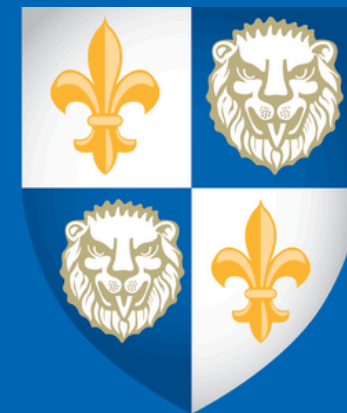




Annual Town Assembly

2026



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Your Councillors

Shaftesbury East Ward



Piers Brown



Mollie Budd



Jenny Daultrey



Lester Dibben



Elaine Barratt



Virginia Edwyn-Jones



Justine Elmendorff



Nigel Heritage



Jade Salkeld



Conor Smith



Greg Williams



Peter Yeo



Andy Hollingshead



Jeanne Loader



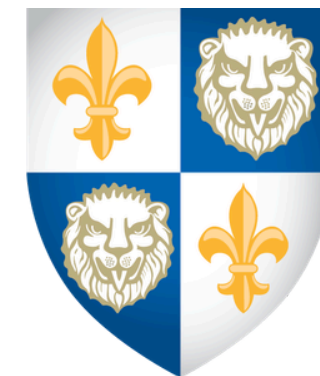
Annie Philpott



Welcome to the 2026 Town Assembly

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 29th April 2025
4. Chairman of Council's Presentation
 - a. Mayor's Charity cheque presentation
 - b. Presentations from Advisory Committees
5. Questions from members of the public
6. Informal discussion between community groups



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Mayoral Highlights of the Year

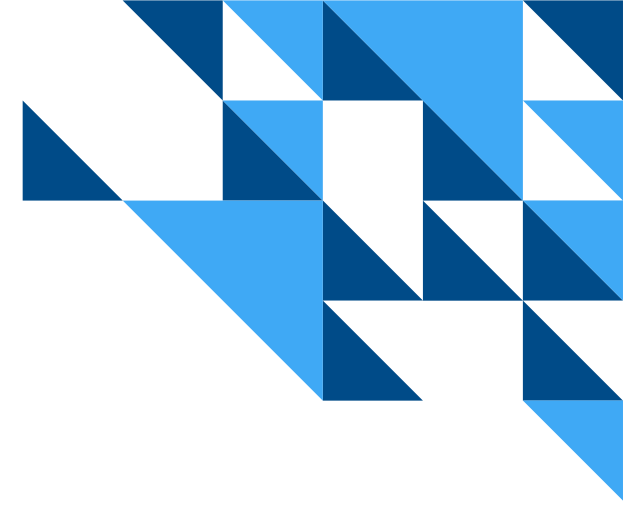
Cllr Virginia Edwyn-Jones



@AlexandravonClemens

This year's projects *1 of 4*

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Lido new filtration system and pool liner



Christmas lights on the Town Hall and throughout the town

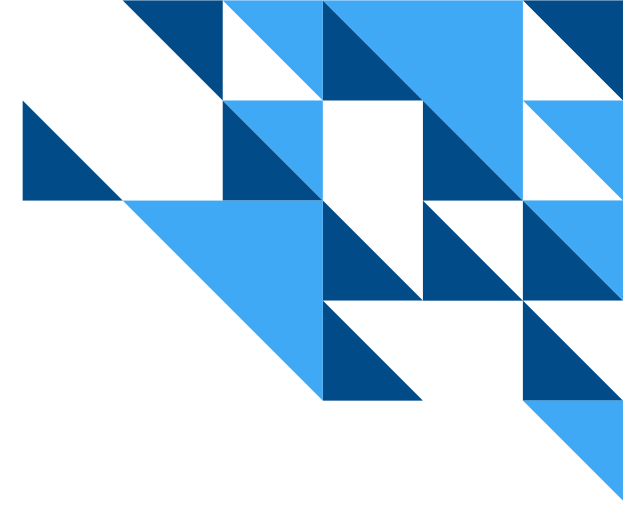


Second SLICE event

Further lido reports later...

This year's projects 2 of 4

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Welcome to
Wincombe Recreation Ground
Shaftesbury SP7 8PN

We hope you enjoy your time here.
This recreation area is for the benefit of everyone; please respect other park users.

