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View from the Chair

Welcome to 2023! The first three years of the 2020s have brought us a global pandemic, war in Europe, three prime ministers and a cost of living crisis. Perhaps it wouldn't be too much to ask for a rather more boring year?

As a parish council, the biggest way we have been asked to respond to the cost of living crisis has been to support our local community buildings. At the time of writing we are still working with the volunteer committees who manage the Old Sarum Community Centre and Hampton Park Pavilion on the exact structures going forward, but as a council we have agreed to support the running of these buildings in the face of dramatic increase in costs they face. Both of these excellent buildings (and Laverstock Village Hall) have some spare capacity so if you are planning a one-off event or looking for a venue for a club or other activity do get in touch with the booking secretaries, the more we use these buildings the easier it will be to secure their future.

For those who are concerned about the congestion, pollution and dangerous driving that occurs on Church Road at the start and end of the school day, it may feel more like groundhog day than new year as another consultation starts on essentially the same proposal for a traffic regulation order limiting parking in the afternoons. I won't say too much about the actions of one Wiltshire Council cabinet member who has made us repeat the detailed consultation that has taken place and delayed any action by nine months, but I would urge you (what ever your opinions) to respond to the survey.

The rationale behind the decision to carry out a formal consultation was to allow more people outside the parish to have their say and so unless there is a good response from local residents, potentially, the views of those who live on Church Road and the roads near it will be drowned out by those who drive through the village. **All previous responses will not be taken into account and so even if you have commented before, please do make sure your voice is heard!**

There is more detail on page 15 about how to take part in the consultation

In planning, we expect the Church Road development of 135 houses to receive a decision from Wiltshire Council in the first half of the year. While I am hopeful that WC will reject this application which is contrary to both the democratically approved local plan and the newly approved neighbourhood plan, I fear that this will soon be off to an appeal before a planning inspector. Under current government policy the balance is tilted against local decision making in Wiltshire, because there is only 4.72 years of housing in the pipeline rather than the target of 5 years. I hope the government will listen to those challenging this unfair arbitrary rule in Parliament, especially as developers themselves can influence the statistic by speeding up or slowing down how quickly they bring forward developments.

Other important applications we will be watching carefully will be the ASDA development at Bishopdown Farm and the new application for development at Old Sarum airfield which we expect to be submitted around Easter.

Cllr Nick Baker

Parish Council Meetings

Monday 16 January at River Bourne Community Farm

Monday 20 February at River Bourne Community Farm

Boletus fungi
found at Hartley
Way Green



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Report from the Parish Council

This report covers meetings held in November and December. Detailed minutes of all the meetings can be found on our website at:

<https://laverstock-ford.co.uk/agendas---minutes-2022.html>

Milford 20 MPH zone

At our November meeting the Parish Council agreed their contribution to the introduction of a 20MPH zone throughout Milford, two members of the public spoke about their concerns of increased traffic and speeding in Milford.

Local Cheerleading Group at Old Sarum

Wiltshire Councillor, Andrew Oliver spoke of his support for a local cheerleading group who have lodged a 'change of use' planning application to make a Unit at Old Sarum their training base.

Local Crime Report

The PCSO's attending, reported a rise in bike theft and mentioned an attack on the chickens at River Bourne Community Farm. A dog attack was also mentioned which had not been reported. The PCSO's emphasised the need to report issues in order for them to be investigated.

Neighbourhood Plan threat

WC Cllr Oliver spoke about the Five year Land Supply figure that developers can exploit to gain approval for development contrary to Neighbourhood Plans and the Wiltshire Core Strategy. Nick Baker (Chair) has written to John Glen on behalf of the Parish Council to express concerns about the abuse of this loophole and how it could negatively impact on our Parish Neighbourhood Plan. (Subsequently the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Engand has successfully lobbied the government about this same issue).

Hampton Park Pavilion/ Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre

The current owner of HPP has requested a business plan from the Parish Council who continue to investigate useage, options and costs. Some of the current Trustees of OSLCC have indicated their desire to step down. The Clerk is researching the viability of the PC taking over Trusteeship as a way of ensuring improved management and consistent maintenance.

Projected Energy Costs to Parish Centres

The Clerk has looked at the implications for our village hall and community centres. The parish council made a commitment to help support the energy costs projected for 2023 (see also 'view from the chair')

Youth Provision

The parish council, alongside Wiltshire Council's Southern Area Board is looking at youth provision. Look out for youth workers from the Community First Team who will be out and about in Bishopdown Farm engaging with young people, and their parents and carers to help us establish interest in setting up a youth club. There is already a youth club at Old Sarum and Longhedge, for which more parent-helpers are required.

New Parish Website

The Communications and Community Engagement Officer (CCEO) reported their recommendation for a new parish website provider, which was approved.

New Play Areas at Bishopdown Farm

The contractor was approved for St. Lukes Close and St. Peters Road play areas. See also page 35.

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Durrington community church hall Thursdays 10-12pm

Harnham Harvest table - Saturdays 10-12pm

Downton Baptist church Thursdays 9-11am 01722 580173

NEWS IN BRIEF

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY - OLD SARUM & BISHOPDOWN FARM

Thanks to guidance from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust our planned tree planting was delayed as we surveyed areas where the 130 hedgerow plants and trees awarded via the Queens Green Canopy Award would survive and flourish best. Planting will take place in Hartley Way Green, which apparently has a healthy and flourishing wildlife environment with several types of fungi found in November, their role is very important in plant protection against pathogenic micro organisms as biological agents, which influences soil health. Our thanks to our wonderful local WI groups who will help us with more planting at the Norman Drive Open Space.

DOG BIN

Following concerns by a local resident that dog poo bags were being left by the entrance gate to Castle Hill Country Park at Tryhorn Drive, a bin has now been installed for use by all, including dog owners.

