

Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	21 March 2018

Headlines/Key Issues

- **Cricklade Neighbourhood Referendum**

On 8th March 2018, Cricklade held its Neighbourhood Plan Referendum, this was the final stage in a long process by a group of dedicated volunteers made up of Councillors and residents to create a framework for Cricklade's future development. The Plan was divided into four main policy areas which through extensive public consultation were considered to be the most important to residents, these were:

- Settlement and Housing Objectives
- Traffic and Transport Objectives
- Business Objectives
- Look and Feel Objectives

Cricklade Town Council made every effort to make sure all residents were aware of the referendum by: extensive coverage on a dedicated Website, social media, leafleting all properties, posters and press releases. The result of this was a healthy 26% turnout (higher than the local average) of residents who voted to the question "**Do you want Wiltshire Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Cricklade to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area**"?

The final votes cast were as follows:

Yes: 811	No: 47	= 94.5% yes vote
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- **Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th April - 7pm at the Town Hall
Refreshments served from 6.30pm**

The Annual Town Meeting, is not a council meeting, it is an opportunity to meet and hear from Councillors, Community Groups and Individuals on matters that are of local importance. It is an opportunity for residents to hear from Councillors, who will give presentations on the Council's activities and to let you know a bit about what is planned for the next 12 months.

- **Fritillary Watch during April**

If you have never seen the Cricklade Snake's Head Fritillaries on full display in Cricklade's North Meadow, don't miss the opportunity this year.

North Meadow has a great variety of wildflowers and is of international importance as one of the finest examples of lowland hay meadow in Europe. It is protected as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

The meadow has over 80% of the British population of Snake's Head Fritillaries growing here. Visit our website to keep up to date with news of the fritillaries via the 'Fritillary Watch' link and find details of the Court Leet Guided Walks.

- Please visit the Cricklade Town Council website for further details on these events, and others taking place over the next weeks