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Cars could be exempt from 'clean air' charge



Car drivers might not have to pay to enter Bath's proposed Clean Air Zone, should a revised plan be approved by Bath & North East Somerset Council. An 'unprecedented' number of responses (over 8,400) were received to B&NES' public consultation, thereby delaying a decision due at the end of last year.

All higher emission vehicles, including cars, were to have been charged to enter the Clean Air Zone, but latest forecasts show Government carbon emission reduction targets would still be met if the fees were restricted to taxis, buses, coaches, lorries and vans.

Officers have now recommended the adoption of a revised scheme to exempt cars from the charges, while public feedback has also shaped a number of changes to the original zone boundary. These changes could be approved by councillors at a meeting at 10am on **Tuesday, March 5** at Bath's Guildhall.



Local woodland saved

The Woodland Trust, the UK's largest woodland conservation charity, has been successful in raising the £355,000 needed to purchase 48 acres of ancient Avoncliff Wood, thanks to the generosity of everyone who donated to its recent appeal (*report, Limpley Stoke News Dec 2018*) and support from the Nationwide Building Society.

Twenty-six acres of adjacent land, where a wildlife-rich buffer of trees and open spaces will be created, have also been secured.

The wood, which lies adjacent to the riverside walk between Freshford and Avoncliff, is not currently open to the public.

One of the Trust's first tasks will be to carry out environmental surveys to uncover what lies within this important habitat, which has been left untouched for generations.

Local villagers and schools will be encouraged to get involved with planting trees and shaping the future of this unique woodland on our doorstep.

Political areas set to change

Wiltshire's political areas are set to be re-shaped as boundaries between some communities change. New homes and more people moving to the county mean the areas represented by Wiltshire Council's 98 councillors will change as towns continue to grow.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has launched a 10-week public consultation and wants to hear your views on the recommendations before **Monday, April 15**.

Visit www.lgbce.org.uk to take part, where full recommendations and detailed interactive maps are available. Hard copies are also available to view on request at County Hall, Trowbridge.

Richard Clewer, chairman of Wiltshire Council's Electoral Review Committee, said: "I'd encourage people to get involved in this consultation, as the final outcome will have an impact on communities up and down the county. Things will not stay the same as they are, so I hope people take a look and see how it could affect their local area."

A final decision will be published in July.

Computer Club

Do you struggle with modern technology? Perhaps you could do with some help setting up emails, with your photo collection, or online shopping? If so, why not pop into Bradford on Avon's Computer Club.

The club, run by Wiltshire Online, meets every Monday afternoon at the library so, whether your device is an iPad, iPhone, Smartphone, Android tablet, laptop or whatever, take it along with you, if you are able, or just pop in for a chat. All staff are DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked.

Grab your wellies for the Easter Trail

It's the Freshford Pre-school Easter Trail from 2-5pm on **Sunday, March 31** and everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

The annual trail, which starts and finishes at Freshford Primary School, meanders through the countryside, via rivers and woodland, so wellies are essential. Dogs must be kept on leads.



Purchase a map (£3) and find the clues along the route, starting and finishing any time between 2 and 5pm at the Primary School, where there will be home-made cakes, cream teas and a raffle. Prizes for all who complete the trail.

All proceeds go directly to Freshford Pre-school. Contact Amy Kennedy (07979 304101).

Raise funds for air ambulance

Last month's *Limpley Stoke News* reported on the increasing running costs of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance (WAA) and how the charity relies on donations and fund-raising. So, if you or someone you know would like to take on a new and exciting challenge, then WAA has a choice of events.

How about the thrill of a 200ft controlled abseil down the Avon Gorge on **Sunday, April 14**, or a skydive (in tandem with a professional instructor) at Old Sarum airfield, near Salisbury, on **Sunday, June 2**. The Snowdon triple challenge on **Saturday, June 8** involves cycling, climbing and kayaking in Snowdonia National Park.

It costs £3.75 million a year to keep the air ambulance flying. WAA is not funded directly by the Government and receives no National Lottery grants. For more information and to take part in these events and other, land-based fund-raising pursuits, visit <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events/> or call the charity team on 01225 300536.



