Hundreds of rubbish bags collected in Wiltshire for Clean for The Queen

Hundreds of purple bags of rubbish were filled this weekend (4 - 6 March) as communities across Wiltshire took part in Clean for the Queen to mark her Majesty's 90th birthday. ‘Clean for The Queen’ is a national campaign to mark the special birthday. People of all ages from towns and villages across Wiltshire organised litter picks as part of the campaign to clear up Britain.

It was launched by Country Life magazine and Keep Britain Tidy in a bid to rally volunteers across the country to clean up their local areas. In Wiltshire more than 150 confirmed litter picks took place this weekend.

Young and old, community groups, schools and the Army joined forces to clean up local areas and fill hundreds of purple bags with rubbish at organised events across the county from Friday to Sunday. Volunteers filled more than 100 bags in Westbury while Salisbury, Melksham, Southern Wiltshire and Royal Wootton Bassett were among the many towns and villages who had great turnouts for their litter picking events over the weekend.

Toby Sturgis, cabinet member for waste joined 120 service personnel from 9 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps at their clean up in Chippenham on Friday.

Praising the efforts over the weekend he said: “We are delighted with how the residents of Wiltshire have embraced this initiative. It’s great to see how the community has pulled together and the whole initiative has benefitted the county enormously and made a real difference. I would like to thank everyone who took part. Now everyone is working together to clean up for Wiltshire we hope this will provide people with the incentive to continue to keep our county litter free.”

The Landscape Group provided litter picking equipment to help volunteers during the weekend. David Cowie, area manager from The Landscape Group said: “Clean for the Queen is about everyone working together to give the country a big spring clean ahead of Her Majesty’s birthday. The Landscape Group was delighted to support Wiltshire Council and the local communities with their cleans across the county. It was great to see the people of Wiltshire come out in force to support the campaign.”
Dancing Back to 1914 project ends with a special final performance

On Thursday 6 March, the Dancing Back to 1914 project came to an end at a special performance in the Atrium at County Hall, Trowbridge. The event included WW1 era inspired dances, a vintage tea dance, live music, young actors, film, photographic exhibition and a collaborative dance piece featuring young people performing alongside older members of Wiltshire’s dancing community. The event welcomed an audience of around 100 parents and members of the public.

The unique project began in April 2015 and set out to give young people in Wiltshire a real understanding of this key chapter in Britain’s history.

Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership worked with the young people across the county and the area boards in Salisbury, Tidworth, and Bradford on Avon to deliver the project.

Wiltshire Council was awarded £34,600 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the project, along with further grants from Green Square and the area boards in Salisbury, Tidworth and Bradford on Avon. This funding allowed the project to run dance classes across the county attracting dozens of young people.

Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board support new campaign

Wiltshire residents are being encouraged to help report child abuse as latest national figures show almost a third who suspect something is wrong don’t follow up on their concerns.

Laura Mayes, cabinet member for children’s services, said: “All children have a right to be safe and to be protected from all forms of abuse and neglect. Protecting our young people is one of our driving concerns in Wiltshire and although we have teams in place doing an excellent job on the ground we also need the public to be our eyes and ears.”

Mark Gurrey, Independent Chair of Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board said: “We are supporting this national campaign which highlights that we all have responsibility to report concerns if we suspect child abuse or neglect.”

If a person suspects child abuse they should call the Wiltshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 456 0108. If anyone is worried about a child’s immediate safety, they should contact the police by dialling 999.
Consultation in relation to Community Infrastructure Levy

Wiltshire Council is consulting on proposed revisions to two documents that support the Wiltshire Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule and clarify how the council will seek infrastructure contributions from development.

From 14 March to 25 April 2016 comments are invited on the draft revised Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation 123 List, which has been reviewed to provide clarity over those strategic infrastructure projects that may be funded through CIL by Wiltshire Council.

Alongside this document, comments are also invited on the Draft Revised Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which are proposed in the interest of clarity and accuracy and to recognise that the Regulation 123 List will be reviewed and updated periodically. When finalised, these will replace the original documents, which were adopted in May 2015 alongside the CIL Charging Schedule.

Maintaining an up to date Regulation 123 List will support the effective implementation of CIL in Wiltshire. The Regulation 123 List takes projects from the Wiltshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), which is developed in consultation with service providers and updated periodically. During the consultation, a draft updated IDP will also be made available for comment. Some changes are also proposed to the Planning Obligations SPD in the interests of clarity and accuracy.

The Regulation 123 List does not apply to the ring fenced proportion of CIL that is passed to town and parish councils. It will be for the town and parish councils to decide which community infrastructure projects they wish to direct their funding towards.

To support the consultation and provide information on the wider implementation of CIL and what it means for parish and town councils as well as an update on emerging changes to national planning policy, the following workshops have been arranged for town and parish councils:

- County Hall, Trowbridge, Tuesday 5 April, 6pm to 8pm
- Monkton Park, Chippenham, Thursday 7 April, 6pm to 8pm
- City Hall, Salisbury, Monday 11 April, 6.15pm to 8.15pm

If a representative from your town/parish council is interested in attending one of these sessions please email Lianna.bradshaw@wiltshire.gov.uk.

The Draft Revised CIL Regulation 123 List and Draft Revised Planning Obligations SPD and information on how to make comments will be published on 14 March 2016. The documents will be available on the Wiltshire Council website.

Hard copies of these documents will also be made available during normal office hours at all council libraries and the main council offices in Chippenham (Monkton Park), Salisbury (Bourne Hill) and Trowbridge (County Hall). The Draft Updated IDP will be made available online only via the above web address.
Comments are invited on these documents from 14 March until 5pm on 25 April 2016.

Comments can be made:
- Online via the council’s consultation portal
- By email using this form. Return completed forms to cil@wiltshire.gov.uk
- By post in writing to: Spatial Planning, Economic Development & Planning, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN

If responding by post, comment forms are available from libraries and main council offices.

All comments received during the consultation period will be taken into account. Final versions of the Revised Regulation 123 List and Revised Planning Obligations SPD will be submitted for approval by cabinet, with the SPD being considered for recommendation to full council for adoption.

Any queries should be made to Spatial Planning, Economic Development and Planning, Wiltshire Council on (01225) 713223 or CIL@wiltshire.gov.uk.

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21/22 March - Melksham
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First aid at work (Level 3) - £160
18 - 20 April - Devizes
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Awareness of autistic spectrum conditions - £60
13 April - Corsham
View course information

Systems thinking - £500 plus VAT
26 - 28 April - Devizes
View course information

What’s on

If you would like to promote an event in your area to staff and the wider public why not use the events calendar on our website. You can find the link to the calendar on the home page under "What's on".
Check what else is on at Wiltshire Music Centre in Bradford on Avon: www.wiltshiemusic.org.uk and City Hall in Salisbury: www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

Quick links

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All the latest news releases - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm
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Community virtual notice boards - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ourcommunitymattersblogsites.htm
Recycle for Wiltshire- www.recycleforwiltshire.com
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Tree wardens for Wiltshire- www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk
What’s on in Wiltshire - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson.htm
What’s on at City Hall in Salisbury- www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk
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