

Wiltshire Councillor Report – September meeting; 6th September 2022

1. Wiltshire Towns Programme

Wiltshire Council has produced a report which shares feedback from local residents and businesses on the Future High Streets Funded schemes in Salisbury:

- Salisbury Station Forecourt - redesigning the station forecourt making it more attractive and accessible for visitors and residents.
- Fisherton Gateway - improvements to the road network and public spaces along South Western Road and Fisherton Street.

Responses will be considered and used to develop designs for schemes before being consulted again. Report found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fhsf-salisbury.

2. Reminder of car park charge increases at Wiltshire Council car parks

The changes will see an extra 10p per hour per tariff added to all car parking charges in Wiltshire Council car parks; an inflationary increase to car park season tickets; and the introduction of charges for Blue Badge holders in all council car parks.

3. New process for people to join social housing register – homes4wiltshire

New applicants will have a telephone interview with an officer to assess housing need and those with a housing need will be supported to apply while those without housing need will be offered advice and support to make informed decisions on finding a suitable and sustainable home.

4. September is Catch the Bus month : national scheme supported by WC, in Wiltshire highlighting what is already on offer :

- Concessionary bus passes for older and disabled residents, which currently entitles the holder to free off-peak travel on local services from 9.30am to 11pm Monday to Friday, plus all day weekends and bank holidays. From 1 September the 9.30am time limit will be temporarily lifted meaning passes will be eligible all day Monday to Sunday, including bank holidays.
- Wiltshire Day Rover tickets, other ticket promotions and contactless payments. The Wiltshire Day Rover ticket provides one day's unlimited travel on nearly all local bus services in Wiltshire, across approximately 200 routes in the county
- The Connecting Wiltshire website (www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk), which provides useful information for planning a trip by bus, journey planners and live traffic, bus and train updates.

Trains – SWR have notified of an emergency timetable to start on Monday 5 Sept – but have not yet published it. Due to speed restrictions between Tisbury and Gillingham as a result of weakened track bed due to very dry condition of the subsoil.

Next Area Board – 14 September at East Knoyle

Station Works application: Highways added comments and object to the proposal. Applicant formally advised of intention to appeal against non-determination. Application will be brought before SAPC for consideration on 13 October, depending on status of appeal may be advisory. Site visit request.