

Newsletter

Parish newsletter

January 2012

This month, amongst other things, we're talking about waste and recycling, Campus development , 2012: A year of celebration and National Tree week events.

Waste and recycling news

Fortnightly household waste collections starting soon

Following the introduction of plastic bottles and cardboard collections in north, west and east Wiltshire, 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.



If you would like someone from the council's waste team to come to your parish council meeting or community event to discuss the new waste and recycling collection service please contact Vicki White 01225 718523 or Laura Snoulton 01225 776655 or email wasteandrecycling@wiltshire.gov.uk

Christmas tree recycling

Residents who currently have a garden waste bin can put their real Christmas tree out by the side of their bin for collection on their normal scheduled garden waste collection day during January. Alternatively trees can be taken to a household recycling centre for recycling.

Garden waste

Residents who have signed up for the garden waste collection service will receive their new bins during February and March 2012. Residents who already have a garden waste bin will continue to receive fortnightly garden waste collections. [Missed the deadline? You can still sign up to receive this service in the summer.](#) For more information about how the new service will be rolled out please see our [frequently asked questions about garden waste collection](#)

Bad weather

During inclement weather your waste and recycling collection services may be affected. If this happens on the day your collections are due, please keep your bin out at its usual collection point and it will be collected as soon as possible. Residents are also advised, where possible, to check the council's website for more information.

2012: A year of celebration is finally here!



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

Shine 4 Wiltshire

Wiltshire performers are being urged to audition on-line for a chance to appear alongside a national headline act at a concert celebrating the Olympic Torch passing through the county.

The concert, to be held on 11 July 2012 at Hudson's Field in Salisbury, is expected to attract thousands of people. For more information and details of how performers can audition, visit our [Facebook page](#). The closing date for auditions is 26 February.

Wiltshire Council approves first three Campuses

Following the decision by cabinet on the 13 December, approval and funding for [the first campus projects](#) in Corsham, Melksham and Salisbury have been confirmed with work hoping to start as early as this year.

The campuses will see the major improvement and refurbishment of current facilities alongside the development of new purpose built areas, allowing cost savings through shared services. In doing so the campus projects are working closely with the local communities to provide a centralised location for services, tailoring the campuses specifically to meet the needs of the local area in the future.

The Corsham campus is likely to be the first underway which will include an all weather football pitch, improved health suite and fitness facilities, reconfigured dryside and office areas, library and a number of multipurpose activity spaces when it is completed. To manage the project more effectively the staff and management of the Springfield leisure centre in Corsham will be moving across to Wiltshire Council employment from DC Leisure, who currently run the leisure centre, on the 1 April. No jobs are at risk in the changeover and it will be business as usual at the leisure centre, with the current program of activities set to continue.

Working with local communities to deliver services more efficiently, the campuses demonstrate Wiltshire Council's commitment to providing high quality, modernised facilities that benefit the local economy through the use of local businesses. Underpinning this commitment, the spotlight will be on the three campuses as the blueprint for further local rejuvenation projects that are still in the design and consultation stages.

Plans to improve access to local services

[Millions of pounds will be saved and reinvested into services](#) if council leaders agree plans to provide efficient and sustainable buildings for the future that respond to customers' needs and help reinvigorate the local economy.

As part of the council's business transformation programme to reduce the number of council buildings and offices from 95 to 4 main hubs, Cabinet members at the meeting on 17 January 2012, will consider relocating the front-line customer service point in Devizes to provide a front-facing, accessible location near to the town centre. This will be an investment into the town, boosting the local economy and creating an increased footfall from both customers and council employees. The location would include facilities for appointments for all front-line service areas and a specific service for registering births and deaths. Discussions with Devizes Town Council to relocate civil ceremonies to the Town Hall are also taking place.

'Fly tippers' brought to justice

Wiltshire Council employs a dedicated environmental enforcement team who carry out a range of enforcement duties for the council; of all their responsibilities, fly tipping, in particular, evokes a passionate response from the public, businesses and councillors alike.



In fact, illegally deposited waste is regarded just as seriously by central government, with offenders liable for fines of up to £50,000 (or unlimited if the case goes to the Crown Court) and up to five years imprisonment.

The council's environmental enforcement officers have again been successful in prosecuting illegal operators carrying waste without the appropriate documentation and licences. These prosecutions can be effective in preventing other unlawful deposits and fly tipping offences from occurring.

Cllr Dick Tonge said, 'We cannot allow these people to presume that dumping their rubbish wherever they please is an acceptable option. Whether they are dumping their own rubbish or that of other people with a view to profit we must continue to bring offenders to justice and work to ensure that the penalties for fly tipping are as intolerable to potential offenders as fly tipping itself is intolerable to the rest of us.'

Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum

Putting the
Pieces
Together



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](#) (WCFVVSF). 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 WCFVVSF or to become a member, please contact: carolyn.beale@cfvsf.org or phone 07775 334557.

Southwick celebrates National Tree Week



Wiltshire Council's rights of way and countryside staff, together with the Friends of Southwick Country Park were helped by children from Southwick Primary School to celebrate National Tree week – by digging in!

