

Limpley Stoke

news

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All geared up for winter weather

A 24-strong fleet of new gritters will be taking to the roads this winter to keep the county moving.

Wiltshire Council has leased the fleet ready to tackle any extreme weather system coming our way. As well as the most up-to-date technology, the new vehicles are fitted with the very latest low-emission engines.

The gritters will be used on Wiltshire's primary road network of A and B roads, covering 726 miles and spreading approximately 150 tonnes of salt each time they are sent out.



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In severe or prolonged cold weather, the network can be increased to 50 per cent by treating secondary routes.

Wiltshire Council has more than 11,000 tonnes of salt in stock, located strategically throughout the county at six storage sites.

A dedicated team of duty engineers monitors the weather 24/7 during the season, supported by highways staff, and 24 drivers are on standby to be called into action at any time.

Updates on winter weather and road conditions are available on Twitter @WiltshireWinter.

Road closure

Part of Middle Stoke will be closed temporarily to all traffic from **Monday, January 27 to Friday, January 31** to enable Wales and West to install a new gas supply.



The closure is from property No 51 for a distance of approximately 20 metres in a south-east-erly direction.

Access will be maintained for residents, where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

Contact: Darren Payne (Wales and West) on 0800 912 2999.

Chippenham seat held

Conservative MP Michelle Donelan was returned for the Chippenham constituency with a majority of 11,288 in the December General Election. She received 30,994 votes compared to Lib Dem contender Helen Belcher with 19,706 votes and Labour Party candidate Martha Anachury with 6,399.



Commenting on her win, Ms Donelan said: "Together we have worked our socks off during this campaign and rest assured as your returned MP I will work my socks off for our community. I will continue to be accessible, approachable and hardworking."

Report fly-tippers and earn reward

Wiltshire Council has launched a campaign to encourage people to report fly-tippers operating in the county.

Fly-tipping costs Wiltshire Council more than £180,000 every year. It is unsightly and a danger to wildlife and the environment. In Wiltshire, most fly-tip reports are of a commercial nature, where waste is cleared for a fee and then dumped to avoid lawful disposal costs.

If you spot someone fly-tipping in Wiltshire, report them to the council. If a successful formal outcome is achieved, you'll receive a gift voucher of up to £200 as a reward.

Report fly-tippers or fly-tipped waste at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/report / 0300 456 0100.



Climate crisis talks

Starting this month, a series of informal community 'Climate Crisis' chats (supported by Limpley Stoke Parish Council) will be held at the **Inn at Freshford's upstairs room** from 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21:
ALTERNATIVE HEATING SYSTEMS
by Richard Tibble, Lee Newlyn and Trisha Waters.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26:
ASH DIEBACK by Sarah Fraser.

Lighting up in an eco-friendly way

Wiltshire Council is investing £12 million to replace most of its 45,000 ageing street lights with Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting. Unlike older lights, LED lighting can be dimmed during off-peak periods to further reduce energy consumption.

The reduction in energy for each light will vary according to the unit, but is likely to be as much as 69 per cent in some cases. The lights will eventually be installed throughout the county, leading to annual savings of around £1 million.

Tree collections

Dorothy House's Christmas tree collection service runs from **January 10-12**. Book your tree in for collection and, for a charitable donation, Dorothy House volunteers will pick it up. All trees must be clearly labelled 'Dorothy House'.

Last year, the annual fund-raising scheme, which is supported by many local businesses, raised £26,000 towards hospice care services.

To book a tree collection, email steph.cox@dorothyhouse-hospice.org.uk.

Santa charity run

More than 350 people took part in the annual Dorothy House Santa and Elf Run last month to raise much-needed funds for the local hospice. The charity hopes the amount raised by the 2019 event will exceed the previous year's total of £11,000.

What's On

Memoirs of a show judge

Wednesday, January 8 Freshford Memorial Hall
7.30pm

Described as one of Freshford & District Horticultural Society's most popular speakers, John Tucker, who used to work at Prior Park Garden Centre until his retirement, is returning once again to entertain with his witty, whimsical and very knowledgeable experiences over many years as a judge of small gardens for 'Bath in Bloom'. He will also share his interest and expertise as a judge of several annual flower and produce shows in Wiltshire and Somerset.

Members free Visitors £3 Everyone welcome

Limpley Stoke Movie Night

Wednesday, January 22 Limpley Stoke Village Hall
Doors open 7pm

Limpley Creative's next film showing is *Capernaum* (director: Nadine Labaki, 2018).

Set in Beirut, *Capernaum* is the hard-hitting story of a young boy who sues his parents for having been born. A political film for our times, the actors were all non-professional, with the astonishing main performance from a boy who improvised most of the scenes because he could not read. Winner of the Cannes Jury Prize 2018, film magazine *Empire* says: "*It can make Ken Loach look happy-go-lucky but it's a gripping, sympathetic cry for the dispossessed.*"

For more details, contact limpleycreative@gmail.com.

A history of Combe Down schools

Wednesday, January 22 Freshford Memorial Hall
7.30pm

Guest speaker at this month's History Society meeting is Combe Down resident, Jill Woodhead, who has brought to life the history of the village in a new book which explores its past through focusing on its many schools. Ms Woodhead will discuss 'A Village of Schools', which charts the history of Combe Down from the dame schools (small private schools) of the early 1700s to the present day.

Members free Visitors £3 Everyone welcome

WASTE COLLECTIONS

Plastic / cardboard:
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7
Monday, January 20



Domestic waste/
black box:
Monday, January 13
Monday, January 27



Green bin:
Wednesday, Jan 15
Wednesday, Jan 29



Useful numbers

Transport Link 07714 16 92 16
Power supply emergency 105
Police (non-emergency) 101
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www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting or
phone 0300 456 0105



Mobile library monthly visit:
Thursday: January 23
10.00-10.25am
Uplands Close, Midford Lane

Website: www.limpleystoke.org



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