

Update for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Wednesday, 23 rd January 2013

Headlines

Neighbourhood Plan – Cricklade Town Council has submitted its application to Wiltshire Council to designate its Neighbourhood Area to be set within the parish boundary. This is currently in its consultation period which runs to Friday, 25th January. The Town Council looks forward to working with the community area and all our neighbouring parishes on various common issues and wishes Royal Wootton Bassett and the North East Wiltshire Villages (NEWV) every success with their own Neighbourhood Plans.

Christmas Competition – The decorations have been put away for another year and to applaud the efforts made by Cricklade residents and businesses, the Town Council celebrated the winners of its annual Christmas competition by presenting a trophy and certificates at the Community & Leisure Committee on 8th January.

Projects

Cricklade's Flood Plan

From droughts and hose pipe bans to flooding and all in the same year! Cricklade has drawn up its own draft Flood Plan which will be posted on our website at www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk. The Town Council is asking for comments and would like to hear from those who would like to join a small band of volunteer Flood Wardens. Orchestrating this and other contingency planning alongside the Town Council is Cricklade's Community Emergency Volunteer (CEV) and we are also now looking for a Deputy CEV to help with this.

Walkers are Welcome

Our Tourism Working Party is currently looking at how to make the most of Cricklade's reputation as an important destination for walkers. With community support, we would like to join other towns and villages across the country and gain *Walkers are Welcome* status. This not only benefits walkers but also helps to keep paths and facilities maintained and to re-generate the local economy. More about this community-led scheme at www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk

Maps for Car Parks

Another project to help steer our visitors around the town – the Town Council is funding large maps for all our car parks.

Path at Long Close – With grant funding through the PIG Scheme and possibly under S106, the Town Council is liaising with English Heritage about building a path across Long Close linking Gas Lane to Whitehorse Road as well as other enhancements to this important historical piece of public open space which is registered as a Scheduled Monument.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

A full list of events in Cricklade can be found at our Events Diary at www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk

- **22nd February** – Cricklade Cinema! *Casablanca*. Town Hall, 8.15pm

