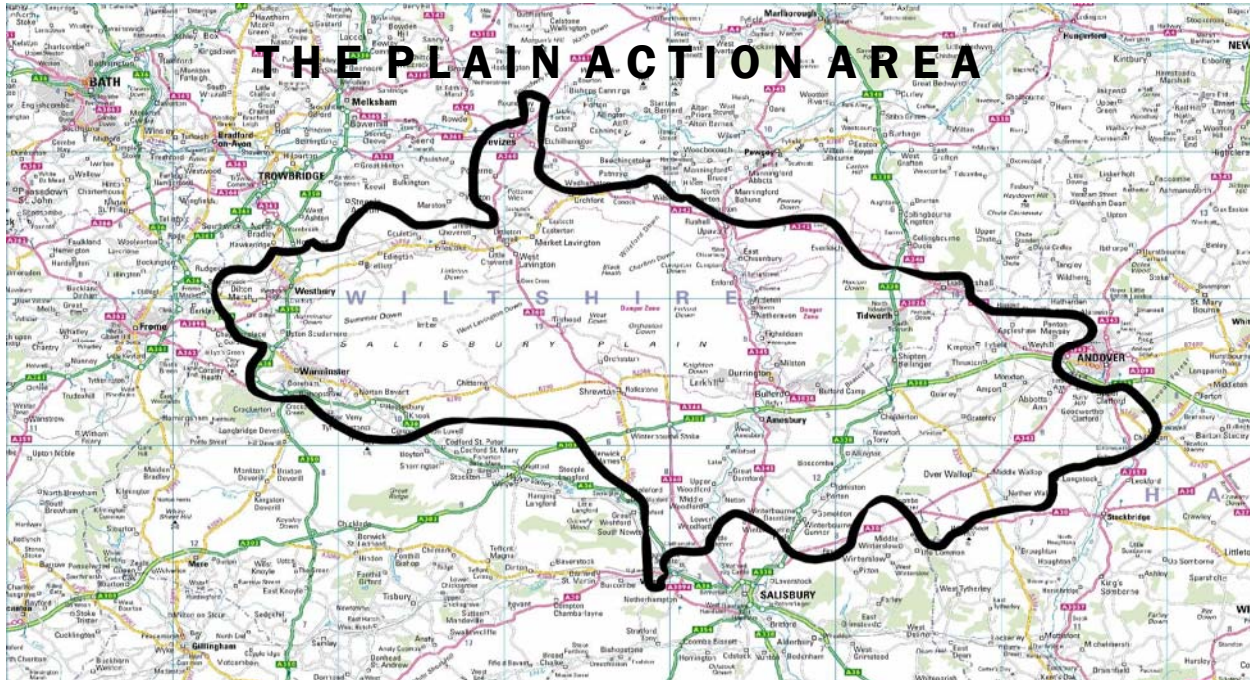
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Art in the Garden

- A new component within the annual Friends of Urchfont Garden art and sculpture event, with the aim of attracting military dependents.
- £2,175 through the 'under £10,000' process

"This grant enabled us to get a group of women involved in an arts activity completely new to them..... They really enjoyed iteveryone took part in radio interviews too!"

Lesley Andrews, Friends of Urchfont Garden



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**Supporting Families
 in Tidworth**

- Social support and guidance for military and civilian mothers with young children
- One year period

"Plain Action funding means we can work with thirteen additional families - families with young children facing all sorts of challenges and in need of support. With ten more volunteers fully trained we will be able to carry on when the funding stops."

Sarah Holden, Homestart Kennet.



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**PROGRAMME
MANAGEMENT
GROUP MEMBERS**

Chairman:

Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philipe, Wiltshire Council

Vice-Chairman:

Michael Jones, Independent

Philip Brown, Westbury Area

Mitch Roberts, Devizes Area

David Wildman, Tidworth Area

Digby Barker, Warminster Area

Cllr Peter Boulton, Test Valley B.C.

Brigadier Stephen Hodder, MOD / 43 Brigade

Michael Mounde, Wessex Association of Chambers of Commerce

Lesley Andrews, Voluntary Sector

Peter Beech-Allen, WSEP

Ms Alex Sparks, SWEP

Len Turner, MWEP

Geraldine Wimble, Independent

Richard Amery, Independent

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"Plain Action will enable us to engage with young people 16 - 25, currently not in employment, education or training. They will learn new skills and build self-confidence, helping them re-engage in training or education, or move directly into work."
Lynn Gibson, Community First

Project Inspire

- Wide ranging programme to engage with 16-25 year olds on 1:1 basis and get them into formal training or employment
- £64,552 over one year

Skilled for Health

- Part of an innovative pilot programme combining basic skills and health training and support
- £20,000 over one year

"The Plain Action grant will bring people, largely young mothers, together and provide briefing and training sessions in the Bulford, Tidworth and Larkhill communities"
Lydia Baos, Army Primary Health Service.

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What you think?

Plain Action was founded on public meetings and discussions and is a response to the needs expressed. If you agree /do not agree with what we are doing, and would like to give us your views or discuss any aspect of the Programme please do one of the following:

- Contact John Dowsett or Lesley Thomas
- Arrange to come to one of the Plain Action meetings – there is a public forum
- Come to the Annual Event next April – details to follow.

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Plain Action Business Support

- Business training and support specific to those in the Plain Action area
- £39,385 over seven months initially

"From our base at Castledown Business Park we will be giving advice and support for Service leavers, military dependents, and young people in the Plain Action area. We will be helping people set up new businesses, and expand existing businesses."
Jo Greenwood, GWE Business West

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