

# WILCOT and HUISH (with OARE) PARISH COUNCIL

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Update for Pewsey Area Board Meeting – Monday 12 May 2014

The Parish Council have a new website [www.wilcotandhuish-pc.gov.uk](http://www.wilcotandhuish-pc.gov.uk). Agendas and meeting minutes are posted there, along with recent news and items of interest for the community.

A new Councillor was co-opted in February. We welcome Cllr Mrs Belinda Lawson to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council are grateful that work has now started to improve safety at Cross Hayes crossroads. A number of Area Board Issues have been raised as the number of accidents at this crossroad grows.

The Parish Council continues to pursue improvements to the C268 road running through Stowell. Work is scheduled here for May and the Parish Council are in dialogue with Highways to ensure that repairs take place on the most seriously damaged part of the road.

The Parish Council are progressing a project to improve the waiting area for children catching the school bus in Wilcot. An application for a grant has been made and Council now awaits the result of a site visit by CATG and Highways.

A successful Village Clean Up Day took place on 5 April in Wilcot and Oare, with the highest number of volunteers yet. Thanks to all involved, and to Wiltshire Highways for the loan of litter picking equipment and PPE.

Wilcot plans to enter the Best Kept Village Competition this year.

The Parish Council continues to make progress with issues regarding some footpaths in Oare. There has been a consultation with residents and meetings with the landowner and Rights of Way. We hope for a mutually agreeable outcome.

The Parish Council plan to walk all the public footpaths in the Parish. The first walk took place in October with Councillors, parishioners and dogs enjoying a Sunday morning walk in Oare. The second walk will take place in Wilcot on Sunday 4 May at 2.00pm.

There are some issues around live-aboard boaters on the canal in Wilcot. We hoped for representatives from the Canal and River Trust to attend the meeting in May, but they will now attend the PACCS meeting instead.

New Parish Council noticeboards have been purchased. The Wilcot board has been erected and Oare and Huish boards will be replaced in May.

The Parish Council distributed a newsletter to residents with the May edition of the Messenger.

A second successful CPD session was held by the Parish Council and Councillors are working towards completion of an internal quality review.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in Oare village hall on 29 April, and the Parish Council AGM will take place in Wilcot village hall on 20 May.

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