

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Update From	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	29 th September 2021

Willow Tree Pollarding Fairview Fields



Cricklade Town Council have been busy pollarding the willow trees lining the southern bank of the Thames on Fairview Fields and Isis Meadows for the first time for many years.

Without this work the thirty or so willows would have continued to grow until such times as the branches fell right across the river causing much greater (and expensive) problems in years to come.

The cut branches were chipped on site and then taken away to provide biomass for power generation and a total of 50 tonnes were sold in this way, thereby reducing the cost of the project.

The project was led by Cricklade Town Council, as owner of both sites, but we were fortunately able to obtain match grant funding from the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) which is a registered charity acting to “promote and enhance the conservation of wildlife, the environment and the landscape in relation to modern agricultural needs.”

The Old Police Station



Cricklade Town Council are delighted to support Cricklade Development Foundation Limited who have purchased (subject to contract) the Old Police Station and they have exciting plans to improve and enhance the appearance of the buildings and make it more in keeping with the Conservation Area and surrounding historic buildings.

Shortly they will be applying for Planning Permission which will include a rear single storey extension to enlarge the ground floor space. The plan is to create 1 or 2 commercial units on the ground floor and 2 small starter flats on the first floor. Priority will be given to local people, and it is planned to offer attractive rents. There will be opportunity for some community uses both inside and outside.

The crowd funding campaign continues!