

Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	21 November 2018

Headlines/Key Issues

- Poppy - A public meeting to discuss the future of the Stone Poppy was attended by 80 people. Following their feedback, which supported the idea of re-instating the original poppy with a supportive metal frame, the council decided to extend the consultation by including an item in the Community Magazine which would be delivered to every household in the town. The consultation will look to build on the ideas put forward by the public meeting and try to determine the best approach to financing the activity.
- Youth Provision – Currently a youth group is run for two and half hours a week at the United Reform Church. Funding is secure until March 2019. Because of the budgetary constraints it was not possible for the Area Board to ensure continued funding beyond March 2019. The Town Council has ring fenced funding in the draft budget for 2019-20 and 2020-21 to ensure this service continues.
- The new Town Council web site is in operation. Those using it should find it more user friendly and interesting than the previous version. It is not quite complete as the updated council meeting calendar is not quite ready for inclusion on the web site but will be ready soon.
- The work at Jubilee Lake to rectify erosion has been completed. One of the last items to be finished was a new bridge on the path from Sorrel Close to the lake.
- One major development on the edge of the town, an Aldi supermarket on the former T H White site at Coped Hall has been approved by Wiltshire Council.
- The public enquiry in the proposed development at Marsh Farm is to recommence on 3 December. This major and controversial development is for 320 dwellings, a supermarket and a care home is proposed for a green field site