

Update for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

ITEM 6 (iv)

Name of Parish/Town Council	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	23rd March 2011
Headlines/Key Successes	

- **Long Close** - After many years of negotiation, Taylor Wimpey has now transferred an area of land known as Long Close to the Town Council. Plans are now underway to turn this area into public open space for local people and visitors to enjoy.
- **Car Parks in Cricklade** - Negotiations are nearing completion for the transfer of the management of the Town Hall Car Park from Wiltshire Council to the Town Council. This will be done through a short term lease and comes at a cost to the Town Council (with contributions from the Town Hall Trustees). However, this does mean that parking charges shortly to be implemented in many towns across the county will not affect Cricklade. Now all of the town's car parks – all free of charge - will be managed locally by the Town Council.
- **Enhancements to High St North** – Works to improve the northern end of the High Street began on 7th March. Local people wanted a 20 mph speed limit throughout the town centre. This request, supported by the Town Council, has been agreed by Highways and along with a small number of traffic calming enhancements including a new loading bay this should help to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through Cricklade.
- **Grants** - Cricklade Town Council's Small Grants Scheme has been reviewed and a new form and guidelines will be introduced on 1 April.

Projects

- **Eastern Roundabout** – 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.
- **Asset Transfers** – The Town Council will soon begin negotiations with Wiltshire Council on a number of potential assets for transfer to the Town Council. (The Ockwells building in the High Street and the Bath Road Play Area are among these).
- **Champion of Champions** – The Town Council and Wiltshire Council are working with Cricklade Bloomers towards the Britain in Bloom Champion of Champions competition (there are only 5 finalists). The launch involves a Community Tree Planting day and a Worm Charming Competition. A newsletter has been jointly produced and will be delivered to all households in the town.

