



Warminster Community Area Network

Warminster CAN is a new way to keep in touch with things that are happening locally.

With regular news from the Council, Police, NHS and many other local community groups and organisations, you can be the first to know what is happening. With opportunities to have a say on important issues and to take part in local events and activities, **Warminster CAN** will put you in the picture. If you have received this from a friend or colleague you can join **Warminster CAN** by clicking on this link. [Sign Up!](#)

Area Board Meeting 10th November, 6.30pm for 7.00pm start, Christ Church Hall, Upper Marsh Road, (off Weymouth Street)



Cllr Andrew Davis would like to extend a warm invitation for you to attend the next Area Board meeting which is on Thursday 10th November at Christchurch Hall, Warminster. At 6.30pm there will be a chance to network, have some refreshments and a chance to look at the displays. The meeting starts at 7.00pm.

Cllr. Dick Tonge will be the guest cabinet member and he will be presenting his portfolio which covers Highways and Transport. We will also hear from alternative types of transport such as the volunteer link scheme, the Good Neighbour scheme and Wheels to Work.

The meeting will hear reports from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and requests for project support from the Community Area Grants fund.

Councillor Davis says, "This will be a useful and informative meeting. There will be a display to show the work has been undertaken on highways in the Warminster area. Officers will be on hand to give information on how to prepare for Winter weather, including gritting preparations. Community First will also be represented to let everyone know about community transport and the Good Neighbour Scheme. There will also be Wiltshire Council officers on hand to answer any questions you may have".

(See below for further information on Winter Highways Preparation).

Community Area Grants 2011 / 12



Community and voluntary groups are invited to bid for grants which support the community and help to take forward the priorities in the Warminster and Villages Community Area Plan

The deadline for applications for the Board meeting on January 12th is **Friday, 2nd December**. All the information you need, including application forms is available on our website at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards> or contact Jacqui Abbott on 07771 844 530 for further information. Please remember the application deadline is usually 6 weeks before meetings.

We work closely with the Charities Information Bureau who can help you identify other suitable sources of funding for your projects. Go to <http://www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk>

At the last Area Board meeting, funding was granted towards a new bus shelter, cricket nets for young people and a football tournament.

Young People's Grant fund 2011 / 12



Are you a voluntary or community group that works with and supports young people aged between 13 and 19? The Area Board in partnership with the Youth Service in Warminster has a pot of funding for groups who work with young people. This could cover activities, transport or equipment and facilities. Please contact Jacqui Abbot on 07771 844 530 if you require further information or email Jacqui.abbott@wiltshire.gov.uk. Any requests for funding to be heard at the January 12th Board meeting need to be in by early December. You can also contact Sam Shore, Youth Development Coordinator on 01985 218561 to chat about any ideas you may have.

Other Grants for Young People

The [Live UnLtd](#) programme has grants of up to £5,000 (the average grant is £1,500) to help young people aged 11 - 21 turn an idea to make the world a better place into a reality. Non-financial support is also available.

You can also ring the Community Area Manager, Jacqui Abbott on 07771 844 530 for more information and to discuss any ideas you might have.

Summer is over....Winter Highways Maintenance

The Council's aim is to make Wiltshire roads as safe as possible by salting around 725miles (which is 25% of the entire road network). Each precautionary salting costs on average £17,000. It uses 168 tonne of salt per run and the Council buys in roughly 14,000 tonne per season. After last season the Council was left with only 210 tonnes! The Council aims to enable local communities to help themselves, by providing salt/grit bins, hand spreaders to town/parish councils and also 1 tonne salt bags for use on the highway. It is unrealistic and uneconomic to salt all roads, but once a salting run is done the majority of road users will live within reasonable distance of a treated road.



About salt!

