

TIDWORTH UPDATES

Since the last Area Board Meeting we have had a change of Chair at Tidworth Town Council. Mark Connolly stood down and at the full Town Council meeting on 2nd June Cllr. Carole Webb was elected as Mayor in his place.

Mark Connolly has helpfully agreed to stay on as a Councillor and to continue to lead on our biggest projects to see them to their conclusion.

We celebrated the King's Coronation in the rain and although the Tigers Parachute Display Team were unable to take off due to puddles on the runway at Netheravon, the 500 or so people who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our Coronation coins for the under 16's were extremely well received and were later distributed to the children who were unable to attend the event due to the adverse weather. It is a great shame that HM King Charles did not choose to be crowned on the 7th May when the weather was perfect.

The title to the tranche of land in the River Bourne Corridor was eventually transferred to the Council earlier in the year and we are now working to make it a safe place to be enjoyed by the residents.

Our skatepark was completed and sailed through its safety inspection on 22nd June. We made the skatepark available for use at 4 p.m. on the same day and it has been completely full of children and young people ever since. There has been a great community spirit with more experienced riders mentoring younger people.

The formal opening of the skatepark is on 22nd July when we have organised a 'Jam' with demonstrations and competitions between 12.00 and 16.00; it promises (weather permitting) to be a very busy day.

We are holding another one of our popular cinema events on the Esso field on Saturday 26th August and during the school summer holidays we are running a virtual interactive treasure hunt

The new Civic Centre and Police Hub are progressing very well. With the installation of windows on some elevations of the Civic Centre, particularly that facing the main road, it is really taking shape. Save for any currently unforeseen problems we are still hopeful for completion at the end of October.

Our application for planning permission for allotments on the site in Humber Lane was withdrawn due to a technical issue and immediately resubmitted. The matter has now completed the

consultation process and we are waiting to hear from the planners with their final decision on the proposed project.

The formal opening of the Civic Centre will not be until early 2024 but in the mean time we have more exciting events planned to be enjoyed by all the family.