

Newsletter

Parish Newsletter – 6 August 2018

Council urges electronic answer to electoral roll enquiries

Between August and November 2018, we are sending out around 220,000 Household Enquiry Forms (HEF), one to every residential property in Wiltshire. This form is used to collect information to ensure anyone who is eligible to register at the property is actually registered. It is a legal requirement to provide the information requested to ensure it is still current and accurate.

It is important that you respond to this form to avoid reminders being sent.

The quick and easy way to respond to your form

Using the security codes printed at the top of your Household Enquiry Form

- Online at: <https://www.householdresponse.com/Home/Welcome>
- Telephone: (Freephone) 0800 197 9871
- Text: NOCHANGE to 80212

If you add anyone to the form they will still need to register individually by going to <http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>. They will need to provide their date of birth and national insurance number to complete their registration.

If you are unable to use the automated options, you can complete and return the form in the envelope provided.

For more information on electoral registration and voting, visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections-register-to-vote>



Families encouraged to have their say

Families are being encouraged to take part in a short survey to help gather views on some of the key stages of childhood and parenting.

The survey has been launched by the Families and Children's Transformation programme (FACT). FACT is a programme of work being undertaken by a wide range of organisations looking to make lives better for children, young people and families.



Organisations involved include Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire police, NHS and schools as well as family support services, early years' providers such as children's centres, childminders and nurseries and also a wide variety of community and voluntary sector partners.

Now children and young people, their parents and carers are being asked to provide information on their experiences to help shape services for the future. The short survey asks families what's important to them and how they want to be supported during times of need.

The survey can be answered by parents and carers or by children and young people looking at the questions relevant to them. The survey is available at

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=153190482738> until 7 September.

Next steps in future of outdoor education sites

Interested parties will be invited to formally register their interest in Braeside and Oxenwood as a going concern when the two sites are placed on the market.

As part of this process any prospective buyer will need to ensure they meet the requirements for the sites to continue and be viable as places for outdoor education.

Meanwhile the two outdoor education sites will remain open until the end of the year and bookings for events in the autumn and provisionally for next year are being taken.

Laura Mayes, cabinet member for children's services, said: "We are aware that some people are keen to see these sites continue as outdoor education venues. At a recent meeting of the council's cabinet we agreed to consider any expressions of interest and assess if the sites could continue as a going concern for the future.

"I am fully supportive of the benefits of outdoor education but have stated that the council is not the right organisation to run these centres in the future. We have to focus on our priorities and align funding to vulnerable children and education priorities.

"The decision to dispose of Braeside and Oxenwood has not been taken lightly and we will review all expressions of interest and assess the most viable possibility for the future of these sites."

The future of the sites will be considered at a cabinet meeting later this year. Schools wanting to book can email Oxenwood at oxenwood@wiltshire.gov.uk or Braeside at braeside@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Volunteers needed to support vulnerable young people

Wiltshire Council has renewed an appeal for volunteers to offer lodgings to vulnerable young people in need of a safe, secure family home.

There is a special need for caring people to support young people aged 16-21.

Now the council have stepped up their search with a video cartoon (available at <http://youtu.be/ZoyxdAHTeJs>) which explains how volunteers can help.

Among those in need of a caring home are unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people.

To be part of the scheme people will need to have a spare room and enjoy working with teenagers. Part of the process is to provide a young person with practical and emotional support, care and understanding while working closely with social workers and others.

Those providing supported lodgings don't need to own their own home and they can also be in full time employment. They may be single people or in a partnership.

Providers will be given an allowance each week and regular supervision and contact with an allocated social worker. Training is provided and the young person will also have a social worker and a personal adviser to support them throughout their time in supported lodgings.

The council's supported lodgings team will carry out interviews and statutory checks on those looking to be part of the scheme as part of the suitability assessment.

To find out more please email supportedlodgings@wiltshire.gov.uk or call 0800 169 6321.

Great news – you're now able to recycle even more!

It's now easier than ever to recycle rubbish as Wiltshire Council aims to divert even more waste from landfill and save money.

As well as the usual plastic bottles, cardboard and shredded paper that people can currently recycle, people will now be able to leave these items in their blue-lidded bin:

- plastic pots, tubs and trays
- food and drink cartons

Black plastic and plastic films cannot be recycled.

People can continue to recycle the following items in their black box:

- paper
- glass bottles and jars
- tins and cans
- clean foil
- empty aerosols
- bagged textiles and clothes



To add to the convenience, people's fortnightly collection day and time will remain the same.

