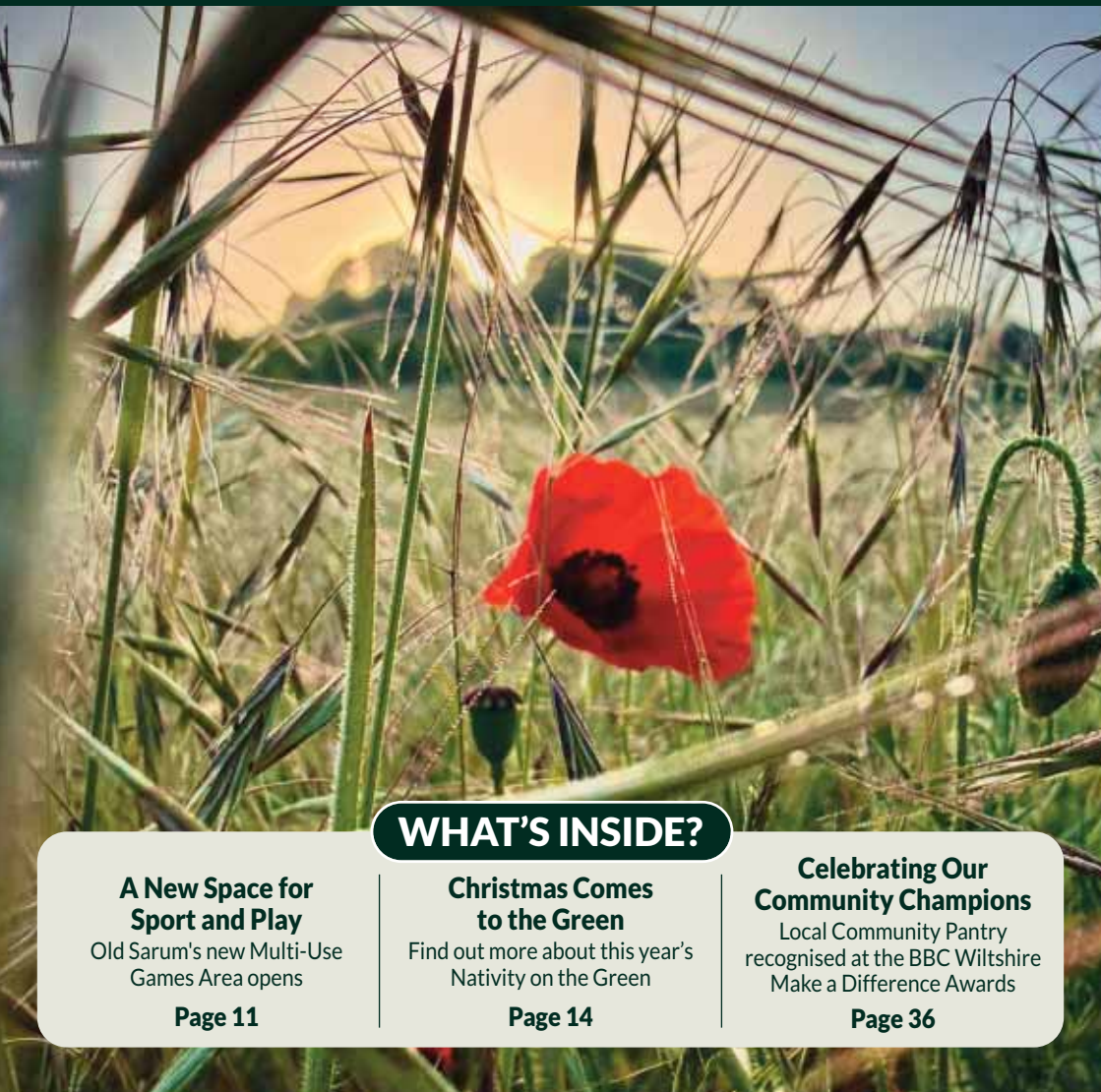
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View from the Chair



Making Space for Every Generation

A thriving community is one that works for everyone, whether you're starting school, raising a family, volunteering your time, or enjoying retirement.

As a Parish Council, one of our responsibilities is to help ensure that residents of all ages have access to the facilities, activities and support they need to live happy, healthy and connected lives. While the needs of a young family may be very different from those of an older resident, both are equally important in building a strong and vibrant community.

This edition of the newsletter highlights some of the many ways our parish is making space for every generation. From the new Multi-Use Games Area, which provides opportunities for children and young people to be active and social, to support services such as the Community Connector helping older residents stay connected and independent, these initiatives all play a part in strengthening community life.