- Children under 10 should be supervised by an adult
- All persons use the facility at their own risk with regard to damage, loss or injuries resulting from activities under their control
- Do not use play equipment in wet, icy or snowy conditions

No Smoking, No Dogs, No Dog Fouling, No Glass, No Alcohol, No Horse Riding

In case of emergency call **999**
This play area is managed by Shaftesbury Town Council
Please report any damage/vandalism or other incidents to:
The Town Hall, High Street, Shaftesbury SP7 8LY 01747 852420
office@shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk www.shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk
The equipment is inspected on a regular basis

27 new signs installed across all seven play parks

80th ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

SHAFTESBURY 8 MAY 2025

9.00am Raising of the flag and VE Day 80 Proclamation at the Town Hall

CONCERT AT CASTLE HILL

6.00pm	Belle Street Duo	Food and drink will be available for purchase
6.30pm	Peeling of the bells	
6.40pm	Conor Smith	
7.40pm	Shaftesbury Town Band	
8.30pm	Samantha	
9.30pm	Lighting of Beacon	
9.40pm	Billy Boy Miskimmin	
10.45pm	Concert Ends	

Narrow roads and NO PARKING near the venue
Please park elsewhere in town

VE Day celebrations

2025 SHAFTESBURY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

CAST YOUR VOTE!

FRIDAY 9 MAY TO SATURDAY 24 MAY AT GOLD HILL MUSEUM

WHO SHOULD GO THROUGH TO THE NORTH DORSET FINALS?
VOTE IN PERSON OR ONLINE: NORTHDORSETPHOTO.CO.UK

North Dorset Photo Competition

LCC
Local Council Consultancy
IMPROVING, INFORMING AND INVESTING

LCC REPORT FOR SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

STAFFING REVIEW (v2.0 final)
20 December 2025

Ref: LCC 25-159
LCC Associate: Paul Wynne

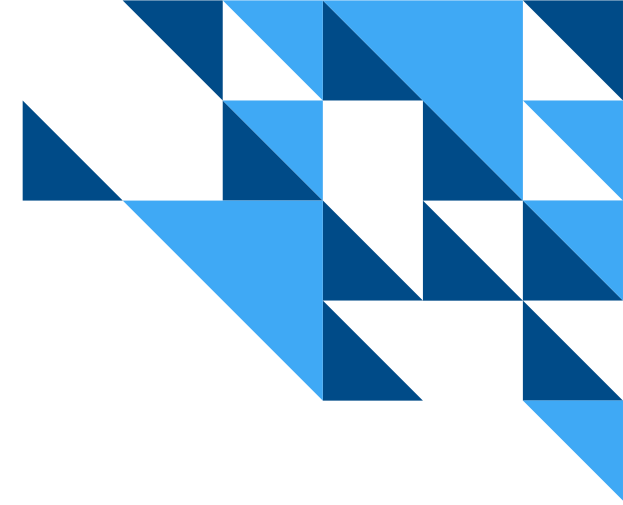
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Staffing Review

This year's projects *3 of 4*

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Shaftesbury Wellness: 1,800 spaces were booked last year across the three months. Huge thanks to Kirsty Elliot who organises the event



Bin replacement completed



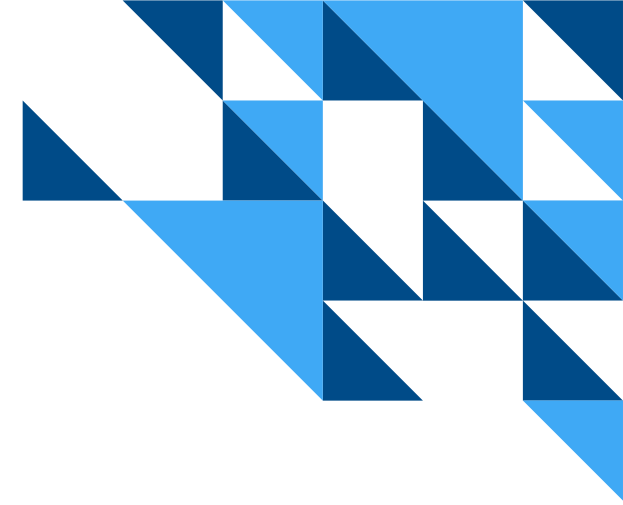
New Town Crier public auditions and appointment



War memorial cleaning

This year's projects *4 of 4*

Progressed for you in 2025–26



Mampitts Hub Project progressing on schedule.

Full report later...



