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Update for Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council Nov 2020

Wiltshire Council

COVID-19

The Wellbeing Hub is still open and awaiting calls from residents in need of support. The Hub will direct residents to local support groups if shopping or prescriptions need collecting.



Services which are set to continue or stay open

- Social care services
- Revenue and benefits
- Household recycling centres and waste collection
- Car parks – car parking fees will remain but people are advised to only travel if essential
- Public parks
- Street markets will continue with traders only able to sell food
- Allotments
- Registration services can conduct birth registrations and declarations via face-to-face appointments, notices of marriage and civil partnerships via face to face appointments, and death appointments by telephone. Funerals can be held but restricted to 30 mourners
- Some libraries will provide an order and collect service – more details on that soon (any books currently loaned out will be extended for the duration of the restrictions)
- Visitors allowed to main council hubs – but people are advised to only do this if absolutely necessary
- Continuing to support rough sleepers in Wiltshire in the usual way. People can report rough sleepers at [StreetLink](#) or via the StreetLink app; this will direct the teams to help people who need it

Services which will close temporarily

- Wiltshire Council and Places Leisure-run leisure centres will close temporarily – members will have their membership automatically frozen for one month, so any payments due to be processed on 5 November will not be taken - range of online content available - <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-active-communities>
- Leisure groups: Active Health, Get Wiltshire Walking, running programme, StreetGames, Healthier Communities, Walking Sports and Ability Sports

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- Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre - online content available at <http://wshc.eu/>
- Weddings

My Wiltshire App

The updated My Wiltshire App is now live.

Users of the app will need to create an account with Wiltshire Council.

For those not familiar with the App (which can also be accessed via the internet

(<https://my.wiltshire.gov.uk/>) this should be used for reporting a wide variety of issues, including

Abandoned vehicles

Fraud

Parking

Roads, pavements and footpaths

Rubbish or recycling

Street scene

Trading standards

Trees, hedges and grass

Unauthorised encampments

Unlicensed scrap metal collector

Unlicensed waste collector

Area Boards

The next Area Board meeting will be **November 25th** where we will be focusing on the Innovation that has been brought about through COVID-19. We will have speakers from a variety of areas, including business, youth, families, health. The meeting will start at 6.00pm.

Whilst our Community Engagement Managers are primarily focusing on recovery, they are also working with local COVID response groups to make sure that local people get the help they need during Lockdown II.

Parish Steward

I understand that some local residents have been engaging privately with the Parish Steward in the past. A gentle reminder that all requests to the Parish Steward should come via the appointed Parish Council rep.

Consultations

There are no locally relevant Wiltshire Council consultations at present, however Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council is conducting a Neighbourhood Plan survey

<https://www.royalwoottonbasset.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning/>

Local

MoD Lyneham

The new light controlled pedestrian crossing by B Site is now operational. In addition to the crossing, modifications in that area include an additional stretch of footpath to connect to Slessor Road estate (which allows safe pedestrian access), and a reduced speed limit (40mph) to the Lyneham village entrance.



Road Issues/CATG

Lyneham Banks has had further repair works. We are considering other ways of managing the traffic on The Banks and will include public input.

The next CATG will be held on January 13th 2021. Any road safety improvement requests can only be submitted by the Parish Council and each Parish/Town Council can have 2 priority requests in the system at any one time.

Road Works

There is an online mapping system which shows any pending roadworks.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-road-closures>

It is that time of year when our roads can get quite muddy.

Farmers have a legal duty to clear any mud off the road. As we know who the local farmers are it is probably best to approach them directly to remind them of their duty prior to reporting to the police or Wiltshire council.

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/MuddyRoads>

Missing Post Box - Bradenstoke Junction

I have chased this but still no adequate response from Royal Mail. They seem in no hurry to replace the box and apparently it can take 25 weeks to do. I am continuing to chase.

Police

Nothing to report.

Youth

The Rise Trust held 2 sessions in Lyneham during Half Term which were funded by the Area Board. I don't currently have the report from these sessions but will share once I do.

Chippenham Road area.

The White Hart area has been tidied up.

Wiltshire Council Parish Stewards blitzed the roundabout area.

I have been trying to help with bringing forward some work on the Greenfields Estate extension, however the holdup is still "discharge of conditions" on the planning application. A ground contamination survey is still required.

Lyneham Village Hall

I have introduced people from the village to assist the Management Committee with specific areas of expertise. The big issue now is funding.

Bradenstoke Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund

The AGM of the BSFCBF was held virtually on October 22nd.

Details of all grants can be found on the website

<https://www.bradenstokesolarfund.org/>

If anybody knows of any worthy projects, do please let Frank Ball or me know.

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Planning

No sign at the time of writing of the Green Farm appeal being registered with the Planning Inspectorate.

MoD /DIO Notice to quit for private tenants

Wiltshire Council is working with Mod/DIO/Annington Homes to see if we can come up with a scheme that would enable tenants to remain in their homes.