

Update for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	2 nd February 2011

Headlines/Key successes

- **Champion of Champions** – Cricklade has been selected as a finalist in this prestigious category of the RHS Britain in Bloom competition. Not only will the town be representing Wiltshire but the whole of the South West too.
- **Town Centre Car Park** – As a result of a wide consultation exercise where leaflets were delivered to all households in the town, local people have opted in favour of the Town Council taking a Public Works Loan to develop a much needed Town Centre Car Park.
- **Flooding** – Wiltshire Council's drainage team has been working at a number of sites in Cricklade in the last few weeks to help clear ditches and alleviate flooding problems. A team of local Flood Wardens are also being drawn together and will soon receive training from Wiltshire Council.
- **Enhancements to High St North** – Long planned works to improve the High Street will begin at the end of February. Local people wanted a 20 mph speed limit throughout the town centre. This request, supported by the Town Council, has been agreed by Wiltshire Council and along with a small number of traffic calming enhancements should help to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through Cricklade.

PROJECTS

- **Long Close** - Negotiations are progressing well in the transfer of land from a well known developer to Cricklade Town Council which, with the right planning, will be turned into an area of public open space for residents and visitors to enjoy.
- **Eastern Roundabout** – Working through our Wiltshire Councillor, the Town Council are close to adopting the roundabout at the eastern entrance to Cricklade from the A419. The Town Council and Cricklade Bloomers are looking at suitable designs to enhance it as an attractive and appropriate gateway to the town.
- **Memorial Benches at Saxons Rest** – Benches in the town's Community Garden are to be used as dedicated memorials to local people.
- **Tree of Remembrance** – A Tree of Remembrance project has recently been announced. It will be located next to the Millennium Wood at Fairview Fields.
- **Dog Warden Surgery** – Building on the success of a pilot project, Wiltshire Council's Dog Warden will shortly be holding monthly surgeries at the Town Council offices.

Forthcoming events/Diary dates

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

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- 26th March Cricklade in Bloom Launch and Annual Worm Charming Competition
 - 27th March Community Tree Planting, Fairview Fields

Signed: Shelley Parker – Town Clerk Date: 20th January 2011