

Chairman's Announcements

Item No. 05

Ridgeway Care and Repair Service

We hope that you have been able to take the opportunity to see the promotion stand regarding the Care and Repair Service before the Area Board meeting. Ridgeway Care and Repair provides advice and practical help with home adaptations, improvements and repairs. This helps older, vulnerable or disabled people to remain living in their own home in comfort and safety. The service can be contacted by email on rcr@ridgewaycommunity.org.uk, by telephone on 01380 735437, or at the address below:

Sarsen Court
Horton Avenue
Devizes
Wiltshire
SN10 2AZ.

Award Received by Calne Alternative Sports Hub

Calne Alternative Sports Hub had won a Performance Reward Grant Scheme award. Calne Extreme aims to provide positive alternative activities for young people in Calne to engage with. As the parkour club is already established and there are great surrounding facilities in Calne (Beverbrook, Calne Leisure Centre, John Bentley School, Priestly Grove Youth Club), it made sense to utilise these to give young people in Calne something to do in the evenings and after school on a regular basis. The club will host two evenings, one for the parkour element and a second night that will see a variety of sports offered on a termly basis. Young people can sign up to become a member of the club, for which they will receive a Calne Extreme hoodie, and then choose to take part in whichever termly activities they want to do on a first come, first serve basis.

The club will look to use local facilities in order to keep things accessible for young people, but will also look to try and provide a small number of trips to other facilities that are further away and offer different alternative sports to take part in. The programme of activities for 2011 is being developed with climbing and dodgeball featuring in the Spring term and then more activities to be confirmed for the rest of the year. All details about the club will be held at Priestley Grove Youth Centre, where young people will get to see the programme and details about signing up to the club as a member, or registering onto any of the termly projects.

Making a Difference – The Wiltshire Council Parish Steward Scheme

The Council is the Highway Authority for Wiltshire, excluding Swindon Borough and the Trunk Road Network. The maintenance work is performed by a contracted service provider, Ringway Infrastructure Services. An integral aspect of this contract is the Parish Steward Scheme. This scheme enjoys a good level of support amongst most of the local authorities. A twelve minute film has been made, which aims to describe the work and workings of this scheme. Please find further information on the Wiltshire Council website, following the link below:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/roadmaintenance/parishstewardsscheme.htm>

Contact: The Parish Steward Scheme service can be contacted by email on clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk, or by telephone from landlines within Wiltshire on 0800 232323 or 01225 777234 from outside Wiltshire.

Help Tomorrow Take Shape – the 2011 Census

The 2011 Census is coming:

- The census has collected information about the population every ten years since 1801 (except in 1941). The next census in England and Wales is on 27th March 2011
- The 2011 Census will produce a high quality estimate of the population. It is a count of the people and households in England and Wales. The census is carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on behalf of Parliament
- Everyone is asked the same questions in order to take a snapshot of the population at one moment in time
- The census tells us how many people live where and the types of people they are, for example whether they are young, old, married, single, etc. This means decisions, like working out who needs facilities in the future, are focused on accurate, relevant details
- You can find out all general information about the census at www.census.gov.uk

The 2011 Census is vitally important for Wiltshire and its communities:

- Census data is used to ensure that all the required local facilities and services needed across Wiltshire can be accurately identified
- Central funding allocation for Wiltshire is heavily influenced by the census data – it is estimated that Wiltshire Council will potentially lose around £500 per person per year for 10 years for every person not counted

What Wiltshire Council and ONS would like local councils to do:

- Publicise and promote the 2011 Census in your community
- Use your expert local knowledge to let us know about potential areas that may be hard to count in your community such as travellers, communes, religious establishments, migrant workers for example
- Promote locally that there are around 250 Census jobs being created across Wiltshire in 2011 and, as well as getting paid, that this is a great opportunity for knowledgeable local people to be part of something that will benefit their community. You can find out more information and apply for all available jobs at www.censusjobs.co.uk.



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Invitation to Comment on Proposed Dog Control Orders in Wiltshire

Dog Control Orders can be made by the Council regarding any land to which the public have a right of access:

1. Requiring the person in control to clean up after a dog has fouled;
2. Prohibiting access by dogs;
3. Requiring dogs to be kept on leads;
4. Requiring dogs to be put on a lead when required by an authorised officer of the Council.
5. Restricting the number of dogs that can be in the control of one person on certain land.

In exercising its powers, the Authority is required to adopt a fair balance between the needs and aspirations of dog owners and non-dog owners. It is also essential that any orders should be capable of being enforced within reasonable resources. Currently, there are a variety of inconsistent Orders covering the areas of the four predecessor Districts. It is intended to replace all existing Orders with one consistent set. The proposals are summarised in the table below:

Order	Proposal	Comments
Dog Fouling	Make generic County Wide order	Aim to cover most land.
Dog Exclusion	Make generic County wide order	Enclosed Children's play areas only plus land covered by existing orders
Dogs on Lead	No Generic Order	Confirm existing order, discourage further use.
Dogs on Lead on request of authorised officer	No Generic Order	Discourage use
Maximum number of dogs in control of one person	No Generic order	Discourage use

In order to help frame the proposals which will go to a formal consultation process, comments on behalf of Area Boards, Council Members, Parish Councils and other interested bodies and individuals are being sought. The consultation paper, including full details of the proposal, can be accessed at the following link, together with a questionnaire for making comments, by **7 February 2011**:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>

Further information is available from:

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Public Protection Enforcement Policy

The Public Protection Service is reviewing its enforcement policy, and is seeking views from interested stakeholders.

The policy deals with the entire range of legislation administered by the Public Protection Service covering all environmental health and trading standards powers, as well as any relevant community safety and emergency planning laws.

The policy addresses the practical application of public protection enforcement procedures and aims to provide a fair and effective approach to any enforcement action taken by officers of the authority. It seeks that any enforcement action must be compliant with all relevant legislation and guidelines, and must be fair, clear, transparent, consistent and robust.

The draft enforcement policy is on the Wiltshire Council website:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/publicprotection/publicprotectionenforcementpolicy.htm>