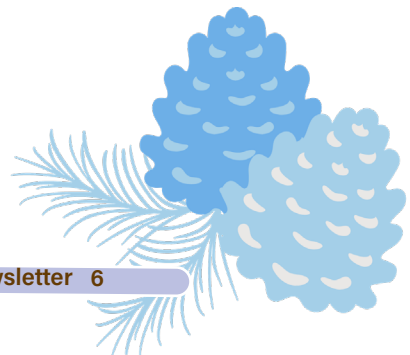
CASTLE HILL COUNTRY PARK FIRST WORLD WAR MEMORIAL

In November we unveiled a WW1 memorial attended by local residents, members of the public, parish councillors past and present, local Scout Groups and representatives of the Royal Flying Corps Volunteers at Boscombe Down Aviation Collection. You can find it by using what3words reference ///added.awestruck.aunts

OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS

The Parish Council has been working hard to adopt, update, replace and renew play parks across the Parish see page 35 for more details.

Parish Environmental Action Group Cllr. Barker has taken over as Chair of this group and two local residents have also come forward to help move the group forward. We will also be working with local partners from other groups such as Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and The Devenish Bradshaw Trust to ensure a positive future for the local environment. See also pages 34 and 36 for information on our local footpaths appeal which forms part of the activity of this group. (If you are interested in joining this group please contact the Parish Clerk).



Key Newsletter Info

**Copy deadline is Friday Jan 27 for next issue 198
March/April 2023**

We welcome short articles and photos from groups, residents and charities within the parish, (space permitting).

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FIRST RESPONSE FIRST AID <https://www.firstresponsefirstaid.co.uk/areas/wiltshire/salisbury/>



*Defibrillator at Longhedge
///multiples.dices.repaid*

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Applications have been submitted in the Parish since 1st Nov 2022. Italics after the application show the Parish Council response. Bold print shows a decision by Wiltshire Council.

DECISIONS

2022/07787 Single storey extensions to south, east and northern elevations. Oitched roof to existing flat roof. Insertion of bay window to front and associated works. 11 Riverside Close, Laverstock SP1 1QW **NO COMMENT**

APPROVED

2022/07766 Modification of planning application 1 Downs View **NO COMMENT APPROVED**

PL/2021/11645 Change of use to 1 no. Gypsy pitch including 2 no. touring caravans, 1 no. dayroom, 1 no. barn, and associated works. The Old Chalk Pit, Gypsy Lane, Petersfinger SP5 3DA **OBJECT WITH REASONS APPROVED**

PL/2022/05389 Erection of a timber fence to side of property at 16 Apostle Way, Bishopdown SP1 3GD **NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO CONDITION APPROVED**

PL/2022/05733 Proposed first floor extension above garage/utility and dining area to create additional bedroom accommodation at 41 Oldfield Road, Bishopdown SP1 3GQ **NO COMMENT APPROVED**

PL/2022/06709 Construction of a garage at 27 Melvin Close, Laverstock SP4 1PG **NO COMMENT APPROVED**

OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS

20/09949/FUL Additional 13 new dwellings in Parcel D, Longhedge **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

20/11145/OUT Outline application for the erection of up to 3 dwellings Land SE of Bourne House, Ford Lane, Ford **NO COMMENT**

20/11598/OUT Outline application for the erection of up to 135 dwellings and 50 space car park Church Road, Laverstock **OBJECT WITH REASONS**

PL/2021/04084 Residential development of 53 new dwellings on land to the west of Roger Way (Areas A&F) alongside with the change of use of the vacant ground floor unit at Block C of the Old Sarum Local Centre (Area G) to provide 7 affordable apartments. Old Sarum. **OBJECT WITH REASONS**



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OUTSTANDING AND NEW APPLICATIONS continued

PL/2021/09567 Outline application for the erection of 46 dwellings, including access, parking, public open space (POS) and landscaping. Land at Westside Close, Old Sarum, SP4 6BX *SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS*

PL/2022/00531 Dropped kerb to provide vehicular access. 79 Church Road, Laverstock SP1 1QZ *NO COMMENT*

PL/2022/04875 Proposed commercial development comprising a Use Class E foodstore (including the sale of non-food goods) and drive thru coffee shop unit (use class e); petrol filling station; provision of open space/landscaping including a new pedestrian and cycle link between London Road and Green Lane; access, parking, and associated infrastructure and development at Land at Salisbury Retail Park, London Road, Salisbury SP1 3YX *SUPPORT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS*

PL/2022/06377 Location of condenser units on slab to service the nursery associated with 19/01690/FUL at 10 Rhodes Moorhouse Way, Longhedge, SP4 6SA *NO COMMENT*

PL2022/07953 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow for design development and reduced scope of proposed works at Burroughs Hill, Duck Lane, Laverstock, SP1 1PU *NO COMMENT*

PL/2022/08258 Proposed Driveway 29 Duck Lane, Laverstock SP1 1RS. *SUPPORT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS*

PL/2022/08046 Verge in Green Lane T4 Sycamore - acute union at ground level, bark to bark contact – poor structural condition - remove tree. T5 Sycamore (road side) - previous stem failure at 3m exposed wound on upper surface with dysfunctional wood on tension wood side of stem rubbing wounds stem extend over road – remove tree. *NO COMMENT*

PL/2022/08792 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders 8 Green Lane Ford SP4 6DE *NO COMMENT*

PL/2022/08941 Flexible permission as either a Class B8 use or a Class E Use as a specialist cheer/gymnastics/trampoline studio UNIT 1, Castigate Business Park, Old Sarum SP4 6QX



We continue our 'Love Your Parish' campaign with the final installment of Loraine Sherlock's (née Chapman) recollections of Laverstock in the 1950s curated by Ruth Newman from Laverstock & Ford Local History Group.

A huge thank you to Loraine and Ruth for putting this together it has been so interesting to read about times gone by.

Regularly, on Sunday afternoons after our traditional roast dinner we would go for a walk as a family, around the village, over the Downs, up to Clarendon woods, or across the Bishopdown fields - no houses then - to Old Castle (we never called it Old Sarum) where we played amongst the ruins. But my favourite walk was around Milford where dad would lift me up over the stable door to watch Mr Barber, the blacksmith, at work.

