

Update for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Wednesday, 26 th September 2012

Cricklade Headlines

Election - Following a recent by-election, we welcome Councillor Russell Osman to the Town Council.

Cotswold Kermesse Cycle Race – Cricklade hosted this 50 mile cycle race on 2 September. A very successful event which will return next year. Thanks are passed to Wiltshire Council and the Police for their help in making it all come together. Not to be outdone, junior cyclists were coached by British Cycling professionals at a *Go-Ride* event in the morning at the Leisure Centre. More at <http://www.britishcycling.org.uk>

New Leisure Centre Facilities – Double Olympic Gold Medallist, Peter Reed, opened the new gym and café at Cricklade Leisure Centre on 9th September. The Leisure Centre Team has worked so hard to get this project up and running - fabulous job.

Cricklade in Bloom – Winners of the town's best gardens and hanging baskets were presented with their awards at the Community & Leisure meeting on 4th September. Young gardening enthusiasts also won prizes for designing a display in a recycled container themed on the Olympics.

Neighbourhood Planning - Cricklade has decided not to move ahead with the Neighbourhood Area Plan under the Front Runner Scheme but wishes parishes in the Community Area every success in their Neighbourhood Planning process – these plans are vital documents in shaping the future of our area.

Projects

Cricklade Campus – Town Councillors have voted towards being a partner in the proposed split site Cricklade Campus. The Town Council is looking forward to working even more closely with the SCOB on this exciting project.

Benchmarking - The Town Council is working with the Cricklade Business Association in an Action for Market Towns benchmarking exercise funded by Wiltshire Council to help measure the economic performance of Cricklade's town centre. This information will be collated into a bespoke report early next year.

Long Close – Our Grounds Team has worked hard to start clearing Long Close just behind the cemetery and the difference is quite striking. The Town Council acquired this land from Taylor Wimpey for £1 in 2011. As the land sits on the original town ramparts we are working with English Heritage towards properly managing the land as public open space for the town.

Cricklade Cinema! - Good news for movie buffs. There will be an autumn 3 film season. After *The Artist* at 8:15pm on Tuesday October 16th the next films will be *Woman in Black* on 13th November and *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* on 11th December. Tickets will be on sale at Baileys Newsagents and the Town Council Offices. Well done to the new group of volunteers who have brought it all together

Circus coming to Town – For the first time in many years, a circus will be coming to Cricklade. It'll take place in Town Council-owned Fairview Fields between 11 – 14th October.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

A full list of events in Cricklade can be found in our Events Diary at www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk

7 th October	Cricklade Half Marathon, 10k and Fun Run. 10.30am
6 th November	Court Leet – Open Court



Signed – Shelley Parker, Town Clerk

Date: 14th September 2012