

Parish Newsletter – 29 January 2018

Wiltshire Council leader named as one of the most influential in public sector

Wiltshire Council leader Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE has been named as one of the most [influential people](#) who work within the public sector.

The Local Government Chronicle (LGC) last week named Baroness Scott at number 39 in their LGC100 list which was compiled using nominations from the public, the LGC editorial team and a panel of judges.

Baroness Scott was leader of Wiltshire County Council from 2003 to 2009 and oversaw its transition to become a unitary authority and was subsequently elected leader of the newly formed Wiltshire Council, a position she still holds in 2018.

Her time as leader has coincided with unprecedented financial challenges in local government. As well as protecting key front line services and committing to protect those who are most vulnerable in the county, she has also delivered a number of ambitious and transformational projects. These include rationalising buildings and assets to become a more efficient organisation, supporting communities by devolving funding and services to the 18 well-established local area boards, enhancing and sustaining local facilities and services through the hub and campus programme, and working closely with businesses to attract major investment to the county and the provision and safeguarding of jobs.



Bungalows being built for the elderly

Five [new bungalows](#) designed to house older people in rural locations are being built in Corsley Heath.

We will own and run the properties, which will help older residents remain within their local community, have a home that is energy efficient and cost effective to run, and have suitable accommodation as they become older.

The five bungalows, which are modern, well designed, built to a high standard and able to be adapted, will be ready this summer.



Wiltshire students achieving good grades according to latest figures

Wiltshire secondary school students are being congratulated on their [GCSE and A levels](#) results as the latest government figures have been released (25 January).

This year for the first time Maths and English at GCSE was graded in numbers. Wiltshire students were above the national average with 43.5% achieving a good pass at grade 5 or above in those subjects compared to the national average of 39.6%

There has also been high achievement in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) which measures the proportion of pupils awarded at grades 5/C and above in core academic subjects including maths, English, science, a language, and history or geography. More than a fifth of all Wiltshire students achieved this high threshold.

Attainment 8 measures the attainment of pupils in eight GCSEs include English and maths. Wiltshire students' Attainment 8 figure was 46.6 compared to the national figure of 44.6 reflecting good GCSE results.



Grants awarded to future sports stars at special ceremony

Twelve promising young Wiltshire sportspeople have received [sports scholarship grants](#) of £500 at a special ceremony at County Hall.

The grants, which are awarded by Wiltshire Council in partnership with local businesses as part of the Funding Future Olympians and Paralympians foundation, were presented by John Thomson, deputy leader of Wiltshire Council; Jerry Kunkler, portfolio holder for leisure and sport; Terence Herbert, Wiltshire Council corporate director; and gold medal-winning Paralympic swimmer, Stephanie Millward MBE.

The funding is awarded to young people aged eight to 18, who compete at regional or national level in an Olympic/Paralympic sport, or a sport recognised by Sport England. The grant assists the recipients with training and competition opportunities and the purchase of new equipment and travel costs.

The foundation, established in 2013, is supported by local businesses through the successful annual Business and Sports Gala fundraising dinner. To date, it has supported 34 young people with scholarship grants, with many of these young people going on to achieve national and in some cases international success in their chosen sport.



Building work nearly complete on state-of-the art extra care homes in Amesbury

The creation of 60 state-of-the-art [extra care homes](#) in Amesbury moved a step closer this month as the roof nears completion, with all work expected to be finished by July this year.

The £11.2m affordable housing scheme, named Evergreen Court by children from Amesbury Archer Primary School, is being developed by Mi-Space, part of the Midas Group, on behalf of Wiltshire Council, on the Kings Gate site, near the school.

The development will provide 60 new apartments, aimed at the over 55s. Designed for independent living, the apartments will benefit from extensive facilities and services provided on site, such as 24/7 care provision, restaurant, guest suite and gardens.



Wiltshire residents asked to provide homes for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

Wiltshire residents are being asked if they can provide a home for children and young people coming to live in the county as part of the government's scheme for [Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children](#).

Wiltshire has a duty of care to children who come into Wiltshire often arriving from war torn countries. Currently there are 36 children and young people who are living in the county either due to arriving spontaneously or via the Government's transfer scheme

To help Wiltshire to support these vulnerable children we have successfully bid for £150k of government funding; we will use this to recruit additional foster carers and supported lodgings carers so these children can experience home life in a shared and supportive environment.

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>

The latest news from the council is available on the [full newslisting](#) pages of the website