

HRH The Princess Royal to attend Armed Forces Day National Event



It has been announced that Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal will be attending the Saturday (29 June) of the Armed Forces Day National Event in Salisbury.

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Leader of Wiltshire Council: "I am delighted HRH The Princess Royal will be attending Armed Forces Day on 29 June in Salisbury. I look forward to welcoming her to the county and demonstrating what a proud military county we are. The whole weekend promises to be a spectacular and important military occasion."

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Decision to transfer ownership of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller sites

Wiltshire Council has decided to transfer ownership of Dairy House Bridge and Oak Tree Field in Salisbury and the transit site next to Oak Tree Field so they can remain as Gypsy, Roma and Traveller sites.

Work is required to renovate old buildings and amenities on these sites.

Rather than close the sites, the council is looking to secure fresh investment into the sites to improve conditions by transferring them to a new owner.

Wiltshire Council has worked with the residents of the two sites and kept them informed of progress during the process.

Toby Sturgis, Wiltshire Council cabinet member for spatial planning, said: "Our Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities deserve good services and living conditions. The council doesn't have the money required to make these improvements so an important part of the procurement process was ensuring the new owner would invest in the site.

"Our main priority was to secure the right owner to carry out these works and provide the best quality management of the sites. The preferred bidder demonstrated the best offer to secure the right future for our residents in terms of investment and services."

The legal documents required to progress the transfer to the preferred bidder will now be issued and further details will be released once the transfer has been completed.

More popular community venues to be used to provide children's centre services

Council leaders have agreed to provide more children's centre services at local community venues and via one to one contact with families.

At the cabinet meeting on 30 April, it was agreed to close six underused buildings and focus funding on frontline staff.

The buildings at Cricklade, Longfield in Trowbridge, Mere, Westbury, Pewsey and Salisbury City will no longer be used. Five of these buildings will be offered for much-needed childcare provision and the Salisbury venue will be returned to the landlord. It was additionally agreed to explore other potential venues for children's centre services in all the towns including Cricklade which was specifically discussed in the meeting.

A proposal was agreed to delay the closure of the Westbury Children's Centre until this autumn. Wiltshire Council is proposing to transfer Old Westbury Youth Centre to the Westbury Community Project Trust (WCPT). If this goes ahead, children's centre services can be run from this building when it is ready. Should the transfer not take place then the services will be run from alternative venues in the town.

Children's centre services for families with under-5s provide a range of support and advice around parenting, home learning environment, domestic abuse support, employment and training opportunities and healthy lifestyles.

Children's centre services will continue to work in collaboration with health visiting and midwifery teams, and other colleagues who support housing and employment. There will also be a greater emphasis on providing help earlier for families before they reach crisis point.

It is hoped more families will use the service by moving into venues families already attend, as well as offering programmes in libraries, leisure centres and community hubs. The different locations will help more families access the services, particularly in areas of deprivation. There will also be more information online to meet changing demand for how people find out about services and programmes.

The cabinet agreed to work closely with maternal health and community childcare providers to support the choice of future community venues and expand the scope of services to families in the most deprived areas of Wiltshire.

The cabinet also agreed to widely promote the children's centre services including using social media for those families who want to access more services online.

People encouraged to have their say on extended consultation into special schools

People are encouraged to have their say on the [consultation](#) for how Wiltshire Council can best invest at least £20m into providing special school education in the future. The consultation is live until 6 May 2019.

Wiltshire Council has taken the decision to extend the consultation after an agreement was reached with families.

A group of families had taken a case to court about the process and had been granted a hearing to consider elements of the case, scheduled to be heard next month.

In order to foster good working relationships with families, prevent further delay and to conserve public money and cost for both parties, the council agreed a new way forward.

Wiltshire Council withdrew the decision to approve a statutory notice about the closure of three special schools (Larkrise, Rowdeford and St Nicholas), and the related notice regarding the opening of a new special school in Rowdeford.

Wiltshire Council will now treat all previous consultation and responses that took place between 9 January 2019 and 1 March 2019 as part of a pre-publication consultation. This means they are part of an initial consultation on what proposals should be published for further consideration. This is a process with a number of steps, and the council is re-opening the first stage. The council will reach a decision about the next steps after the end of the extended consultation period.