Together with Wiltshire Tree Wardens, Southwick Parish Council and students from Lackham College, they planted 90 trees, which were kindly donated by The Wiltshire Tree People. The tree species have been carefully chosen to enhance the nature conservation value of the popular Southwick Country Park which is owned by Wiltshire Council; in years to come they will form small woodland to provide food and homes for birds, bats and, hopefully, dormice.

Seeing the wood for the trees!

The rights of way and countryside team and the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust were recently assisted by young people from Youth Action Wiltshire and 3rd Chippenham Scouts on a mission to plant 175 trees. The trees were planted on Wiltshire Council owned land, alongside the newly restored canal, at Naish Hill near Chippenham, during December's National Tree Week.



Purchase of the trees was funded by a grant from The Tree Council and the Canal Trust. This project looks to the future as the intention is for some of the trees to be harvested in future years as part of good woodland management. The oaks will provide materials for the canal's lock gates, while the hazel will be used to maintain the canal's banks.

Support your local market

Why not visit and support your local market for anything from fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese, fish or even some new shoes? You can also support your local market by printing this [Wiltshire markets poster](#) and displaying in your notice boards.



Leisure Centres news

Become a member today

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 fitness team will support, inspire and motivate you to reach your goals.



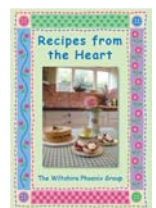
To find out more [contact your local leisure centre](#).

Operational flood working group update

The [latest bulletin from the National Flood Forum](#) is now available and includes useful information about insurance.

Charity cook book – ‘Recipes from the heart’

This year, Wiltshire Council is pleased to be supporting ‘Recipes from the Heart’, a cookbook created by the Wiltshire Phoenix Group, a survivor’s forum for domestic abuse victims. The foreword to this cookery book has been kindly written by Mary Berry, one of the UK’s best known and respected cookery writers. Members of the Phoenix Group thought the idea of producing a cookbook would be an exciting project to work on together, as well as an opportunity to fundraise for future victims.



The Phoenix Group are “excited and very thankful to all those who have donated their recipes and for the positive response to their project”. The cookbook was launched during Wiltshire’s Domestic Abuse Awareness Week and can be purchased for £5.00 (plus p&p). If you would like a copy please email Alison Crook alison.crook@wiltshire.gov.uk

If you are or know someone who is living with the affects of domestic abuse, please speak out and seek support, call the National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247 (freephone in partnership with Women’s Aid and Refuge) or www.speakoutwiltshire.com in an emergency please call 999.

DVD – Do you and have the X Factor?

Today, more than ever, we need good quality councillors at all levels who are ready and willing to engage with the community and make tough decisions. For this reason the Councillor Development Group has produced a DVD aimed at encouraging people to become more involved with democracy in their local area. This could be by standing as a unitary, town or parish councillor, campaigning on local issues, volunteering or attending meetings.

[The DVD is now available](#) to view on YouTube. We will also be giving out copies to town and parish council representatives at local Area Board meetings.

If you would like a copy of the DVD to show at an event or to pass onto someone who may be interested in getting more involved in the democratic process please contact [Marie Todd](#) on 01225 718036, or [Lynda Williams](#) on 01225 713179.

Councillor development programme

Wiltshire Council runs a number of courses specifically aimed at councillors as part of its councillor development programme. Some examples of the topics covered are chairmanship skills, dealing with challenging behaviour at meetings and active listening. More details on future events can be found on the councillor development event page on the Wiltshire Council website.

If any town or parish councillors or clerks are interested in attending events they can book a place by emailing councillordevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk or calling Rita Sanders on 01225 718 375. Please note that priority for places will be given to unitary councillors and that a fee may be charged to cover the cost of the trainer and training materials (details for each event can be found on the councillor development event page).

If any town or parish have any particular training needs that they would like to discuss please contact:

- Marie Todd: 01225 718 036, marie.todd@wiltshire.gov.uk
- Lynda Williams: 01225 713 179, Lynda.williams@wiltshire.gov.uk

Parish newsletter feedback

If you have any comments or suggestions about this newsletter, please email communications@wiltshire.gov.uk. We welcome all feedback from the town and parish councils.

Newsletter back issues: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parishnewsletterhome>

Wiltshire Council website – useful features

Subscribe to committee meeting updates

You can now subscribe, via the Wiltshire Council website, to receive email alerts telling you when meeting papers for committees you are interested in are published on the council's website. To use the subscription service, simply go to the agendas, minutes and reports page and 'subscribe to updates' to register.

Town and parish council information area

The town and parish council area of our website has been expanded to provide more information for the public on local councils and to provide a number of useful links for town and parish councils. These include guidance and forms from Wiltshire Council, and links to the National and Wiltshire Association of Local Councils websites, and a link to the parish newsletter.

You can find the town and parish information area via the [council and democracy section of the website](#).

Fredericks Wiltshire: Business loan fund

Fredericks
foundation



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 698023 or email terri@fredericksfoundation.net or tim@fredericksfoundation.net.

Quick links

- Area Board information - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards.htm
- All the latest news releases - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm
- Recycle for Wiltshire - www.recycleforwiltshire.com
- Roadworks - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm
- What's on in Wiltshire - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson.htm
- What's on at City Hall, Salisbury - www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

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The submission deadline for the February parish newsletter is **27 January 2012**.