

Limpley Stoke

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Cars damaged in overnight vandalism spree

Limpley Stoke has been relatively crime-free for some time but, in the past few weeks, several households have been the victims of what's becoming a local crime wave, following a spate of incidents.

In the early hours of Sunday, July 1, a number of vehicles parked on Lower Stoke, Crowe Hill and Woods Hill were sprayed with white paint, and at least one also had its windscreen smashed. A neighbour of one of the victims disturbed the attackers, described as youths wearing hoodies.

So far, police have received seven reports of damage to cars and property, as well as thefts from vehicles.

If anyone heard or saw anything that night or has a CCTV camera covering any of the locations, the police are keen to hear from you. Please contact PC Sarah Pickles of the Trowbridge Community Policing Team at sarah.pickles@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

A house on Woods Hill was entered between 10 and 10.30 on the morning of June 28 while the occupant was out walking his dog. Credit cards and a driving licence were stolen from a wallet.

The householder was alerted to the theft when his credit card company contacted him. Remember to keep your doors locked and watch out for anything suspicious.

On the weekend of June 23/24, a garden shed at a property on Winsley Hill was broken into and landscape gardening equipment taken.

A substantial piece of lead roofing was removed from a Middle Stoke property. Thieves also broke into a shed in Middle Stoke, causing damage to a padlock and door before stealing a bike. Both incidents are believed to have occurred overnight between June 4 and 5.

Call the police non-emergency number 101 if you have any information. Should you notice anything untoward at any time, please also let me (your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator) know and I will pass on the details to my contacts around the village.

Road closures

Two Lower Stoke roads will be closed temporarily this month.

Part of **Woods Hill**, for a distance of approximately 100m between properties No 17 and No 8 will be closed for the connection of new drainage at the edge of the road on the boundary of No 9.

The order will come into effect on **Monday, July 16**, and it is anticipated the closure will be required until October 8, depending on weather conditions.

Contact James Sibson on 01225 720170 for more details.



On **Wednesday, July 25**, part of **Crowe Hill**, from a point level with property No 21 for a distance of approximately 80m in a northerly direction, will be closed temporarily for BT Openreach work, which is expected to take one day.

More details from Scott Morris (A-Plant Lux on behalf of BT Openreach) on 01905 641088.

Access will be maintained for residents and businesses, where possible, during both road closures, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

Parish soir e was a real hoot

There were a few ruffled feathers when two special guests turned up at last month's annual parish meeting.

European eagle owl, Arwen, and barn owl, Ghost, were on hand while local sculptor, Alan Dun, explain talked about his involvement in Bath's latest summer sculpture trail, the 'Minerva's Owls' project. Giant owl sculptures have been decorated by artists and sponsored by businesses and schools. The sculpture trail runs until September 10, with more than 80 large and small owls to locate. After the event, the owls will be auctioned to raise money for local charities. Trail maps are available from a number of Bath outlets, including the Visitor Information Centre and Waterstone's.



European eagle owl, Arwen, keeps a beady eye on proceedings. Photo: Sheena Broadhead



Photo: Bob Broadhead

The two rescued owls, accompanied by handlers Naomi Johns (pictured left with Ghost), George Paice and Jay Marshall, were visiting from the West of England Falconry, a non-profit-making organisation which receives no funding. Based at The Grain Store, Newton St Loe, the sanctuary's aims and objectives are the rescue and rehabilitation of sick or injured wild birds of prey, and the recovery of captive birds of prey which have escaped from their

homes. Wherever possible, wild birds are returned to their natural habitat. In the case of serious illness or injury, or where the registered owner of a captive bird cannot be traced, birds may become part of the sanctuary's foster family.

The sanctuary has six open days a year. The next ones are Sunday, July 22, Bank Holiday Monday August 27 and Sunday, September 30. For more information, visit <http://www.westofenglandfalconry.org.uk>.



West of England Falconry's Minerva owl has been beautifully decorated by Naomi Johns

Photo: Sheena Broadhead

Hundreds turn out for village f te

Last month's village f te raised over  5,200 in total profits, a similar amount to last year. These proceeds will be used to support the cost of replacing Freshford Memorial Hall's main roof, work on which is now due to start in August.

Organisers would like to say a huge thank you to all their generous sponsors and to everyone who helped and supported this year's successful event.



Fire-thrower entertains the crowds Photo: Martin Walker



Circus skills workshop. Photo: Dan Towner.

