

**Salisbury District Council - Successes Since May 2007**

**Information - Provided monthly by Communications Team**

**NEW: added Monday 10 March 2008**

Agreed new car parking charges

'Love Wiltshire' streetscene campaign in partnership with other Wiltshire authorities

Submission of revised planning application for Bourne Hill, including design brief for the Secret Garden.

Set 2008-9 Budget and associated council tax levels, lowest % increase for seven years

Support and promote Fair Trade Fortnight

Launch phase two of major consultation programme for LDF

Renewed pledge to improve facilities at Stonehenge for visitors

Began study into possible redevelopment of the Maltings and Central Car Park site as part of the Salisbury Vision project

Set up £170,000 community project fund

**NEW: added Monday 4 February 2008**

Spring edition of the South Wilts Citizen published

Funding secured to develop a lottery bid to make improvements in Victoria Park

Cabinet proposal for lowest council tax rise in seven years

Mike Slade sports scholarships scheme in its twelfth year and over £1000 handed out to local young people

Henry Fawcett statue in Market Square now carries a formal 'blue plaque'

Shopmobility's tenth birthday - over 12,000 users now benefit from the service

Two successful indoor girl's cricket festivals - for under 13s and under 15s

2008-9 budget consultation

Salisbury parishing consultation - 700 responses from residents

Introduction of the Audit Commission's national fraud initiative

Successful hosting of BBC TV's Question Time at the City Hall

Holocaust Memorial Day service

**NEW: added Thursday 3 January 2008**

Introduction of black box recycling scheme across district

Commitment to improve access to Guildhall

Launch of Phase 1 of affordable housing at Duck Lane, Laverstock

Appointment of interim chief executive to lead transition to unitary council -  
Several senior managers from SDC playing key roles in specific transition work stream projects

High Five Festival of Netball - in partnership with Salisbury and Avon Valley Sports Partnerships

Support for International Day for the Disabled - through a creative arts event led by Shopmobility

Community Arts Training event run in partnership across Wiltshire

Progression of the revised office project - ongoing

'Kids for a Quid' scheme at Tisbury Leisure Centre

Declared commitment to make Salisbury a 'fair trade city'

Future play opportunities to be improved thanks to a successful Big Lottery Fund bid of over £200k

Cycling and walking routes to be improved along A36 thanks to a successful Sustrans bid

(Ongoing) free swimming and play for under 16s during Christmas holidays at all district's leisure centres

Launch (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January) of the 'ZIP' pre-payment system for park and ride service

**NEW: added Friday 16 November**

Set up partnership Telecare projects (with WCC, PCT and Salisbury hospital) to help elderly and vulnerable people

Established one-off £50k community fund for projects to help young people in rural and/or deprived areas

Salisbury third in WWF league table of green cities

Launched park & ride supervisor service to improve customer care

Roll out of black box recycling scheme to half of district that does not currently have the scheme from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Salisbury Tourist Information Centre wins city centre management award.

Approved £1.5m expenditure on Market Place as part of Salisbury Vision project

SDC staff have raised nearly £700 for charity so far this year, inc £300 for Wear it Pink.

Launch of Chairman's Faiths in the Community Initiative

**NEW - added Thursday 18 October:**

Free swimming for under 16s offered in school holidays leading to vastly increased numbers of young swimmers

Changes to booking system for swimming lessons in response to public demand

Bank Holiday opening for leisure centres

New improved website - improving access to online services

Successful prosecution of benefit fraudsters

Scheme to support elderly and vulnerable in own homes

Work of the climate change review group

Hockey, Football and athletics camps for school age children

Support for Connect 2 initiative

Restoration of funding for the arts organisations

Approval for first development of so-called 'eco-homes'

Commitment to make Salisbury a 'fair trade city'

Supporting Remembrance Day by providing the City Hall free of charge, supporting the move for a city parade for returning troops

### **Successes From May - September**

Winners of Britain in Bloom (Small City/Large Town Category)

Consultation on refuse options carried out and continued weekly refuse collections agreed.

SDC Leading on work towards parishing of Salisbury

Office project consultation and modifications made in light of results

Taking forwards equal opportunities work across the council

Putting a project director in place for the Salisbury Vision Project

Acting quickly on the news regarding unitary status in order to ensure that Salisbury is well represented at all meetings.

Improved booking system for swimming lessons and increase in the number of children swimming due to free swimming during August for U16s.

Opening Leisure Centres on Bank Holidays

Financial commitment / investment to upgrade the Fitness Suite at Five Rivers

2 free park and ride days to mark Alternative Transport Week

Star Track Athletics' Camp organised by Salisbury District Council and the City of Salisbury Athletics and Running Club.

Salisbury District Council free business e-newsletter providing information on council services and activities that may affect the day to day running of businesses, for example changes in legislation, planning policies or commercial waste collections. Includes information on grants, business rates, licensing, and opportunities to do business with the council.

Salisbury District Council's Housing Service awarded the Charter Mark for another three years

Salisbury District Council Inter-Schools' Tennis Doubles Festival held on Friday 13 July. Over 40 children from 4 schools took part

Went to meet Local Government ministers regarding unitary proposals to put Salisbury's case

Primary school basketball festival held

Disability forum hosted by Salisbury Shopmobility

Primary School 'Kwik Cricket' Festival held

Schools environment day held with over 300 children attending

Salisbury District Council's sheltered housing service awarded council accreditation by The Centre for Sheltered Housing Services (CSHS) under its Code of Practice for delivering a quality service to older and vulnerable people living in sheltered housing schemes. This is a quality standard specifically designed to raise and monitor standards of service delivered to older people

6-week recycling awareness campaign run

Opening of the Golden Way orbital walking and cycling route in June

Production of Golden Way map and guide (available on SDC webpage)

Production of updated Salisbury & Wilton Cycle Map

Salisbury Bike Week - over 150 participants in this year's rides and events

Agreement reached with WCC to match fund any lottery monies secured towards delivery of Salisbury to Wilton/Alderbury cycle links

Agreement reached to provide a new Community Transport minibus for Amesbury in partnership with Solstice Park (starting Autumn 07)

Re-routing of Pulseline buses around Salisbury District Hospital site, enabling improved access to newly built wards by public transport

Launch of the Three Rivers Rail Partnership website [www.threeriversrail.com](http://www.threeriversrail.com) to promote local travel by rail

Helping promote a new "Footsteps to Fitness" 6-week programme of short health walks being run by Salisbury Walking for Health group

Park & Ride continues to grow

Park and ride service cut backs have been well received and made the service run more efficiently, whilst saving the Council £90,000 per annum

Concessionary bus pass use continues to grow. The Countywide pass enhances the travel horizons and reduces transport related social exclusion

Our Place in the Future - national exemplar of how to join up consultation process

Started the delivery of 100's of more affordable homes via developments at Archers Gate and Old Sarum, (which has just started)

Conservation Area Appraisals, 12 complete along with consultation and management plans - we have received feedback from other councils over the quality of our work

Salisbury Vision - subgroups making some real progress on Market Place, College and Central Car Park