

Update for Marlborough Area Board

Update from	Marlborough Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Tuesday, 24 th March 2015

Headlines

Neighbourhood Plan – Following discussions with Wiltshire Council and a useful meeting with members of the Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, a first Marlborough Steering Group meeting is being held on 24th March 2015. (*Malmesbury has the first adopted Neighbourhood Plan in Wiltshire*)

Community Covenant – During the visit of HRH The Duke of Kent on 27th October 2014, a Community Covenant was signed between Marlborough and the 4th Military Intelligence Battalion. This helped to seal the strong bond that has grown between 4MI and the town. To ensure that this continues, representatives of those signatories to the document – the Town Council, 4MI, St John's, Marlborough College, the Royal British Legion and the Sports Forum - met up in mid-March to discuss collaborative projects and links. All will be working towards projects to continue the commitment to support the Military and our community.

Commonwealth Day – Like many other councils in Wiltshire, Marlborough Town Council raised the Commonwealth Flag on 9th March in celebration of Commonwealth Day.

Dog Fouling – In common with other towns and parishes across the county, dog fouling is a real concern in the town. Representatives from the Town Council, volunteer groups and residents have met with Wiltshire Council officers to discuss a possible solutions.

Projects

South West in Bloom – Following on from last year's success, the Town Council will again be working with the Marlborough in Bloom committee towards the 2015 competition.

Stonebridge Meadow – The Town Council is working with partners, Action for the River Kennet (ARK), on the installation of a reed bed at the jointly owned 15 acre meadow to the east of the town. Part of the site will be very messy during the installation and immediately afterwards. However, work is being done at the very start of the growing season, so the area will quickly recover. ARK will make good the footpath and get the board walk installed as quickly as possible but, there will be a period when some access will be limited.

Ground Works at the Common – Levelling of ground adjacent to Marlborough Rugby Club starts in the next few weeks. This will enable a better training area for young rugby and football players and better recreational space for all to enjoy. A trim trail will also be installed later in the year.

Play Area at Orchard Road – Land is currently being acquired from Aster Housing so that an equipped play area can be installed

Community Asset Transfers – Legal work around the transfers of Cooper's Meadow and the George Lane toilets continues.

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Future Events/Dates for the diary

A full list of events in Marlborough can be found at our Events Diary at www.marlbroughtowncouncil.gov.uk

- 27 April 2015 – Annual Parish Meeting
- 16/17 May – Marlborough Food & Drink Festival, The Common
- 18 May – Annual Meeting of the Town Council (Mayor-Making)

Signed: Shelley Parker, Town Clerk

Date: 13th March 2015