

# Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

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| Update from                | Cricklade Town Council |
| Date of Area Board Meeting | 8 May 2019             |

## Headlines/Key Issues

### The Cricklade Community Awards

The Council is delighted to announce the results of the annual Community Awards. The presentations were made at the Annual Town Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

The Young Person of the Year was awarded to **Carys Gardiner**. Carys is a member of Cricklade Band Academy and her specialism is playing the flugelhorn. Carys helps out with many aspects of Cricklade Band's activities, by attending band events, social and fundraising events, and recently taken the lead on the technical side. Carys is a member of Cricklade Rugby Football Club and is the Coaching Lead for the Under 6's. Carys has joined the steering group for the newly formed Cricklade Local Youth Network as a voice for young people in Cricklade.

The Cricklade Community Award was presented to **Chris Atkins**. Chris has been an active member of the community for many years, and a member of Cricklade Bloomers, the Christmas Lights Team, Cricklade Court Leet and the Twinning Association, to name just a few. He is Cricklade's Mr Fix It, he can turn his hand to almost any engineering skill, for example the restoration and installation of the Cricklade Railway Signal, he also designed and constructed the large planters on the Eastern Entrance to the Town. He has also repaired the council's older pieces of equipment, where spares are no longer available.

The Community Group of the Year Award was presented to the Cricklade **Open Door**. A group of dedicated people, who for a considerable number of years have provided a safe, warm and friendly environment for older people, to enable them to: take part in a range of activities, meet and make new friends, to learn new skills and most of all have FUN! They provide a life line to those in our community who may otherwise be house bound or socially isolated or have mobility issues. Residents have said they cannot speak to highly of the staff, drivers and other volunteers.

### WW1 Project - Community Tree Plant

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February, a special community tree plant took place to plant trees for the WW1 memorial project. The event was co-ordinated by Cricklade Bloomers on behalf of the Council.

32 trees were planted, one for each person named on our War Memorial. This is the first stage of the project, the area already looks wonderful as the trees are in blossom.

### Great Spring Clean - Saturday 30th March

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, over 70 residents turned out to the annual litter pick, where over collecting over 90 bags of rubbish collected from all over the town.

