

# Newsletter

Parish Newsletter – 13 August 2018

## Wiltshire Council makes a splash with free swimming for kids

Wiltshire Council's free swimming for children offer is back for its tenth summer.

Every child aged under 16 can claim one free swim per day at council pools across the county until 31 August.

Wiltshire Council launched free swimming in 2009, and it is available to thousands of children during every school holiday for certain swim sessions.

To make use of the offer, collect an application form from:



- Wiltshire Council swimming pools
- Places for People leisure (PFP) pools
- Download Wiltshire council's free swimming application form, fill in and give to your chosen pool – find your nearest: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-free-swimming>
- A parent/guardian must accompany the child when registering
- Under eights should be accompanied by a responsible adult in free swimming sessions

There are some exceptions to the offer:

- Instructor-led sessions
- Aquatots
- Inflatable or Leisure swims

For more information visit our website at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-free-swimming>.

## Vacancy on the Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel - 2x Independent Co-opted Members

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Wiltshire's Police and Crime Panel is part of the governance and accountability arrangements for policing within Wiltshire and Swindon. Their role is to oversee the performance of the directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner and his delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

The current independent co-opted members have come to the end of their terms, and the panel is recruiting for two replacement members to carry out a four-year term in September 2018. The remuneration per annum is £2,070

Find out more and apply at <http://jobs.wiltshire.gov.uk/details#/reference/OTH04588>

## Wiltshire Council welcomes young dancers at a series of dance camps

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Wiltshire Council has taken steps to keep children entertained this summer with a series of dance camps across the county.

The three-day sessions for eight-14-year-olds, hosted by The Dance Lady, focus on individual skills and choreography. They are suitable for newcomers and more experienced dancers.

To register a place for a Get Active Dance Camp contact Matt Pearson, sports development officer, on 01225 770213 or [sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk)

The camps cost £50.

For more information about sports and physical activity opportunities visit

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure)

[www.activewiltshire.org.uk](http://www.activewiltshire.org.uk)

or follow on Twitter

@ActiveWiltshire

@Sport4Wiltshire



### Get Active Dance Camp

15 – 17 August	Springfield Community Campus, Corsham	10am – 3pm
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## Hundreds give their views on investment in special school places

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More than 850 people responded to a consultation on how we can invest to ensure there are sufficient places for children and young people with special needs and or disabilities into the future.

Schools in the north of the county are already at full capacity and more space is needed to provide for at least an additional 70 pupils in this area alone by 2026. Overall the north will need to build 150 places to meet the overcrowding situation in the schools there.

The proposals are part of a county-wide solution to create an additional 220 spaces by 2026.

A consultation which closed last week attracted a wide range of responses which will now be carefully considered before a report goes to cabinet for any further action including the possibility of publishing statutory notices for formal consultation on any specific proposal.

The consultation provided space for a wide range of comments but people were asked for feedback on three options:

- Develop a single school
- Develop two schools
- Develop/continue three schools in Chippenham, Trowbridge and near Devizes

The range of comments received included: good use of money, ensuring there is vocational education offered to older children, expanding current provision rather than replacing, creating outdoor facilities for sport and gardening and minimum travel time.

## Apprenticeship options open for GCSE students

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Wiltshire Council is offering plenty of support for students who wish to consider apprenticeships following GCSE results day.

They are hosting an information event at County Hall, Trowbridge, from 12.30-1pm on 23 August.

It will feature a presentation with the chance to ask questions and is open to all parents and children from Year 8 upwards.

The presentation will include information on

- pay
- The range of careers apprenticeships can lead to
- what are Higher and Degree Apprenticeships?
- who can do an apprenticeship?

For people who can't make the presentation there will also be a drop-in session in the Atrium at County Hall where advisers can answer questions about apprenticeships from 11.30am-1.30pm on 23 August.

For example, Goughs Solicitors - with offices in Chippenham, Corsham, Calne, Trowbridge, Melksham and Devizes - see apprenticeships as a big part of their recruitment. From September 2018 they are giving young people the opportunity to study a Level 3 Paralegal Apprenticeship. They hope to set successful apprentices on the way to Solicitor Apprenticeships which would include a fully-funded law degree.

In South West Wiltshire, the number of Advanced Apprenticeship starts - equivalent to A Levels - has increased by more than 60% in the last three years.

In 2016/17 there were more than 470 Level 3 apprenticeship starts in South West Wiltshire, compared to 290 in 2013/14.

For more information about apprenticeships visit the Parents' Guide to Apprenticeships on the Work Wiltshire website at <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/parents/>.

## Council urges electronic answer to electoral roll enquiries

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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

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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.



## What's on

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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](http://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk) and City Hall in Salisbury: [www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk](http://www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk)

## Quick links

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Area Board information - [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards.htm)

All the latest news releases - [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm](http://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](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ourcommunitymattersblogsites.htm)

Recycle for Wiltshire - [www.recycleforwiltshire.com](http://www.recycleforwiltshire.com)

Roadworks - [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm)

Tree wardens for Wiltshire - [www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk](http://www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk)

What's on in Wiltshire - [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson.htm)

What's on at City Hall in Salisbury - [www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk](http://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