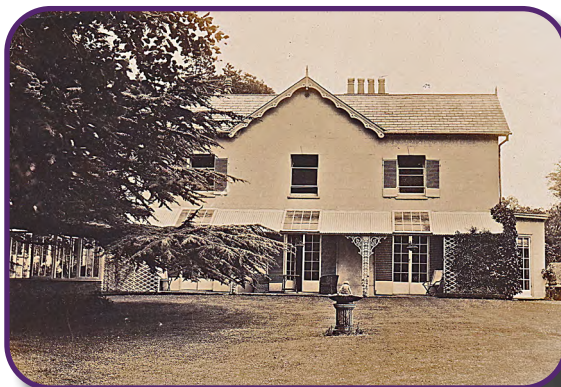
My least pleasurable walk was to Peter's Finger, where the gypsies camped in the chalk pit, because I was frightened by their barking dogs. The gypsies were friendly though, calling on houses in the summer with bunches of heather. They often went to Budden's Bakery at the end of the day for any left over bread and cakes. A knife grinder would also call occasionally around the area.

The walls of the chalk pit were home to a multitude of sand martins. Grandad took my brother there to take an egg for his collection. This seems so wrong nowadays, but birds were prolific then and many a lad boasted an egg collection. The rule was that you only took one egg from a nest, never more.

At the end of the summer, a traditional Harvest Festival Supper was held in the small village hall. We sat at a long table with other villagers for our Ploughman's Supper. The centre piece of the table was a huge beautifully plaited loaf created by Budden's Bakery.

The original village hall was built on the eastern side of Church Road on land owned by Major Byles of the Hill.

*Laverstock, The Hill, 1923
(copyright Dave Cooper)*



Converted from the Hill house stables, the village hall, situated beyond St Andrew's Church, had a green door opening directly on to the road. It was heated by a coke stove and behind the stage was a small sink and a very large urn for making a brew. The new hall, opened in 1966, was built after Major Byles died and the estate land was sold.

I vaguely remember in the 1950s that the village fetes were held on his land at the Hill and I took part in the popular Fancy Dress Parade a couple of times, once dressed as a Hollyhock and another time as a Doll in a Box! My brother David appeared as a pirate and also a cowboy complete with smoking cap gun.

*Fete in the Hill grounds
1950, (copyright Dave
Cooper).*



We went regularly to St. Andrew's Church. I fondly remember the Reverend Philip Rounds, who allowed us to hold a youth club in the village hall for teenage churchgoers. I remember him as a gentleman in

every sense of the word, who was so kind to my family after my brother David was tragically killed in a car accident on the London Road in 1963 at the age of 18. A cremation stone in his memory is situated in the church yard. Before she died, mum told me that the weeping cherry tree in the churchyard that bears such wonderful and much admired blossom in Springtime, holds a memory to the Reverend Rounds. Apparently, when he left the parish he asked that instead of a leaving present he would like a tree planted in the churchyard.

A few years after my dad, John Chapman sadly died in 1994, mum remarried Ray Hayward in Laverstock church. They regularly attended Sunday worship and Ray helped with the flower borders in the churchyard. A wild life board in Ray's name, designed and painted by Chrystabel Lambert and commissioned by his children, is situated just inside the main gate entrance.

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Having lived at Laverstock since 1946, my mum died in 2018 at the age of 96 taking many more memories than I have with her. I moved away in 1967 when I got married but frequently returned to visit her and heard all about the many changes that were taking place in Laverstock. She became a Friend of River Bourne Community Farm, pleased to see that the meadows were to be preserved and visiting now and again to enjoy a delicious cream tea provided by the Women's Institute of which she was a member.

I have now returned to our family home in Mayfair Road. I enjoy walking around the area with my dog, recalling days gone by spent in the friendly community of my childhood. Despite the expansion and changes to Laverstock I am pleased that it remains a pleasant and friendly neighbourhood in which to live.

If you have enjoyed reading my recollections and would like to contribute your own, or are interested in the history of Laverstock, you may like to know more about our local History Group's 2023 plan for an afternoon informal get-together to share more past memories of Laverstock and the surrounding area.

I can be contacted by email: paperstitch@icloud.com or mobile 07496894568. Loraine Sherlock (nee Chapman).

Notes by Ruth Newman

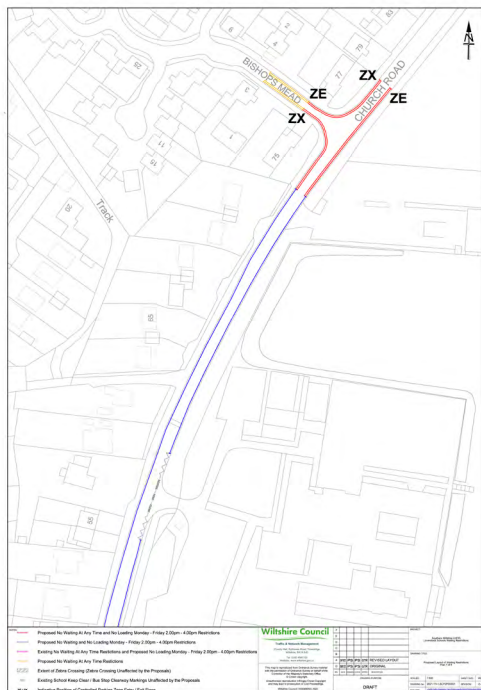
1. The Hill

A long driveway led uphill from the Lodge House opposite St Andrew's Church, through twelve acres of ground, to the house known as The Hill. Probably dating from 1805 it was described in the mid 19th century as a 'handsome mansion with a fine view' and was listed as one of the main dwellings in the county with eleven bedrooms.

The Hill had some fascinating residents: the mysterious James Abbott who attempted to establish a Laverstock University in the 1850s, the notorious Lord Edward Thynne (of the Longleat family), and later the well known surgeon Mr Harcourt Coates.

2. The last owner, remembered by older residents of Laverstock, was Major Harold Byles. The Hill was demolished after Major Byles's death in 1959 and his land was sold for housing beginning with Dalewood Rise in the 1960s with the whole estate eventually covering 12 acres.

