

## ***Wiltshire Council Information Item***

**Subject: Banning of Sky Lanterns and Balloon Releases on Wiltshire Council Land.**

Large scale balloon and sky lantern releases are familiar sights and are often carried out at events to remember lost loved ones or mark other special events. Wiltshire Council is the latest to pass the ban on the release of balloons and sky lanterns on its land, following a report on the environmental and wildlife impact. The ban includes biodegradable balloons, as balloons cannot degrade quickly enough to not prove a hazard for wildlife.

The council understands that there are different reasons that people may wish to take part in organised balloon / sky lantern release events, however there are other activities that can be undertaken. We hope this move by Wiltshire Council will help to raise awareness of the issue and will encourage other Town and Parish Councils to take a similar approach.