- Salt is not as effective once the surface temperature reaches below -8°C.
- Salt requires tyre action to make it more efficient.
- If it rains then the salt will be washed off of the road, we always try and salt after it has rained.
- Putting salt on thick snow will do nothing, the snow must be removed before salt is put down.
- You can apply table salt to paths, pavements and highways

Grit Bin Tips

- Firstly, salt/grit provided by the Council is intended for highway use only, not for private driveways or land.
- You only need to put down 1 tablespoon of salt for one metre square of highway/pavement, this needs to be thinly spread to be most effective.
- When it snows remember SHOVEL, SWEEP and then SALT
- Don't use water, boiling or otherwise as this will quickly re-freeze leaving icy patches.
- The Council has 1,600 grit bins and it uses 800 tonne of salt every time they are all filled.

If your grit bin is empty...Contact Clarence 0800 23 23 23 or email Clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk

Please note: Each grit bin is filled before the start of each season and then refilled when resources become available during winter.

The Area Board meeting on November 10th will have a display and information on Winter Highways Maintenance.

Notes from Area Board meeting September 2011



Lindsey Winter, Area inspector for Warminster, Westbury, Tisbury and Mere highlighted some points from the report included in the agenda. She was pleased to confirm that overall there were less crimes than at the same time last year, however rural crime was still an issue people should remain aware of. She reminded everyone that 101 was the new telephone number for non emergencies.

Mr Digby Barker, Warminster and Villages Community Area Partnership, informed the board that Debra Lesley had been appointed as a part time administrator for the Warminster and Villages Community Partnership. Her work would initially be focused on updating the Community Area Plan, valid until 2015. She would also work with members of the community wishing to be involved with particular projects or issues.

Barry Mole, Station Director for Warminster Community Radio (WCR), was delighted to share some good news with the board as WCR had been awarded a community radio license! The license was full time and valid for five years and would be automatically renewable for another five years.

Peter Tyas, Team Manager Arts and Archives, talked the board through the last 15 years of Arts in Warminster.

Four community groups had successfully applied for different projects to the Participatory Art Work Scheme:

- Wylie Valley Woman Institute;
- Tumblewood Community Project (banners);
- Warminster extended school (dance);
- Senior Guide Group (Visual Art Project)

The Arts Team was also involved with Rural Arts Wiltshire and always looking for new villages to take part. If you are interested in staging a RAW event in your village hall, school, pub, church or other venue, or if you would like to see the current list of events, please visit the [Rural Arts Wiltshire website](http://www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk), email info@ruralartswiltshire.org.uk or telephone 01249 701628 / 712618.

Lesley Fudge, secretary of the Warminster Arts Society, informed the board of all the on-going projects in and around Warminster which can be found on the Society's website: <http://www.warminsterartsociety.com/index.html>

The Board also heard from Sabina Edwards, Community Librarian and Victoria Barlow, Conservation and Heritage Manager.

Community Payback



This is a reminder to everyone about the Community Payback scheme.

Local projects can be community based or for the good of a charity or charitable organisation. Street clean ups, graffiti removal, and even painting of derelict or rundown buildings can benefit the community as a whole as well as specific regions or even individual buildings and residents. As a member of your local community you now have the power to nominate projects that you believe would gain the greatest benefit and offer the most to you and your neighbours and other community members.

A number of projects have been undertaken in the Warminster area under this scheme.

To do this you just raise an issue on [our issues system](#) and we will refer it to the Community Payback team.

Community Issues – A great way to get things done!



Raising community issues online is simple and effective.

A recent survey of the work of the Area Board in Warminster found that this was one of the areas that many people found was working well. Your issues are listened to by the Board and possible options are considered.

If you raise an issue we will attempt to solve it by engaging the right people and keeping you involved and informed all the way through. Not all issues can be solved in the way you might wish, but if it is something that is affecting your community let us know and we can see how we might be able to assist in overcoming it!

To fill out the online form it takes 5 minutes. Once you press submit you will be kept informed of progress of your issue. We will work with your elected Wiltshire Councillors and Parish Councils too to make sure we are working together to get to the bottom of the problem.

[Click here to raise an issue NOW!](#)

Next Area Board meeting:

Thursday 10th^h November; 6.30pm for 7.00pm start;

Christ Church Hall, Upper Marsh Road, off Weymouth Street,
Warminster,

Wilts BA12 9PS (car park available)

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