

Newsletter

Parish Newsletter – 19 June 2018

Electoral review of Wiltshire Council

As you will be aware from previous [communications from Wiltshire Council](#), the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is currently conducting an electoral review of Wiltshire Council. This will first determine the overall council size, followed by determination of the shape of electoral divisions.

Wiltshire Council made a submission to the LGBCE arguing that the most appropriate council size moving forward was 99, an increase of 1 from the present position. In particular the fundamental role of community area boards was highlighted.

The LGBCE has requested that Wiltshire Council provide some supplementary evidence in support of its submission, and therefore the public consultation on division boundaries has been delayed from the previously announced dates. A decision on council size is now expected by the end of August.

The LGBCE may decide to maintain the council at its present size, increase it, or decrease it. Whatever the outcome division boundaries will change significantly due to changes in electorate patterns, which may have an impact on the present composition of community area boards – including the number of councillors representing the community area and which parishes are included within a community area.

Parishes will be informed when the LGBCE consultation on new divisions begins, and are encouraged to make representations to the LGBCE when it has. However, the Electoral Review Committee of Wiltshire Council is very keen to hear any views parishes may have while it prepares its supplementary submission. If these are to be considered ahead of the next submission these would need to be received by 20 June, although any comments received after this date will be of assistance to the committee in relation to the next stage of the review.

Walkers take steps to support people living with dementia

Wiltshire Council has launched a weekly walk for people living with dementia and their carers.

Walking for the Mind begins at 2pm on 2 July from Bradford on Avon Library, and continues at the same time from the same place every Monday except for bank holidays.

The gentle walks will last between 30-60 minutes, led by volunteers who have attended dementia awareness and walk leader training. After the walks the group will visit a cafe for a cuppa and a chat.

That social element offers a valuable lifeline for people living with dementia and their loved ones who often feel isolated and alone.

The new group forms part of the council's Get Wiltshire Walking project, which encourages good health and exercise by arranging weekly walks all around the county.

For more information please contact Louise Gale, community walks co-ordinator, louise.gale@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07342 066608.

Setting the agenda for Commons debate

Education? Equality? The environment?

What's the issue that gets you excited?

Whatever it is, the UK's Youth Parliament wants to hear from you.

It is appealing for young people aged 11-18 to select the subjects it debates when it meets next at the House of Commons in November.

The ballot to choose topics will open in August, and schools or youth organisations can apply for ballot papers <http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark/>.

The UK Youth Parliament was founded in 1999 with the aim of giving young people a voice in the issues that matter to them.

Members take part in an annual debate in the House of Commons chamber, chaired by the Speaker of the House.

They debate five issues chosen by a ballot of young people from across the UK and then vote to decide which two issues should become the UK Youth Parliament's priority campaigns for the year ahead.

Wiltshire is represented by three MYPs:

- Maisy Humphrey, 16 (Wiltshire West)
- Karl Smithson, 17 (Wiltshire North)
- Joel Mutagayika, 17 (Wiltshire East)



App to support new dads

A new app, aimed at new dads in the Wiltshire, BANES and Swindon area, has been launched this week. The "DadPad" app is a new easy-to-use resource to support dads in the early days and weeks following the birth of their child. DadPad contains practical information on topics including advice on how to change nappies, what to know about breastfeeding, support with bottle feeding and how babies like to be held. The aim of the app is to support dads across B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire to enjoy their new babies and feel more confident about fatherhood.

The DadPad was previously launched in Wiltshire as an online and printed leaflet. It is now available in an updated version as a free to download app. Visit <http://thedadpad.co.uk/app/> to download the app.

DadPad[®] app
Top tips for
dads-to-be and dads
with new
babies



Third site cleaned and returned to owner as part of Salisbury's recovery programme

Amesbury ambulance station has been handed to the recovery coordinating group (RCG) by Defra following extensive testing and cleaning by specialist teams. The RCG has handed the site to the owner, South Western Ambulance Service.

The site is the third to be handed back by the recovery coordinating group, following The Maltings shopping centre and Salisbury ambulance station, marking another significant step in the recovery of Salisbury as it returns to normal.

The remaining two city centre sites, The Mill and Zizzi, are currently being cleaned by specialist teams. Defra is overseeing the work, based on expert advice, with support of specialist MOD personnel. The Skripal house is still under police investigation.

What's on



If you would like to promote an event in your area to staff and the wider public why not use the [events calendar](#) on our website. You can find the link to the calendar on the home page under ['What's on'](#).

Check what else is on at Wiltshire Music Centre in Bradford on Avon:

www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk and City Hall in Salisbury: www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

Quick links

Area Board information - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards.htm

All the latest news releases - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm

A blog for the heritage community of Wiltshire - <https://heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

Community virtual notice boards - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ourcommunitymattersblogsites.htm

Recycle for Wiltshire - www.recycleforwiltshire.com

Roadworks - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm

Tree wardens for Wiltshire - www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk

What's on in Wiltshire - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson.htm

What's on at City Hall in Salisbury - www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

A blog for Wiltshire's arts community - <http://theartsinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

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