

Bus Consultation



Wiltshire Council is inviting everyone to have their say on its review of subsidised bus services across the county. This is being carried out as part of wider plans to help save millions of pounds over the next three years. Half of the bus mileage in the county is subsidised with £5.1 million per year from Wiltshire Council – it wouldn't be commercially viable otherwise. The rest of the services are operated on a commercial basis by various companies.

Philip Whitehead, Cabinet Member for Transport said: "We know how important bus services are for rural communities - especially to help people maintain their independence, however due to the pressures on local authority spending we are under severe pressure to reduce the amount of budget that we spend on subsidising public transport at the level we currently do. We are committed to minimising any impact changes might have, especially on vulnerable people including those who are elderly, disabled and young. We really do want to hear from people who could be affected by any changes to the current services, and we will be doing everything we can to act on those comments."

The consultation, which looks at various options, can be found at the consultation portal <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/subsidised-bus-services-consultation> Paper copies can be picked up in the Town Council offices, libraries and on buses operating these

services. Or just call 0300 456 0100 to have one posted out. It all runs until 4 April.

Neighbourhood Planning



The Town Council has submitted an application to include Marlborough (with Manton), Mildenhall, Preshute and Savernake as our Neighbourhood Area. The Steering Group is made up of volunteers from the community and representatives from various organisations who have been working hard towards this first stage in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan which will have real influence on planning issues in the years to come. To comment on the application just log on to Wiltshire Council's consultation portal at <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal> This runs to 24 February.

Could you be Marlborough's new Town Crier?

The Town Council is looking for a replacement for Alfie Johnson who served as our splendid Town Crier for 21 years and retired in 2015. The role is likely to be combined with that of Beadle as John Yates also stepped down at the end of last year. We shall certainly miss John's magnificent voice at our civic occasions. We will be holding an event on Saturday, 27 February at the Town Hall when we hope to fill this important role, one which is steeped in tradition



and history. The successful candidate will join our Mace Bearers and be expected to accompany the Town Mayor at civic occasions as well as taking on requests for 'shouts' to promote events and activities throughout the town. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Town Council offices.

Wales & West works in the High Street - Business as Usual

Works to replace old metal gas pipes on the north side of the High Street (Lloyds Bank side) started at the beginning of January. This is part of a nationwide investment programme to update existing pipes with new, long-lasting, plastic ones helping to ensure a safe and reliable gas supply. Prior to starting, representatives from Wales & West visited businesses, shops and residents to discuss the project and answer questions. The High Street won't be closed and it'll be business as usual. The project will last for up to 15 weeks. More information and contact details at <http://www.wutilities.co.uk/> and any questions can also be dealt with by the company's Customer Services Team on free phone 0800 912 2999 or 02921 678 455.



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