

# Limpley Stoke

## news

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## Action brings results

Work is due to start on **Monday, July 1** on construction of a footpath at the rear of the lay-by area adjacent to Winsley Hill canal bridge. The path, which will connect with the existing footpath, will make it safer for people walking to and from the canal. To accommodate it, the lay-by will be reduced in width, the carriageway area resurfaced and road-side vegetation on the bridge removed. Field access will remain.

Work is expected to take three weeks to complete. For operational and safety reasons, the lay-by will be closed and parking will be temporarily unavailable. Traffic movement will be controlled



via two-way, temporary signals. Further details from Martin Rose: 0300 456 0100 /[integrated.transport@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:integrated.transport@wiltshire.gov.uk).

Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group (WHTAG) was instrumental in bringing about the new footpath. The group was set up in 2016 to address concerns about traffic near the canal entrance on the busy B3108. One of its main issues was the lack of footpaths over the canal bridge and between the canal and river bridges.

WHTAG chairperson Dr Trisha Waters said: "The idea for improving pedestrian safety on the Limpley Stoke side of the canal came entirely from WHTAG. The group attended Winsley Parish Council meetings, where I spoke on the matter, and WPC were very supportive. We were involved with them in the negotiations when the plans were being drawn up by Wiltshire Highways."

The highway improvements are being funded by Wiltshire Council, Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group, Winsley Parish Council and Limpley Stoke Parish Council, which has contributed £2,500 towards costs.

## DIY SOS from Galleries Café

The Galleries will be replacing flooring, cupboards and some equipment in its popular café from **Sunday, August 4**, for which enthusiastic helpers are needed.

So as to complete the project in just one week, organisers are looking for people who can commit to anything from a few hours or even a whole day.

This could be an opportunity for those not able to volunteer on a regular basis but who would like to help with this stand-alone community project. The café team will feed you from an as yet secret location.

Want to know more? If so, email [wagsfirmin@icloud.com](mailto:wagsfirmin@icloud.com) or leave your contact details at the café.

## Prize produce on show

**Freshford & District Horticultural Society Show** is on **Saturday, August 31** from 2 to 4.30pm at Freshford Memorial Hall. The show is open to all Freshford, Limpley Stoke, Hinton Charterhouse and Westwood residents.

Refreshments, home-made cakes and raffle will be on offer.

Schedules and entry forms are available from the Galleries Shop or can be downloaded at [freshfordvillage.com](http://freshfordvillage.com).

# Pick up your plastic waste



The Canal & River Trust (CRT) is asking people to help keep towpaths and riverbanks clear of plastic waste by taking their rubbish home. The charity, which looks after 2,000 miles of canals and rivers, including the Kennet & Avon Canal, has published detailed analysis of plastics and litter found in its waterways, including in Wiltshire.

It costs the CRT more than £1million to clear up over 24 million pieces of litter a year. Around 80 per cent of the plastic in our oceans comes from litter dropped inland. CRT research shows that 1,562 items of plastic leave one of our canals or rivers and head to the sea every day. That's more than 500,000 items each year.

Peter Birch, the Trust's national environmental policy adviser, says: "If everyone who visited one of our canals or rivers picked up just one piece of plastic, they would be clear within a year."

To find out more, and to download your free Plastics Challenge Pack, visit the website at <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/features/plastic-and-litter-in-our-canal>.

## Say no to plastic

Bradford on Avon has been awarded Plastic-Free Community Status by marine conservation charity, Surfers Against Sewage, in recognition of the work it has done to start reducing the impact of single-use plastic on the environment.



To qualify for recognition, seven local businesses had to prove they had made concerted efforts to implement change and, having done so, have earned the status – the first in Wiltshire – for the community. The seven plastic-free heroes of Bradford on Avon at the time of assessment were: Christine's Sustainable Supermarket; Swan Hotel; Brown's Hardware Shop; Woolley Grange Hotel; Georgian Lodge; Iford Manor; and The Cheese Shop.

## Climate change task group

Wiltshire Council has set up a climate change task group, with the aim of making the county carbon neutral by 2030. Councillors from all parties got together for the first time in June to address ways to make Wiltshire more environmentally friendly, following a UN report that said urgent changes are needed in the next 12 years.

Meanwhile, Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) have been put in place in towns across Wiltshire where poor air quality has been measured, due to high levels of nitrogen dioxide being pumped out from vehicle exhausts. Town officials have called for urgent action from Wiltshire Council to improve the county's air quality. According to the *Wiltshire Times*, Bradford on Avon, where Market Street and Masons Lane are among the county's most polluted roads, was declared an AQMA as long ago as 2001.

## Woods Hill closure

Part of Woods Hill will be closed temporarily to all traffic on **Wednesday, August 14** from property No 9 for approximately 100 metres in a southerly direction to enable Wessex Water to carry out a supply separation.

The work should take one day to complete, depending on weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely. Further information: Brian Fregard (Wessex Water) on 03456004600.

## Hub to the rescue

The Hub @ BA15 in Bradford on Avon provides vital help for low-income families and homeless people in the town and surrounding area.

At the start of last year's school holidays, co-ordinator Avril Clarke had to make an urgent plea for donations to the charity's food bank when supplies started to run out. People were quick to respond to the appeal and The Hub was able to help families and also restore stocks to normal levels.

