

Dear Town and Parish Councils

My Newsletter this month continues the feedback from the Town and Parish Council Local Highways Evening Meetings.

Please find attached as requested:

1. The new Parish Steward Scheme working arrangements following your comments. I have attached the presentation and a more detailed description of the service for your information. I trust this is helpful. I have also attached the amended Priority Sheet for you to comment on suggested improvements. If you could kindly forward any comments on the Priority Sheet to Adrian for his action.
2. Legislation for businesses and guidance for them on the disposal of waste.
3. Wiltshire Council Service Levels and options for local council involvement.

### **Local Highway General Update**

Please find below the general update.

### **Rural Verge Update 2017**

The annual rural verge cut has nearly been completed. If you have any concerns over the length of the rural grass in your area please report this via the MyWiltshire System for us to consider if further reactive maintenance is required.

### **Next Year's Rural Verge Cut**

If you are aware of any areas that could be removed from the cutting programme, without compromising safety, the council would be grateful for this information.

### **Litter Collection**

The final major route litter pick has been completed for this financial year. If you have any concerns over litter in your area please report this via the MyWiltshire System for us to consider if further reactive maintenance is required.

We are working with our highway partners (Highways England, Atkins, Tarmac, Ringway etc.) to use their road closures to allow litter collection work (saving traffic management funding) wherever possible.

Currently we have a number of Probation Service litter collection operations underway.

## **Hedge and Shrub Maintenance**

Whilst the winter seems a long way off we are asking town and parish councils to consider if there is a particular **amenity** (on the attached maps below) hedge or shrub you feel is a local priority to receive a visit this winter. If so please could you let Adrian know. Obviously it is not possible to maintain every amenity area, but we will endeavour to address any area you identify.

## **Autumn and Winter Services**

Does your parish have you a Flood Plan?

Does your parish have you a Snow Plan?

Local Highways are encouraging local councils and residents to at a minimum have a Flood and Snow Plan.

## **Skips and Scaffolding Placed In Non-Chargeable Parking Bays**

To ensure skips and scaffolding are only left in place for the minimum amount of time the council charges a bay suspension charge. Charges are made to the appropriate skip/ scaffolding supplier.

## **Graffiti Removal**

The council has received a number of requests to confirm the arrangements for the removal of graffiti. The arrangements are:

1. Offensive graffiti on highway furniture or on council amenity land will be removed at the earliest opportunity when reported on the Mywiltshire system. The location of the graffiti and removal method required can affect the speed of a response.
2. General graffiti on highway furniture will be removed by the Parish Steward if deemed a priority by the local council.
3. Graffiti on private property will not be removed by Wiltshire Council. The council can approach the landowner informally and request the removal, as it is their responsibility. There are police and anti-social behaviour enforcement powers, but it must be noted these can take a considerable time to enforce. Local councils may wish to consider their own position.

## **Link to the previous Newsletters**

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-news-information>

## **Link to the amenity areas**

<http://www.realitygeo.com/explorer.aspx?cfg=wiltmgr>

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To report a highway or streetscene issue:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting>