

Newsletter

Parish Newsletter – 4 December 2017

New appointment to support Armed Forces

Wiltshire Council has appointed an [Armed Forces Project Officer](#) to help raise understanding of the Armed Forces Covenant.

David Wood will ensure that the covenant is understood by service providers and businesses and that military personnel also fully understand what they are entitled to.

The covenant, which was first signed in 2011, commits Wiltshire Council, businesses and public and voluntary sector organisations to work with the military to provide help and advice to make sure that Armed Forces personnel and their families are not disadvantaged by their service.

This new appointment follows a successful bid by Wiltshire Council for more than £190,000, on behalf of several other local authorities, to improve awareness and implementation of the covenant.



Wealth of Wiltshire Christmas Fayre marks the start of the festive season

Our [Wealth of Wiltshire Christmas Fayre](#) was a huge success with crowds of people flocking to our Atrium at County Hall.

More than 40 local traders showcased a range of items, including jewellery, paintings, upcycled gifts, original handcrafted items, ceramics, cards, and novelty gifts.

A host of fun activities took place throughout the day. Pupils from local schools and the Wiltshire Council Choir will sing Christmas classics, while a magic show, balloon making, a story hunt, a school nativity play and festive face painting kept all ages entertained. There was also visits from a winter princess and mascot Trowbridge Ted.



A huge thank you to everyone that came along, we hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did!

Wiltshire Council staff help to Clean Up Wilts in their lunch breaks

Wiltshire Council staff and local area board members spent their lunch breaks last week (Tuesday) [picking up litter](#) to help clean up Trowbridge.

The event was the first of its kind, as further events are planned to take place in Trowbridge, Chippenham and Salisbury, and was developed as an idea suggested by staff as part of the county-wide [Clean Up Wilts campaign](#).

The group tackled known problem litter areas in Trowbridge park, Biss Meadows and the town centre using equipment funded by Trowbridge Area Board and McDonald's.

A total 13 bags of litter were collected during the hour.

Bridget Wayman, cabinet member for waste, said: "I'd like to thank all the staff and local members who gave up their lunch break to pick up litter that has helped to improve Trowbridge, making it a nicer place to live and work.

"We have many volunteers and groups across the county that organise litter picks and do a really fantastic job. It is such a shame that people still consider it acceptable to discard litter in the first place.

"Wiltshire Council spends £2.5 million each year on clearing up the county to make sure we preserve our beautiful landscape. This cost is totally avoidable and this money could be better spent on vital frontline services.



Moldovan visit to Wiltshire

[Visitors from Moldova](#) were given an insight into how we support disabled children and those at risk, to remain living with their families, as part of a fact finding visit recently.

The group, from Gagauzia, an Autonomous Territory in Southern Moldova, have been travelling around the country as part of a study visit. Gagauzia has two institutions which are due to close in 2019, so they need to shape a plan for supporting children and their families into the future.



The Wiltshire visit was part of a three-day tour arranged by the charity Lumos, which was set up to support children moving out of institutions in certain countries.

The officials met with staff and children at Wansdyke School and then travelled to meet some of the children and young people at Canon's House in Devizes. The house is a short-break residential home to provide a break for carers as well as helping the child to remain in the family home.

Christmas and New Year waste and recycling collection changes

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There will be no waste or recycling collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.



There will be catch up collections on Saturday 30 December, Saturday 6 January and Saturday 13 January.

Garden waste collections will be suspended from Monday 25 December for two weeks and resume on Tuesday 9 January. Collections will be one day later than normal during this week.

All collections, including garden waste, will return to normal from **Monday 15 January 2018**.



If you have paid for a garden waste collection you can leave your real Christmas tree alongside your garden waste bin on your first garden waste collection day in January, and we will ensure it is composted.

Normal collection day	Revised household waste, black box, plastic bottles and cardboard collection day	Revised garden waste collection day
Mon 25 December	Wed 27 December	No collections
Tues 26 December	Thurs 28 December	No collections
Wed 27 December	Fri 29 December	No collections
Thurs 28 December	Sat 30 December	No collections
Fri 29 December	Tues 2 January	No collections
Mon 1 January	Wed 3 January	No collections
Tues 2 January	Thurs 4 January	No collections
Wed 3 January	Fri 5 January	No collections
Thurs 4 January	Sat 6 January	No collections
Fri 5 January	Mon 8 January	No collections
Mon 8 January	Tues 9 January	Tues 9 January
Tues 9 January	Wed 10 January	Wed 10 January
Wed 10 January	Thur 11 January	Thur 11 January
Thur 11 January	Fri 12 January	Fri 12 January
Fri 12 January	Sat 13 January	Sat 13 January
Mon 15 January	Back to normal	Back to normal

Household recycling centre opening hours

All household recycling centres will be closed from 1pm on 24 December and all day on 25 December, 26 December and 1 January. At all other times normal opening hours will apply, 10am – 4pm, five days per week. Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres to check which days your local centre is open.

Site	Sun 24 Dec	Mon 25 Dec	Tues 26 Dec	Wed 27 Dec	Thurs 28 Dec	Fri 29 Dec	Sat 30 Dec	Sun 31 Dec	Mon 1 Jan
Amesbury	✓ am only	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Devizes	✓ am only	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Everleigh	✓ am only	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Calne	✓ am only	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Marlborough	✓ am only	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Melksham	✓ am only	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Purton	✓ am only	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Salisbury	✓ am only	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Stanton St Quintin	✓ am only	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Trowbridge	✓ am only	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Warminster	✓ am only	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗

What's on

If you would like to promote an event in your area to staff and the wider public why not use the [events calendar](#) on our website. You can find the link to the calendar on the home page under "What's on". Check what else is on at Wiltshire Music Centre in Bradford on Avon: www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk and City Hall in Salisbury: www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

Quick links

Area Board information - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards.htm

All the latest news releases - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm

A blog for the heritage community of Wiltshire - <https://heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

Community virtual notice boards - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ourcommunitymattersblogsites.htm

Recycle for Wiltshire - www.recycleforwiltshire.com

Roadworks - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm

Tree wardens for Wiltshire- www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk

What's on in Wiltshire- www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson.htm

What's on at City Hall in Salisbury - www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

A blog for Wiltshire's arts community-<http://theartsinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

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