## Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Update From Cricklade Town Council

Area Board Meeting - 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## **Remembrance Sunday Parade**



In 2020 alternative arrangements were put in place for remembrance events. However, this year the parade and service on Sunday 14th November was back to normal where CTC and the community were able to show respect to all the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom.

Starting at Waylands, the parade passed down the High Street to the War Memorial and then returned up the High Street to St Sampson's Church via Bath Road. The Canadian Forces 437 Transport Squadron were invited and assisted in the remembrance parade at Blakehill Farm Memorial.

On Thursday 11th November there was a short road closure of the area around the War Memorial for the schools to attend a service of remembrance and observe the 11am silence with Chair Councillor Mark Clarke and Town Clerk Duncan May.

## Planning Issues discussed with MP James Gray

On November 12<sup>th</sup> Cricklade Town Councillors from the Planning Committee met with James Gray who also had a tour of the area. Planning issues in Cricklade were discussed such as the need for low-cost housing for local people and opposing developments outside the settlement boundary.

The successful redevelopment of Cricklade's Culverhay Estate by Greensquare was highlighted along with the conflict between the Five-Year Housing Land supply and Neighbourhood Plans. Some talk about community development rights enabling commercial premises to be converted to residential use and getting the right balance of High Street business versus residential premises.

## Annual Events celebrated this year...

Cricklade Bloomers Competition and Cricklade Christmas Light competitions went ahead this year. The displays this year were exceptional and gave a much needed and colourful morale boost to residents and visitors over what had been a tough year. Certificates presented to the winning owners congratulating their hard work and skill was held at the Community & Leisure Meeting on 4 October 2021. The results for the Christmas Light competition will be announced soon and certificates will be presented at the Full Council meeting held this month.



