

Limpley Stoke

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Many masks

The Freshford & Limpley Stoke Masks team have delivered their final distribution of free face masks at the Galleries. To date, an astonishing 711 masks have been distributed among our two communities.

Co-ordinator David Webster said: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our mask-makers and donors of material. Without your help, this would not have been possible.

"I would particularly like to give a special thank you to Charlie Murray, without whose dedication and tireless effort we could not have achieved our goal in such a short period of time.

"Thank you also to those who donated to charity (NHS Heroes and Dorothy House). Please keep wearing your masks when visiting the Galleries."

Churches re-open

Our local churches have opened their doors for private prayer and quiet times of reflection. The required social-distancing and cleanliness measures means opening times are limited to allow for cleaning and airing.

St Mary's will be open every Tuesday and Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm, and St Peter's on Wednesday and Sunday between 9.00am and 5.00pm. Vicar Mike Taylor asks that you enter only for the purposes of private prayer and reflection. Please read the notices and remember to sanitise your hands.

Deli delights

The Galleries' **Delightful Deli** is open for business (opening hours Tuesday–Friday, 9am–1pm).

Mandie and the team are serving coffees, cakes and lunches but, due to the current situation, this is a **takeaway service only**, perfect for a picnic or a leisurely lunch in the garden. At present, Government guidelines preclude the use of the outside terrace but this may change in the near future.

Please access the deli through the shop while its one-way system is in place. Customers are also encouraged to wear masks when visiting the shop.

Important notice: If you or any member of your household exhibit symptoms of Covid-19, the Galleries team asks that you do not enter the shop or deli but use the delivery service instead (01225 800207 or orders@galleriesshop.co.uk).

Post Office corner



The **post office** counter at the Galleries has re-opened. Opening times are Tuesday and Friday from 9am to 1pm.

The Galleries team wishes to thank everyone for their support over the past three months.

Special thanks to LiFERAFT

Local MP, Michelle Donelan, has written to thank and congratulate LiFERAFT on the enormous efforts the organisation has achieved over the last few months during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Well done to everyone concerned with this excellent community service.

Still awaiting compensation

Wiltshire's air ambulance service (WAA) has yet to receive compensation for the costs incurred when responding to the Salisbury and Amesbury nerve agent attacks. Now, more than two years after attending both the Salisbury novichok poisonings and, a few weeks later, the Amesbury incident, where Dawn Sturgess tragically lost her life, the charity is still waiting for the Government to compensate it for the £100,000-plus costs incurred during and after the incidents.

It costs £3.75 million a year to keep the air ambulance flying and saving lives. It relies entirely on donations and yet is the only emergency service not to have been compensated by the government for its losses. The Department of Health and Social Care recently announced a £6 million COVID-19 grant to be shared by all 21 air ambulance charities, although the Wiltshire service is unsure how much it will receive from this grant.

In February, all seven Wiltshire MPs, including the Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland, wrote to the Home Secretary in support of this claim but to date the charity has heard nothing.

Hedgehogs return



Photo: WWT

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's popular #HedgehogHero citizen science project is back. The Trust wants to hear whether you have resident hedgehogs living in your garden so it can build a better picture of their population in Wiltshire and learn where best to focus its conservation efforts. Become a hedgehog hero by visiting wiltshirewildlife.org/hedgehog.

Views sought on library plans

Wiltshire Council is seeking the views of residents and library users to help it plan for re-opening library services safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The existing e-books, e-magazines and e-audio service continues to provide access to reading material, and a new service launched via Facebook offers rhyme times, tea and chat, bedtime stories and online book groups. A home library service launched in June, serving those members who are shielding and without digital access to download books. The online library content produced since lockdown has so far generated more than 83,000 views.

The Council would like to hear your ideas and feedback on how to re-open services safely. Possible options being considered include an order and collect service; an order and collect service with bookable computer access; and a socially-distanced service offering some access to browse stock and use computers.

