



## Marlborough Community Area Newsletter

Late August 2011 edition

**Marlborough CAN** is a new way to keep in touch with things that are happening locally.

With regular news from the Council, Police, NHS and many other local community groups and organisations, you can be the first to know what is happening. With opportunities to have a say on important issues and to take part in local events and activities, **Marlborough CAN** will put you in the picture. If you have received this from a friend or colleague you can join

**Marlborough CAN** by clicking on this link. [Sign Up!](#)

### Marlborough Area Board 6 September 2011 – Marlborough Town Hall

Marlborough area board will be taking place in Marlborough Town Hall on Tuesday 6 September and you are warmly welcome to join us from 6.30pm for a cup of tea or coffee or 7pm when the meeting will start.



If you come early there will a display and information from our Winter Highways Programme Team – so if you have queries about gritting etc come along and have your questions answered. The Waste and Recycling Team will also be there to help you with any enquiries about the introduction of the new waste and recycling service.

On the agenda:

- Councillor Toby Sturgis Waste, Cabinet Member for Property, Environment and Development Control, will respond to a number of questions regarding Planning and Waste Collection
- New Waste and Recycling Collection Service - information on the new service, focussing on implications for the Marlborough Community Area
- Community Area Transport Group - consideration of recommendations regarding the spend on a number of prioritised highways improvement projects
- Area Board Project - consideration of a project to provide funding to "pump prime" the new Parish Forum
- Plus the usual items including community issues, updates from partners and parish councils, and community area grants.

Details of the agenda are available [here](#) so do come along and contribute to the meeting; your views about the items under discussion are always welcome. If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to contribute your views, please email James Hazlewood ([james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk)).

## Digital TV Switchover volunteers needed!

Wessex Community Action is supporting the local roll-out of the Switchover Help Scheme. This is part of our work with Community Action Hampshire's work to provide support to help people to switch to digital TV. We need to visit every parish and town in of most of south, central, west and east Wiltshire to provide the help where it is needed.

**We are urgently looking for volunteers to help support our work to ensure that no-one misses out on the help that's available to assist with making the necessary changes.**

Volunteers are asked to use their local connections, knowledge and networks to speak to those people in a community who are likely to know those people who are most at risk of not switching; for example an elderly neighbour or a friend with learning difficulties.

Volunteers will receive training (a day event on **7 September**) and out of pocket expenses.

If you would like to volunteer, or require further information, please ring 01722 421747 and speak to either Rob Walker or Jane Davies ([jane@wessexcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:jane@wessexcommunityaction.org.uk)).

## Marlborough Literature Festival 22-25 September



[www.marboroughlitfest.org](http://www.marboroughlitfest.org)  
**Marlborough Literature Festival**  
22-25 September 2011  
LitFest Authors

Peter Davison, Lemn Sissay, Edward Hogan, Evie Wyld, Judy Golding, Carsten Jensen, Anne Sebba, Nicholas Fogg, Poetry Slam, Slightly Foxed, Chris Waking, Poetry Cafe, Wiltshire Writers, Deborah Moggach, Michael Holroyd, Lauren Child, Helen Castor, Richard T. Kelly, Kerry Young, Ivon Brett, David Edgar, Fanny Blake, Elizabeth Buchan, Diarmaid MacCulloch, Mario Petrucci, Nikesh Shukla.

 Association of Literary and Creative Writers and Translators

 Marlborough LitFest 2011

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Marlborough Literature Festival continues to celebrate wonderful writing from fine authors.

From the poetry of Lemn Sissay to biography with Michael Holroyd - from David Edgar on British theatre to Judy Golding on Marlborough's most famous literary son, her father William - from locally educated children's author Lauren Child, to the sinister and definitely for adults Dr Forrest - from the Duchess of

Windsor to the She-Wolves of history, screenplays, seafaring epics, Britishness, non-Britishness, Orwellian nightmares, William Shakespeare, God ... or just a nice tea and cake.

Whatever your interest, you'll find something to enjoy in this year's programme. To find out more visit: [www.marboroughlitfest.org](http://www.marboroughlitfest.org).

## Volunteering Survey

The Communities and Voluntary Sector Support Unit is working with Volunteer Centre Wiltshire to undertake a survey of volunteering across Wiltshire. We aim to get a clearer picture of who volunteers, who for and what they do.

Please click [here](#) to complete the survey. The deadline for completion of the survey is **Friday 30th September 2011**.

Every volunteer who completes it has the opportunity to enter a prize draw with some excellent prizes.