Neighbourhood Plan First Review progressed to legal compliance consultation in March/April 2026



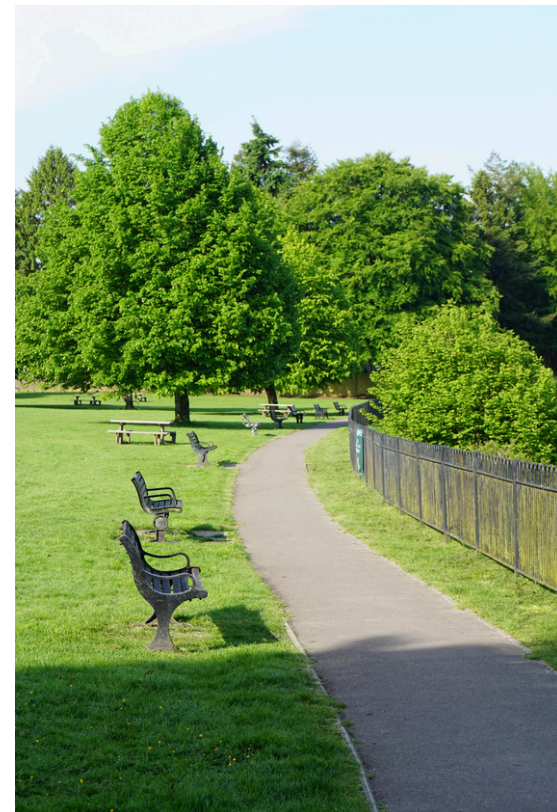
Brand new electric van ordered to replace our diesel pickup (delivery due in the summer)

Caretakers

Our caretakers maintain our facilities, open spaces and play parks.

- Look after **96** pieces of play equipment across seven play areas
- Look after **122** benches across town
- Empty **59** of the public litter bins across the town each day

- Clean the Bell Street toilets daily
- Maintain two bus stops
- Are implementing a refurbishment/replacement project across all our benches and litter bins
- Clean the historic town hall building, setting up for dozens of events/weddings each year
- Keep the town centre looking clean and tidy, and respond to issues that come up every day



Town Hall & Land Hire

The Town Council hires out the Guild Hall and the Council Chamber for events such as weddings, indoor markets and meetings

We also hire out land at Barton Hill, Castle Hill, Park Walk and St James Park for activities including markets, festivals, fun fairs and fitness

Our facilities support community and charity events, and the commercial side brings income to the Town Council



Shaftesbury Lido

Shaftesbury Lido is now open throughout the year, providing a cherished community resource for every season. Cold Water Swimming has gained popularity. Special events such as the monthly moon swims, pop-up saunas, and the annual SLICE event have brought people from Dorset and across the country.

The office manages the online booking system which processed the sale of over 12,000 tickets over the year.

The Lido has a permanent part-time manager. In addition there are **4** duty supervisors, and up to **6** lifeguards in the summer, reducing to **1** duty supervisor and **2** lifeguards in the winter

[SSAC report later...](#)



Cemeteries

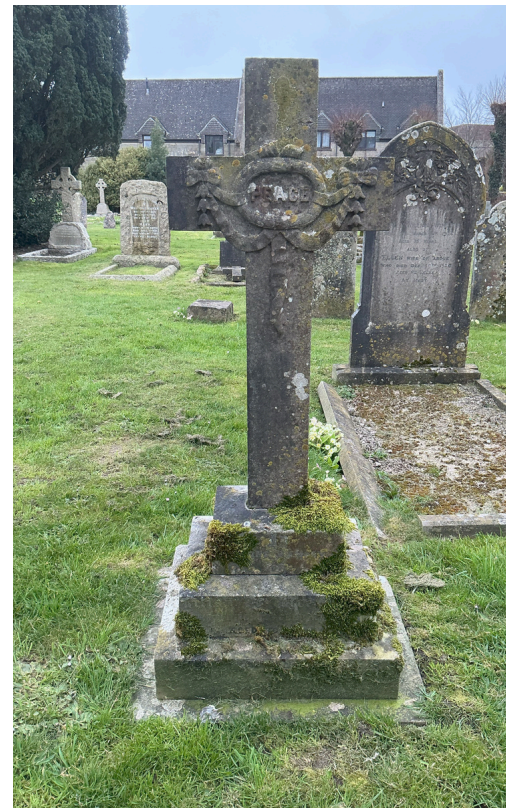
The Town Council owns and manages an active cemetery in Mampitts Lane, known as the Mampitts Cemetery.

It is also responsible for two closed cemeteries:

- Trinity Centre
- Bury Litton

In all, approximately **1,600** graves are managed across the three sites.

As well as helping the bereaved with acquiring plots, this involves grass cutting by the grounds team, testing to ensure stone monuments are stable, and making them safe where necessary.