You'll also read about local events, the Community Pantry and opportunities for volunteering. These are more than just individual projects and activities. They are places where friendships are formed, neighbours support one another, and people from different generations come together. In an increasingly busy world, those connections matter more than ever.

Of course, none of this happens by accident. It is made possible by the dedication of local volunteers, community groups, staff and residents who give their time, skills and enthusiasm to make a difference. Their efforts help create the welcoming and supportive community that we are fortunate to enjoy.

As Chair, I am continually encouraged by the willingness of people across our parish to get involved, whether through volunteering, attending local events, supporting community initiatives or simply looking out for a neighbour. Every contribution, no matter how small, helps strengthen the fabric of our community.

By making space for every generation, we are helping to create a parish where people feel valued, connected and able to thrive. Together, we can continue to build a community that we are all proud to call home.

THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD: AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Lest we forget.

NOVEMBER 11, 2026

Parish Office Opening Times



Tuesday,
Wednesday,
Thursday

09:30 - 12:30

Deadline Information

The submission deadline for the next edition of the Laverstock and Ford Parish Newsletter (Issue 221) January/February, is the 30th November 2026.

Please send all submissions to communications@laverstockford-pc.gov.uk.

Full Council Updates

Laverstock & Ford Parish Council met on **Monday 21 September at Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre**, with six members of the public attending in person or online. Here are some of the key decisions and updates from the meeting.

Welcome to our new Councillor

James Horan was co-opted to Laverstock & Ford Parish Council, filling a vacancy within the **Ford, Old Sarum and Longhedge ward**.

Further support for GOGA

Councillors agreed to provide **£650 of funding for a further 13-week trial of the Get Out, Get Active (GOGA) programme**.

The Communications and Community Engagement Working Group will also work with District Sports to develop a reporting approach for the programme, helping the Council understand its reach and impact.

A long-term approach to our trees

Full Council adopted the **Tree Management Plan 2026–2031**, providing a strategic framework for how the Council manages its trees over the next five years.

The financial implications identified within the plan will also be considered as part of future budget planning, subject to future decisions by Full Council.

Planning matters

A number of planning applications were considered during the meeting.

Councillors agreed to **object with reasons** to proposals for land east of Church Road, Laverstock, with the Council's detailed response to be submitted to Wiltshire Council.

The Council also considered the proposed **49-home residential development at Roger Way and change of use of Block C at Old Sarum Local Centre**. Councillors endorsed the recommendations and questions contained within two briefing notes and authorised Cllr Holland to attend the Southern Area Planning Committee on behalf of the Parish Council to speak in support regarding the reports, continuing its objection to the application.

Full Council also agreed its response to the **Local Plan Scoping Consultation** for submission to Wiltshire Council.

Exploring safer journeys for pedestrians and cyclists

The Council agreed to ask the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) to fully consider and provide costings for a range of potential measures aimed at **improving pedestrian and cyclist safety on London Road between St Thomas Bridge and Hampton Park Roundabout.**

Councillors also supported a request for the **street name sign at the entrance to St James Close, Bishopdown Farm, to be replaced.**

Investing in our play facilities

The wooden-framed cableways at **Old Sarum Community Centre and Saunders Avenue** are set to be replaced with metal-framed versions following a review of their condition.

The replacements will be funded through the Council's Asset Replacement Fund Reserve and remain subject to the usual procurement process. This comes alongside a broader commitment to look at play provision across the parish. As part of its new Strategic Plan, the Council agreed to establish a **Play Area Strategy Working Group**, which will work towards developing a parish-wide Play Area Strategy.

