

Update for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Wootton Bassett Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Wednesday 23 March 2011

Headlines

- Community Planning – There will be a meeting of the new Steering Group on Monday 21st March 2011 at which Marion Raynor, Community First will brief as she did at the February Area Board. On Thursday 24th March 2011, the Council has a presentation planned by James Derounian, Principal Lecturer in Community Development and Local Governance, University of Gloucestershire, following which will be held the next Community Forum on Saturday morning 16th April 2011 at the Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall. It is hoped that this will build on the success of the event last September.

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- Community Litter Picking has recommenced following the winter break. This is a local initiative where volunteers collect litter from around the Town on specified weekends bringing it to designated collection points. Following the weekend Town Council Staff arrange for its collection and disposal.

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- The Council is sad to report the resignation of two of its members, Councillor Sanjay Soni, known to many as the local Post Master and Councillor Peter Doyle who is leaving the Town Council to focus on his work with Wiltshire Council. Both will be missed.

Projects

- During 4 days in April, Wootton Bassett will benefit from the experience and expertise of 14 Royal Engineers who will be helping the Town with a range of project work. Amongst the projects will be the installation of a new bridge at Jubilee Lake to improve the Disabled Access at this important facility.

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- The Council now has agreed with local highways officers priorities for the gritting of tertiary routes around the Town. Those areas to be managed by the Town Council have been conveyed to the Area Board Manager, although it is hoped that they will not now be needed until next winter.
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At a Town Council meeting held 17th February 2011 the following motion was passed.

“With the increasingly irresponsible parking on residential roads, particularly at junctions, which have resulted in a number of minor collisions this Council urgently, requests the Wiltshire Council to prioritise a parking review for Wootton Bassett.”

The Town Council always understood the introduction of parking restrictions as a welcome first phase with the review of and regulation of displacement parking as an essential second phase, and one that now needs to be prioritised in the interest of safety.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

- Mothers Day, Sunday 3rd April 2011 will see the return of the Ride of Respect. Arrangements for the event are now well in hand and we wish the organisers every success whilst again thanking the Police for their diligence in helping to minimise the disruption, through their careful planning with the organisers.
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- The Mayor of Wootton Bassett will be holding a 60's/70's night on Saturday 23rd April 2011 in aid of her charity's. Details of the event are available from the Town Council Offices.
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- The Town Council Mayor Making will be held on Tuesday 3rd May 2011 at which it is expected that Councillor Paul Heaphy will be elected as Wootton Bassett's new Mayor, supported by Councillor Mike Leighfield as Deputy Mayor.

Signed: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk

Date: 2nd March 2011