

Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	21 st May 2014

Headlines/Key successes

- New councillor, Mr John Nevill, elected at the by-election on 1 May 2014. 20% turnout. John is already active in town but will be able to formalise his involvement in many of the council's working parties.
- Fritillaries in North Meadow. This year was a success, the flowers made an appearance and visitors to Cricklade were not disappointed, especially with the pop-up Fritillary tea room at the end of the High Street. The meadow continues to attract walkers who are now visiting to see the mix of flowers and grasses in a traditional hay meadow and surveys and studies continue on the SSSI. More details from: www.crickladeinbloom.co.uk/fritillary.
- Big Tree Plant in April saw the completion of the planting of more than 1000 trees in 2 and a half years in the vicinity of the Thames Path and the large recreational field and walks on the North East side of the town.
- A Community Asset Transfer on the Town Council's offices (Ockwells), currently owned by Wiltshire Council, is ongoing. This is linked to the development of the Campus in Cricklade, with the town council expressing its preference of staying in its existing location, with the library, on the High Street.
- An excellent turn out at the Annual Town Meeting (16th April) with presentations from 8 community groups representing a wide range of interest groups.

Projects

- Wheelie Bin 20mph Stickers (A3 size) asking drivers to respect the 20mph speed limit in the town centre have been distributed to many households.
- Neighbourhood Planning continues as the council awaits the changes around the Core Strategy and housing site allocations, and possible changes to the settlement boundaries. The working party continues to identify the areas of concern for locals and address these through developing a vision for Cricklade.

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Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- Cricklade Festival – Sunday 15th June. www.cricklادefestival.com. The theme is the Swinging Sixties, and if like previous years, the Festival will see the centre of Cricklade full of thousands of locals participating in a wide range of entertainment, music and enjoying a fantastic atmosphere. Councillors will be out in force on the information stand and it is a fabulous day to enjoy.

- Twinning Weekend with Sucé-sur-Edre (Loire, France) 27th to 29th June 2014 in Cricklade. Approximately 30 visitors and their host families will enjoy the exchange visit that followed on from a highly successful weekend last year. Reception hosted by the Town Council on the Friday evening, followed by a weekend of events for the visitors.

- There are so many events in Cricklade that it is not possible to list them here, but have a look on the website and Facebook as daily posts are added for activities and events, which are not just aimed at residents but things for families to do at the weekends
www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk

Signed: Charlotte Rogers-Jones

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