Looking ahead to 2030

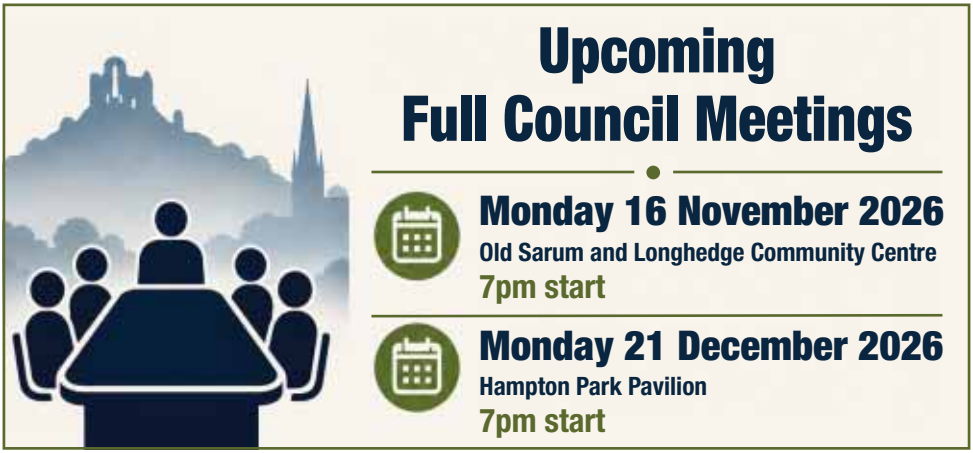
Full Council formally adopted the **Laverstock & Ford Parish Council Strategic Plan 2026–2030**, alongside a framework for developing and reviewing the actions that will help deliver it.

Relevant committees, working groups and officers will now identify proposed actions, resources and budget requirements in time to help inform the **2027/28 budget-setting process.**

Around the parish

The Clerk also updated councillors on a number of projects taking place across the parish, including the **Community Buildings Project, building works at Hampton Park Pavilion, the clean-up of significant fly-tipping and tree works at Partridge Way, and the opening of the new MUGA in Old Sarum.**

Updates were also provided on ongoing discussions concerning the Longhedge development and a number of highways matters.





We took over the session at Easter 2026 and have since seen attendance grow from around 10 children each week to 26 now signed up!

Every Thursday evening, we come together for a fun-filled session with a real sense of community. From sports, arts and crafts to pool competitions, table tennis and much more, there's always something for everyone to enjoy. We also provide free food and drinks for all children attending.

Above all, the club is about having fun, making new friends and providing a welcoming space where young people can relax and enjoy themselves towards the end of the week. I love being part of these sessions and seeing the children grow in confidence, develop new friendships and, most importantly, have fun. **Ellie Joyner** *District Sports South*



Make a Christmas Pudding

Get into the festive spirit while supporting Cancer Research UK with a Christmas pudding-making evening.

Thursday 19th November, 6pm
Wiltshire College, Southampton Road

Please bring:

- Apron
- Mixing bowl
- Wooden spoon

and leave with a Christmas Pudding!

Tickets: £15, including all your ingredients, mulled wine, coffee and a mince pie.

To book or find out more:
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PARISH OPERATIONS TEAM UPDATE

There's plenty happening across the parish as we head into the winter months.

Trees and woodland

The Parish Council has now adopted its **Tree and Woodland Five-Year Plan**, and the Operations Team will begin putting many of the plan's actions into practice over the coming months, budgets permitting. This will involve not only more effective tree management, but also creation of more wildflower areas and grassland borders in some of our green spaces.

One of the areas that will see considerable activity is the **Hampton Trail**, where winter works will include extensive brush cutting. This will help clear out many of the young self-seeded trees, or "whips", together with self-seeded poplars and other species that have become established along the trail.

Tree planting is also to take place in the field to the rear of **St Teresa's Close**, where a small new copse of around thirty trees is to be planted well away from housing. We are also hoping to add some orchard trees, including cherry, apple and plum, to the area. These young trees will take several years to establish, so if you are walking your dog in the area, please take care around the newly planted trees and avoid any damage. If you notice any damage or vandalism, please let the Parish Council know.

There will also be a substantial programme of tree works at **Whitebridge Spinney**, following the latest three-yearly tree survey. Our contractor will be carrying out works there, with some work potentially already underway, alongside several smaller tree works across Laverstock, Ford and the Old Sarum green spaces.

Play parks and green spaces

You may have noticed the new **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)** at Old Sarum Community Centre Park. It has proved to be a very popular addition, and it is great to see residents making such good use of the facility. The MUGA has been project managed by ourselves and paid for through Westside Close Youth and Adult Leisure contribution paid by the developer.

Hedge cutting has also been taking place at various locations around the parish. If you spot an area of parish-owned land where you think vegetation or hedging needs attention, please let us know so that the Operations Team can investigate and take action.

Roads and drainage

With wetter weather approaching, we are also keeping an eye on drainage around the parish. If you notice a road gully that appears to be blocked or in need of attention, please report using the My Wilts online facility, or using the app. This is usually the fastest way to get Wiltshire Council's Highways team to tackle any drainage issues.

Please report problems

Finally, please continue to let us know if you spot problems with parish-owned assets and facilities. This includes **bins that have not been emptied, damaged benches, bus shelters, play equipment or other parish facilities**.