The previous proposal to close the three special schools, Rowdeford, Larkrise and St Nicholas and to build a new school at Rowdeford remains an option. However, Wiltshire Council will take into consideration all responses which differ from those as part of an inclusive and wide-ranging reconsideration of consultation submissions.

Consultation responses already provided to the council will be automatically considered as pre-publication consultation, and do not need to be resubmitted. If you would like to submit further information, please note that this can be forwarded to specialschools@wiltshire.gov.uk.

A new decision on the steps to be taken should then be made by the council's cabinet this summer. A summer decision will mean that the timetable for future SEND provision will still be met.

Consultation link: <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=155361849666>

Face to face discussions on investment in special schools continues

Wiltshire Council is holding face to face discussions with schools and families on how to best invest at least £20m into providing special school education as part of the extended pre-publication consultation.

In March the council extended the consultation into how Wiltshire can prepare for the additional places needed as well as providing excellent provision into the future.

As part of the consultation, Wiltshire Council is hosting three meetings with schools and families to talk about special needs education with a focus in the north of the county. The first two were held earlier this month and the next will be held on the following dates:

2 May 6:30pm 8pm at John of Gaunt School, Trowbridge

3 May 11am to 12:30pm at the Devizes Sports club on London Road in Devizes

The meetings are an opportunity to discuss potential options. The previous proposal to close the three special schools, Rowdeford, Larkrise and St Nicholas and to build a new school at Rowdeford remains an option. However, Wiltshire Council will take into consideration all responses which differ from this as part of an inclusive and wide-ranging reconsideration of consultation submissions.

People who would like to attend one of these events should email specialschools@wiltshire.gov.uk to book a place.

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#EPIC Talks: Your flipping attitude!

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#EPIC Talks
presents...

A **free** public lecture:
Your flipping attitude!

Simon Tyler
Author, business coach
and inspirational speaker

15 May, 5.30pm
Council Chamber,
County Hall, Trowbridge

To book your **free** place visit epictalks.eventbrite.co.uk

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The next in Wiltshire Council's series of free #EPIC Talks will be showing some real attitude.

Simon Tyler, a finalist in the 2019 Business Book Awards and a pioneer in simplicity, impact and attitude, will explore why people's attitude is pivotal in personal and professional happiness and progress. The free event takes place on 15 May from 5.30pm at County Hall, Trowbridge and people can book their place now at <http://www.epictalks.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Simon will also uncover how people can control their attitude range and, ultimately, flip the attitude and the attitudes of those around them to drive performance and have the impact they want.

A pioneer in simplicity, impact and attitude, Simon has spoken at hundreds of events for all kinds of organisations bringing his unique brand of connectivity and humour to his audience to shift attitudes and create impact.

Wiltshire Council's #EPIC Talks series aims to stimulate debate and learning by inviting inspirational speakers to share their knowledge.

More information about #EPIC Talks, including videos of previous events, can be found on our #EPIC Talks webpage at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/skills-epic-talks>

About Simon Tyler:

Author of 'The Impact Book', 'The Keep It Simple Book', 'The Impact Code', 'The Simple Way' and most recently 'The Attitude Book', is one of the world's leading business coaches and inspirational speakers. His entertaining and thought-provoking work cuts through complication and frustration and liberates individual potential.

Simon facilitates workshops and courses for teams or whole companies and coaches one-to-one or in groups. Simon has personally delivered over 5,000 hours of one-to-one coaching with 750+

leaders and executives, and has positively influenced large audiences at over 700 live events. Simon's *The Attitude Book* was shortlisted for the 2019 Business Book Awards.

More information can be found at <http://www.simontyler.com/>

OVO Energy Tour Series returns to historic Salisbury in May



Salisbury will welcome Britain's best teams and riders once again in May as the OVO Energy Tour Series returns to the cathedral city.

Having hosted the 100th round in series history and the event's 10-year anniversary in May 2018, Britain's leading televised cycle series heads to the Wiltshire city on Thursday 23 May for this season's penultimate showdown.

