

Update from	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Wednesday, 25 May 2011

## Headlines

- **Town Centre Car Park** – The development of the Town Centre Car Park will begin this autumn following confirmation that Tesco will be providing professional project management, quantity surveying and architectural services throughout all phases of the project – all free of charge. The Town Council is delighted by Tesco's involvement which represents a real saving to Cricklade.
- **New Councillors** - Three new Councillors have joined the Town Council – Councillors John Harmer, Julie Norman and Angela Jensen.
- **You Tube** – For the first time and thanks to the efforts of a local resident, our Annual Town Meeting was videoed and posted on You Tube. It can be viewed at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9xQw-Z\\_DCE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9xQw-Z_DCE)
- **Weekend Opening** – The Town Council opened its Front Office for 3 weekends during the Fritillaries season (the period in April/May when these rare flowers bloom in the town's North Meadow attracting over 9500 visitors). The office was manned by Councillors offering tourist information and other services to visitors.

## Projects

- **Eastern Roundabout** – The Town Council is working with its Wiltshire Councillor to ensure that the adoption of the roundabout at the town's eastern entrance from the A419 is formalised as soon as possible enabling its enhancement as an attractive and appropriate gateway to Cricklade.
- **Cricklade Development Plan** – The final draft of Cricklade's Development Plan is being finalised in line with the time table for Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy
- **Champion of Champions** – Work towards this important Britain in Bloom competition continues. (Cricklade is only one of 2 towns in England selected for this category). A meeting has taken place bring the key partners together to prepare for judging which will take place in early August. Following on from the success of the launch of this year's competition – a Community Tree Planting day and a Worm Charming competition (as featured on Points West) - a number of other events and activities are planned over the coming weeks.
- **Long Close** – Following the transfer of land from Taylor Wimpey to the Town Council, a Working Group will shortly be established drawing together a number of partners with the aim of transforming this area into a public open space.

## Future Events/Dates for the diary

A full list of events in Cricklade can be found at our Events Diary at [www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk](http://www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk)

- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Cricklade Festival. With a theme of Cricklade Country Fest – come along to enjoy the sights and sounds of the countryside!

Signed: Shelley Parker, Town Clerk

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011