For further information on the Laverstock and Ford Local history Group see website: www.laverstocklocalhistorygroup.wordpress.com



CHURCH ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

On January 12th Wiltshire Council will be launching its consultation on their proposals to introduce additional waiting restrictions to control parking in Church Road around the end of the school day. Before introducing any waiting restrictions on the ground Wiltshire Council must first complete a statutory process to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The first stage of this process is for Wiltshire Council to formally consult on its proposals. This process requires the proposals to be advertised in a local newspaper and notices to be erected in streets

(like those erected for planning applications) where waiting restrictions are proposed. Please note there is no requirement for Wiltshire Council to write directly to any home / land / property owners to make them aware of the consultation or its proposals. The consultation is intended to commence on the 12th January 2023, and by law must last a minimum of 21 days.

All comments submitted in response to the consultation will be reported to Cllr Mark McClelland, the Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Highways who will consider them in making a final decision on whether the proposals will be implemented on the ground.



LAVERSTOCK & FORD COMMUNITIES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



THE JIGSAW IS COMPLETE AFTER FIVE YEARS!

The positive outcome of the referendum held on 13 October on the parish's Neighbourhood Plan (86.6% of those that voted said 'yes' to the question asked) it led to Wiltshire Council deciding on the following day to 'make' (ie approve) the Plan. However, there was one more aspect that had to be considered – a 6 week period within which a legal challenge might be made against Wiltshire Council's decision.

The good news is that Wiltshire Council has confirmed no such challenge has been received by the end of this period!

'Making' the Laverstock & Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan means that it now forms part of Wiltshire Council's Development Plan and the policies contained in the Neighbourhood Plan will be given full weight when Wiltshire Council is assessing planning applications that effect land within the parish boundary. It also means that should any development be approved, the parish will now receive 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy rather than the 15% currently.

For more information on the Neighbourhood Plan go to:
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Laverstock Mothers' Union

Starting in January, Mothers Union will be changing the day of our meetings to the 2nd Thursday of the month.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 12th January 2.30pm in the Curtis Hall at St Andrew's Church. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the various projects which MU support.'

If you would like to know more or contribute in any way, please contact Pip Carter 07854827233 or Joan Prior 07833781075.

It's all happening at Old Sarum Nursery

Following on from engaging the Woodland Trust, to introduce new experiences and teach new forestry skills, the nursery got active for Christmas.

As well as making calendars, cards and Christmas gifts, the 2, 3 and 4 year old elves also did some cooking. That saved the parents!

The term ended with Rachel from Lavender music leading the youngest members in a song concert. Not forgetting that Father Christmas also made his usual appearance, of course!

The nursery is, as usual, quite full, however, the charity trustees have frozen the already low fees, to help parents at this time, and have also secured additional space in the Old Sarum Community Centre, so no one needs to miss out. 15 and 30 free hours all welcome.

Manager, Angela Riley, summed up the nursery's 10th year,

"Phew! So much happening here, it is a pleasure to look after the young children in the local community, and start their education in such a positive way. Now we look forward to an exciting and rewarding 2023".

Why not come and join us?

Contact Angela via OldSarumNursery@gmail.com
01722 415598 (term time) 07955333329
www.OldSarumNursery.com



No end in sight – lack of mobile phone- and internet signal in Old Sarum and Longhedge remains on the agenda

As a new year rolls in, is time for another update concerning the notorious issue of lacking mobile internet - and phone-signals (not only) in Old Sarum and Longhedge. I very much wish I was able to bring the good news for a New Year that all of us will be able to happily chat away on our mobile phones without having to leave the house or hanging our heads out of the window in search of a signal. Sadly, this is not the case.

In September, on residents behalf, the Chair of Laverstock & Ford Parish Council addressed the CEOs of the four main providers (EE, O2, Three, and Vodafone) in writing to inform them about the dreadful situation which has persisted for so long. He also attached the informal customer-experience survey that I conducted among local residents in Old Sarum and Longhedge in March 2022. Vodafone sent a stock email saying they would pass the issue on to their Network Coverage Team, but they did not engage with our offer to discuss potential sites for a new mast. EE and O2 could did not respond at all and will need to be chased further. Only Three has replied. Without offering a solution, the company provided some background information and indicative prospects which in essence reads as follows: *"... we are undertaking a network improvement programme which includes upgrading over 9500 existing macro rooftop and greenfield sites and installing new sites to help fill in coverage and avoid any not-spots emerging for customers. At present we do not have any new sites planned within Old Sarum and Longhedge however, one of our existing sites within the SP4 6 postcode area is included in the upgrade programme. The programme is an extensive rolling schedule of work and not all sites have dates allocated for work to commence. I am not able to give a specific timeframe for the upgrade, but it is included in the project".*

Together with the lack of response from the three other Providers, the situation obviously remains entirely unacceptable. Whilst the Parish Council has no statutory powers to bring any progress on its way, we will continue to lobby at the political and the public level. The next steps include to contact again, the two providers who have not responded at all, as well as Vodafone to follow up on their incomplete response. I will also contact our MP John Glen to see if the issue can be addressed at a more comprehensive and strategic level. When I started this campaign in March 2022, I was more optimistic that some meaningful progress could be achieved by the end of the year. This has not been the case, but please be assured that the Parish Council will follow up within its means and legal mandate.

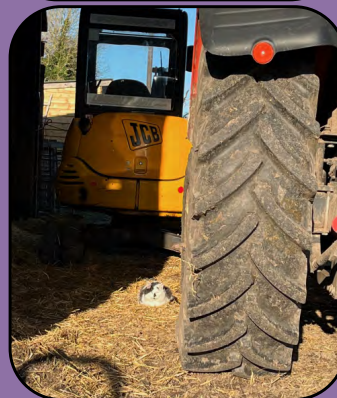
Councillor Patrick Schneider, Ford, Longhedge & Old Sarum



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you a Happy New
Year and hope to
see you all soon,

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Humphrey the
lesser-spotted
farm cat



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Laverstock Parking 'Hot Spots'



Elm Close (top) and Bishops Mead, two of the junctions in Laverstock which will be affected by the proposed Traffic Regulation Order that Wiltshire Council is consulting on in January (see page 15)



CONSULTATION WEBSITE: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/2954/Traffic-Regulation-Order-consultations>.

Laverstock Ladies Open Group

At the time of writing this report for the Newsletter, Autumn is coming to an end, and we are fast approaching Christmas.

