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NEWSLETTER

Chairman's Update

Thank you to all who participated in what is called the Regulation 14 survey on the Neighbourhood Plan (TisPlan 2) before it goes for examination by a Planning Inspector. The Steering Group had over 300 responses, with nearly all being very positive. The Plan has now been updated to reflect the comments and has been submitted to Wiltshire Council which will now go through its own county-wide consultation on the Plan starting on Monday 12th August 2024. A separate article on this can be found on page 3.

Having a strong Neighbourhood Plan is important and it was a key factor in the Nadder Community Land Trust's housing being approved at the Old Sports Centre which will provide six new affordable homes for local people.

Coffee Angels at the Nadder Centre

In June the Parish Council agreed to extend its support for the Coffee Angels concession, something which has been well-received by residents, until the end of August. Councillors are keen to ensure the Centre becomes a thriving community facility with more activities. Councillors Richard Beattie and Simon Davison have been in regular touch with Wiltshire Council's Director of Leisure and the Centre's Area Manager, Edd Pooley, also to ensure there is improved liaison with Coffee Angels so that it can benefit from those increased activities. Mr Pooley will be attending the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd September at 7 pm to provide an update.

Ready for Summer

Councillor Rosie Buck and her group of volunteers have replaced the bulbs in The Square with summer bedding plants. Thank you to everyone who is maintaining them until they are replaced again in late Autumn with more bulbs for Spring 2025.



Highways Matters

Installation of 20 mph Limit Extension

The delayed installation of the extension to the existing 20 mph will now take place from 12th-17th September.

New Street Nameplates

Following requests, the Council has submitted an application to Wiltshire Council for the installation of replacement nameplates at Beckford Close and The Avenue and new nameplates at each end of Churchill Estate. A contribution of 25 percent of the cost will be borne by the Parish Council.

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Installation of a 'Rain Garden'

What is a Rain Garden? It is a shallow depression, with absorbent, yet free draining soil, designed to reduce the volume of rainwater running off into drains from roofs and other impervious surfaces. They are planted with vegetation which can withstand occasional temporary flooding, as well as being drought tolerant.

Where is the Rain Garden? - In front of the public toilets, on Parish Council land, leased from Wiltshire Council. The large area of paving and the ramp leading to the accessible toilet had become unsafe. Owing to the cost of replacing the paving, the Council considered less expensive and more environmentally friendly alternatives. C&G Surfacing Ltd have provided a reorientated porous tarmac ramp and path, lifting the paving slabs to one side of the ramp and making safe those slabs remaining. It was also a good opportunity to set an example of the advantages of implementing a sustainable drainage option which residents could implement in their own gardens.

Where we are Now - The Wessex Water Foundation Environment Fund has granted the Council £2,000 for the purchase of water butts, water troughs and associated guttering. The garden was planted up on Saturday 4th May with the Tisbury Gardening Club very much involved with the project, putting out requests for suitable plants and assisting with the planting. Castle Gardens in Sherborne donated shrubs for the project through Tisbury Gardening Club. Thank you to everyone involved in this project.

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Wiltshire Police

At the August Parish Council meeting Sergeant Joe Sadowski, from the Tisbury Neighbourhood policing team, emphasised the importance to residents of reporting a range of issues, crimes, incidents and suspicious activities. This can be done by:

Calling **101**

Submitting an online report at:

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/>

Residents can also report crimes anonymously through Crimestoppers:

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Skatepark Disco - Thursday 29th August from 5.30-9 pm

Come and join in some end of school holidays fun at the skatepark - being organised by the Council's Youth Officer, Zita Wickenden.



Wiltshire Council Consultation - Non-Library Users

Wiltshire Council would like to hear from non-library users to help inform its work in developing a new 5 year library strategy plan. It is keen to understand any barriers and reasons why members of the community are not using the county's libraries so it can improve access and help steer future service delivery. All residents who aren't library members can complete the survey, which will be live until mid-September, via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/cb84Cb6Xa4>

Environment Committee Initiatives

The Committee continues to meet every third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Reading Room. Its work so far this year has included:

- A talk in January on the health of the River Nadder with representatives from Wessex Water, Wessex Rivers Trust and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.
- A Presentation in April by Councillor Rosie Buck, Committee Chair, at the Cranborne Chase National Landscape Annual Forum on the Committee's work.
- A Bat and Dark Skies Walk in April with Gareth Harris & Steve Tonkin from Cranborne Chase National Landscape and information on the use of Dark Skies compliant lighting within Tisbury.
- A Pruning Workshop in the Community Orchard in July funded by the Tree Council.
- Guidance approved by the Council in August on
 - Advertising in Tisbury, to protect the quality of the conservation area, following a directive from Wiltshire Council; and
 - Air Quality and the effects of bonfires and smoke pollution.

Both documents can be found on the Council's website:

<https://www.tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk/policies> and it will be making local organisations aware of the guidance on advertising.

The Council asks residents to consider the impact on the village and on residents with respiratory conditions such as asthma before lighting a bonfire. If they must have a fire, they should ideally burn later in the evening when people are less likely to be using their gardens.