This year the charity is once again on course to provide 50 boxes of food to help families over the school holidays, thanks to the generosity of local people.

If you would like to donate to the food bank, there is a collection point at the Bradford on Avon Sainsbury's store. The Hub says it has enough donations of pasta and baked beans to be going on with but tinned vegetables and tinned fruit are always welcome.

- <http://www.boahub.co.uk>

### Bath Food Bank

The Galleries Shop has a collection point for donations to the **Bath Food Bank**. This month the bank would welcome the following items: fruit juice (long-life, UHT); tinned rice pudding; chocolate; tinned fruit; coffee; sponge puddings; and instant mash.

**Please note: items close to their 'best before' date, pre-opened or with damaged packaging cannot be accepted.**

- <https://bath.foodbank.org.uk>  
01225 463549

## Attempted break-in

An attempted burglary at a Freshford property last month was foiled by good security measures and the response of neighbours.

The owners, who were away from home at the time, were alerted by a phone call from a family member several miles away informing them that their house was under attack, after an exterior camera with a mobile phone link had activated an alert. Live pictures showed three would-be burglars attempting to force open the garage doors, followed by the sound of the burglar alarm siren. Police arrived within 25 minutes and carried out a detailed search of the house and immediate surroundings. The doors were found to be secure and did not fail under the initial attack.

Police advice to everyone, particularly to anyone going on holiday, is to make sure your house is securely locked while you are away and to leave some lights on; tell your neighbours your 'away' dates; and consider investing in a burglar or CCTV system. Cost-effective security installations can relay 'live' alert details to your mobile or tablet.

## Give me a break!

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](mailto:sheena.broadhead@tiscali.co.uk).



## WASTE COLLECTIONS

### Domestic waste/ black box:

Monday, July 1  
Monday, July 15  
Monday, July 29

Monday, August 12  
Monday, August 26



### Green bin:

Wednesday, July 3  
Wednesday, July 17  
Wednesday, July 31

Wednesday, Aug 14  
Wednesday, Aug 28



### Plastic / cardboard:

Monday, July 8  
Monday, July 22

Monday, August 5  
Monday, August 19



## Useful numbers

Transport Link 07714 16 92 16  
Power supply emergency 105  
Police (non-emergency) 101  
Bradford on Avon Police:

Andrew MacLachlan  
0752 897 2236

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[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting) or  
phone 0300 456 0105



Mobile library monthly visit:  
Thursday: July 11 / August 8  
10.00-10.25am  
Uplands Close, Midford Lane

# What's On

## 'Royal' garden open weekend

Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4, 11am-4.30pm

The gardens at **Middlewick House**, former home to the Duchess of Cornwall and now owned by Pink Floyd drummer Nick

Mason and his wife Annette, will open in aid of two local charities.

This is the fifth year the Masons have opened their gardens in Corsham to raise money for local charities, with £85,000

being raised in the past four years. This year's proceeds will be split between Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. As well as the beautiful **gardens** and Nick Mason's **classic cars**, there'll be **artisans and traders** selling everything from plants to art. Refreshments, cakes and barbecue. Entry £7, under-12s free.

Sat Nav: SN13 0PX



## Cream tea party

Friday, July 12, 3-5pm

Elms Cross Vineyard, near Westwood, is the venue for a cream tea party and bring-and-buy table in aid of Breast Cancer Support, organised by former Limpley Stoke resident, Pauline Bates, and Gurli Klingenberg. Entry by £10 donation (cash or cheque) on the day. Tickets are not being issued so, if you'd like to attend, please email [gurliklingenberg@gmail.com](mailto:gurliklingenberg@gmail.com) by 9 am on **Tuesday, July 9** so that catering requirements can be finalised. Sat Nav: BA15 2AL. Signposted parking.

## Moon landings

July 24 - August 30



*Image courtesy of eyeronic-Ts*

## Bath's Herschel Museum

celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landings. Moon-inspired books, crafts and lots of lunar fun.

## Mini Book Festival

Saturday, July 13 from 10am

**Free Mini Book Festival** for children and young people, **based in Bradford on**

**Avon Library,**

timed to coincide with the annual Summer Reading Challenge (for children aged 4 to

11). Rare opportunity to join a team of authors and illustrators. Jam-packed programme of activities on the theme of space travel, including storytelling, writing, drawing and workshops. Books on sale all day. Have them signed and meet the authors.

All events are FREE but you need to book in advance: email [Bradfordlibrary@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Bradfordlibrary@wiltshire.gov.uk); phone 01225 863280; or drop in. Full details available at [www.boambf.wordpress.com](http://www.boambf.wordpress.com).



## Moulton and the Mini

Friday, August 16, 7.00-8.30pm

Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the iconic Mini and the key engineering contributions of The Hall's last resident, Dr Alex Moulton, close friend and engineering partner of Sir Alec Issigonis. Moulton played a highly significant part in the development of the innovative Mini, including the design of its rubber suspension system, key to its phenomenal success. Guest speaker, Peter Barker, head of the Design & Communication School at Plymouth College of Art, worked with Dr Alex Moulton in the 1980s.

Venue: The Hall, Holt Road, BoA  
Tickets: £10 plus booking fee from <http://www.bradfordonavon.co.uk/events/event/moulton-and-the-mini-a-talk-by-peter-barker/>.