Since meeting in September, we have had a visit from Elizabeth of Total Health Care who talked to us about 'Fascinating facts about Feet.' Elizabeth explained the anatomy of our feet and what causes some of the most common foot problems and the treatments which are available for them. Certain illnesses such as diabetes make it very important to follow foot hygiene and to have regular check-ups on feet. There are also things we can do for ourselves to help, such as good fitting shoes and using foot creams and foot exercises.

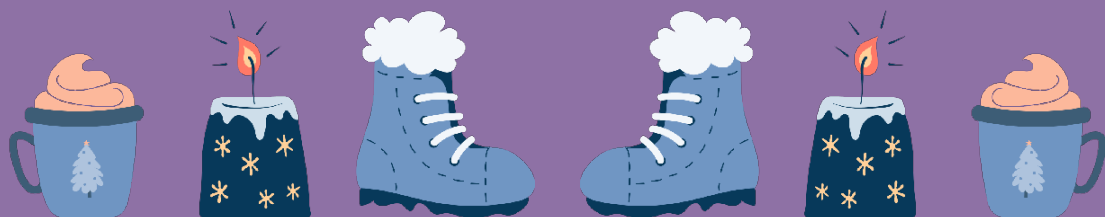
In November Terri Robinson gave us a history of the canals. Where, and why they came into being and the fact they were used for many types of cargo. Even delicate china was transported by canal boats. It was a transport revolution, giving faster journey times and taking goods further afield. Terri also showed pictures of the process of making painted jugs etc in traditional canal boat styles.

Our Christmas meeting was a Christmas lunch at the Duck Inn.

Visitors are invited to our meeting on Monday 9th January 2023. Members of St John's Ambulance are coming to show us Emergency First Aid including CPR and information about using a defibrillator. Anyone interested in learning more about this will be made welcome. The meeting starts at 7.45pm. £1.50.

Looking forward to February we have Lesley Self coming to talk about the history of the Salisbury Infirmary.

We welcome new members and meet in the Village Hall on the second Monday of each month at 7.45pm. For more details please contact Moya Hill at moyahill@hotmail.com or Carol Taylor 01722 322702.



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News from the WI

LAVERSTOCK DISTRICT EVENING WI

Such a busy time leading up to this publication. We hope everyone has enjoyed a merry festive season.

Back in October, we enjoyed hearing about the History of Highwaymen by the local historian and author Ruby Vitorino. Amongst other information we learned that highwaymen were not the adventurous and romantic chaps of legend but were selfish heartless men who made money to spend on drink and gambling regardless of the suffering they caused. The talk revealed an unpleasant and lawless subculture which sadly still exists in society under different guises.

Instead of taking place as usual in our City Hall, the Annual Meeting was held in Marlborough College and several of our members were able to attend. Apart from the annual business the two guest speakers were Dr. Elizabeth Burton on the subject of Women in Intelligence, followed by the entertaining Revd. Kate Bottley. Before we departed we heard a soothing piece of harp music.

Closer to home the Lunch Club met for an excellent meal at the Parish Lantern in Whiteparish. Our entry for the Christmas Tree Festival in St Thomas's Church was small but based on our WI logo – "Inspiring Women" and included the names of many modern women whose names will be remembered in fields of music, politics, art, education, medicine, sport, charitable benefactors and many more.

Christmas will be over when this is published so our members send very best wishes for a happy, healthy and fulfilled year ahead.

If you would like to join us, we meet on the third Monday evening of the month at the Laverstock and Ford Village Hall at 7.45 pm. For more information, please contact our Secretary Louise Hall on 01722 326549 or by email laverstocksec@wiltshirewi.org.uk



NEW SARUM W I

New Sarum members have enjoyed some very interesting speakers in the last couple of months.

In October, Lloyd Turner, a Southampton Marine Pilot, gave us a really entertaining insight into his work in the Solent Estuary. In November, David Chilton told us about his 15 years of working voluntarily with the Dutch Army, identifying the remains of WW2 soldiers. Various different methods are used to achieve this, bringing closure to some families.

Also in November, several members went on a very informative backstage tour of the Salisbury Playhouse. Early December saw a group of us enjoying an early Christmas lunch at the White Hart Hotel, and 2 of our members volunteered on behalf of the WI at a G4 concert at Salisbury Cathedral, raising funds for 'The Missing' charity. Our December Christmas meeting itself will see us taking part in festive games and crafts, and indulging in some seasonal refreshments and snacks. We hope that by the time this is read, we will also have taken part in the planting of about 50 'whips' as part of Laverstock & Ford's Environmental Action Plan to maintain our wildlife corridors and tree population.

Looking forward to the New Year, we have a Tai Chi taster session in January and a talk on Fashion and Sustainability in February. Not forgetting too that within the membership we have smaller groups including History and Culture, Craft, Walking and of course coffee mornings.

If you would like to learn more about the group, please contact Sue on 07931 582357, email newsarumwi@gmail.com or find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/NewSarumWI.

A Happy New Year to you all!



Laverstock Gardening Club



We are a thriving club and have been enjoying some interesting and stimulating speakers at our monthly club nights. Two new committee members joined at our AGM in September – Jenny King and Susan Lee. In October, Lyn Burt, a retired medical herbalist, gave us an illustrated talk on medicinal plants. She even prepared a herbal tea for anyone who wished to try it. We learned how a medical herbalist makes medicines safely, ethically and legally. Many garden “weeds” were shown which had medicinal properties such as dandelion (a diuretic). We

also learned that the beautiful foxglove is no longer used in herbal medicine because the level of active ingredient is too variable. Lyn was an entertaining speaker with a great sense of humour; she soon established a rapport with our gardening club.

Robert Harvey gave an illustrated talk in November, on wild flowers (in nature and in the garden). Robert is a photographer as well as a naturalist. By dividing plant habitats into a series of zones, he showed what grows naturally and then how to create those zones on a small scale in our gardens. He emphasised the importance of controlling rampant grasses in flower meadows by sowing parasitic plants like yellow rattle, and by removing grass cuttings which reduces the nutrient level. To create a limestone habitat, he buried broken concrete (containing extra lime) under soil.

