

Newsletter

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EmployAbility Fair back for 2018

Wiltshire Council hosts its 2018 EmployAbility Fair at County Hall, Trowbridge, from 10am 2pm on 2 October.

The event supports jobseekers with disabilities by putting them in touch with local employers and support services offering advice.

Around 30 organisations will attend including Wiltshire Police, Asda, BT Openreach and Longleat.

The event, back for its second year, is for people with a disability, but all members of the public are welcome to attend.

Free CV health checks will be available, so those interested can bring their CVs.

The venue is accessible by wheelchair and a British Sign Language interpreter will also be available.

For further details please contact Employabilityfair@wiltshire.gov.uk.



Short Breaks scheme consultation - open until 16 September

Each year the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC) asks parent carers for their views on the Short Breaks scheme.

The feedback shapes decisions Wiltshire Council takes about the scheme for the coming year.

For the first time, the consultation is online this year.

Participants are asked to look at a slide presentation before responding.

The survey closes at 5pm on 16 September.

View slides and respond at: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/short-breaks-scheme-consultation>

Please direct enquiries to the WPCC on 01225 764647.

Christie Miller Sports Centre in Melksham to close

The development of the community campus is underway in Melksham and will provide a range of new leisure and community services and facilities for the local area. In recent years the town has benefited from significant investment that includes a popular skate park, a new state of the art football and rugby stadium at Oakfields, a new replacement cricket pavilion, and a refurbished and improved Market Place.

The closure of Christie Miller Sports Centre has always been planned as part of the overall scheme of investment in the town and the provision of a new community campus at the Melksham House site. A recent inspection of facilities at the sports centre and the adjacent Highways Depot has confirmed that significant investment of up to £1m over the next three years with an immediate investment of £350,000 is required to enable the building to continue to operate and ensure the safety of both staff and centre users and visitors.

Cabinet member for campuses John Thomson said: "The cost to maintain the centre and the risks associated to ensure that it is fit for purpose for public use has led to this difficult decision to close the centre prior to the new one being available. The cost to continue with this centre is prohibitive and any investment would have a detrimental impact on the new centre and its facilities as the cost would have to be met from the budget allocated for the new campus.

"While we recognise that this will be inconvenient to users, we are making every effort with Places for People, who run this facility on our behalf, to look at alternative provision in other nearby centres.

"We have always been open that the centre would have to close if it became unsafe and required major investment. Unfortunately, that is now the case and we have no option other than to close.

Places for People, that operate the sports centre on behalf of the council, has agreed with Wiltshire Council that the building should close on 19 October 2018 and that alternative facilities for members and clubs that use the centre will be re-provided, wherever possible.

Additional information:

- The upcoming closure of Christie Miller Leisure Centre was confirmed at the Melksham Area Board meeting held on 5 September
- All staff employed by Places for People will be offered the option of redeployment at other centres.
- Memberships will be transferred to Melksham Blue Pool and adult premium members can also use facilities at any Wiltshire Council sites
- Clubs will be relocated to other centres, wherever possible
- The Indoor Bowls Club will continue to receive support from the council and £150k has been allocated as part of the campus budget to assist with a new facility.

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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