

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Chippenham Town Council
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Headlines

- Purple flag success for Chippenham. Major success for Chippenham as it becomes the only town in Wiltshire to be awarded purple flag status for its safe, welcoming and vibrant night time economy and environment.
- Successful opening of Neeld community and arts centre – the new Neeld brings a vibrant, wider cultural offer to Chippenham. The venue launched its first season professional show programme with West End show Showstopper! The Improvised Musical. It continues to be a community venue and is also available for corporate and private hire.
- Work on neighbourhood plan underway – a working party has been set up and has produced a pre-planning application process as its first piece of work.

Projects

- Chippenham anti-litter campaign – joint initiative to encourage residents, businesses, retailers to do their bit on a nominated day to pick up one or more piece/s of litter each. Aim is to raise awareness of personal responsibility – this is your town, what are you doing to keep it clean litter free? From grot spot to hot spot.
- Consultation on future community and sport use of 10-acre site at Stanley Park underway – a working party is looking at a range of possible options for the site
- 1,000 children join us to mark Commonwealth Day, March 14. Raising of the Commonwealth flag at 10am followed by a cultural fair – food, traditional dance, displays, costumes – in the Town Hall, Neeld community and arts centre and customer services foyer. Public session from 2.30pm to 4pm

Future Events/Dates for the diary

- Commonwealth Day, March 14, Town Hall, 10am – 4pm, schools and public.
- Family fun days, June 12 John Coles Park, July 16 Pewsham Park, 12 – 4pm
- Medieval day, Market Place and Chippenham Museum and Heritage Centre, July 23.