

Update for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	6 th October 2010

Headlines/Key successes

- **South West and Britain in Bloom** - Cricklade has again won a Gold Award and the Ayre Cup in the RHS South West in Bloom competition making in the Best Small Town in the South West. Awards were also presented to nine local neighbourhood groups and a special Community Champion award was given to the Chair of Cricklade Bloomers, Anita Barratt. The town now awaits the results of the Britain in Bloom national finals (*to be announced on 29th September*). Congratulations go to Cricklade Bloomers, the volunteers who have worked so hard towards this achievement.
- **Children's Competition** - As part of Cricklade in Bloom, the Town Council ran a competition for children to make a display in a recyclable container. Innovative young Crickladians came up with displays in tyres, picnic baskets, on trays and even gas masks - all making use of something out use! Winners and all who entered came along to a presentation at the Town Council offices to receive prizes and certificates.
- **Town Plan** – The Town Council undertook consultation during the summer to gauge whether there was support for a community-led Cricklade Town Plan. The outcome of this was that there should be and a Steering Group has now been formed to drive the plan forward.

Projects

- **Town Centre Car Park** – An application for funding under Wiltshire Council's Performance Reward Grant Scheme was submitted but, rejected. Although this is a disappointing outcome, the Town Council will continue to work together to seek alternative funding streams for this much needed facility.
- **Skate Park** – At the request of Cricklade's young skaters, the Town Council is planning to erect a fence around the perimeter of the Skate Park. This will make it safer for those using the park, deter others from using it as a thoroughfare as well as help to keep it free from litter. An application has been submitted to the Area Board for a Community Area Grant towards this.
- **Eastern Roundabout** – Working with Wiltshire Council to adopt the roundabout at the eastern entrance to Cricklade from the A419 to enhance it as an attractive gateway to the town.
- **Reduced Street Lighting** – The Town Council is working with local people and Wiltshire Council to identify locations where street lights could be turned off during part of the night which will help to reduce the community's carbon footprint and reduce light pollution of the night sky.

Forthcoming events/Diary dates

- A full list of events in Cricklade can be found at www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk
- **Dog Warden's Surgery** – Following the success of a pilot scheme held earlier in the year, Wiltshire Council's Dog Warden will be holding a surgery during the morning at the Town Council offices on Wednesday, 3rd November
- **Remembrance Sunday** – The Town Council is pleased to be involved in the organisation of this year's important parade through the town on Sunday, 14th November

Signed: Shelley Parker – Town Clerk Date: 27th September 2010