

Update for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Cricklade Town Council	ITEM 6iv
Date of Area Board Meeting	1 st December 2010	

Headlines/Key successes

- **Town Plan** – The Town Council undertook consultation during the summer to gauge whether there was support for a community-led Cricklade Town Plan. A Steering Group has been formed which is working with Community First towards the production of a plan.
- **Community Payback** – Along with Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency, the Town Council worked with the Community Payback Team to build a new ditch by the River Thames at Fairview Fields. This will improve the flow of the river helping to prevent flooding and protect vulnerable houses on the flood plain. The team has worked with the Town Council on flood prevention before, building drains for the allotments and clearing ditches. We are looking at other suitable projects where the team could contribute.
- **Remembrance Sunday** – For the first time and in conjunction with the Royal British Legion, the Town Council offices acted as a meeting point for those taking part in the annual parade through the town to the War Memorial.

PROJECTS

- **Town Centre Car Park** - The Town Council is undertaking a wide consultation exercise to gauge public opinion about taking on a Public Works Loan to fund the new car park through the precept. Leaflets have been delivered to all households in Cricklade. This runs until Friday, 10th December.
- **Christmas Lights** – Thanks to public generosity a collection spearheaded by the Cricklade Business Association will ensure that the town has new and refurbished lights for the Christmas Festivities. (All energy saving, LED). A project has also been launched to bring together a community group to mastermind *Cricklade Christmas Festival 2011*.
- **Community Speed Watch** – Working with our Wiltshire Councillor and local residents, the Town Council will support a group of volunteers to take this innovative initiative forward.
- **Fence for the Skate Park** – A grant awarded by Area Board to match money already in place means that a fence requested by young skaters will shortly be erected around the Skate Park.
- **Eastern Roundabout** – Working with Wiltshire Council, the Town Council will shortly adopt the roundabout at the eastern entrance to Cricklade from the A419. The Town Council and Cricklade Bloomers are now working on a design to enhance it as an attractive, appropriate gateway to the town.
- **Reduced Street Lighting** – The Town Council is working with local people and Wiltshire Council to identify locations where street lights could be turned off during part of the night which will help to reduce the community's carbon footprint and reduce light pollution of the night sky.

Forthcoming events/Diary dates

A full list of events in Cricklade can be found at www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk

- 3rd December Cricklade Christmas Lights Switch-On – 6.30pm
- 3rd-5th December St Sampson's Tree Festival
- 11th December Cricklade Bloomers Christmas Wreath Making & Coffee Morning
- 19th December St Sampson's Carol Service – 6.30pm
- 19th December Cricklade Band Christmas Show – 7pm

Signed: Shelley Parker – Town Clerk Date: 18th December 2010