

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Chippenham Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	9 November 2015

Headlines

- Opening of the Neeld community and arts centre following a £685,000 improvement programme.

- Community engagement consultation roadshow

- Fun day and SplashPad – a free community fun day was held in John Coles Park in July to mark the opening of the £80,000 new SplashPad water feature.

Projects

- Neeld community and arts centre - The venue was opened by Great British Bake Off co-presenter Mel Giedroyc on October 9 when the initial professional show programme and online booking website was launched. The Neeld continues to provide a valuable community and corporate facility but now also offers a flexible, high quality arts centre, with retractable tiered theatre seating, specialist lighting and sound equipment, to provide a strong cultural offer of live music, professional shows, dance, art exhibitions etc

- The council rolled out the start of an on-going awareness raising and community consultation roadshow. The aim was to take the council, its councillors, services and facilities to its residents and communities. Activities are focused on raising awareness of what the council does and giving the community the opportunity to raise issues, comment and express their views. Information will be used to feed into future strategic planning. Next year the roadshow will visit every ward in the parish.

- New customer services – the former Customer and Visitor Information Centre and Town Hall receptions have been merged into our new customer services. The new facility provides community and visitor information and a fabulous community space.