Photo courtesy of WAA

Wilts goes 'back in time'

TV production company, Wall to Wall Media, is looking for a **Wiltshire** family – particularly one with memories of, or connections to, the countryside and village life – for its new *Back in Time* series, filming of which will take place in the region over this summer's school holidays. Visit walltowall.co.uk and click on 'Take Part'. Families must have a minimum of three children.

Wall to Wall Media produces a variety of programmes, such as *Who Do You Think You Are?* (BBC) and *Long Lost Family* (ITV), as well as BBC2's living history strand, *Back in Time*, recent series of which include *Back in Time for Tea* and *Back in Time for School*.



St Mary's Church

FUND-RAISING MEETING

Everyone is welcome to attend a fund-raising planning meeting at the church on **Monday, March 18 at 6.30pm.**

Projects under discussion will include: a new window for the church tower and replacement tiles and ridge stones for the porch; ground and tree work in the churchyard; and car park maintenance to stop it becoming a quagmire in bad weather. Several thousand pounds will be needed over the next few years in order to carry out the necessary work.

CLEANERS AND FLOWER-ARRANGERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help keep St Mary's looking spick and span, and also to do the flowers in the church occasionally, even if only for a couple of weeks a year. No experience necessary. Contact Penny Jones on 01225 723447 / peter.pennyjones@gmail.com if you're able to help.



My Wiltshire app

Did you know you can use the **My Wiltshire reporting app** to contact Wiltshire Council about issues in your area? By registering, you will receive updates on your report's progress. If you prefer not to register, you can submit reports anonymously but will not receive updates, or you can phone 0300 456 0105 if you don't have online access. Use the app to report road issues, potholes, blocked drains, and empty grit bins. Visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/my-wiltshire-online-reporting>.

More bobbies on the beat

Wiltshire's Police and Crime Panel has voted to increase its precept by £24 for 2019/20.

This means the cost for the average Band D property will increase from £15.19 to £17.19 per month. The extra cash will allow for the recruitment of 41 more police officers, a number of them for community policing teams.

New equipment at village hall

New audio equipment has recently been installed in Limpley Stoke village hall. A larger, pull-down screen and new projector are also now available so, if you're planning a party, want to show a film, or deliver a lecture, all the equipment is there on the spot for your use. For more details, contact Barbara Osborne on 01225 867566.

TRB trustees sought

Do you have expertise in human resources, business management, or hospitality and catering? Theatre Royal, Bath is currently looking for people with these skills to join its trustee board. Applicants from a wide diversity of backgrounds and personal circumstances would be welcomed.

Applications by **March 4** to <https://www.theatreroyal.org.uk/new-board-members/>.

What's On



Bradford on Avon's free family event, **My Science Fair**, is on **Sunday, March 3** from 10am-3pm at the Wiltshire Music Centre. **FREE EVENT. No need to book.**

The annual fair, now in its eighth year, attracted over 400 visitors last year and promises a jam-packed programme full of activities, presentations and performances, designed to engage young people aged 5+ in the worlds of music, movements and science.

Visit <http://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk/mysciencefair> or call the Wiltshire Music Centre on 01225 860 100.

Collecting Cultures and Creative Wiltshire

Wednesday, March 6, 10.30am

Discover the wealth of sculptures, paintings and other works by local artists collected as part of the Heritage Lottery-funded *Creative Wiltshire* project now available in Wiltshire's museums and archives. This talk coincides with an exhibition at Salisbury Museum, showcasing some of the wonderful works acquired during this project. A talk by Joy Bloomfield.

Admission: £4 - booking advisable.

Contact Wiltshire History Centre in Chippenham on 01249 705500 / localstudies@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Dyrham Park talk

Wednesday, March 27 at 7.30pm

A talk by Tom Boden: Focus on the significance of William Blathwayt on 17th century Dyrham Park.

Freshford & District Local History Society meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Freshford Memorial Hall. Annual subscription: £10. Visitors welcome: £2.

Contact: peter.pennyjones@gmail.com / 01225 723447.

WASTE COLLECTIONS

Plastic / cardboard:

Monday, March 4
Monday, March 18



Domestic waste/ black box:

Monday, March 11
Monday, March 25



Green bin:

Wednesday, March 13
Wednesday, March 27



Useful numbers

Transport Link 07714 16 92 16

Power supply emergency 105

Police (non-emergency) 101

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Mobile library monthly visit:

Thursday, March 21

10.00-10.25am

Uplands Close, Midford Lane