

Helping the homeless in Salisbury

We've been part of a multi-agency team that has been instrumental in organising an event to help [support a group of homeless people](#) who have been sleeping rough in the Central Car Park area.



Kind members of the public have been taking clothing, blankets, drinks and food to the rough sleepers. However, the sheer volume of donated items has become an issue as the recipients have nowhere to store it.

Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire CCG hears voice of people with motor neurone disease

Wiltshire Council and the Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have [jointly signed a charter](#) pledging to do everything they can to support people with motor neurone disease (MND) after a Wiltshire resident campaigned to raise awareness of the disease.

Both organisations have now adopted the motor neurone disease (MND) charter in support of local people living with this terminal disease and their carers, after John Howell, who has been living with MND since 2014, contacted Jon Hubbard, his local councillor. Mr and Mrs Howell have been campaigning to raise awareness of the condition since his diagnosis.



Take action at the first sign of illness

With the unpredictable seasonal weather continuing, people are being encouraged to take action at the first sign of feeling poorly to help them [stay well for the remainder of the winter](#).

Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group are supporting Public Health England's Stay Well this Winter campaign which aims to ensure people who are most at risk from suffering ill-health this winter are aware of the support available to them.

Illnesses which commonly occur at this time of year such as colds, sore throats and coughs do not always need to be treated with a visit to the GP, so if people stock up on medication such as pain relief, sore throat medicines and cough syrups then they will be well prepared should they start to feel ill particularly those aged 65 years and over or with long-term health conditions.



Housing consultation

Important News: Housing Allocations Consultation 2017

The way the council and housing providers in Wiltshire Council's area operate the housing list is heavily influenced by legislation and following the Localism Act 2011 we completely reviewed our policy as we were given greater freedom to design policies and procedures to suit local people. This policy has now been in place for 2 years and as a partnership we felt it was time to carry out a further review to make the policy more efficient and make amendments based on feedback being received.

With this in mind, we have recommended some changes to our allocations policy to ensure that our practices truly reflect housing needs in the local community and the views of those using the policy.

We would like to consider your comments on the proposed changes. Please tell us your thoughts by completing the online [survey](#), which should take no longer than five to ten minutes to complete. Your answers will be used to help shape the changes and will be treated in confidence. The draft new Allocation Policy may be found at P:\Allocations John Walker\Allocations Policy 2016-2017\Proposed changes to policy 2016\Working version.

The consultation deadline is 30 April 2017, to give people plenty of opportunity to give their views. Please participate in the consultation and encourage others to do so. Your views are received entirely in confidence.

Elections info

The Society of Local Council Clerks recently received a talk from Council officers about the 2017 unitary and parish elections. A copy of the presentation material used at that meeting is attached for your information. Your attention is particularly drawn to the following points:

- All unitary and parish councillors automatically retire this year. If they want to serve beyond 4 May, then they need to submit nomination papers. They can't just "carry on"
- The closing date for withdrawals is now exactly the same as the closing date for nominations. If candidates stand for more than one ward of the same council, and do not withdraw from all but one by the close of nominations on 4 April, then they are deemed to have withdrawn from all wards. (However, if qualified, a candidate can still stand for more than one parish council)
- There have been boundary changes at parish level in a dozen or so parishes. Unitary divisions remain as in 2013



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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.wiltshiremusic.org.uk and City Hall in Salisbury: www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

Quick links

Area Board information - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards.htm

All the latest news releases - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm

A blog for the heritage community of Wiltshire - <https://heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

Community virtual notice boards - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ourcommunitymattersblogsites.htm

Recycle for Wiltshire - www.recycleforwiltshire.com

Roadworks - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm

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

A blog for Wiltshire's arts community - <http://theartsinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

The latest news from the council is available on the [full newlisting](#) pages of the website