

Parish Newsletter – 15 February 2018

A303 Stonehenge public consultation

Highway's England is consulting on proposals to improve the A303 past Stonehenge between Amesbury and Berwick Down.

The scheme is part of the government's strategy to upgrade the A303/A358 route to a continuous dual carriageway, to improve connectivity between the South East and the South West of England.

Portfolio holder for strategic highways, Fleur de Rhé-Philippe said: "We are pleased this major milestone has been reached, and we are a step closer to a scheme which helps protect the World Heritage Site and also alleviates the current traffic issues on the A303 and in surrounding communities.

"It has taken a great deal of work to get to this stage, and I would encourage everyone to have their say in this important consultation. We will continue to work closely with Highways England and our partners to bring the scheme forward."

You can complete their online [consultation form](#) or email them at: A303Stonehenge@highwaysengland.co.uk to have your say.

The consultation closes on Friday 6 April.



Malmesbury's Riverside Centre celebrates a year of success

The [Riverside Community Centre](#) is celebrating a successful year since opening for the people of Malmesbury and the surrounding area.

The centre has quickly become a valuable asset to the local community and currently has 45 local groups and people of all ages using the space and facilities on a regular basis.

Local groups include adult fitness classes, children's dance groups Inc, martial arts, toddlers' activities, the Women's Institute, children's services, Mum2Mum breastfeeding support group, arts and crafts sessions, and much more.



The community facility was refurbished as part of Wiltshire Council's campus and hub programme, and is managed by Friends of Riverside, a charitable incorporated organisation that is made up of a group of community volunteers.

#CleanUpWilts: Wiltshire-wide roadshows

There will be a [series of roadshows](#) across Wiltshire this month (12 to 20 February) to encourage everyone to stop dropping litter, to switch to reusable, to recycle and to sign up for the Great British Spring Clean.

#CleanUpWilts is a countywide litter campaign sponsored by Landmarc Support Services, which aims to reduce the £2.5million bill taxpayers currently pay to clean up litter in Wiltshire. The roadshows will visit Tidworth Leisure Centre, Salisbury Guildhall Square, St Stephen's Place, Trowbridge, Devizes Market Place and Chippenham Town Bridge.

The roadshows, will provide advice on disposing of litter and information on the time it takes for rubbish to degrade and the detrimental impact that this has on the environment and wildlife. Local businesses have helped fund bags for life, which will be available at the roadshows. Businesses are being encouraged to support the campaign by thinking about the litter they generate and how they can assist by keeping the areas around free from litter.



New service to support children with their emotional wellbeing and mental health

The views of children, teenagers, parents, carers and healthcare professionals have helped to shape a modern service for children and young people with emotional wellbeing and mental health problems.

[The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service](#) (CAMHS) provides targeted and specialist mental health and wellbeing support to children and young people aged 0-18 years.

The contract to deliver CAMHS was due for renewal and in a unique move Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire joined forces to procure the new service to promote integrated working across the three areas as well as provide more seamless and better quality of care and support to children, young people and families.

The preferred bidder, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, has been awarded the contract and shall start providing the service from 1 April 2018.



Alabama Rot warning

Cutaneous Renal and Glomerular Vasculopathy (CRGV), commonly known as '[Alabama rot](#)' is a disease that damages blood vessels in the skin and kidneys and can affect dogs of any breed, age or size. The disease was first identified in the USA in the late 1980s.

Since December 2012, a number of suspected and confirmed cases have been seen in counties throughout the UK which includes a small number of vet confirmed cases in Wiltshire. The most recent case involves the sad death of a dog from the Foxham area who it is reported was walked along the canal side in Lyneham and in Crudwell.

Dogs reported with the disease can suffer kidney failure and/or skin lesions.

Many thousands of dogs are walked in the countryside every day and it is important to remember that only a very small number of dogs have been affected. Case numbers have increased in recent years; however, it is hoped this is due a higher level of awareness of the disease.

As the cause for Alabama rot remains unknown dog owners are not currently being advised to avoid any particular locations and testing to date has not revealed whether there is an environmental trigger. No vaccination for Alabama rot is available.



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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