A four-week public consultation (**closing date: Sunday, July 26**) is now underway. Access the survey online at https://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/leisure/libraries/consultation_on_wiltshire_council_reopening_libraries_safely_during_the_covid-19_pandemic.

Hard copies of the survey are available at County Hall, Trowbridge.

Climate network to tackle change

Wiltshire Council is a founding member of a new national network to promote the voice of the countryside in climate change discussions.

The Countryside Climate Network aims to ensure that the voice of rural knowledge and experience on climate action is listened to in Westminster, and asks that rural councils are an active participant in transforming the national economy into one that saves, rather than harms, our environment.

The Council is also working closely with the Local Government Association and the County Councils Network to develop a tool that measures the council's levels of carbon emissions.

The tool will create a standard, comparable measurement for all councils in the country, which can then be used to baseline carbon emissions and report on them regularly, as Wiltshire seeks to become carbon neutral by 2030. The trial of this new system is expected to begin later in the summer.

Rainbow for Freshford

Some of you will by now have spotted the art installation taking shape in Freshford. The project is for local children to contribute to, and be a part of, even if they can't be together while making it.

A large-scale rainbow created from painted stones has been developing week by week, colour by colour, on The Tying field. Social-distancing measures in place are simplified by the nature of the project. This is a temporary piece of art. The stones will be removed in time and may be re-positioned elsewhere.



The idea for the rainbow came from local artist, Annabel Menheneott, who wanted the children to have something which they and their friends could contribute to as they couldn't be together during lockdown. "Every day I get lovely comments from all ages saying how much it gives a sense of joy and focus to the children. They love seeing how many more stones have appeared. What is also lovely is that the project has reached and touched so many people across all ages, from our youngest participant who is 11 months old, to the older residents in the village", said Annabel.



Visit the designated Instagram account [@rainbowinfreshford](https://www.instagram.com/rainbowinfreshford)

(Thank you to Annabel and other parents for the loan of the photos)

New safety measures for walkers and cyclists

A segregated cycleway and footway on the B3108 road between Winsley and Bradford on Avon has been approved, giving cyclists the option of a traffic-free ride from Winsley into Bradford and then on to Bath along the Kennet & Avon canal. Wiltshire Council has received funding for the project as part of the Government's Covid-19 plans for re-allocating road space for safe walking and cycling.

The proposal for the scheme was put forward by Wiltshire Councillor Johnny Kidney. Work is due to start within the next four weeks and will involve re-allocating part of the existing carriageway to create a cycleway. The footway will remain separate from the cycleway.

Litter is a safety issue, says Highways England

Roadside litter is not just unsightly but a threat to wildlife and the environment, as well as a safety hazard for motorists.

Highways England (HA) has begun installing signs and litter bins in laybys on major roads in the south-west, including Wiltshire and Somerset, to discourage littering. The £80,000 scheme is designed to help local councils which are being swamped by sackfuls of litter.

HA will be working at 14 locations on major roads, including the A303 and A4.

Wiltshire Councillor Bridget Wayman said: "We welcome this initiative on our major roads in Wiltshire, and we are pleased to be working in partnership with Highways England to reduce litter throughout the county. Wiltshire is a beautiful county and we are committed to keeping it that way, so please use these bins and help to keep our laybys litter free."

To the beach →

Limpley Stoke News is now taking its summer break but will be back in September. If you have any suggestions for inclusion in future editions of the News, contact me at sheena.broadhead@tiscali.co.uk.

Meanwhile, I'm off to join the masses on Bournemouth beach!



WASTE COLLECTIONS

Blue-lidded bin
Black box
Green waste
(chargeable)



Wednesday, July 1
Wednesday, July 15
Wednesday, July 29



Wednesday, August 12
Wednesday, August 26



Household waste
Monday, July 13
Monday, July 27
Monday, August 10
Monday, August 24



Useful numbers

Transport Link 07714 16 92 16
Power supply emergency 105
Police (non-emergency) 101
Bradford on Avon Police:
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MyWiltshire app: potholes, road issues, blocked drains, grit bins
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Mobile library monthly visit:
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