Your reports help us identify problems quickly and keep the parish's green spaces and facilities in good condition.

Please contact the Parish Council using the email address provided on our website.

New Multi-Use Games Area opens at Old Sarum



We're delighted to announce the completion of the new **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Old Sarum Community Centre green space**, creating a new space for local children and young people to get active, meet friends and enjoy sport within their community.

The new MUGA replaces the existing sports wall on the south-west corner of the green space and has been designed to provide a **durable and accessible facility suitable for a range of sporting activities**.

The project represents an important investment by Laverstock & Ford Parish Council in recreational facilities at Old Sarum and forms part of our wider commitment to providing good-quality open spaces and facilities for residents of all ages.

Before work could begin, the Council undertook a competitive tender process, receiving **29 initial enquiries and 19 formal tenders**. Submissions were assessed on factors including value for money, quality and materials, warranty and aftercare, contractor experience and delivery timescales.

Now the work is complete, however, the most important thing is seeing the space being used.

To mark the official opening, we were joined by **Chair of Laverstock & Ford Parish Council, Cllr Laura Jones, and her children, Samuel and Abigail, alongside Operations Officer Richard Heather and Cllr Estelle Williams**, to put the new facility through its paces and celebrate its arrival in Old Sarum.



Abigail said that 'My favourite thing is that loads of different people can use it. You can play football, basketball, and lots of other games in one place. It's a perfect place to hang out after school'

Laura Jones says 'We're delighted to see this new facility open. We know how important it is for young people to have safe, welcoming places to meet, play and be active.'

We hope the MUGA will become a well-used space where young people can get together, enjoy different sports and spend time outdoors.

Now it's over to you, Old Sarum. We look forward to seeing the new MUGA in action!

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Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Improved permissive path from Cow Lane to Bishopdown /Laverstock cycle path across Laverstock Water meadows

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council have awarded a community grant to the Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust (DBCT) for their new partnership project with the Cycling Opportunities Group for Salisbury (COGS) to improve year-round access for a well-used section of permissive path that links Cow Lane with the cycle path between Bishopdown and Laverstock. The existing permissive path is often waterlogged in the autumn and winter months making access tricky for everybody.

The DBCT are working with COGs to develop a 3m wide path on the muddiest part of the permissive path. The aim is to make the whole route passable in all but the most extreme weather conditions.

The vehicular traffic free, shared-use route will be available to pupils walking and cycling to Laverstock schools and will improve access to the water meadows for the wider community including wildlife watchers and dog walkers. It will enable passage for pushchairs, bicycles, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

DBCT owns and manages the water meadows and aims to restore the wildlife rich habitats, including the internationally important chalk stream and increasingly rare, wildflower rich meadows. The meadows also help address climate change impacts including flooding and water shortages in times of drought. The meadows act like a sponge during times of extreme weather, helping to protect communities from the worst impacts of flood events and water shortages. For example, the meadows were still supporting grass growth for livestock forage throughout the recent extreme drought conditions.

COGS was formed in 1994 to support the needs of cyclists across Salisbury and Wilton. COGS campaigns to improve all kinds of facilities for cyclists in the area, from cycle paths to cycle parking and keeping cycling safety at the forefront of local issues and developments. COGS volunteers recently installed new bicycle racks at the DBCT car park. Encouraging green travel is an important shared objective for the Parish Council, DBCT and COGS as we all seek to do our best to contribute towards Net Zero climate emissions from transport.

Why not try out the new Salisbury online cycle map to find traffic free or quiet routes in your local area – access online here *Salisbury COGS - New Online Salisbury Cycle Maps* or at *www.cogsbike.org.uk*.

Additional funding for this project was provided by a grant from Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy (WWCE) Community Fund, DBCT and COGS.



Nativity on the Green – *A Christmas Celebration for All Ages*

Come and join Church on the Green for a very special Christmas celebration. You will find us outside the pavilion, *Friday 18th December, from 6pm–7pm.*

Our Nativity on the Green is a wonderful opportunity for the whole community to come together and celebrate the Christmas story. We'll be performing a fun and lively outdoor nativity, and everyone is invited to get involved. Children and adults can even dress up and take part in the story – no previous experience needed! If you are interested in a specific character role, please text Mel 07704994157

Throughout the nativity, there will be plenty of Christmas carols, with words provided so that everyone can join in. Whether you love singing loudly or simply enjoy listening, there is a place for you.

After the nativity, stay with us and enjoy some festive refreshments, including warming mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and chocolate rolls.

