

## **Update from Chippenham Town Council - Area Board 10-11-14**

As many of you will know Chippenham Town Council is in the top 20 Parish Councils in the country in terms of size and the largest in Wiltshire. Therefore, you would be right in thinking we have a wide variety of projects going on. I wanted to just touch and a few of these tonight to give you a flavour of the work we are currently involved with.

### **Purple Flag Status**

We are currently working towards Purple Flag accreditation, something we feel will enhance the town centre. This looks at the management of the night-time economy including what is on offer and creating an enjoyable and safe night out. This includes things like CCTV. So we welcomed the recent grant made by this board towards Wiltshire police mobile CCTV

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### **Bid Process**

Many of you will be aware of the Chippenham Bid (Business Improvement District). I don't propose to go through it in detail here, but if the BID is successful in the next few days the potential for investment into Chippenham is quite substantial over the next 5 years. This could see major improvements to the Town and we are working closely with the BID team on this exciting project.

<http://www.cherishchippenham.co.uk/>

### **Partnership Work Wiltshire Council**

We are working closely with colleagues and officers on several projects. For example we have had several community clean up days in various locations across the town. We are also looking to provide additional grit bins for various locations and currently consulting on bus stops as well as future developments in and around the town.

### **Stanley Park**

This facility continues to be a flagship for the town with numerous national awards whilst delivering international standard facilities used for example by professional football clubs. Each year the facilities are enjoyed by thousands of young people in our community.

<http://www.chippenham.gov.uk/sportsfacilities>

### **Splash Pad**

In response to public demand, the Town Council will shortly start work on Chippenham's first splashpad in John Coles Park. This will deliver a welcome addition to the town and encourage more use of our open spaces.

### **Neeld Hall**

Chippenham has always lacked a sizeable quality venue for the arts and community. After securing the lease for the Neeld Hall for another 150 years for Chippenham Residents, next summer will see the refurbishment of the Neeld Hall into a first class venue for the whole town.

### **Christmas Lights & Winter Festival**

One last plug if I may, Chippenham's lights switch on has changed this year and we have our first winter festival over the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> November, with a very well-known celebrity switching the lights on the Saturday evening. A full program can be found on the Town Council

Website. <http://www.chippenham.gov.uk/christmas-winter-festival-29th-30th-november.19256.aspx>

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