Allotments

The Town Council owns and manages **133** allotment plots across four sites:

- A30
- St James
- Bray
- Mampitts



Thursday Market

Shaftesbury has served as a market hub for centuries. Today we hold the weekly Thursday charter market, drawing in both locals and visitors. This market benefits local producers and traders while also featuring guests such as the Community Energy Bus and showcasing the new Little Reds buses.

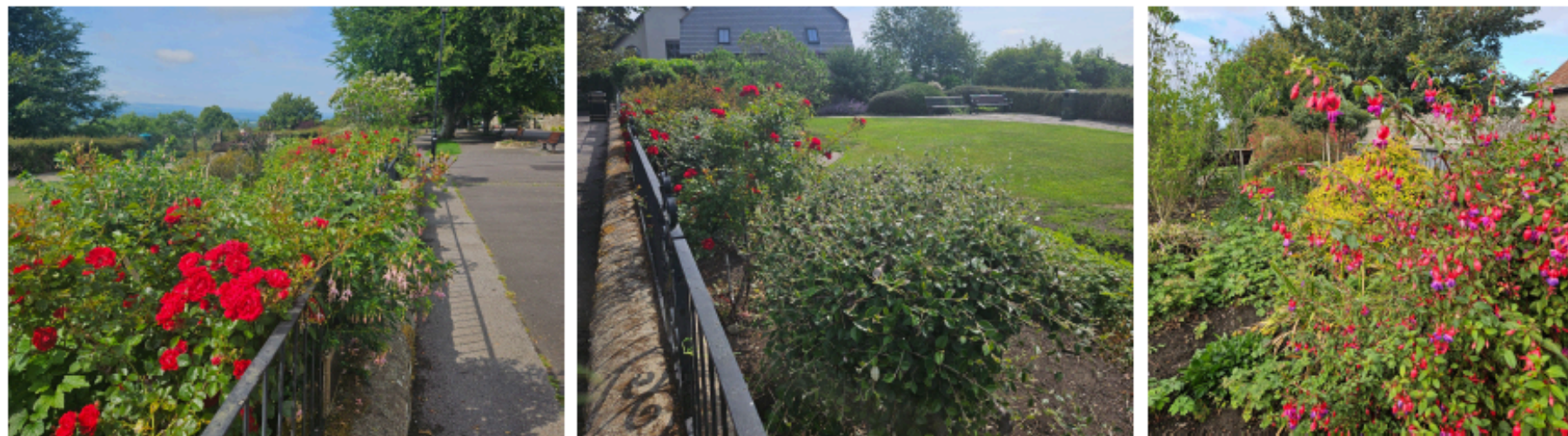


Grounds Team

The grounds work, covering some 48 acres, is contracted out and overseen by the Town Clerk. The team has been able to make great progress with improvements across the open spaces. Here is a selection of highlights from the last few months.



Tesco Roundabout



Park Walk/Rose Garden



Bury Litton



Queen Mother Garden



Brionne Gardens

As well as...



Attending 45
mayoral
engagements

Responding to
around 900
enquiries from
members of the
public



Looking
after war
memorials



Managing car
parks at
Coppice Street
and Barton Hill



Formal Meetings

Monthly **Full Council** meetings plus extraordinary meetings (**17** total)

Chairing and hosting **Advisory Committee** meetings

Monthly **Planning & Highways Committee** meetings

65 planning applications reviewed

Preparing agendas and minutes for **59** meetings

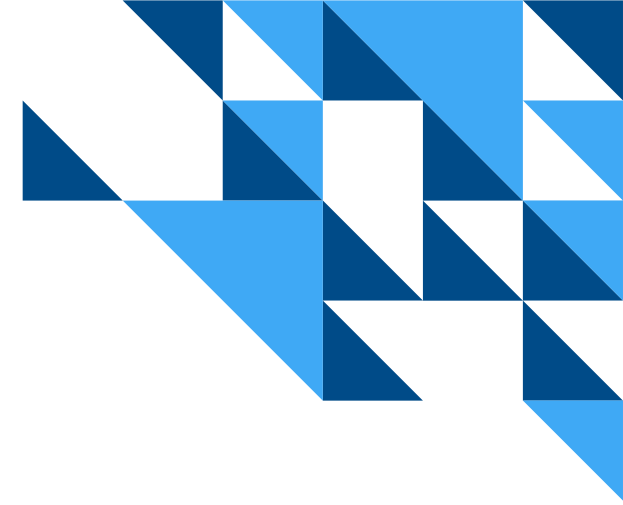
+ Public meetings

- Annual Town Assembly
- Public Budget Meeting
- Cllr Nick Ireland, Leader of Dorset Council
- Public Local Plan Meeting



