



ChippenhamCAN!

The Chippenham Community Area Network

ChippenhamCAN 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 will 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, **ChippenhamCAN** will put you in the picture. If you have received this from a friend or colleague you can join **ChippenhamCAN** by clicking on this link. [Sign Up!](#)

If you know a colleague or friend who would be interested in receiving the **ChippenhamCAN** news alert, please forward this on to them.

2012 Year of Celebration



There are so many exciting events taking place and we are delighted at how communities are getting involved.

Wiltshire Council's Twitter page @Wilts2012AYOC and [Facebook page](#) are both receiving great attention; these are being used for daily updates and information.

An events calendar is now being compiled and will be published online shortly. Please contact us at 2012celebrations@wiltshire.gov.uk with details of any local event you may be holding

Kick start the year with an active and healthier lifestyle



Why not kick start your New Year with an active and healthier lifestyle?

At Wiltshire Council, we offer affordable contract and non-contract membership for gym, swimming, fitness classes and sports court with no joining fees:

- Membership includes a free induction programme
- Our dedicated team will support, inspire & motivate you

Contact [The Olympiad Leisure Centre](#)

Small Business Loan Fund



Wiltshire Council is working with the Fredericks Foundation and GWE Business West Ltd to deliver loans to viable small or micro businesses denied access to credit through the banking system.

For more information contact: Terri Stevenson or Tim King on 01793 698 023 or email terri@fredericksfoundation.net or tim@fredericksfoundation.net

Village SOS



Starting a community business is a proven way to revitalise your village and boost rural pride.

From running shops and pubs to libraries and swimming pools, generating your own renewable energy or setting up a broadband service, the ways to get involved and help your community are only limited by your imagination.

More information available at: <http://www.villagesos.org.uk/get-involved>

Fortnightly Waste Collections starting soon



Following the introduction of plastic bottles and cardboard collections in your blue lidded bins, there will be a change to fortnightly collections of household waste during March 2012 in the north and south of the county.

This will bring collections in line with those in the east and west of the county where fortnightly collections are already in place. It is hoped that this, along with the extension of the recycling and composting services, will enable the council to reach 50% recycling rate.

For further information e-mail wasteandrecycling@wiltshire.gov.uk or telephone 01225 776 655

Children & Families Voluntary Sector Forum



Are you involved with a voluntary sector group that works with children and families in Wiltshire? If so, why not join other local organisations who are members of the [Wiltshire Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum](#) (WCFVFS).

The forum brings together voluntary organisations that operate in Wiltshire to support children, young people or families. The group holds bi monthly meetings where information is shared and the voluntary sector championed.

The forum works with local authorities to ensure they are aware of the needs and priorities of the sector and of children and families living in Wiltshire. For more information on the work of the WCFVFS or to become a member, please contact: carolyn.beale@cfvsf.org or phone 07775 334 557