

Bus service changes in east Wiltshire

People are being asked to check the journeys they normally make on some [bus services](#) in east Wiltshire as we continue to develop long term sustainable services.

Following more than 11,000 responses to a consultation last year, people asked the council to concentrate funding on the vital journeys which people depend on such as journeys to work and rural services. Cabinet decided to retain around 97 percent of bus passenger journeys, but savings of £500k were required from some less well used services.



A majority of the saving has already been found, with little disruption to services, however any future service changes are likely to impact more people.

Refugee families making their home in Wiltshire

[Refugee families](#) in Wiltshire are finding jobs and gaining independence as they settle into local communities.

Since the first group of families arrived in December 2015, Wiltshire has welcomed a number of individuals and families to settle and make their home in the county.

Wiltshire Council has continued to work with key partners including Wiltshire Police, health colleagues and the Department for Work and Pensions as part of a strong multi-agency approach to ensure the refugees have all they need to settle quickly into their new homes.



Charities, faith groups, community groups and volunteers have been a key part of the response providing general support to help the refugees adapt.

Contracts awarded which will see improved broadband service in Wiltshire

Local businesses and residents will benefit from [ultrafast broadband](#), a service that provides connection of more than 100Mbps, after we awarded contracts.

The service will be provided following our successful bid for funding of £2m from Broadband Delivery UK and the securing of match funding of £1m from the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership.



Following a robust procurement process, which saw an invitation to tender launched in November last year, the contract to deliver Ultrafast broadband in the north of the county has been awarded to Gigaclear Plc and the contract to deliver the service in the south of the county has been awarded to BT.

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SSE Community Resilience Grant

If your town and parish have a flood or emergency plan and you would like some equipment to improve the resilience of your plan and your community, do apply for this grant. Many of our parish and town councils have already done so.



SSEN South England
Application Form 2017



SSEN South England
Guidelines 2017.pdf

Flood Warden training

We are just in the process of arranging some dates for flood warden training in July and September so if your flood warden or community emergency volunteer please pass this information on to them.

Dates and details to follow

Draft business plan

Wiltshire Council Cabinet are considering a draft Business Plan at their meeting on 20 June. The document sets the council's overarching strategy for the next ten years, focusing on the vision of delivering strong communities. You can read the covering report and draft plan here:

- [Business Plan Report , item 11.](#)
- [Draft Business Plan , item 11.](#)

Comments on the plan are welcome ahead of the next Cabinet meeting on 3 July and should be sent by 30 June to david.bowater@wiltshire.gov.uk

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