Solar Panels

At the Town Hall and Lido



Generated £3,173

Nine months; awaiting final quarter

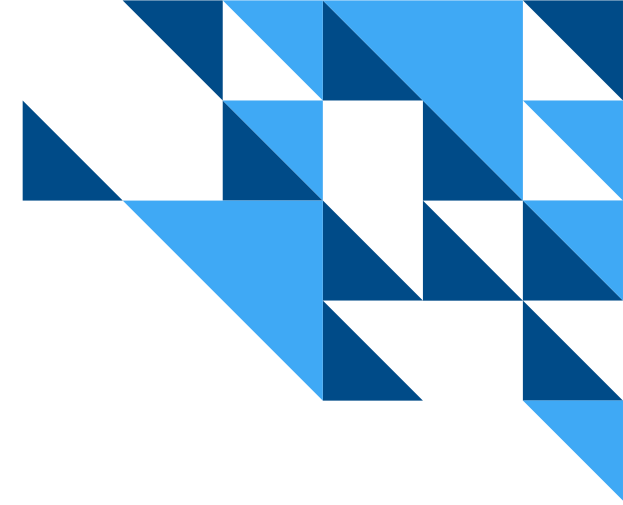


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Looking Ahead

Projects on the agenda for 2026–27 and beyond



High Street
'managed traffic'