Bridget Wayman, Wiltshire Council's cabinet member for waste, said: "Recycling saves energy, costs less and frees up space in household waste bins. It also has less impact on the environment than burying it in landfill or burning it to generate energy, so the more we can recycle, the better it is for all of us. Residents will get an improved service without the confusion of changed collection days so it's good news all round."

In 2017/18, 45.24% of household waste in Wiltshire was recycled and it is hoped the new service will help increase that. For more information, including what can be recycled in each bin, people should visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling>

To find out what happens to the kerbside recyclable waste that's collected, people should visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/what-happens-to-recycling>

Intelligent advice for job seekers

Wiltshire Council is opening up the world of work to young jobseekers with a wealth of information about the local employment market.

It has published easy-to-read, user-friendly documents providing advice and tips about breaking into a range of industries.

The documents are also localised, giving specific guidance on locations across Wiltshire.

Labour Market Intelligence documents are available at <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/lmi/>.

Mobile library facilities in Tidworth this summer

Wiltshire Council is ensuring that residents don't miss out on their reading or their recreation while Tidworth Leisure Centre and Library are closed for refurbishment.

The centre has shut its doors until Saturday 1 September while major improvements are made. The works are being carried out by Aspire Defence on behalf of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), TNB Garrison and Wiltshire Council.

Many of the regular facilities are moving to sites nearby for the duration of the project including a temporary change for the library. A mobile library will visit Tidworth Community Centre at these times until Monday 3 September when the library in the leisure centre will reopen:

- Monday 10am-1pm; 2-5pm
- Tuesday 2-7pm
- Wednesday 10am-1pm; 2-5pm
- Thursday 2-7pm
- Friday 10am-1pm; 2-5pm
- Saturday 10am-1pm

Sports facilities, the library and onsite businesses will reopen on 1 September 2018. The swimming pool will remain closed until 5 October 2018.

The closure means Aspire Defence can safely undertake essential upgrades to the building, including installation of a new atrium roof and extensive roof refurbishment, replacement of the heating and hot water systems, and alterations to the pool-side walkways.

The closure is taking place when numbers using the centre are at their lowest and alternative provision can be provided elsewhere. The planned timings will minimise the risk of delay from adverse weather and the extended timeframe will also enable Aspire Defence to complete several small-scale improvements, avoiding further disruption at any other time.

During the closure Wiltshire Council is promoting alternative options for members including use of other Wiltshire Council facilities, a 25% reduction on membership or an option to freeze membership until the facility reopens.

The Garrison is opening up its Bulford Pool and the Wiltshire Council swim school programme has been provided in its entirety to that facility during the closure. There is more information about this move and details of Bulford Pool at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-tidworth>

The summer group exercise class programme is now at the old Costcutter site in Tidworth and details of this can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-tidworth-fitness-timetable>

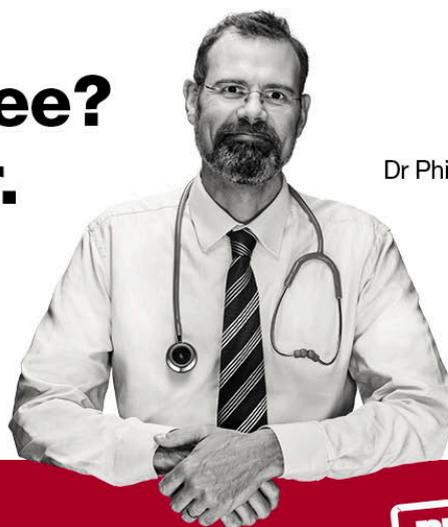
The Tidworth Leisure Centre building is owned by the Ministry of Defence. Aspire Defence manages the building and Wiltshire Council manages the public leisure operations for the site.

Be Clear on Cancer campaign launched

Our partners Public Health England (PHE) have launched a new 'Be Clear on Cancer' campaign in South West to highlight blood in pee as a key symptom of bladder and kidney cancers. The campaign encourages everyone to 'look before they flush' and visit their GP without delay if they notice blood in their pee, even if it's just once.

A new short film (available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIHU_UDrhqw) featuring TV doctor, Dr Dawn Harper, shows what to look out for. The colour of blood in your pee can vary from very diluted, to bright red or even dark brown, like the colour of weak black tea. Blood in pee is a symptom in almost two thirds (64%) of all bladder cancers and around a fifth (18%) of kidney cancers. The 'Be Clear on Cancer' 'Blood in Pee' campaign runs until 23rd September.

**Blood in your pee?
Tell your doctor.**



NHS

Dr Philip Sawyer

**BE CLEAR
ON CANCER**

nhs.uk/bloodinpee

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>

The latest news from the council is available on the [full newslisting](#) pages of the website