Paper copies are available from Karen Scott Karen Scott, Community Manager (Volunteering Development) Tel: 07917 721369 Email: [Karen.scott@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.scott@wiltshire.gov.uk)

## Arts grants for voluntary and community organisations



Voluntary and community organisations in Wiltshire are being encouraged to apply for grants to support local arts projects taking place between November 2011 and October 2012

The Wiltshire Council Arts Project Grant Scheme aims to support the Wiltshire arts sector, which covers a wide range of creative opportunities, including visual arts, crafts, media and digital forms, literature and performing arts.

The deadline for applications is midnight on **30 September 2011**, with notification of decisions by 18 November 2011. Groups can apply for up to £1,000 towards their project costs. The project should be able to demonstrate evidence of community need, partnership working and a legacy for the community.

Further information including the full criteria for the scheme and an application form can be obtained from contacting Wiltshire Council's arts team at [arts@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:arts@wiltshire.gov.uk) or details can be viewed on our website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/arts](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/arts)

If you wish to discuss your project with an arts officer before sending in an application please ring: Faye Bradley on 07827 081039 [faye.bradley@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:faye.bradley@wiltshire.gov.uk) for projects in South and East Wiltshire and Meril Morgan on 01249 705531 [meril.morgan@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:meril.morgan@wiltshire.gov.uk) for projects in North and West Wiltshire.

## More Money in your Pocket – an event for older people

Marlborough town has been identified as an area where older residents may not be making full use of their benefit entitlements. An event called *More Money in Your Pocket* has been arranged by Age UK and the Wiltshire and Swindon Users Network, and is aimed at giving advice, support and help to encourage older people to know about their entitlements. The morning event will include an information session and also an opportunity to talk about issues facing older people. There will also be a Tai Chi taster session, stalls and advice points along with morning coffee and lunch. For further information, contact Nick Crane on 01380 871800 ([nickcrane.wsun@btconnect.com](mailto:nickcrane.wsun@btconnect.com)).

This event will take place on **Thursday 6th October 2011 at Marlborough Town Hall from 10am.**

## Evening resurfacing works programmed in Marlborough



Temporary road closures are proposed along the A4 Bath Road, between College Fields and Pewsey Road, and along the High Street between Pewsey Road and Hyde Lane. These will commence on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and will last for 3 weekday evenings between 19:00 and midnight.

For further information please contact Simon Price ([simon.price@mouchel.com](mailto:simon.price@mouchel.com) / 07776 473869).

## Free items for voluntary or community groups

If you have an item that you think would be useful to a community or voluntary group, or perhaps need something for your group, click [here](#) to access Develop & Grow's free donated/wanted web-page.

## Hills Recycling - annual service review

The council's waste management and recycling contractor, Hills Waste Solutions Ltd., is required to produce Annual Service Review (ASR) of the waste management services provided for the council, with particular reference to waste tonnages, Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) and local Bring Sites ("Mini Recycling Sites"), recycling and composting performance, complaints and comments from the public and action taken to advise the public about services.

The review for 2010/11 is now available [here](#). Any comments about the Annual Service Review document, or any aspect of the waste services delivered by Hills, can be sent to [wastemanagement@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:wastemanagement@wiltshire.gov.uk)

## Free home insulation scheme

Hundreds of local families could be entitled to free home insulation thanks to a new scheme from Wiltshire Council. The council has been awarded government funding to insulate around 3,000 homes and help residents save money and energy. Called the Wiltshire Warm and Well scheme, it is open to private tenants and home owners who are elderly or on a low income. Those that qualify can have their lofts and cavity walls insulated for free.

The scheme is open to residents aged over 60, residents on a low income with school-age children and households where a member of the family is unemployed or has been made redundant. Call 0800 512 012 and ask for the Wiltshire Council insulation scheme.

Wiltshire Warm and Well is funded by Wiltshire Council with grant money from central government and managed independently from the Energy Saving Trust by the Severn Wye Energy Agency.

## Wiltshire World Changers' website is launched



The network is designed to link existing grass roots community groups that have an environmental agenda together and to provide practical ideas and signposting for projects that can be run at a local level.

Here are a few questions for you to ponder....

How much does energy cost your community?

Where does this energy come from?

Where does this money go?

What's likely to happen to fuel bills in the future?

How can the community reduce its energy bill?

Can the community generate its own energy? [www.wiltshireworldchangers.org](http://www.wiltshireworldchangers.org)

## Police.uk – crime maps, police contacts and more .....

Your local crime and policing website for England and Wales. This website provides you with helpful information about crime and policing in your area. Enter your postcode, town, village or street into the search box below, and get instant access to street-level crime maps and data, as well as details of your local policing team and beat meetings. [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).