Draft Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan Edition 2 (First Review 2024 – 2038) Regulation 16 Consultation

Wiltshire Council is currently consulting on the proposed Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan Edition 2, which has been formally submitted by Tisbury and West Tisbury Parish Councils.

Draft Tisbury and West Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan Edition 2 Continued

The consultation starts on Monday 12th August 2024 and responses must be received no later than 5pm on Monday 7th October 2024.

Please be aware that all representations will be publicly available and may also appear on the Wiltshire Council website.

Further information including the submitted draft neighbourhood plan and how to comment can be found online via

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-consultations>

Where possible, please provide any comments using the Consultation Portal. Alternatively, an editable representation form can be downloaded from the Supporting Files section on the consultation portal, and completed forms can either be emailed to neighbourhoodplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk or sent by post to:

Neighbourhood Planning
Strategic Planning
Wiltshire Council

County Hall Bythesea Road Trowbridge BA14 8JN

If you have no access to the internet and you wish to view the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, a copy can be viewed at:

- Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury, SP3 6LD
- Nadder Centre, Weaveland Rd, Tisbury, SP3 6HJ
- Coffee Angels, London House, High St, Tisbury, SP3 6HA

Following this consultation, the comments received will be passed to an independent examiner, to be appointed by the council, who will consider the representations and recommend whether the draft Neighbourhood Plan should be put to a community referendum.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Neighbourhood Planning on Tel: 01225 713698 or by email to neighbourhoodplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk

MyWilts App - Report It!

It's quick and easy to report issues like potholes, highway issues, graffiti, fly-tipping and street lighting by downloading Wiltshire Council's MyWilts App. It only takes a few minutes to register. Once you've joined, you can add the location and send photos and keep track of your reports which will tell you when the work has been completed. <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>

Your Tisbury Parish Councillors

Chairman: Simon Davison

Vice Chairman: Gerry Murray

Supported by: Richard Beattie, Rosie Buck, Felicity Corp, Liz Coyle-Camp, Nick Errington and Jerry Mason.

Parish Clerk: Bev Cornish

Unitary Councillor: Councillor Dick Budden

Contact: richard.budden@wiltshire.gov.uk

The Parish Council's Tree Warden is Andrew Graham who advises on all works to trees in the conservation area and also works to those with Tree Preservation Orders.

Vacancies for 3 Parish Councillors

Would you like to do something positive to help your community? Becoming a Parish Councillor gives you a great opportunity to get involved and influence issues which directly affect Tisbury.

How Do You Become a Parish Councillor?

You need to be 18 years old or over to stand as a councillor, be either a British, Commonwealth or an EU citizen, be on the electoral register and have lived or worked in the parish for a year.

To find out more contact Bev Cornish, the Parish Clerk, on 01747 260088.

Update on the South Western Hotel

Following concerns expressed about the condition of the site, the Council asked the owners to tidy it up and remove the portacabin which was in a poor condition. These have now been done.

Whilst in discussion with the owners, the Council was advised that The Co-op has withdrawn its interest in redeveloping the site. This was due to it requiring more floor space than was available within the building and the potential difficulty in gaining planning permission for redevelopment in a location which was in the process of being redesignated as a higher risk flood zone.

'Tis The Season 2024 - Saturday 7th December

A group from the local community is organising this year's event, with support from the Parish Council, Tisbury Carnival and Swimming Pool Committees. It will run from 2-8pm, with the usual street market and food stalls, and most of the local businesses will be open late into the evening. There will be live music in the Square plus the White Horse Morris will be making an appearance.

Santa's Grotto will be at the Sacred Heart Reading Room in The Square from 3-6pm.

Fund Raising: A fundraising event is being held on Saturday 14 September at the Victoria Hall, with a live band, DJ, plus a bar, BBQ & raffle. Tickets @ £10 will be available in advance from several High Street shops, or you can pay on the door. Please contact: info@tistheseason.org.

Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop in the Orchard

On 28th July 20 people from Tisbury and elsewhere in Wiltshire joined Dave Godden for a summer fruit tree pruning training session. This was attended by the High Sherrieff of Wiltshire who is keen to promote projects connecting people and nature. The Parish Council will be applying to the Coronation Heritage Fund for some replacement trees and signage for the Orchard.



Children's Community Garden

With summer now in full swing, the volunteers are busy in the garden and would appreciate more help. If you have an hour or two to spare, either to help with the planting or watering, or both, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01747 260088.

W Wiltshire Council and Wessex Rivers Trust - 'Revamp Your Tank'

Date for the Diary - Thursday 29th August Information Evening from 7-8.30 pm at the New Vic@Tisbury

Wiltshire Council and Wessex Rivers Trust are collaborating to improve water quality in the Hampshire Avon river catchment. Find out how you can help improve the health of our local river, including Wiltshire Council's Septic Tank upgrade scheme operating in this area. Fully funded grants are available for homeowners in specific areas of the catchment to upgrade their septic tank to a cleaner package treatment plant tailored to their property. Check eligibility and find out more on Wiltshire Council's website: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-bio-development>.