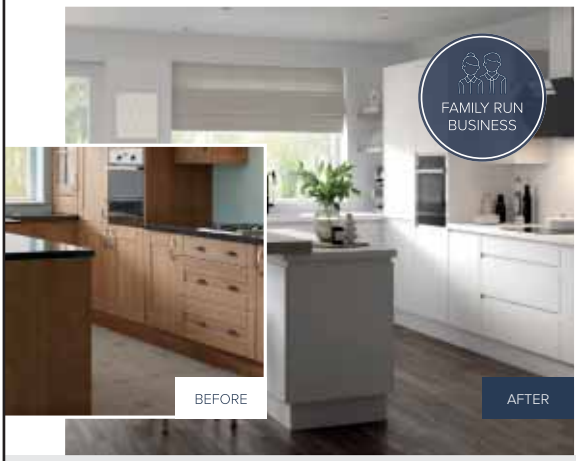
It promises to be a joyful, relaxed and welcoming evening for all ages – a lovely way to pause during the busy Christmas season and celebrate the birth of Jesus together as a community.

Everyone is warmly welcome. Come along, bring your family and friends, and join in the Christmas fun!

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If this is something you feel drawn to help with, please contact us to find out more:

Liz Beadle, Stars Appeal Engage Co-ordinator,
Department of Clinical Psychology, Salisbury District Hospital
Telephone: 01722 425105 or email: sft.engage@nhs.net

12 top tips to budget for Christmas

from **Wiltshire Citizens Advice**

For many of us this year has been another tough year, and we know from speaking to so many of you that your budgets are stretched like never before. But there are things you can do to help ease the pressure on your finances.

So, do we have any advice or tips we can share?

Well, yes we do! Here at Wiltshire Citizens Advice we love nothing better than sharing advice... and this year we've a dozen top tips to help ease the pressure on household budgets and guard against the heavy toll the festive season can take on family finances - and hopefully help you start the new year without a debt hangover.

Our 12 top tips to budget for Christmas

1. **Plan early:** Plan how much you are going to spend on each person and stick to it. Manage expectations about what you - or Santa - can give.
2. **Don't forget everyday bills:** It may be Christmas, but keep on top of priority bills, such as rent and council tax. The consequences for non-payment can be severe.
3. **Think twice about overdrafts:** Don't run up an overdraft without first chatting to your bank - or it could be costly.
4. **Keep it simple:** Pay for your goods with cash or a debit card if you can. Don't be persuaded to take out credit.
5. **Shop around:** Look for the best price and buy only what you want, not what others say you need. Be wary of extended warranties - often the cost of repair is less.
6. **Avoid unauthorised lenders:** Loan sharks may seem friendly at first, but borrowing from them is never a good idea – even if you feel you have no other option.
7. **... and unauthorised traders:** Whatever the deal, don't buy from unauthorised traders - it may prove to be more expensive in the long run.
8. **Read the small print:** Check credit agreements for hidden extras and work out the total amount to repay. Interest-free deals have a nasty sting if you miss a payment.
9. **Do your own credit checks:** If you plan to use a credit card, shop around - some charge high interest, but may have lengthy interest-free periods.
10. **Be organised:** If you've borrowed, repayment will be due before you know it. Make sure you make at least the minimum repayment or you'll be hit with charges. Put payment dates in your diary or set up a direct debit.
11. **Start planning for next Christmas:** It may sound crackers, but just after Christmas is the best time to learn what went well this year, what didn't, and start planning for next year.
12. **Get help if you're worried:** We can give you free, confidential and impartial debt advice online, over the phone and by email.

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New Sarum Women's Institute

August was a quieter than usual month for our group, with holidays and family commitments for our 67 members and of course the very warm weather meant that we had to be sensible and postpone some of our outdoor events. Our regular coffee meet ups, walking and craft groups and lunches went ahead however as did our spectacularly successful involvement in the Bishopdown Farm Fun Day on the August Bank Holiday Monday. Our Human Fruit Machine attracted lots of customers and we raised £225 for the Salisbury Women's Refuge (whilst having great fun ourselves!).

Our August evening meeting was in fact a fun afternoon tea party at the Lake Social Club, where despite consuming vast amounts of tea and sweet treats, we still managed to play skittles and some board games in the company of invited guests from Winterslow and Odstock WI's and our Wiltshire Federation Chair Bren Hosking.