## Funding for Communities



**Charities Information Bureau** – South & West (CIB) are Wiltshire's Funding Advice Service and are there to help you raise money for groups or organisations. So please give them a call and speak to a funding advisor on (01380) 729279 or email: [enquiries@cibwilts.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cibwilts.org.uk). For groups in the South West of England, you can register for access to the FREE funding database, please visit: [www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk](http://www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk).

**Marlborough Area Board Grants** - Funding is available to help provide facilities, equipment and activities that are important to the local community. These awards can really make a big difference in helping communities get schemes and projects started. Applications are now invited in line with the criteria for funding. Applications will be considered at each area board meeting and funding criteria and application form can be [found here](#). The next deadline is **26<sup>th</sup> September 2011** for consideration at the 1st November 2011 area board.

**Support for older persons in need** - Aid for the Aged in Distress (AFTAID) welcomes applications from individuals, or their family and neighbours, of state pensionable age (60 years old for women and 65 for men), that are UK citizens and residents, on lower income and have minimal savings. AFTAID aims to help older persons that are financially stretched beyond their means to the point of genuine distress. AFTAID can provide grants for many varied items such as:

- mobility scooters / walk-in showers / radiators / cleaning / central heating boiler / video intercom / 'blind' software for PC.

AFTAID do not make grants for ongoing or retrospective payments, nor can they consider repayment of debt. Referrals can also be accepted on behalf of members of the caring professions and voluntary organisations. Please click [here](#) to apply at any time.

**QE2 Field Funding** - The Sita Trust has announced that the Queen Elizabeth II Field Fund is now open for applications. The Fund is open to Local Authorities, Parish and Town Councils, sports clubs and other private landowners that have successfully applied to obtain Queen Elizabeth II Field status. Through this fund there will be two different strands:

- The QEII Fields Volunteer Support Fund, which will make grants of up to £5,000 to fund those projects where volunteers are extensively involved in the delivery of the project and
- The QEII Major Works Fund, which will make grants of up to £25,000 to support those projects that also focus on delivery by volunteers, but will allow major works to be carried out by contractors.

Click [here](#) to apply - the deadline for applications to the Major Works Fund by 10am on the **28th November 2011**.

**Protecting playing fields programme** - Sport England has announced round 2 of their Protecting Playing Fields Programme (PPF) will open on the 24th October 2011. The fund will be open to organisations such as voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, sports clubs, playing field associations, charities and education establishments. PPF is seeking to support projects that help communities maximise the sporting benefits of playing field land. Grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 will be available towards: The purchase of land for new playing fields and bringing disused playing fields back into use. The purchase of playing field land where there is a known and established threat, such as through the expiry of a lease or a development proposal.

Improvements to existing pitches through levelling, drainage, reseeding and realignment. Local Education Authorities and schools are also able to apply to the programme to provide new playing fields, bring into use disused playing fields or improve existing playing fields in order to establish and/or host a community club-schools link. All projects will be required to secure partnership funding.

The application deadline for round 2 will be the **12th December 2011**. Click [here](#) to apply.

**Awards for All – this is one that parish and town councils can apply to** - All Projects must help to deliver the Big Lottery Fund's outcomes. There is now no need to send documents such as accounts and bank statements with applications or for signatures on the application forms. If BIG wants to fund the application, it will make a conditional grant offer. Following conditional offers, BIG will ask for signatures, bank statements and any other documents needed. Awards will then be confirmed if those documents are satisfactory

Awards for All projects must meet at least one of BIG's outcomes:

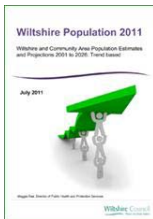
- People having better chances in life with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- Stronger communities with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- Improved rural and urban environments which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- Healthier and more active people and communities

Applicants need to think about what changes do they want to make to the lives of the people they want to help, and how will those changes help achieve one or more of the four Big Lottery Fund outcomes. Grants are available of between £300 and £10,000.

- Only one application can be considered at a time.

You can apply if you are: voluntary and community organisation, school, parish or town council, health body. You cannot apply if you are an individual or sole trader, private profit-making organisation, statutory organisation other than those listed above, organisation not established in the UK. [Click here for further information](#)

## New Wiltshire and community area population figures!



The knowledge management team at Wiltshire Council are pleased to introduce a new Wiltshire Population 2011 report, and supporting excel files, which provide detailed population figures for Wiltshire and its community areas. Click [here](#) to access the information.

## Marlborough CAN



If you know a colleague or friend who would be interested in receiving the Marlborough CAN news alert, please forward this on to them. If you wish to be removed from this database, please contact me – email [Julia Densham](#).

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