

# Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Update From	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020



The work of CTC has continued throughout Covid but with some adjustments to the circumstances. The last twelve of our full council and committee meetings have been held virtually on Zoom.

The meetings have been streamed on our facebook page leading to a much greater public engagement than is normally the case. One of the responses posted on facebook the first time we used it said:

*"I thought this was great. 👍 Should make it live like this all the time even when it's back in the council offices. Gives people a good insight on how things work and encourage younger people to join to be a councillor. I'd love to have a go 👍👍"*

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We were fortunate that the work on our long-planned Skate park extension was able to proceed on schedule. It opened in July and is much appreciated by the users. The funding came from section 106 agreements and CTC reserves.



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We were pleased to appoint Duncan May as our new Town Clerk with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Duncan had served as Deputy Town Clerk for just over five years and it was a well-deserved promotion. The process of recruiting a new Deputy is now underway.

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Like most communities, in Cricklade there has been a great deal of voluntary action during Covid, especially during the months when our more vulnerable residents were shielding. CTC coordinated a team of volunteers to carry out shopping, deliver prescriptions and provide telephone support. Those activities have now effectively ceased but the team stands ready in case the need arises as we move through the autumn months.

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The annual community litter-pick that was postponed from March took place on 19<sup>th</sup> September. The arrangements were very different this year with just small groups of volunteers. However, the rubbish was there just the same and 38 bags were collected in just a couple of hours.