The club meets at Laverstock & Ford Village Hall on the fourth Monday of most months. Members look forward to a New Year Party in January, with hot food and quizzes. Do join us for our next open meeting on Monday 27th February at 7:30pm when we have a visit from Pocock’s Roses. You will be warmly welcomed. Refreshments are available after the talk.

PHOTO ABOVE: Lyn Burt, retired medical herbalist, sharing some herbal tea

A Message from Castle Hill Country Park

The past three months have been a busy time at Castle Hill, with all scrub clearance now underway invited by the nesting birds safely moving out from the hedges. The Volunteers have been busy opening grassland from encroaching scrub, removing non-native invasive species, and clearing pathways through the woodland. Keep your eye out for changes around the site. Last week we began building some hibernacula (manmade habitat for hibernation) for the resident slow worms.

If you think that helping in the Country Park sounds interesting, we are always looking for extra help, please see our website for more information. See also page 29. We wish you all a Happy New Year, and hope you continue to enjoy Castle Hill. Don't forget your boots and woolly hats when you come to visit!

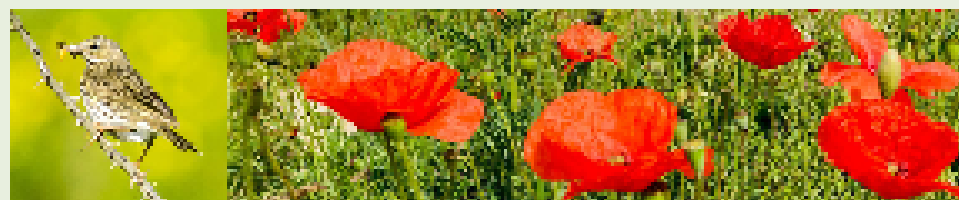
Josh Rogers
Community Empowerment Officer - #Team Wilder



<https://volunteering.wiltshirewildlife.org/>



Could you be a Green Angels trainee at Castle Hill Country Park in 2023?



Green Angels at The Land Trust will be running more FREE environmental courses at Castle Hill Country Park in 2023.

The training programme is open to anyone over the age of 18 and is an exciting opportunity to get hands-on experience on environmental and horticultural projects, wildlife conservation and wellbeing courses, while giving back to the community, making outdoors and meeting new people.

In 2022, in conjunction with Wildlife Wildlife Trust we held a 6-week Wild Wellbeing programme, where trainees were involved in tree-planting, nature journaling and building a rhinoceros horn and a 5-day Introduction to Conservation and Land Management course which involved learning about local tree and soil science, species and plant ID, woodland structure and managing habitats.

Here's what our trainees have been saying:

"Where to begin? I have learned so much and my enthusiasm is bursting to learn more!
Please more courses like this one!"

"Both trainees so knowledgeable and personable. Knowledge shared done in perfect way for a group of people from lots of different backgrounds."



Plans are still in development for new courses and as soon as dates and a month these will be advertised on our Green Angels Social Media channels. To find out more, look for Green Angels on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram. You can also email greenangels@thelandtrust.org.uk or phone Rob on 05465 367804 to express your interest.

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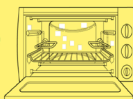
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ALABARÉ SUPPORT



Local Christian charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South West. Last year they supported over 2,000 people and as winter approaches and with the rising financial pressures that tenants are facing, the charity is warning that many more people could be tipped into crisis and

homelessness.

Through their Riverside Sanctuary service, Alabaré also provides help for people in Wiltshire who are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing. This confidential service, both telephone and face to face, is aimed at anyone needing support with their mental health. The charity is concerned that financial worries and heightened overall anxiety will mean an increase in the number of people needing help and is determined to be there for all those needing support.

Information about how to access the vital support, housing, training and opportunities that Alabaré offers is available on their website www.alabare.co.uk. Please pass on their details to anyone you know who needs support and encourage them to get in touch.

As a charity, Alabaré relies on the donations of all of us in these very challenging times. To find out ways that you can support them, please see the website www.alabare.co.uk or email Helen at supportercare@alabare.co.uk

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LOOKING AFTER OUR PARISH FOOTPATHS

Somewhere close to your front door there is a footpath which will allow you to escape in to the countryside.

The history of 'footpaths' goes back hundreds of years often following routes of roman roads, or drovers tracks. As new developments are built we create new footpaths in our desire to get to open spaces or to our nearest centres of commerce (shops, leisure facilities). Footpaths, old and new, are mostly taken for granted with little thought given as to how they need to be maintained. Walking these footpaths is such a benefit to our health and wellbeing with hardly any cost to residents.



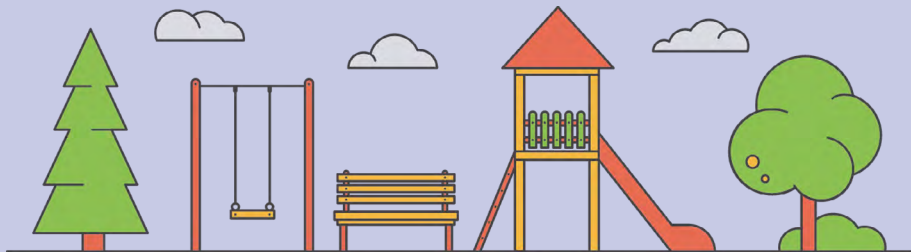
Whilst the Parish Council recognises the need to support the maintenance of these footpaths, so valued by residents, it hesitates to pass on the costs to residents through the Parish Precept.

All Public Rights of Way in the Parish are the responsibility of Landowners and Wiltshire Council: from the historic Monarch's Way (Longhedge) to Gypsy Lane (Peters Finger), and from Green Lane (Bishopdown) to the new Castle Hill Country Park. However, the Parish is permitted to manage the upkeep of paths within certain constraints. If the owner is not known, or the land is unregistered, volunteers in these cases can be particularly useful.

FOOTPATH WARDEN ACTION

The Parish Council's solution is to seek Volunteer Footpath Wardens, who will walk the paths, monitor their condition, and take action to remove obstructions, when necessary. If you are a resident of the parish who enjoys walking and sometimes curses encroaching brambles and stinging nettles, you may be just the person to join the team.