Youth Club
renovation



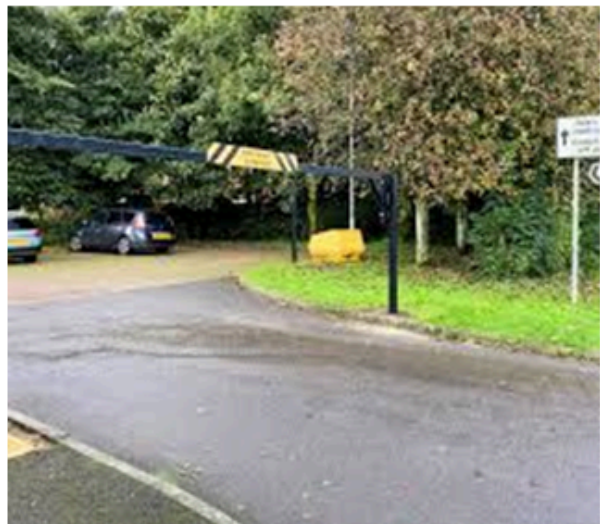
Mampitts Community Hub



Town Hall internal
renovations



Street furniture/public
realm improvements



Barton Hill car park



Sustainable
Shaftesbury



War
Memorial



Wincombe Play
upgrade



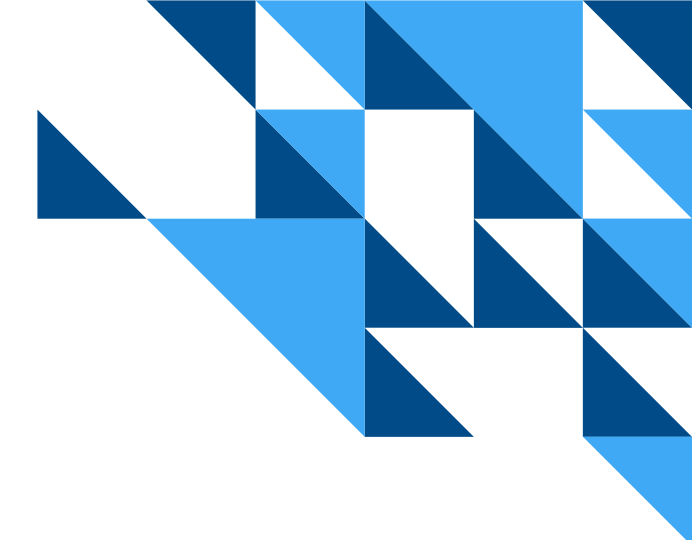
Barton Hill Hut



Lido feasibility study

Mayor's Charity of the Year Cheque Presentation

Shaftesbury Youth Club



MAYOR'S QUIZ NIGHT

In aid of Shaftesbury Youth Club

Delicious Pizza from The Grosvenor Arms

Saturday 28th March

£20 per person* including pizza

at the Town Hall
Doors Open 6pm
Pizzas 6:30pm
Quiz 7pm
Raffle & Auction 9pm

Quizmaster Simon Hoare MP

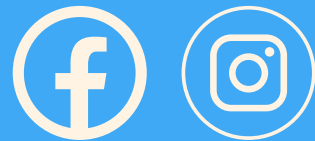
*Booking fee applies

For tickets scan QR code or search Eventbrite

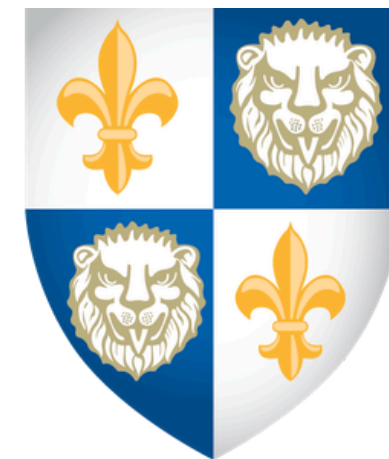
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Advisory Committees



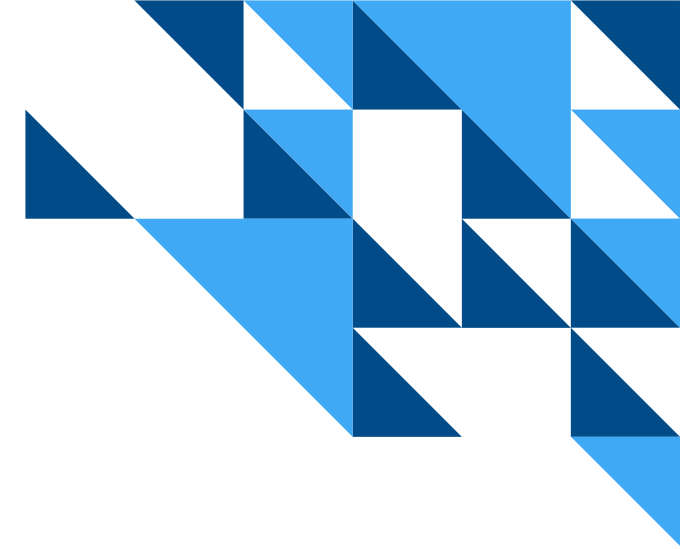
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Shaftesbury Swimming

