

# ***Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board***

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| <b>Update from</b>                | <b>Cricklade Town Council</b> |
| <b>Date of Area Board Meeting</b> | 20 July 2016                  |

## **Headlines/Key Issues**

- The 11th Cricklade Festival was held on 19th July with a packed programme of events centred on the High Street and school field and providing a day of free entertainment for residents and the many visitors that come to Cricklade to join in the fun. The event goes from strength to strength and the organising committee deserve huge credit.
- Outline planning consent has now been granted for 70 houses to be built on the two fields to the left on entering Cricklade from the Purton direction. CTC objected to this application on a number of grounds and were successful in obtaining a refusal at the first planning appeal. Unfortunately, due to a legal technicality, this decision was quashed by the High Court. The second appeal allowed the application, primarily on the grounds that Wiltshire Council are unable to demonstrate that there is a five year housing land supply which follows on from the failure of the Chippenham Development Plan.
- A substantial contingent of visitors from our twin town of Suce-sur-Erdre (near Nantes) were welcomed for their biennial visit in June. By pure coincidence this took place in the week following the EU referendum and so diplomacy was required to reassure them that they would still be very welcome.
- A moving commemoration of the first day of the Battle of The Somme took place on 1st July with a Drumhead Service on Saxons Rest with music, prayers and poetry, all organised by the Cricklade branch of the Royal British Legion. Cricklade residents Edward Kilminster and Leslie Hayward died during the battle.
- Vehicles speeding through the town are a regular cause of complaint by residents. CTC has initiated a series of actions and has now purchased our own Speed Indicator Device (SID) which will now be deployed at various key locations.
- The fifth Cricklade Kermesse Cycle Race took place on Sunday 17th July. An exciting and popular event with the cycling fraternity and residents alike, the winner of the Women's event was Victoria Lovett and of the men's Matt Griffin. Congratulations to both of them
- Mark Clarke has been appointed Chairman of CTC for another year. Angela Jensen swaps roles with Ruth Szybiak and so Angela is now Vice-Chair of CTC and Ruth is now Chair of the Community & Leisure Committee. John Coole remains as Chairman of the Planning, Conservation & Transport Committee.
- Judging is starting this week for 'Cricklade in Bloom' and the town is looking very picturesque with lots of hanging baskets in place.