

Town Council Report to Area Board

1. POLICY

Proposed Ban on HGVs, Bath – A decision from the Secretary of State is awaited.

Council Tax – A decision from DCLG on arrangements for Council Tax benefit and the impact on town and parish precepts is awaited. The likely timetable is: Chancellor's Autumn statement 5th December, DCLG announcement 6th December. We should also know at the same time if the Secretary of State intends to cap parish precepts in 2013.

Free Parking Wiltshire Council Car Parks – The town council has nominated Saturday 24th November and 15th December.

Great Western Franchise Specification – It is clear that the potential threat to through rail services which currently serve Trowbridge and Westbury is high, with the DoT specification for the new Great Western franchise excluding the Cardiff – Portsmouth service and through services between Paddington and Westbury.

2. MARKETING/PROMOTION & EVENTS

Website – The partnerships page on the web-site has recently been updated, in line with the production of a new town centre map in partnership with the Initiative (and Town Team), friends of the TIC. The Partnerships page has separate sections for each of the following with links to individual partner web-sites. [Community](#) | [Public Sector](#) | [Twinning](#) | [Arts and Culture](#) | [Retail](#) | [Schools and Colleges](#) | [Charities](#). As part of this project we have suggested that a directory of local business web-sites could be developed on the web-site. We have also received requests from some local businesses for links to their web-sites. Currently a small number of larger retailers have links where they have a Trowbridge specific destination page on their web-site

Calendar of Events:

Friday 23rd November - Christmas Lights Switch On, Fore Street at 6.30pm. To be followed by Shoppers Carol Service in St James' Church at 7.00pm.

Saturday 24th November - Christmas Fayre, Fore Street.

Tuesday 12th February – Pancake Races, Fore Street (during school holidays).

Thursday 21st February – SWIB Spring Seminar, Civic Centre

Saturday 4th May – Lion's May Fayre, Fore Street the Town Council stand will be at the present, councillors should advise Trish of their availability to assist.

Saturday 8th June – Sports Festival, Park.

Sat 29th & Sun 30th June - Wiltshire Armed Forces & Veterans Weekend, Park.

July – TIB competition judging, SW in Bloom Judging Day & TIB Open Gardens

Sunday 21st July – Civic Service, St James' Parish Church at 6.30pm.

Sunday 18th August – Carnival Soap Box Derby, Castle Street.

Saturday 7th September – Carnival Country Fayre, Park - the Town Council stand will be present, councillors should advise Trish of their availability to assist.

3. Museum & Tourism

Exhibitions - "Buried Bounty" - Saturday 13th October to 17th November 2012, features exciting discoveries by metal detector users.

Dickensian Christmas Experience 2012 - Sat 1st December to Sat 22nd December

4. Leisure Services – we continue to work with schools providing sports activities each day.

5. Direct Services – The next committee meeting is 11th December.

Sunday Club The next Sunday Club is 2nd December at the Civic Centre.

Trowbridge In Bloom – A fantastic GOLD award was received for the second year running. Trowbridge has been chosen to host the South West in Bloom Spring Seminar at the Civic Centre in February 2013.

6. TOWN DEVELOPMENT – next Committee meetings are 13th Nov and 4th Dec.

Transforming Trowbridge – www.transformingtrowbridge.org.uk

St Stephens Place – ODEON and Premier Inn, work progressing on site.

Cradle Bridge – For Sale, Area Board meeting requested an update report.

Bowyers – Appeal submitted, to be heard in early February at the Civic Centre.

Masterplan – Arup are progressing this work, jointly funded by WC and the Homes and Communities Agency.

Housing – The following major sites all have planning permission.

H9 Southview Farm, Wain Homes, 300 houses for sale, buses being re-routed soon.

H11 Castle Mead off Green Lane, Persimmon and Charles Church 650 houses for sale.

H8d Brook Meadow, Paxcroft, Barratt and Taylor Wimpey 150 houses for sale.

H8c The Pastures off Parsonage Way, Abbey New Homes 180 starting soon.

St James' Gardens off Union Street, Newland Homes 75 just started.

Broad Street PFI site for social housing now commenced.

Wiltshire Core Strategy – Consultation on the late changes has now closed. Examination in Public is expected to take place early in 2013 at the Civic Centre.

7. PARTNERSHIP

Stallard Recreation Ground

a. Changing Rooms – Permission was granted for a facility on Innox Rd. This is now being progressed, with a contribution from the Town Council.

b. Lighting and fencing – Planning permission to provide lighting at the skatepark and extension of the fencing has been received, lighting will be allowed between 16:00 and 21:00. Once we have three quotations we will seek S106 funding.

Trowbridge Initiative – We are working with the Initiative and its operational arm the Town Team and Wiltshire Council to introduce an outdoor market to the town.

Markets – Ellie Preston-Gill has completed the establishment of a Community Interest Company to run the market on a 50/50 basis with Wiltshire Council. Wednesday has been chosen as the most suitable day following the consultation by

Wiltshire Council. This will be combined with special offers through the new Tik Tap loyalty scheme and Orange Wednesday offers at the ODEON when open next Autumn. Following the successful food fest run as part of the Arts Festival consideration is also being given to running additional Saturday themed markets on the fifth Saturdays in 2013: Easter Saturday 30th March, Armed Forces Day Saturday 29th June, Saturday 31st August and Saturday 30th November. Wiltshire Farmers Market has applied to Wiltshire Council to change from one Friday and one Saturday each month to two Fridays.

8. Council Meeting Dates. Council and committee meetings for the next 2 months are:

Tuesday 13 th November	Town Development
Tuesday 20 th November	Full Council
Tuesday 27 th November	Museum & Tourism (6:30pm)
Tuesday 27 th November	Leisure Services
Tuesday 4 th December	Town Development
Tuesday 11 th December	Direct Services
Tuesday 18 th December	NO MEETING
Tuesday 25 th December	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Tuesday 1 st January	HAPPY NEW YEAR
WEDNESDAY 2nd Jan	Town Development
Tuesday 8 th January	Policy & Resources

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