

# Newsletter

Parish Newsletter – w/b 27 August 2018

## Wiltshire could retain its current number of councillors

The body which reviews how many councillors each local authority elects is ready to recommend that Wiltshire Council should retain its current number of unitary councillors of 98.

Following consideration of Wiltshire Council's submission and evidence received, The Local Government Boundary Commission for England reports that it is 'minded to' propose that Wiltshire should return 98 councillors at the next election in 2021.

Wiltshire Council made a case to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England that the it was essential to retain its area boards as executive committees with decision making powers and any reduction in councillors would have put the continuance of them at risk.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England's conclusions on the size and boundaries of council divisions will be open for public consultation from today (28 August) until 5 November 2018. Any parties interested in making a submission on division boundary patterns should submit this directly to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England using their consultation portal at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/14518>

The Wiltshire Council Electoral Review Committee would also welcome any views from organisations, communities or the public, as it prepares a submission on behalf of the council. Any representations to the council should be sent to [committee@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:committee@wiltshire.gov.uk).

Wiltshire Council's original submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission and other relevant information related to the review can be found at <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgGeneric.aspx?MD=ElectoralReview&bcr=1>

### Next steps:

Beyond the consultation, the next steps are:

- From 5 February 2019 to 15 April 2019 the Local Government Boundary Commission for England will consult upon its draft recommendations on new divisions, published after consideration of the submissions provided in the preceding stage.
- In July 2019, the final recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England will be published. At this stage they will no longer be able to be amended – a draft order will be prepared for laying in Parliament, where the recommendations may be accepted or rejected, but not amended.

- Should the recommendations be accepted, they will then be implemented for elections in May 2021.

## Devizes stages Walking Sports Festival on 9 September

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Wiltshire Council hosts its annual Walking Sports Festival at Devizes Leisure Centre on 9 September.

The event will celebrate the success of the weekly walking sports sessions that have grown across Wiltshire.

Players from the walking football, netball and rugby groups will meet for a day of friendly fixtures, socialising and demonstrations. It is open to all abilities, from people wishing to try a walking sport for the first time to regular participants.



Walking sport sessions are accessible and create a fun and social sporting opportunity. The groups are suitable for older residents, those who can no longer participate in mainstream sessions and those who want to take the first steps towards a healthier lifestyle.

Visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-returning-to-sport](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-returning-to-sport) to see the full range of walking sport programmes offered by Wiltshire Council. For further information on the festival email [SportsDevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:SportsDevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk) or call Becca Higgs, sports development officer, 07584 509219.

## Healthy Me course for kids - applications open now!

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Wiltshire Council is launching a new series of dates in its healthy lifestyle programme for children and their families.

Healthy Me offers 10 free weekly sessions run by qualified leaders, featuring information on nutrition and health.

The 90-minute get-togethers include lots of fun physical activities and games for all ages, as well as plenty of free resources.

Healthy Me also includes reviews after three, six and 12 months to help families stay on a healthy track.

The course is for children aged 7-11 above healthy weight and their families.

Philip Whalley, Wiltshire Council's portfolio holder for education and skills, said: "Healthy Me is a really enjoyable way to help children and their families think about their fitness.

"The council is dedicated to promoting health and wellbeing for all our residents, and these courses are a brilliant way of involving families in that mission.

“A healthy county is a happy county.”

Referrals can be made by families themselves or via a healthcare professional.

- Further information at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-weight-management](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-weight-management)
- For questions email [HealthyMe@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:HealthyMe@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### September 2018 Healthy Me course start dates:

- **Trowbridge:** Longfield Community Centre, Mondays 4.15-5.45pm; 17 September
- **Chippenham:** The Olympiad, Tuesdays 4.15-5.45pm, 18 September
- **Salisbury:** Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre, Wednesdays 4.30-6pm, 19 September
- **Devizes:** Devizes Leisure Centre; Thursdays 4.15-5.45pm; 20 September

## Tidworth Leisure Centre reopens on 3 September

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Tidworth Leisure Centre re-opens at 9am on 3 September following a major refurbishment over the summer. The pool will remain closed until 5 October.

The library in the centre re-opens at 2pm on 3 September.

The works included

- new atrium roof
- roof refurbishment
- new heating and hot water systems
- changes to pool-side walkways



Many facilities moved to sites nearby during the project and a mobile library visited Tidworth Community Centre.

Wiltshire Council’s swim school programme moved to Bulford Garrison’s Bulford Pool and Durrington Pool during the closure. The summer group exercise class programme moved to the old Costcutter site in Tidworth.

During the closure Wiltshire Council promoted alternatives for members including use of other council facilities, a 25% reduction on membership and an option to freeze membership until the centre re-opened.

John Thomson, Wiltshire Council’s cabinet member for leisure, said: “We’re delighted to have worked with the Ministry of Defence on these refurbishment works. I’m pleased we’ve made a contribution to the community by providing a smart, tidy and inviting place to exercise and socialise.”

The works are being carried out by Aspire Defence on behalf of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, TNB Garrison and Wiltshire Council.

The closure has taken place while numbers using the centre are at their lowest and alternative provision could be provided elsewhere. The timings minimised the risk of delay from adverse

weather while also enabling Aspire Defence to complete several small-scale improvements, avoiding further disruption at any other time.

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.

## 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