Stuart Edwards



Sustainable Shaftesbury

Richard Thomas



Shaftesbury: A Nature Friendly Town

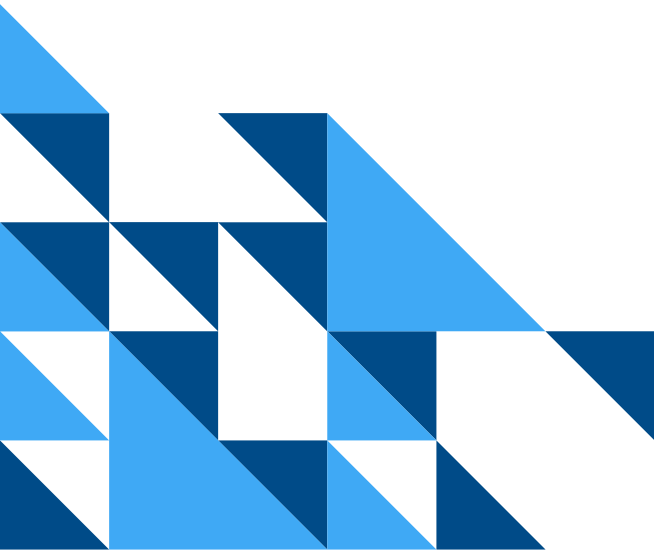
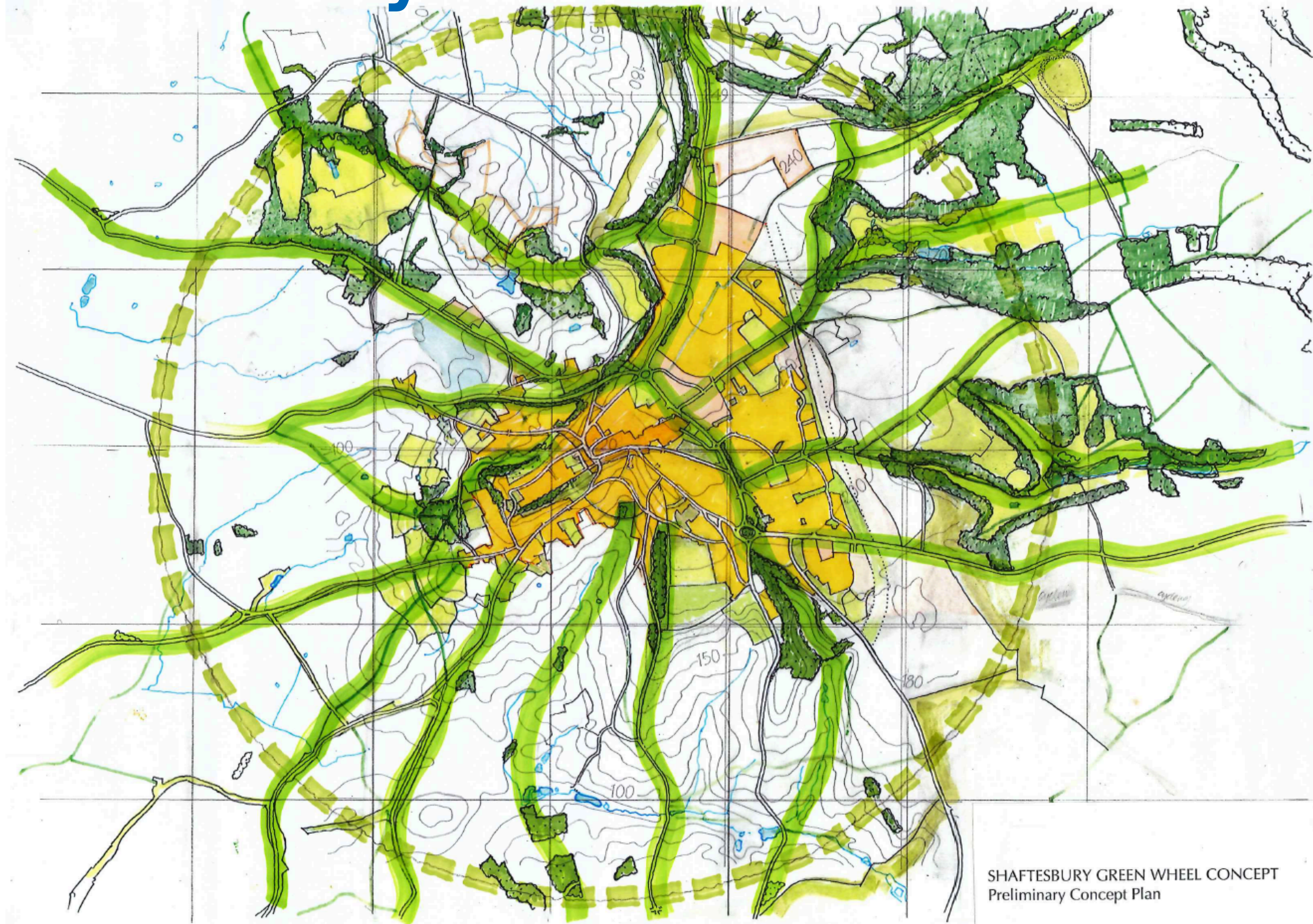
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Sustainable Shaftesbury

