

Update for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

ITEM 6(iv)

Update from	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Wednesday, 6 th July 2011
Headlines	

- **Cllr Brian Atfield** – Cricklade is mourning the loss of one of its Town Councillors, Cllr Brian Atfield, who was widely respected throughout the county. He had served as a Town Councillor for 28 years and was also a North Wiltshire District Councillor (rising to Chairman) and a County Councillor. This was alongside his work with many local voluntary and community groups. A very well-attended funeral took place on 16th June.
- **Wiltshire Core Strategy** – Working with Cricklade Library the Town Council will be holding a small exhibition in its Front Office as part of Wiltshire Council's consultation around the emerging strategy development plan.
- **Schools Consultation** - A consultation is currently taking place about the possibility of amalgamating St Sampson's Infant and St Sampson's CE Junior School. This runs to 29th July 2011.
- **Big Tree Plant** – Cricklade Bloomers have been awarded more than £5,500 through a grant scheme run by Defra. This will enable Cricklade Bloomers, the Town Council and the local community to plant trees and create a small meadow on open space at Fairview Fields on the eastern edge of the town.

Projects

- **Diamond Jubilee** – The Town Council will set up a Working Party to look at, along with local groups, celebrations to mark the 2012 Diamond Jubilee.
- **Long Close** - A Working Party has already been established which will involve local interested parties and English Heritage to ensure that this land, now in the hands of the Town Council, retains his historical significance and becomes a wonderful area of public open space
- **Cricklade in Bloom** – As in past years, the Town Council will again be holding its own Cricklade in Bloom competition. This will take place in the week of 18th July when our judges will be touring the town admiring residents' gardens and business displays. There is also a special environmental category for children where the theme is to create a display with flowers or vegetables using a recycled container. These innovative creations will be judged on 25th July.

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

- 2nd August – Judging Day for the RHS Britain in Bloom competition in which Cricklade is only one of a handful of finalists in the Champion of Champions category.
- 29th August – Cricklade Show at Chelworth Road

Signed: Shelley Parker, Town Clerk

Date: 12th May 2011