

Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Cricklade Town Council	
Date of Area Board Meeting	2013	25 th September
Cricklade Headlines		

New Councillor

We are pleased to welcome Cllr Sue Holbrook to the council following a recent casual vacancy.

Cricklade Campus

The Town Council was asked to make a decision about whether it wishes to continue as a partner within the Cricklade Campus or remain at its current location with no involvement in the scheme. A well supported town council meeting in August considered the question but councillors agreed that there was insufficient information on which to make a decision. The Town Council has asked Wiltshire Council to provide it with more information, along with architectural designs for the proposed location in the police station in the High Street, before a decision can be made.

Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Planning continues to be a priority for the council and 3 focus groups have been meeting on a regular basis to view evidence, collect opinion and pull ideas together. The Council has recently applied for a grant through "Locality" to support the preparation of various assessments and surveys that need to be undertaken.

Cricklade In Bloom Competition

The Town Council judged a variety of planting categories in the annual In Bloom Competition and the winners were announced by the Community and Leisure Committee on 4th September. Younger gardeners who were inspired to decorate a Butterflies and Bees container were also rewarded for their efforts.

Cricklade Bloomers

Sadly, after more than 5 years as our neighbours in a rented neighbouring back garden, the Cricklade Bloomers have had to vacate the site and relocate to allow for possible redevelopment. The group were behind the huge success that the town achieved as Champion of Champions 2011 in the RHS Britain in Bloom Competition. Bloomers have yet to find a new home and their equipment is kindly being stored in the premises of willing volunteers and land owners. They are looking for a new permanent premise so if anyone is able to offer land that includes a water supply and space for working and growing, get in touch with the Town Council.

Cricklade Town Football Club

Unfortunately, the local football league started the season without a team from Cricklade due to a lack of players. However, the town council called a meeting to hear from other enthusiastic football club members in the town and has been able to re-establish a football pitch committee made up of members of the Sunday league and youth teams. Anyone wishing to use the football pitch in Cricklade needs to contact the Town Council in the first instance.

Grants to local organisations

The Town Council recently gave financial support to two worthy causes who had applied for a grant; £500 was given to Play and Stay 2 (a recently formed under 5s play group giving support to parents and carers) and £500 to the Cricklade Community Lights event. Any Cricklade club or organisation which is in need of financial assistance can make an application for a grant. Further details on the website and a closing date of 30th December 2013.

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Projects

Benchmarking with Action for Market Towns

The Tourism Working Party will be arranging for Business and Town Centre Users Surveys to be completed to complete the second year of the Benchmarking Report. Evidence will be used to enhance tourism and make suggestions for improving the local economy.

Walkers are Welcome

Cricklade is a walking destination for those within the county and those from further afield. The Town Council is providing support to collect signatures in support of the community's endeavour to become a town with "Walkers are Welcome" status. Please help by registering your support.

Long Close

Over the summer a geophysical study took place with the help of volunteers in the public recreational area known as Long Close. The purpose of the survey was to detect whether any of the original Saxon walls could be detected and also to establish any human remains from this period or even earlier. Reports will be published after all the evidence has been collated.

Dance Common

Community spirited volunteers are getting together on Sunday 22nd September for a litter pick along the length of Dance Common, an area of common land that is a wildlife corridor.

RECENT EVENTS

Cricklade Show

The show and horse jumping competition attracted several thousand spectators and participants on Bank Holiday Monday and the sun shone on a very successful day.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

The Cricklade Cinema is back with a monthly showing in the Town Hall. www.crickladecinema.org.uk

Cricklade Sportive (40 and 80 mile cycle circuit) on Sunday 29th September. www.britishcycling.org.uk

Cricklade Fun Run and Half Marathon on Sunday 6th October. www.crickladefunrun.co.uk

Ginetts Circus between 10th to 13th October at Fairview Fields www.circusginett.com

Cricklade Remembrance Sunday Parade on Sunday 10th November

Cricklade Autumn Art Exhibition on the weekend of 16th and 17th November

Christmas Light Turn On Saturday 7th December at 5.30pm in the High Street, Cricklade

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

Signed: Charlotte Rogers-Jones, Town Clerk

Date: 13th September 2013