

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Area board briefing for chairs regarding Salisbury situation
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Wiltshire Council and Salisbury City Council are proud to be hosting the grand final of the elite cycling OVO Energy Tour Series on May 31 as part of the recovery of the city. This exciting free event is the first major event of the recovery programme and will showcase Salisbury to the world as the ITV4 programmes are broadcast to more than 100 countries. The elite races are being supported by a programme of fun family activities in the Guildhall Square from 1pm. Why not join us and support Salisbury in its recovery? More information about the event is available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury-cycle-tour-series

A dedicated webpage providing up to date information on what is happening in Salisbury has been set up at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury.

Changes have been made to the free parking provision in Salisbury and came into effect on May 14. These changes were made following feedback from the city's community and businesses. Shoppers and visitors will continue to be able to park free of charge in Wiltshire Council's car parks from midday Monday to Friday and all day on Saturday and Sunday. Parking continues to be free at the five park and ride sites.

The recovery is moving fast and we are reiterating that Salisbury is safe for residents and visitors outside of the cordoned off areas. It's important to emphasise that no further reports of illness have been reported since the incident on Sunday March 4. The city is recovering and getting back to normal.

The clean-up stage of the recovery is well underway. Nine sites have been identified as potentially contaminated. These are Bourne Hill, Salisbury Ambulance Station, Amesbury Ambulance Station, Maltings Park, the Mill pub, Zizzi restaurant, Ashley Wood Car Recovery Centre, Mr Skripal's house and the police officer's home.

Work to clean each sites involves testing, removing any potentially contaminated items, chemical cleaning and re-testing. Sites will not be released until tests have been reviewed and approved. This work could take several months and the priorities are Bourne Hill, the two ambulance stations and The Maltings. They will be followed by The Mill pub and Zizzi restaurant. We will keep the community updated as the work progresses. The recovery is being overseen by the Recovery Coordinating Group (RCG) which is made up of local and national agencies.