

Helping Wiltshire Council meet the challenges ahead

Invitation to voice your views at interactive public meetings

You are invited to attend one of a series of meetings that Wiltshire Council is hosting to discuss the challenges that the council is facing and the impact that these could have.

The council currently spends around £900m each year on more than 300 services and has recently agreed a plan to deliver an ambitious programme of work over the next 10 years.

The council's vision is to create strong communities, prioritising growing the economy, protecting those who are most vulnerable, and working with partners in an innovative and effective way.

Changing demographics and the continuing reduction in funding from central government mean we have to continue to find substantial savings and work even more closely with local communities to encourage and support them to do more for themselves.

The council's cabinet members will be attending the meetings to discuss the challenges and to invite and listen to your views and suggestions on how these can be best managed.

Details of the informative and interactive meetings are set out below.

We look forward to seeing you and hope that you will be able to join us. It would be extremely helpful if you could confirm your attendance by emailing events@wiltshire.gov.uk

Date	Location	Venue	Time	
5 September	Salisbury	City Hall	5.30pm	Refreshments available
14 September	Chippenham	Monkton Park	5.30pm	Refreshments available
25 September	Trowbridge	County Hall	5.30pm	Refreshments available
26 September	Devizes	Corn Exchange	5.30pm	Refreshments available

Tel: 01225 718066

Email: events@wiltshire.gov.uk

Address: Communications, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

Nearly 45,000 residents have responded to our Household Enquiry Forms within a week

The election canvass started on Friday 4 August, with 213,000 [Household Enquiry Forms](#) being delivered to each residential property in Wiltshire.

Within a week, 20% of households have responded and nearly 60% of those returns were made online or by text or telephone.

Online and telephone returns provide a real opportunity to save the council money. Responding through the automated system is straightforward and each form has its own security code and instructions on how to complete the online or telephone response.

Each year more and more people make use of the automated systems for the first time, have a go yourself and see what you think.



Operational Flood Working Group – News flash

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A reminder to all towns and parish councils that the SSE community resilience grant deadline application is **13 August** so if you want to apply you need to be very quick.

Communities within Wiltshire have purchased all sorts of items to help them become more resilient as a community – such as torches, generators, radio's, sleeping bags, first aid kits, help with publicity materials and even a land rover!!!! Don't miss this opportunity – just follow the link

<https://www.ssepd.co.uk/RCF/England/>

Also came across this little number that some of you may wish to explore in more detail.

<http://floodandwaterpumps.co.uk/blog/2017/07/31/puddle-pumps/>

Wiltshire Flood Seminar - Tuesday 5 September at Trowbridge Rugby Club 10 - 4
Wiltshire Council in conjunction with the Environment Agency and Wiltshire & Dorset Fire and Rescue Service would like to invite flood wardens/emergency volunteers and town and parish representatives to our seminar - a mixture of training and information sessions. If you would like to attend please contact either renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk or Kayleigh.Lynch@environment-agency.gov.uk to register your interest.

Flood/Emergency Plans

Having a flood and or emergency plan is important for every community, in the event of an incident occurring it should enable your community to be able to cope for a short time until the statutory agencies can get to you. We can supply you with flood defence equipment and grit for snow, and if you are looking for additional items apply to the SSE fund as many of our communities have already done (but you'll have to be quick).

If you would like any help or assistance with putting a plan together – contact renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Roadshow aims to put Wiltshire people in the driving seat on health and care issues

Healthwatch Wiltshire aims to speak to at least 1000 people from all corners of the county as part of its 'Campervan and Comments Tour.'

The roadshow will travel almost 400 miles zig-zagging around Wiltshire in a classic 1969 VW campervan and park up at key locations around the county to gather the views of people of all ages.

Lucie Woodruff, Healthwatch Wiltshire Manager, explained: "We want to reach at least 1000 people from all over Wiltshire in just two weeks. We thought it would be a great idea to hire a campervan and visit places where people might not have heard of Healthwatch before.

"The role of a local Healthwatch is to make sure the health and care system in the area meets the needs of the people who use it. Feedback is gathered from patients and their families on services such as GP surgeries, care homes, hospitals, mental health and social care. These findings are then taken to the organisations which plan, pay for and deliver health and care services.

"Wiltshire is such a huge county and we thought a roadshow would be a great way to reach more people and give them the opportunity to have their voice heard. Plus, everyone who we speak to will get free refreshments and a cupcake too!"

Planned tour dates:

Malmesbury Town Hall, Malmesbury	Mon 18 Sept am
Tesco Express and Leisure Centre, Purton and Cricklade	Mon 18 Sept pm
Salisbury Charter Market, Salisbury	Tues 19 Sept all day
Bouverie Hall Tuesday Market, Pewsey	Tues 19 Sept am
Royal Wootton Bassett Library, Royal Wootton Bassett	Wed 20 Sept am
Market and Jubilee Centre, Marlborough	Wed 20 Sept all day
Market and Devizes School,	Thurs 21 Sept all day

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Tesco, Amesbury	Thurs 21 Sept pm
Chippenham College, Chippenham	Fri 22 Sept am
Beverbrook Medical Centre, Calne	Fri 22 Sept pm
Chippenham Farmers Market, Chippenham	Sat 23 Sept all day
Rosemary Goddard Centre, Mere	Mon 25 Sept am
Giffords Surgery and Young Melksham, Melksham	Mon 25 Sept pm
Springfield Community Hub and Market, Corsham	Tues 26 Sept am
Bradford on Avon Medical Centre, Bradford on Avon	Tues 26 Sept pm
The Shires and Trowbridge Men's Shed, Trowbridge	Wed 27 Sept am
Health & Wellbeing Fair, Nadder Centre, Tisbury	Wed 27 Sept pm
Wilton Market, Wilton	Thurs 28 Sept am
Tesco, Tidworth	Thurs 28 Sept pm
Warminster Market, Warminster	Fri 29 Sept am
Leigh Park Community Centre, Westbury	Fri 29 Sept pm

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>

The latest news from the council is available on the [full newslisting](#) pages of the website