The Parish Council is seeking to establish a parish wide team of volunteers who will work as part of the Environmental Action Plan Group. If you are interested in helping us keep our footpaths open, by becoming a local footpath warden and helping us safeguard these outstanding treasures, please do contact our Parish Clerk at Laverstock & Ford Parish Council (see page 3).



Play Parks around the Parish

The parish office has been all about Play Parks this winter, from maintenance and repairs to improving and creating new areas. Time frames when working on new developments can be like the Doctor Who quote - a little 'wibbly-wobbly-timey-wimey' as schedules work around supply chains and weather. Safe installation is paramount. So, it is with some sense of satisfaction that we look forward to seeing the long awaited Outdoor Gym at Longhedge, that was installed in December and should be ready and safe for use once the seeded area has been able to establish, ready for those invigourating spring outdoor work-outs. The suppliers -*the Great Outdoor Gym Company* have a wonderful app so users can get the best out of the equipment - to whet your appetite for what's in store visit www.tgo-activate.com (see opposite).

We have also been surveying existing parks to see where we can safely install baby swings at Longhedge. The larger parks on McCudden Drive and Campbell Vale will also be ready for use once the turf has bedded in over winter. Worth the wait we hope, and the result of team work with Abri and Longhedge contractors. We shall crack out the bunting and celebrate their official openings in due course!

Meanwhile in Bishopdown Farm, we look forward to celebrating the openings of St Peters and St. Lukes play parks in the spring - more bunting!

The play park at Sycamore Drive is due for replacement, it will be removed by Wiltshire Council and in its place the parish council will build a new play park. Watch out for letters home asking for comments on the proposed design via the schools.

In March, we will be launching our new Parish Website - this will contain a map service where residents can view parish assets such as play parks and open spaces and use it to report issues.

Environmental activists wanted!

Concerned about climate change or the ecological crisis?

Sick of reading about how bad things are getting or might get, but unsure how you can make a difference?

Want to join a bunch of like-minded individuals to form a louder, more influential voice on local environmental matters?

Then the newly-formed Parish Environmental Action Group is for you!

We are looking for volunteers to join them from every corner of the parish to contribute ideas, enthusiasm and whatever else you can bring to help reduce the parish's carbon footprint, and boost its positive effects on the environment locally and beyond. Join now to help shape the group and decide what our priorities will be.

First meeting will be on Saturday 14 January at 10:15 at The Skies Cafe, Old Sarum Airfield (SP4 6DZ).

Please walk, cycle, bus or car share to get there if you can!

Everyone is welcome



Milford House Care Home Hosts Exhibition

Milford House Care Home is delighted to announce that it will be hosting a showing by the local group Phoenix Artists; Mel Cane, Mary Gilson and Liz Hoppe who all work from a riverside studio in Laverstock from 19th January 2023 for one month. Members of Plain Arts Salisbury, as is the home, this exhibition builds on the success of the home as a venue as part of the Salisbury Art Trail in autumn 2022 and the home has decided to continue this initiative into 2023.

Gemma Hicks, General Manager at Milford House commented 'We had such lovely comments as a result of the last exhibition from both the visitors who enjoyed a spacious and relaxed venue in which to view the art and residents, family members and staff who thoroughly enjoyed meeting the artists and seeing their work during the exhibition. We are really looking forward to seeing the work of the Phoenix Artists hanging in the home and it will be a special event to kick off the New Year!'

Artist Mel Cane has been painting and drawing for more than 45 years and as part of Phoenix Artists exhibits her intricate pen work and paintings of woodlands, meadows and floral art regularly in the area. Mary Gilson started to paint after taking early retirement from a teaching career and recently joined Phoenix Artists. Mary works in a variety of media; watercolour and detailed pen drawings of local scenes and sometimes undertakes acrylic work mostly of astronomical subjects or animals. She is also trained in calligraphy and enjoys producing unique art works and sheets of attractive paper for use in craft work. Liz Hoppe's style tends towards pure traditional watercolours and she loves painting rural scenes as well as vignettes of village characters in local settings. In addition to showing her work locally she has also exhibited in Salcombe, Devon where her paintings reflect the coves, moors and villages of the area.

The exhibition opens on 19th January and will be available to view Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 11am – 4pm or by appointment.

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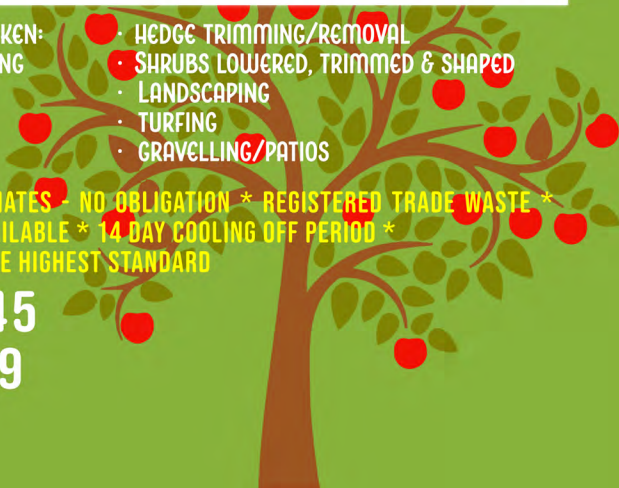
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SAT 14

