

## ***Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board***

<b>Update from</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>
<b>Date of Area Board Meeting</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2014
<b>Headlines</b>	

- Congratulations to Administrative Services Manager, Michelle Temple who has successfully attained CILCA qualification and is now a member of the Institute of Local Council Management.
- First Bulletin newsletter was well received. Next issue due end June and will include Annual Report.
- Mayor Making 16<sup>th</sup> May; our newly elected Mayor is Cllr. Sue Hughes. During her civic year in office, Cllr. Hughes is supporting the charity The Filling Station, which provides practical and other support for the homeless.
- A new willow tree will be blessed by the Reverend Jemma Sander-Heys at a special dedication ceremony at Jubilee Lake on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The tree, which has already been planted on the island in the centre of the lake, was kindly donated by Bassett Bar & Catering and replaces the very old tree, which finally succumbed to stormy weather earlier this year. The blessing will be followed by a picnic for local Girlguides.
- Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council would like to add thanks to David Pope, Chris Kemble and all those who once again gave their time and effort to take part in the regular Community Litter Pick. This voluntary group meet regularly, helping to keep our town looking good and a nice environment in which to live.

### **Projects**

- We hope to introduce the newly appointed Chair of the Community Led Planning Group at the next Area Board meeting in July 2014.
- Royal Wootton Bassett's Neighbourhood Plan is in the final stages of drafting. Councillors are revisiting the plan following central government's increase in number of homes to be built in the town. Councillors aim to submit to Wiltshire Council in September 2014.

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- On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Town Clerk Johnathan Bourne met with Wiltshire Councillor Allison Bucknell and Campus Transformation Project Portfolio Holder Jonathan Seed. Our sincere thanks go to Councillor Allison Bucknell for her support of the Campus project in Royal Wootton Bassett and we are hopeful, with Councillor Allison Bucknell and Jonathan Seed's assistance, that Jonathan Seed will attend the next Area Board meeting to give an update presentation.
- The Town Hall on Royal Wootton Bassett's High Street is undergoing routine maintenance. Scaffolding will be in place from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May for 29 days, weather permitting.
- Our war memorial is being undergoing work to improve its surround.

### **Events/Dates for the diary**

- Town Crier Competition, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014.