



## Calne Town Council Update – 6 February 2024

### **Calne Civic Awards 2024**

Nominations are now open.

If you know of a person, community group or business that has gone above and beyond for the town and its residents then please complete an online nomination form <https://forms.office.com/e/iapwpEUzGh> or pop into Bank House, The Strand to pick up a paper copy.

Nominations are also open for the Sports and Arts Award.

Deadline: Friday 23 February 2024

More details can be found at: <https://www.calne.gov.uk/grants-and-awards/>

### **Free Parking Scheme Review**

Calne Town Council has funded the parking voucher scheme in the Church Street car park since 2015 as an important part of its investment and support of the Heritage Quarter. Councillors will be considering renewal of the scheme in February and we are keen that your thoughts and views are included in this review.

Residents - please complete this link

<http://tinyurl.com/3crwve7v>

Local businesses - please complete this link

<http://tinyurl.com/35rmmnb5>

### **Calne Community Emergency Plan**

Volunteers are invited to join the community response team.

We are seeking:

Street wardens

Weather wardens

Responders

Email [calne@calne.gov.uk](mailto:calne@calne.gov.uk) to join

### **Budget and Precept for 2024/2025**

Calne Town Council has set its budget for 2024/2025

A band D property will pay £226.35 per year from 1st April – which is equivalent to £4.35 per week

The precept paid by Calne residents to fund the Council will increase on a Band D property by 5% from April 2024. The Precept is the amount of Council Tax paid to Calne Town Council to provide services it delivers within the town and is collected on our behalf by Wiltshire Council.

This is the first increase in the Town Council element of the Council Tax bill since 2020.

The decision to increase the Precept has been taken due to rising inflation pushing up costs across the services we provide, and Councillors have worked hard to keep the increase to the minimum possible.

So far this year - Over £75,000 has been awarded in Community Grants

The Town Council held a Coronation event and Town Crier competition in addition to its three annual events

The Town Council has agreed to plans to improve facilities at the Recreation Ground delivering on the request from residents. Much of this funding from developer contributions.

The new budget continues to support Grants for community groups

The new budget ring fences the Hardship Fund which remains open to residents.

The Town Council has invested in HVO fuel and new equipment to reduce our carbon footprint.

### **Half Term activities**

Calne Pocket Park & River Warriors event – Be a Scientist Thursday 15 February 10:30-12:30 ( parents must remain with children)

Pantomime at Calne Town Hall Tuesday 13 February at 16:15 (doors open from 15:30) – tickets are £3 each for Bank House, The Stand or call 01249 814000

### **Hardship Fund**

The Town Council has allocated funding which is administered by the Calne Town Charity. Applications from Calne town residents are welcome subject to completing an application form and providing evidence of need. The fund has supported residents with the purchase of replacement graded washing machines, cookers from KFR in Devizes and towards rising energy costs. For an application form please call 01249 814000, email [calne@calne.gov.uk](mailto:calne@calne.gov.uk) or drop into Bank House, The Strand (Monday – Friday 09:30-16:00)

### **Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 14 consultation.**

A leaflet will be being delivered by Royal Mail from 5 February.

c11,200 copies will be posted to residents and businesses in Calne and Calne Without from 5<sup>th</sup> February. Extra copies will be circulated in various locations around the plan area. The front cover will be used as a poster and put up in a number of locations.

Website – the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan website (calnecommunityplan.com) will host the survey, plan, design guide and all the supporting documents.

Survey – an online survey will be live from the 1<sup>st</sup> February and paper copies will be available in the library and CTC offices.

Face to face consultations – 3 sessions have been booked as follows:

23<sup>rd</sup> February 15.30 – 18.30 Calne Library  
24<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 – 14.30 Calne Town Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 10.30 – 14.30 Lansdowne Hall, Perry Lane, Derry Hill

## **Calne Connection**

Look out for the Calne Connection newsletter from the Town Council which will be dropping through letterboxes at the end of February.

## **Thermal Image camera loan scheme**

The Town Council are pleased to partner with Sustainable Calne to host a scheme where Calne town residents can borrow one of the thermal imaging cameras for a few days to find out where your house is losing heat. To find out more and to book a time to collect it please email: [cameras@sustainablecalne.org.uk](mailto:cameras@sustainablecalne.org.uk)

For residents on lower incomes a reduced deposit voucher is available through Calne Foodbank.

## **Grant Awards**

The Town & Community Matters Committee has awarded the following grants.

A grant of **£5000** funded from Special Projects and Community Grants pot for an electric short mat roller for the Calne Short Mat Bowls Club who are based at Beversbrook Sports and Community Facility.

A grant of **£2787** from the Youth Outreach Earmarked Reserves and £313 from the Community Grant Budget towards the Open Blue Bus Project to visit Calne Town Centre for 46 weeks.

A grant of **£4800** from the Hardship Fund to Calne In Tune to fund the Community Hub, Community Fridge for Rent, Utility Bills, Catering Equipment & Clothing. Costs of refurbishing disability equipment and aids, Printing Inks/toners, Paper & other stationary equipment and material

## **Warm Spaces**

Thank you to the community groups, churches and volunteers for providing a range of warm spaces this winter.

Please could we also attach the warm spaces leaflet





# Community Spaces

SEPTEMBER 2023

MONDAY  
CALNE FREE CHURCH  
BREMILL VIEW  
COMMUNITY  
BUILDING  
"FRIENDLY SPACE"  
09.30 - 11:30

MONDAY  
CALNE BAPTIST  
CHURCH,  
CASTLE ST.  
'THE LIVING ROOM'  
10.30 - 14:00

TUESDAY  
BEVERSBROOK "SPORTS  
AND SOCIAL GROUP"  
SN11 9FL  
13:00 - 14:00

WEDNESDAY  
CALNE METHODIST  
CHURCH, SILVER ST.  
"WARM SPACE"  
10.00 - 16.00.

THURSDAY  
CALNE FREE CHURCH,  
CHURCH ST.  
"COFFEE MORNING"  
10:00 - 11:30

**Hot Lunch**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
HEART OF THE  
COMMUNITY,  
COLEMANS FARM  
ANGEL CLOSE  
11:00 - 16:00



CALNE LIBRARY  
THE STRAND  
MONDAY, TUESDAY,  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY,  
SATURDAY  
01249 706625

MONDAY - SATURDAY  
CALNE CENTRAL  
CHURCH STREET  
10:30 - 15:30

