

# Newsletter

Parish Newsletter – w/c 29 October 2018

## Focusing on the Future

Wiltshire Council welcomes local residents to join its senior leaders at a series of events to discuss the services that the council provides and its plans for future years.

The Focusing on the Future public meetings will be spread across four dates in four locations around Wiltshire in November.

Philip Whitehead - Wiltshire Council's cabinet member for finance will focus on how the council is changing to provide the services that taxpayers expect and need both now and in the years ahead.

The discussion will include:

- **Decision making** how the council allocates your tax to offer services
- **Diligence** how it spends wisely to balance the budget
- **Difference** how it's changing
- **Digital** how the council is making it easier for you to book, pay and do on line when you want to
- **Devolution** how parish and town councils and communities can provide more services locally
- **Delivery** how the council will continue to do what it says it will

Date	Location	Venue	Time
15 November 2018	Trowbridge	Cotswold Room, County Hall	6pm – 7.30pm
22 November 2018	Chippenham	Council Chamber, Monkton Park	5.30pm – 7pm
26 November 2018	Devizes	Devizes Community Hub and Library	5.30pm – 7pm
29 November 2018	Salisbury	The Banqueting Room, Salisbury Guildhall	5.30pm – 7pm

### Wiltshire Council Focusing on the Future: dates and venues

Please email [events@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:events@wiltshire.gov.uk) if you'd like to attend refreshments will be available.

For more information please contact the Wiltshire Council communications team on 01225 713115/6 or 01225 713370.

## Floods and emergency planning

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### Flood Warden workshop

All day workshop for Flood Wardens focused on resilience – 14 November 2018 at the Wiltshire & Dorset FRS Training Centre, Hopton, Devizes.

More details to follow.

Register your interest with [Lisa.milton@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.milton@environment-agency.gov.uk) or [Renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### Flood and emergency plans

We are at that time of year when flooding may become an issue for some communities.

If you haven't done so already, dust off your flood plans, check your supplies and ensure all your contact lists are up-to-date, if it's over 3 years old you probably need to look at it again and update the contents.

If you have any additional supplies or equipment (pumps, generators, flood barriers etc.) please send us details and update your flood plan. It may also be helpful to speak to neighbouring communities, as you may be able to share resources during a flood.

Any gullies that, if blocked, would cause internal property flooding (and only those) should be listed in your plan and you should notify your local highway engineer which ones they are.

Ditches and watercourses over the summer may have become blocked, now may be a good time to look at any critical watercourses to see if any work is required.

We have been contacting parishes over the summer and will continue to do so to ensure we have the right information available so that in a weather emergency we can ring your community and talk directly to you about how you are coping and any assistance or advice we can give.

Please let us know if the contact details have changed for your emergency/flood warden by contacting [renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk) or [nicola.mundy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.mundy@wiltshire.gov.uk) who can also assist with enquires.

### If only you'd known

If your parish is willing to assist a neighbouring parish in an emergency please let us know as well as what equipment/manpower you have available. Wiltshire is a large county and it can take time for our staff to get to you, but assistance could be just down the road.

# Tommy's on parade at County Hall

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A poignant reminder of the sacrifices of WW1 soldiers are on display at Wiltshire Council.

Five "Tommy silhouettes" are at County Hall in Trowbridge as part of the nationwide There But Not There campaign of remembrance for the centenary of the Armistice.

Baroness Scott of Bybrook, OBE, Leader of Wiltshire Council, said: "We can never do enough to commemorate the tremendous sacrifice made by the hundreds of Wiltshire soldiers who joined all those who fought bravely in WW1.

"These silhouettes are a very poignant reminder of the sacrifice these soldiers made and I'm proud to support this important campaign."

The Tommy Silhouettes are part of a wider commitment by Wiltshire Council to commemorate WW1.

Communities across Wiltshire have pledged to plant 10,000 trees - one for every member of the Armed Forces from Wiltshire who died during the conflict.

The There But Not There campaign;

- commemorates the fallen
- educates all, particularly the young to understand how 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel lost their lives
- helps heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of post-traumatic stress disorder and other legacies of recent combat by raising funds for charities



## Everleigh Household Recycling Centre will close on 6 November

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It has been confirmed that Everleigh Household Recycling centre's last day open to the public will be Tuesday 6 November.

This follows Wiltshire Council's cabinet decision earlier this month to close the centre, following a public consultation and careful consideration of the responses and other factors.

A number of factors influenced the final decision, including the amount of investment required to ensure the site continued to meet environmental standards, the fact the centre received significantly fewer visitors compared with all other Wiltshire household recycling centres, and the need to make savings. The availability of alternative sites also means the closure will impact fewer residents than closing any of the other sites.

There are three neighbouring sites: Marlborough, Devizes, and Amesbury, which residents who previously used Everleigh HRC can access.

The decision was made at Wiltshire Council's cabinet meeting on 9 October, and was deemed to have been confirmed on 19 October after the necessary call-in period had expired.

## Ready for Winter

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Our winter maintenance team is more prepared than ever to keep the roads running smoothly over the cold period.

After the end of every winter, we service our 24 gritting vehicles, amend and test gritting routes, and develop closer working arrangements with parishes and other agencies.

We have more than 13,000 tonnes of salt in stock strategically placed throughout the county in six storage sites. We also have weather stations in key areas which provide real time information and assist in producing accurate forecasts to ensure our gritters are sent out at the right time.

On average it can take up to 140 tonnes of salt to grit Wiltshire's A and B class roads and 230 tonnes to salt an extended list of roads during prolonged cold weather.

During severe weather local farmers also have an important role to play, with many clearing snow in their local areas when required. During winter people can have updates on both the weather and road conditions on Twitter by following @WiltshireWinter and @WiltshireRoads



## 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