

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Date of Area Board Meeting	Monday 9 January 2012

Headlines

Stanley Park extension and all-weather pitch with floodlights was officially opened on December 1st. This £3 million facility was also awarded the Public Sector Outdoor Facility of the Year category at the Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG) National Industry Awards on the same evening. Currently Stanley Park is providing opportunities for **89** football teams. The development of this site is a partnership between Chippenham Town Council and the Football Foundation.

On the 30th November a reception was held to celebrate the achievements of three sporting clubs in Chippenham.

The first part of an educational visit by a section of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra concluded with a well-attended concert in the Neeld Hall. Brass players from Sheldon, Hardenhuish and Abbey Field schools took part.

Working with the Night Time Economy Group and Chap the Town Council supported two late night shopping experiences as well as the Christmas Light Switch on.

Projects

Plans are well in hand to create Fishing Lakes on Stanley Park as well as improvements to the Town and Neeld Halls and the Museum and Heritage Centre.

Improvements are planned for Cepen Park to be delivered during 2012-2013.

On-going negotiations relating to the transfer of the Monkton Park site from Wiltshire Council.

Completion of the three-year Strategic Plan paving the way for recognition of the Town Council achieving Quality Status.

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Future Events/Dates for the diary

19th January : Presentation of the 'Freedom of Entry' scroll to the Commanding Officer 9RLC and the invitation to take up their right to March through the town "with due ceremony, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and banners flying"

21st February: Chippenham Pancake Race (High Street)

3rd March: Mini Bournemouth Symphony Concert – Neeld Hall.

22nd April: Chippenham and Villages Rusty and Not So Rusty Musicians Workshops and Concert

A little later: Olympic Torch Event (23rd May), Diamond Jubilee Celebrations (5th June), Sleeping Beauty (15th July), Children's Mega Zoo (4th August). Also events at Stanley Park through the summer and tied in with the Olympics.

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