

Newsletter

Parish Newsletter – w/c 10 December 2018

Dedicated team to help rough sleepers

A dedicated team who help rough sleepers change their lives around have played a big part in reducing the numbers of people living on Wiltshire's streets.

The Outreach Workers are part of a wider initiative by Wiltshire Council to work closely with those sleeping on the streets.

Tackling Rough sleeping is a priority for Wiltshire Council which wants to provide appropriate support to improve health and wellbeing.

In the last couple of years there had been an increase in the number of rough sleepers with a range of overlapping and multiple disadvantages, such as addiction, poor physical and mental health and offending histories.

In 2018 the council bid for funds from the national Rough Sleepers Initiative and was granted £312,245 for 2018/19 and £305,491 for 2019/20.

The money has been used to:

- recruit a Rough Sleeper Team with five outreach workers, one of whom has a mental health specialism, and a rough sleeper prevention officer
- provide eight- bed winter accommodation in Trowbridge which includes overnight support, due to open in December
- offer six high level support bed spaces for long-term rough sleepers with complex needs
- provide 10 beds at Alabare Place, Salisbury, and 10 winter spaces at Unity House in Chippenham, and eight severe weather provision places
- fund 15 private lets for rough sleepers and £10,000 for personal budget requests to help unlock barriers in securing accommodation

Following our recent rough sleeper estimate carried out in November, 22 Rough Sleepers were recorded compared to 31 the same time last year.

Awards ceremony for Healthy Schools Programme

Twelve schools which have recently achieved Wiltshire Healthy Schools status were recognised at a special event on Thursday 6 December at County Hall.

At the event, schools were presented with a special plaque marking their achievements.

The programme recognises schools that have provided evidence to show how their provision supports the health and wellbeing of their pupils.

Schools can work towards bronze, silver or gold levels to achieve Wiltshire Healthy Schools status. To be recognised they need to meet a range of standards based on local and national priorities.

Currently 91 schools have Wiltshire Healthy Schools at bronze, silver or gold level. A total of 144 schools are taking part to achieve the award.

The multiagency group granting the awards includes Wiltshire Police, school health nurses, school representatives and Wiltshire & Swindon Sports Partnership. The council and agencies support the schools as they work towards the standards.

The local programme supports schools and provides information on key actions that can be taken as well as providing training. The progress of schools is monitored, including the positive impact on the health behaviours of young people.

Further information about our Healthy Schools Programme can be found at <http://www.wiltshirehealthyschools.org/about/>.

Mid-December deadline for interest in the development of two Gypsy and Traveller sites

Parties interested in taking over two Gypsy and Traveller sites in Wiltshire to provide much needed redevelopment for residents have until 14 December to put forward expressions of interest.

Dairy House Bridge and Oak Tree Field in Salisbury need major investment to renovate old buildings and amenities and address problems with drainage.

This July Wiltshire Council agreed to an option that reflected the approach taken by other councils, including Somerset, Bucks and Hampshire, to sell the sites to new owners that can invest to improve conditions and take on current residents' rental arrangements.

The decision taken at cabinet follows extensive consultation with site residents, in a survey and face-to-face meetings.

The expressions of interest will close on 14 December. The informal tender pack will be available from 21 December and the deadline for informal tenders will be 1 February 2019. Only those parties who have submitted an EOI will be allowed to submit a formal tender.

Interested people can contact Colin Scragg of Carter Jonas, email colin.scragg@carterjonas.co.uk (01225 747268).

Cardboard Christmas Tree Challenge

Families are getting into the festive spirit this year with Wiltshire Council's Cardboard Christmas Tree Challenge at children's centres and libraries across Wiltshire.

The cardboard trees have arrived at the children's centres and libraries taking part and children and their families will get creative in a bid to create a colourful and unique tree even the elves would be proud of.

All children and their families are welcome to either of the sessions (booking is required for one session and all adults must be accompanied by a child):

- Thursday 13 December 10am-11am - The Rise Frogwell Children's Centre
- Saturday 15 December 10am-11am - [Trowbridge Library Christmas Hullabaloo](#) (booking required - £1.50 per child)

To book for the Christmas Hullabaloo at Trowbridge Library, contact the library on 01225 716700. There will also be a festive fancy dress competition with a prize for the best home-made outfit and the chance to meet Santa and receive a gift.

The trees will go on display at County Hall in the library, Trowbridge, on 15 December for everyone to enjoy. People can vote for their favourite tree on the council's Facebook page or by using voting slips at reception.

The winning entry will receive a special prize and a gold certificate. Certificates will also be presented to runners-up.

The winner will be declared on 20 December.

Waste collection days to change over Christmas and new year

Visit our website to view collection days for the festive period and find out about recycling your tree for those subscribed to garden waste collections.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-days>

Come and enjoy a magical winter wonderland in Salisbury!

Salisbury's popular Christmas market and all-weather ice rink winter wonderland experience is now open.

The Christmas market transforms the Guildhall Square with its authentic German market style chalets and festive events. This year there is even more to enjoy with the addition of an all-weather ice rink where skaters can enjoy the real ice whatever the weather.

Both the market and the ice rink are open until Sunday 6 January 2019.

This year's Christmas offer has been delivered by Wiltshire Council working with Salisbury City Council, Visit Wiltshire and Salisbury BID.

There are 44 Christmas chalets, in both the Guildhall Square and Queen Street, offering a great selection of artisan goods and tasty street food. This year, for the first time, there is also a festive double decker bus bar.

A programme of festive events for all ages is on offer at the rink from a Christmas jumper skating day on 14 December to Skate with Santa sessions from 22 December to Christmas Eve. The rink is also available for private hire and group bookings.

For information and to book online visit <http://www.salisburychristmasmarket.co.uk/>.

Ice rink themed events

Skate with Santa

- Saturday 22 December 2018 10am/11am/3pm/4pm
- Sunday 23 December 2018 10am/11am/3pm/4pm
- Monday 24 December 2018 10am/11am

80's DJ Night over 18's only

- Wednesday 19 December 6pm/7pm

Xmas Party Night over 18's only

- Wednesday 12 December 6pm/7pm

Wear your Christmas Jumper Day Offer available all day

- Wear your Christmas jumper to skate and save £1 off a mulled wine or bratwurst, Friday 14 December

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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