

Partner Update

Update from	Durrington Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	30 November 2017

Headlines/Key Issues

- Bonfire Night – The event, organised by All Saints Parish Church, Durrington Town Council and Larkhill Garrison and held on Millennium Park, Durrington on the 5th of November was the most successful to date and attracted in excess of 2000 people. The Town Council has written to Salisbury Journal following an article that it published based on two negative comments received about the traffic/parking ‘mayhem’. The letter outlined the amazing work of volunteers, particularly with regards to health and safety inside the event itself and explained that it was for a relatively short period of time (2 hours) and that there were more positive comments than negative that it failed to pick up on – lazy journalism in our opinion.
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- The Town Council took part in 3 events to commemorate Remembrance Day, firstly on Friday the 10th councillors along with pupils and teachers from Durrington Junior School laid over 250 crosses on the Commonwealth War Graves of fallen soldiers. Chairman John Todd laid a wreath at the village War Memorial and did a reading at All Saints Church on Sunday the 12th. Finally, a short act of remembrance was then conducted at Durrington Cemetery where wreaths were laid at the WW2 Commonwealth Memorial.
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- A Public Meeting was held on October the 24th to discuss anti-social behaviour in key areas of the village. Attendance comprised; residents, shop/land owners/managers, Wiltshire Police and Councillors who came up with ways to tackle some of the issues relating to ASB in the village. The key take away was to report ASB matters to the Police through the 101 or via the website.
 - Wiltshire Councillor Graham Wright along with Town Council Chairman John Todd have set up a working group with residents to discuss the impact of Phase 1 of the rebuild of Avon Valley College. This phase of the project will last 42 weeks and is due to start early 2018. Residents have concerns about the amount and size of construction and associated traffic that will use some of the village’s tight streets. The working group will look to outline the concerns and work with the developer and applicant to address/allay them.