

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Update From	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	22 nd June 2023

Community litter pick

Cricklade Town Council would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all 40 plus residents that turned out on a Saturday morning to spend a few hours litter picking. Over 40 bags of rubbish were collected, this makes such a difference to our Town. Thanks again.



Cricklade Community Awards



At the Annual Town meeting in April Cricklade Town Council were able to award the following Community Awards



Community Group of the Year: Cricklade & District Community Association (C&DCA)

C&DCA are the group (now a registered charity) that saved Cricklade Leisure Centre from closure in 2007 and have run it ever since. The volunteer trustees and their staff have exercised their duties with a combination of imagination and financial prudence to maintain the facility for all residents. C&DCA have demonstrated voluntary community work at its best.

The Cricklade Community Award: Rob Aylward

Rob has been the chairman of Cricklade Youth Football Club for the past four years and under his leadership the club has grown to a membership of 130 local children. He puts his heart and soul into running the club, going above and beyond on numerous occasions. There were nine supporting statements from various managers and parents, these included phrases like: he's an inspiration, he has unwavering commitment to the club, Rob is CYFC through and through, he is dedicated, and his commitment to giving the children opportunity to meet up, have fun and make friends whilst learning to play football.

The Cricklade Young Person Award: Joshua Webb aged 12

Joshua was nominated for his fund-raising efforts completed in 2021 and 2022, but to many of his local neighbours he deserves the award as he provides a bin service for his local older and disabled neighbours. He regularly takes out 12 bins to the road side and also returns them to the correct flats. Part of his nomination read - "Joshua is a kind, polite, helpful young man who is a real credit to his Mum and Step Dad."

Coronation Events

Many thanks to all the residents that came along to enjoy the Picnic in the Park with the Cricklade Band and the loyal proclamation and beacon lighting by Cricklade Court Leet – it was lovely to see so many of you out enjoying the sunshine.



Cricklade Town Council for 2023 - 2024 Council Leaders

The Annual meeting of the Council took place on Monday 22nd May. CTC are pleased to announce that Mark Clarke and Angela Jensen were re-appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chair respectively for the 2023-2024 council year. The Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee, Chairman will be Jonathan Hill and Vice-Chairman Tony Clements, and Bob Jones is in place as Chairman of the Community & Leisure Committee with Russell Osman remaining as Vice-Chairman. All councillors will be working hard for the community over the next twelve months.

Other Cricklade news

The Cricklade Town Council Hare-itage - Hare has reappeared for the Summer months – he can be found outside the Council Offices at Ockwells, 113 High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE.

Finally, after being closed by Natural England in late March, North Meadow nature reserve has finally dried out enough to reopen to the public in early June. The Meadow is a natural flood plain so it was doing its job well for the residents of Cricklade, but it did mean that unfortunately the Meadow was closed for the whole of the 2023 Fritillary season, so there were lots of disappointed visitors this spring. The Tourist Information point is seeing a lot of walkers doing the Thames Path and many have had wet feet and trousers so far – let's hope this continues to improve for them over the Summer months.

Councillors will be out and about in late July looking for the Best Garden, best hanging basket or container, best front door, and best property on the High Street as part of our Cricklade in Bloom season.