Salisbury FC v Harrow Borough 15:00 @ Raymond McEnhill Stadium

SAT 21

Salisbury FC v Gosport Borough 15:00 @ Raymond McEnhill Stadium

February

SAT 04

Salisbury FC v Plymouth Parkway 15:00 @ Raymond McEnhill Stadium

SUN 5

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SUN 12

Home to Durrington kick-off 14:00

SAT 25

Salisbury FC v Tiverton Town 15:00 @ Raymond McEnhill Stadium

March

SUN 05

Home to Chippenham kick-off 14:00

SUN 05

Car Boot, Sellers £5 Arrive 8am, Buyers Free entry. Arrive from 9am

SUN 12

Home to Highworth 14:00 @ Raymond McEnhill Stadium

SAT 18

Salisbury FC v North Leigh 15:00 @ Raymond McEnhill Stadium

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Immaculate Tots Nursery (Old Sarum)		01722 237200
Laverstock & Ford Sports Club		01722 327401
Laverstock Arts Group	Fiona Forbes	01980 862368
Laverstock Beaver Scouts	Jane Waspe	01722 421287
Laverstock Cubs	Kate Knight	01980 622495
Laverstock Explorer Scouts	David Waspe	01722 421287
Laverstock Gardening Club	Jill Kay	01722 323407
Laverstock History / Archaeology	Bryan Evans	01722 320129
Laverstock Ladies Open Group	Carol Taylor	01722 322702
Laverstock Scouts	Martin Smith	01722 339546
Laverstock & District Evening WI	Louise Hall	01722 326549
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Longhedge Neighbourhood Watch	Cindy Vanstone	cinders.vanstone@gmail.com
Milford Preservation Group	David Lovibond	01722 238852
Mother's Union Afternoon Grp	Pip Carter	07854 827233
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St Andrews Primary School - Head	Karen Walker	01722 503590
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St. Josephs - Head	Mrs R Ridley	01722 335380
TA Centre Old Sarum	Capt. David Oliver	01722 438300
The Duck Inn	Becki and Tim	01722 327678
Two Birds Experiences & Education	@birdsatthefarm www.twobirdsexperiences.co.uk	
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St Andrews & St. Marks & Church on the Green

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Hope Church

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 01722 237318

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Rev'd Peter Ostli-East

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St Martin's Church

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Rector Fr David Fisher 01722 500896

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Community facebook groups and pages: search for

Ask a Salisbury Vet, Bishopdown Farm and Riverdown Park Community, HOPEChurchSalisbury, Missing Dogs Salisbury page, SalisburyCampSiteQuest, LandFPC, Laverstock & Ford Community, Laverstock & Ford Residents, Longhedge Greenfingers, The Duck Inn, New Sarum WI, Laverstock, Bishopdown, Ford & Old Sarum Litter Wombles, Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, Longhedge Residents, Longhedge Residents Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Laverstock & District Evening WI, St Joseph's Catholic School, Laverstock Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus, Friends of Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus (link to group for uniform exchange), Old Sarum & Longhedge Community, SOS - Save Old Sarum, Old Sarum Community Centre, Old Sarum Garden Centre, Laverstock & Ford Ladies FC, StMarksAndStAndrewsSalisbury, SarumRotary, WildaboutLaverstock

VENUES AROUND THE PARISH

Laverstock & Ford Village Hall Casual Hire Available. Not insured for bouncy castles. Contact Ruth Harris 07870 648 841 ruthjharris61@gmail.com

Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre Casual Hire Available
Large spacious hall, seating 80+ people. Small hall which can be divided into two opened. Commercial kitchen and facilities suitable for parties, wedding receptions and training. WI Fi throughout the building.

Bookings: <https://oslcommunitycentre.co.uk/contact/> Contact 01722 335349
oldsarumcommunitycentre@gmail.com

The Pavilion, Hampton Park Casual Hire Available
The Pavilion is located on Ash Crescent at Hampton Park. It offers excellent facilities for both indoor and outdoor sport, as well as a meeting place for various groups and organisations.

For the latest info on availability and to hire the Pavilion for a party or meeting, please check our website: www.hamptonparkpavilion.org Contact 07483 894519

Boscombe Down Aviation Museum Conference Room available
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The Ray MacEnhill Stadium Meeting Rooms contact via info@salisburyfc.co.uk or by telephone 01722 776655.

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Hope Church
www.hopechurchsalisbury.co.uk

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Service 01225 775276

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weekend and every bank holiday -

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01823 334244

If in any doubt, ring Swindon Domestic
Abuse Support Service 01793 610610

In an emergency always dial 999

Police & Crime Commissioner's News

Policing has been under the microscope in the last year and I don't see this scrutiny letting up any time soon – and neither should it.

The public want their police force to keep them safe, protect vulnerable people, put victims first, catch the criminals responsible, produce quality investigations and lock the bad ones up.

Wiltshire Police has had its fair share of criticism. It has received a poor PEEL inspection report and is currently in 'special measures'. I can reassure you progress is being made and my scrutiny of that performance is ongoing.

We have had some solid successes too. You told me road safety and speeding was a key concern. I have committed investment into the roads policing unit, increasing the number of officers and cars by 20%.



JOIN US!

Sarum u3a, is an organisation which welcomes people no longer in full time employment to join together to learn, laugh and live!

We hold Monthly Meetings on the third Wednesday morning of the month with interesting and varied speakers.

Meetings are held in St Francis Church on Castle Road and begin with coffee/tea at 10am.

This is our monthly meeting programme for the next two months

January 18th

What have Mathematicians done for us?

Professor Chris Budd OBE is Professor of Applied Mathematics at the University of Bath, Gresham Professor of Geometry and Professor of Mathematics at the Royal Institution of Great Britain. Chris will take a light-hearted overview of how mathematics has shaped human civilisation.

February 15th

Pine Marten in the New Forest

Marcus Ward. Hidden wildlife cameras have shown evidence of a possible "established population" of pine marten in the New Forest, conservationists have said. Pine marten were previously only thought to have survived largely in the north of England. A new study aims to discover more about how the rare creatures have bred in the New Forest National Park.



We also tripled the capacity of the speed enforcement team, with extra police staff and state-of-the-art cameras. With this joined up approach, there are more traffic officers on our streets and there has been an increase of 42% of the number of people caught speeding and given tickets.

There is still more to do but our roads will become safer as the deterrent of speeding tickets and prosecution starts to bite.

The rural crime team has also doubled since I committed investment in the team and in extra equipment. I was also pleased with the force's commitment to visit all victims of home burglary – let me know if this doesn't happen and I will act on your behalf to scrutinise that commitment.

We are also in the process of recruiting the next Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police and I hope to have them confirmed in post by mid January. We look forward to welcoming them to the county.

In the meantime, our current Chief will carry on implementing the improvements needed to satisfy HM Inspectors and provide stability so the force can continue making Wiltshire safer for all.

Please also make sure you take part in my survey, taking place in December and January, which will ask you about your confidence levels in Wiltshire Police and about the policing precept for 2023/24. It is important we capture as many people's thoughts as possible and you will find this on my website from mid December.

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