

Neighbourhood Plan

Residents who came along to the first Neighbourhood Planning meeting on 24 March at the Town Hall learned a lot more about how they could influence future land use and development in Marlborough.



Councillors Mervyn Hall and Justin Cook set out the processes towards producing a plan and Wiltshire Council officers were on hand to explain things too. The Town Council has set aside money towards it and will also be applying for external funding. The next meeting will take place this month. There's still time to join the Steering Group and if you are interested in doing so, please contact the Town Clerk at the Council offices.

Ground Works at the Common

A project to level ground adjacent to Marlborough Rugby Club has taken place over the last few weeks. This will enable a better training area for our young rugby and football players and better recreational space for all to enjoy. A Trim Trail for younger children will also be installed later in the year. The undulations have been evened out and the next phase will involve cultivation and seeding – a time to allow for the grass seed to germinate. We may need to rope off the area for a

short time to ensure that it is treated properly and to deter driving and parking.

Stonebridge Meadow



Lots going on at Stonebridge as the Town Council continues to work with ARK on improvements at the meadow. ARK has obtained funding to install a reed bed and pond at the site. As expected, the early stages of the project were muddy and messy but the wetland is really taking shape and will soon be transformed thanks to volunteers planting hundreds of plants around the edges. Once ready, the surrounding ground will be seeded with a mix of flowers and grass and later on, a boardwalk will link the two sides of the reed bed and will be well worth a visit.

Marlborough in Bloom

The MiB committee is planning for the South West in Bloom judges visit in July with Chair Anne Crawley looking forward to working with our community and businesses. The judging route has been agreed and it's all geared to showing



Marlborough at its best. This year Marlborough groups will also be taking part in It's Your Neighbourhood 2015. Look out for details of how you can be involved on the MiB Facebook page.

Marlborough Food & Drink Festival 2015



A reminder that the festival takes place over the weekend of 16/17 May. We are promised a line up even better than last year's which will include local, national and international food and drink. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.garden-events.com or on entry to the event.

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