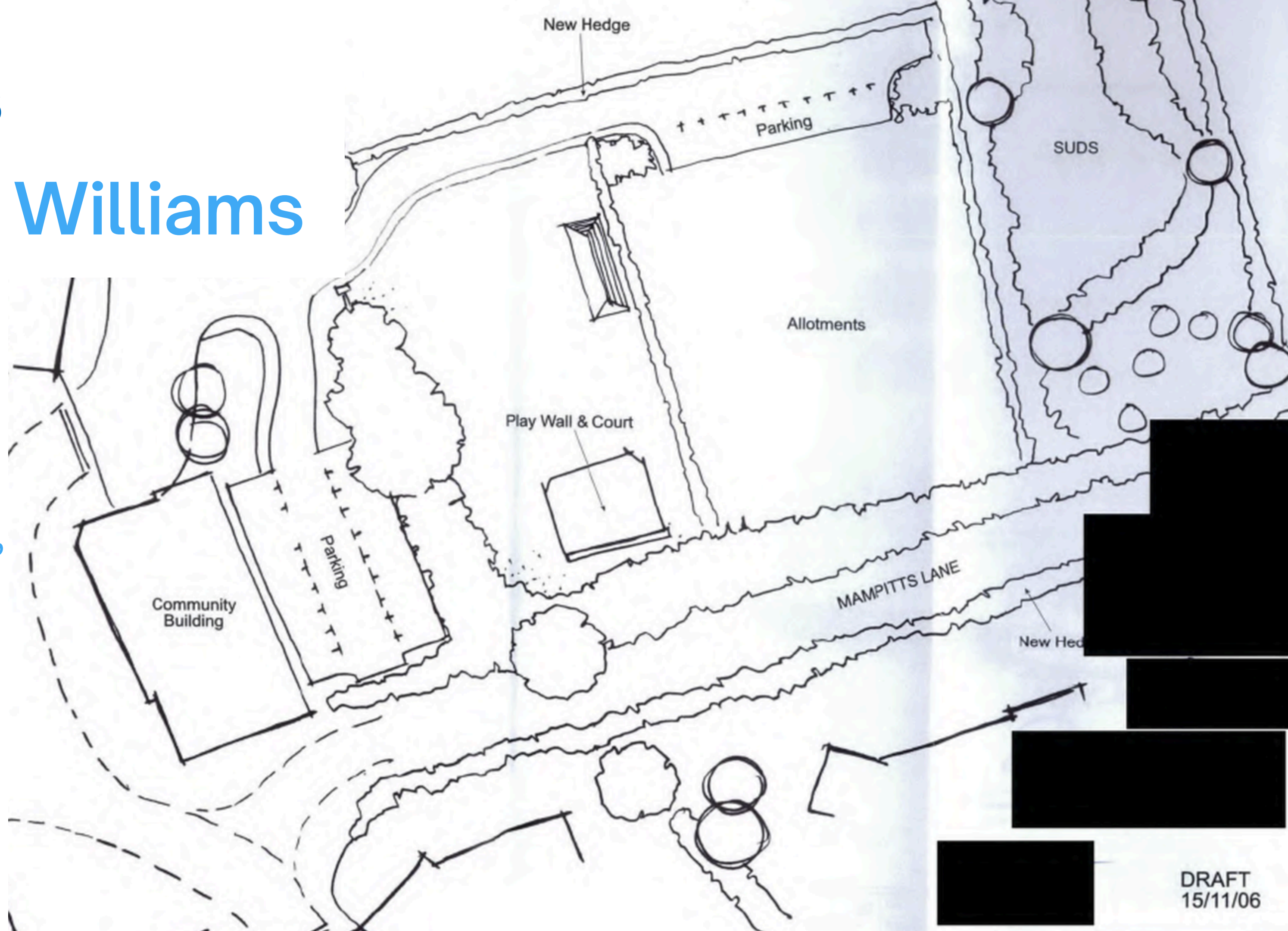
The Green Wheel



Mampitts

Cllr Greg Williams

2007 S106
agreement
'allotment and
kickabout area'



Mampitts

2016 Community-Informed Design



Mampitts Project Status

Criteria	RAG	Comment
Schedule	Green	No slippage from Oct '25 rebased schedule. On track to comply with June conditions.
Resource	Yellow	Stable team of project experts and deputy clerk; PM change in the summer.
Funding & costs	Yellow	Pathways to close the £250-£400k funding gap.
Construction	Yellow	Tenders received. Evaluation commencing. Start dates TBC.
Operating plan	Green	STC to operate. DC family hub engaged. Café operator ITT next.
Land transfer	Yellow	Persimmon → DC transfer being finalised.

Next milestones:

- May 19th – meeting with DC portfolio holder.
- June 2nd – STC full council to select contractor. **Final Investment Decision.**
- June 9th – deadline to discharge S106 conditions.
- July 9th – construction commencement deadline.



Arts & Culture

Fran Hill

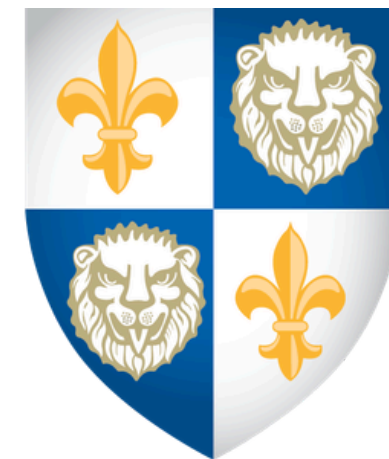


Question Time

What would you like to ask your councillors?



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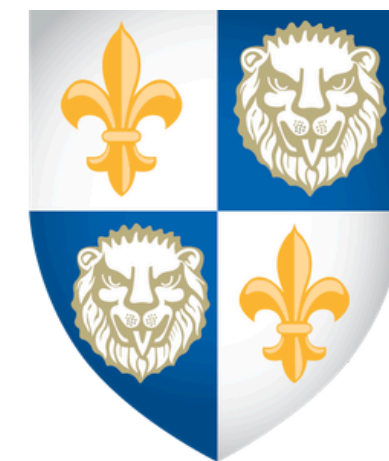
The role of the Town Council is to ensure Shaftesbury is a thriving community and a healthy, vibrant and attractive place in which to live, work and visit.

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May/June



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