

Statement from Baroness Jane Scott OBE

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Wiltshire Council to firstly say that our thoughts are with those people directly affected by the recent incident in Salisbury City Centre and to commend all the emergency and health services for their response and ongoing support in dealing with this matter.

Wiltshire Council has been fully engaged in the process providing its support and mutual aid, wherever required, to our colleagues and in particular the police and Public Health England.

This has been an extraordinary incident and we recognise that it is an unsettling time for local residents and businesses. Whilst the investigation into the incident continues, Wiltshire Council is working with its partners and local and central government agencies to set out plans for what's required to help Salisbury return to normality, as we move into the recovery phase that follows a major incident.

We will ensure that local residents, businesses and the city's national and international visitors are reassured that Salisbury is a vibrant and safe place to live, work and to visit. Wiltshire Council will be holding its cabinet meeting on 27 March (2018) in Salisbury and the meeting will include an update on the multi-agency recovery plan and provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions.

Working together with all local and national partners we will take action to assist those businesses affected as a result of the incident. A priority is to provide the support that's needed to help the city return to business as usual and to promote its attractions and wide range of activities that it has to offer.

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Cold weather update

Our crews continue to treat [both primary and secondary routes](#) and have been dealing with issues related to drifting snow. We have spread more than 1,000t of salt in 24 hours and will keep monitoring the situation.

With sub zero temperatures expected overnight there is the likelihood of further snow and widespread ice on Monday (19 March) so please take extra care on your morning commute, particularly on untreated minor roads.

As always, please drive to the conditions and leave plenty of time for your journey.

For the latest forecast and information on any weather warnings issued, please visit the [MET Office website](#).



Wiltshire businesses support county's sport stars

More than £50,000 was raised last week at the [Wiltshire Business and Sports Gala Dinner](#), as local businesses and organisations helped to support the next generation of the county's sports stars.

The special fifth anniversary event was held to raise money for local Olympians and Paralympians, building on the success of the 2012 and 2016 Games.

Money raised from the night will boost the Funding Future Olympians and Paralympians foundation fund, which provides financial grants to local elite athletes. Successful applicants receive funding to assist with training, attending competitions, as well as paying for equipment and transport costs to regional, national and international events.

More than 60 businesses sponsored and supported the dinner; the main sponsors of the evening were Mipermit, Landmarc, CGI, Qiniteq and Atkins.

The fund was boosted by a one-off experiences auction and an elite raffle, while former England and Bath Rugby captain Phil de Glanville compared the event and Paralympic gold-medallist Mark Colbourne MBE offered inspirational words for the attendees.



Recruiting co-opted non-voting Member of the Standards Committee

We are appointing up to four co-opted non-voting members, 50% of whom shall be serving town, parish or city councillors from within the council's area who are not councillors or officers of the council.

The post holder will be expected to assist Wiltshire Council in: discharging its duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by elected members of Wiltshire Council and town, parish and city councils; attending meetings of the Standards Committee scheduled three-four times per year; attending review and hearing sub-committees as appropriate to assess complaints made against elected members within the Wiltshire Council area; assisting the work of the Constitution Focus Group to review and update the council's constitution.

Co-opted non-voting members are entitled to receive an allowance of £1,180 per annum plus travel expenses in respect of attendance at meetings in accordance with the Council's scheme of allowances for members.

Further details can be found on our [website](#).

Salisbury Park and Ride free

Park & Ride will be free in Salisbury from this Saturday until at least Easter Monday to help businesses in the city.

Wiltshire Council and partner agencies across the county came together in Salisbury to provide the community an update on recovery work.

Once of the main themes discussed in the exceptional addition to the area board agenda, was how organisations are coming together to do everything possible to help any businesses affected. It is hoped making Park & Ride free of charge to passengers boarding at the Park & Ride sites from Saturday 17 March until Easter Monday, will help with that process. After Easter, the situation will be reviewed.

When using the Park & Ride, anyone who has a concession pass, should present it as normal, while all other passengers should collect their free return ticket from the driver. For those passengers who have already purchased period tickets for use between the 17 March and 3 April, a refund can be obtained from Salisbury Reds Travel Shop in New Canal.



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 newlisting](#) pages of the website