Last year's round, watched by 12,000 spectators as well as TV viewers around the world, memorably saw three-time Olympic champion Ed Clancy take individual honours in the men's race. The 1.2-kilometre (0.7-mile) circuit based around Guildhall Square and Market Place also holds good memories for the Canyon Eisberg and Team Breeze squads, who were crowned last year's men's and women's series champions respectively in Salisbury.

The Wiltshire venue joins Redditch, Motherwell, Aberdeen, Durham, Birkenhead and Brooklands as the last of the confirmed locations for the 2019 OVO Energy Tour Series.

Among the likely contenders to Canyon dnb p/b Bloor Homes' crown are Madison Genesis, 2015 men's champions and last year's runners-up, Team WIGGINS Le Col and Vitus Pro Cycling. Meanwhile Storey Racing and Brother-Tifosi look set to challenge Team Breeze in the ever-competitive women's title race.

As well as being an unticketed, free-to-attend event, the OVO Energy Tour Series is unique in the world of cycling, as the focus in both the men's and women's competition is on the teams, who battle for the overall title based on the performance of all five of their riders in each round.

Highlights of the OVO Energy Tour Series are screened on ITV4 and broadcast around the world, while event days provide the opportunity for a range of community and cycling activities to take place on closed-road circuits.

BBC Wiltshire Live Music Stage announced as part of this summer's Armed Forces Day National Event three-day spectacular in Salisbury

BBC Wiltshire has been announced as a key media partner for the celebration of the Armed Forces which will bring thousands to Salisbury on the last weekend of June (28 - 30).

The local radio station will create the BBC Wiltshire Village, which will have local acts on stage between 3pm and 6.30pm on the Saturday and Sunday. There will also be the interactive BBC bus on which people can have a go at being a presenter.

In addition, the Listening Project vehicle, which is a partnership between BBC Wiltshire, BBC Radio 4 and the British Library, will be capturing conversations as part of a legacy project. More details on this, and other exciting developments from BBC Wiltshire will be promoted nearer the time, and it promises to be a real draw on the day.

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Local bands and acts Duck n Cuvver, The Treblemakers and Salisbury Rock Choir will each perform on the main stage on one of the three days at Hudson's Field after winning a Facebook competition.

The platinum sponsors are KBR Aspire Defence and Lovell. SSAFA, the armed forces charity, has been announced as the official main charity sponsor and the Royal British Legion is a charity partner. General Dynamics, Landmarc, MiPermit and Nationwide Engineering are also supporting the event as gold sponsors.

Armed Forces Day is a chance to show support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community from current serving troops to service families, veterans and cadets. Armed Forces Day nationally takes place on the last Saturday in June, this year it is on 29 June with the national event being held in Salisbury. Celebrations begin on Monday 24 June when the Armed Forces Day flag is raised on buildings and landmarks across the country. Showing support for the Armed Forces provides a much-valued morale boost for troops and their families.

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Homeless strategy consultation

We are pleased to announce we have just commenced our three-month formal consultation on Wiltshire Council's Homeless Strategy. Having a homeless strategy is required by the Homeless Reduction Act 2017 and as part of its development we have taken into account the homeless Code of Guidance and we have produced a full data review on homelessness in Wiltshire. This was developed alongside the homeless health needs assessment. The consultation gives you the opportunity to have your say on the draft strategy.

[Homeless Data Review 2019](#)

What are we consulting on?

Our homeless strategy sets out our vision, aims and key priorities to help prevent and reduce homelessness in Wiltshire. The key priorities are:

- Reduce rough sleeping
- Identify and prevent homelessness at the earliest possible stage
- Ensure services are designed to prevent homelessness and support those who are homeless.
- Ensure those who are threatened with homelessness or who are homeless can secure and keep a suitable home.
- Maintain effective strategic direction and partnership working

Each priority is supported by actions to enable the priorities to be achieved

[Homeless Strategy](#)

Have your say

We want your thoughts on the strategy which will be considered when finalising the documents. The strategy will then be presented to Cabinet in September 2019 followed by Full Council in October 2019.

[Have your say](#) - the closing date for comments is 5pm on 2 June 2019.

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 newlisting](#) pages of the website