What's On

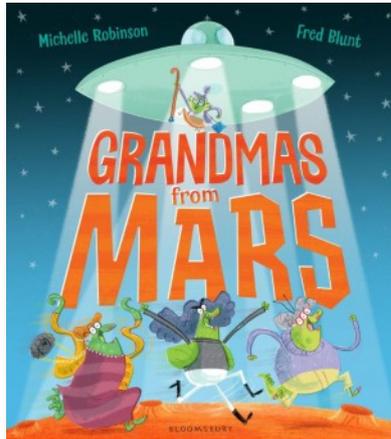
BRADFORD ON AVON's fourth Mini Book Festival for children and young people takes place throughout the day on **Saturday, July 14**, starting from 10am.

The books and writing festival, based in Bradford on Avon Library, is timed to coincide with the annual Summer Reading Challenge (for children aged 4 to 11) and is a rare opportunity to join a team of writers and illustrators.

A jam-packed programme of activities is promised, including storytelling, vampires and villains, drawing, an illustration master class, and puzzles and prizes. This year's special guests are Michelle Robinson and illustrator Fred Blunt who will present their new book, *Grandmas from Mars*.

Books will be on sale all day and you can have them signed by, and meet, the authors.

All the events are FREE but you need to contact the library to book your place: email Bradfordlibrary@wiltshire.gov.uk; phone 01225 863280; or just drop in. Full details available at www.boambf.wordpress.com.



Taking steps with dementia

A weekly walk for people living with dementia, and their carers, has been launched by Wiltshire Council.

The next 'Walking for the Mind' is on **Monday, July 9** at 2pm from Bradford on Avon Library, and continues at the same time from the same place every Monday except bank holidays.

The gentle walks will last between 30 and 60 minutes, led by volunteers who have attended dementia awareness and walk-leader training.

Organisers say this offers a valuable lifeline for people living with dementia and their loved ones, who often feel isolated and alone.

The new group forms part of the Council's 'Get Wiltshire Walking' project, which encourages good health and exercise by arranging weekly walks throughout the county. For more information, contact community walks co-ordinator, Louise Gale, louise.gale@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07342 066608.

Give me a break!

Limpley Stoke News is now taking its summer break but will be back in September.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions for inclusion in future editions of the **News**, contact me at sheena.broadhead@tiscali.co.uk.



Bradford photos tell 1950s history

'**BRYLCREEM AND BROKEN BISCUITS**' is the intriguing title of a photographic trail in Bradford on Avon starting this month. Compiled by Stephanie Laslett of Bradford on Avon Museum, the trail features shop windows throughout the town displaying historic photos of the particular trade that operated on their premises during the Fifties.

The pictures show how different the shopping experience was in the years following the Second World War, before rationing ended and supermarkets came to dominate our high streets. **The trail runs from Saturday, July 21 to Sunday, September 2.**

At the same time, there will be a shop window puzzle trail for children to enjoy during the summer holidays.

Throughout August, another exhibition at the museum will feature 'then and now' pictures of several of the town's shops, as well as local residents' spoken memories of shopping in Bradford on Avon at a time when the town could boast six greengrocers, four butchers and six sweet shops.

Your waste and recycling collections are changing summer 2018



Here's the news you've all been waiting for: from **JULY 30**, the materials householders can recycle at home from the kerbside is changing.

As well as plastic bottles and cardboard, you will now be able to recycle these items in your blue-lidded bin:



- plastic bottles
- plastic pots, tubs and trays
- cardboard
- food and drink cartons
- shredded paper

Black plastic and plastic films cannot be recycled.

You can continue to recycle the following items in your black box:



- paper
- glass bottles and jars
- tins and cans
- clean foils
- empty aerosols
- bagged textiles and clothes

Collection days and times remain the same and will continue to be fortnightly.

Until July 30, you should continue to use your waste and recycling bins and boxes as normal, and put them out for collection on the usual days.

[Sign up for personalised email alerts](https://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/WiltsForms/WasteRegistration)

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Waste collections

Domestic waste/ black box:

Monday, July 2
Monday, July 16
Monday, July 30

Monday, Aug 13
Monday, Aug 27



Green bin:

Wednesday, July 4
Wednesday, July 18

Wednesday, Aug 1
Wednesday, Aug 15
Wednesday, Aug 29



Plastic bottles/cardboard:

(see news item)

Monday, July 9
Monday, July 23

Monday, Aug 6
Monday, Aug 20



Useful numbers

Transport Link 07714 16 92 16

Power supply emergency 105

Police (non-emergency) 101

Bradford on Avon Police:

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Mobile library monthly visit:

Thurs July 12 / Thurs Aug 9

10.00-10.25am

Uplands Close, Midford Lane