The lovely owner of OSO Boutique, Katie, had no problem entertaining us at our September meeting, bringing with her a (gorgeous!) selection of women's wear, modelled by Paula her assistant. Together they showed us how to put together a capsule wardrobe, demonstrating how to adapt the looks with different styling and simple accessories,(whilst taking into consideration of course our varying shapes and sizes and available budgets.)

September has seen some of our members punting on the river Avon, having a 'flutter' at Salisbury Races, playing croquet at Hamptworth Golf Club and taking part in a guided Downton Heritage Walk. Our Cocktail Dames had another great evening doing what they enjoy in good company, and some dedicated crafters met to make poppies in aid of Salisbury British Legion.

In addition to all our regular events, October will see us attending a production at the Studio Theatre and a tour of the Birchalls Tea Factory. Many of our ladies will get together with WI members from all over Wiltshire at our Wiltshire Federation Autumn Gathering and AGM at the City Hall, but most importantly November will see us hosting a screening of the Peoples Emergency Briefing at Old Sarum Community Centre on Mon 30th Nov.

So what are you waiting for – If you would like to find out more about this diverse, friendly and sociable group, please email **newsarumsec@wiltshirewi.org.uk** find us on **www.facebook.com/NewSarumWI** or just turn up at one of our meetings at the Old Sarum Community Centre, the first Wednesday of the month for a 7.00pm start.



Community Fun Day



As a local Parish Councillor, I would very much like to acknowledge the fantastic community event held within my ward of Bishopdown Farm on 31 August, Summer Bank Holiday, when our annual Community Fun Day returned to the Pavilion Green.

August Bank Holidays can be unpredictable when it comes to the weather, but we were fortunate! Blue skies, a gentle breeze and an abundance of local organisations and individuals willing to give their time, energy and resources all helped make the event a wonderful success.

It was extremely positive to see so many residents attending. I was fortunate to witness young and old enjoying the many activities and stalls on offer, while others took advantage of the free refreshments provided by Mel Nash and her team of volunteers, who also run Café on the Green.

As someone who enjoyed every minute, I would very much like to thank everyone who contributed to such a successful day, not least the Trustees of the Pavilion, who played a fundamental role in organising the event, supported by the Parish Council.



There were far too many contributors to mention everyone, but I feel I must highlight a few! Circus Wessex/Buzz Action provided the Circus Skills team and assault course, while the New Sarum WI's Human Fruit Machine was great fun and incredibly popular. The 3rd Salisbury Sea Scouts served a delicious barbecue of hamburgers and hotdogs, with more about the group to come in our next Parish Newsletter.

The Dog Show also raised a few eyebrows when a cat managed to win an award! Huge thanks must go to Mel Flower from Fields Tastic, who made a wonderful judge. Finally, Rev. Andy Bousfield, Vicar of St Mark's and St Andrew's Churches, made an outstanding DJ and event commentator.

Importantly, the day also gave many of those taking part an opportunity to raise much-needed funds to continue supporting their voluntary organisations and charities.

Events like this rely on local people, often with busy lives themselves, giving their time to bring our community together, foster a sense of belonging and ensure residents of all ages feel included.



Could you spare a little of your time to get involved? Many of our local groups would greatly value some additional support. If you think you could help, I would very much love to hear from you. Every little helps!

Cllr Estelle Williams, *estellewilliams@laverstockford-pc.gov.uk*

WHAT'S IN A NAME – 19

CAMPBELL VALE, LONGHEDGE



Campbell Vale and Campbell Vale Play Park are named after Flying Officer Kenneth Campbell VC of the Royal Air Force. Campbell was posthumously awarded the VC after testimony to his action was received from the French Resistance in Brest during the Second World War.

Kenneth Campbell was born in Ayrshire on 21 April 1917. He attended Sedbergh School and Cambridge University where he learnt to fly with the University Air Squadron. He was mobilised at the outbreak of the Second World War and joined 22 Squadron flying the Bristol Beaufort torpedo bomber. This aircraft had a crew of four; pilot, navigator, wireless operator and air gunner and was tasked with mine laying and attacking shipping in the North Sea.

During March 1941 Campbell took part in the sinking of two German merchant ships in the North Sea. On 6th April 1941 he was tasked to attack the German battlecruiser, *Gneisenau*, which had just left dry dock after routine maintenance in Brest in Brittany. *Gneisenau* had just returned from a two-month deployment in the North Atlantic operating with her sister ship, the *Scharnhorst*. The two battlecruisers had sunk over



80,000 tonnes of allied shipping and had captured three tankers. The destruction of these ships was given high priority.

Three Beaufort aircraft of 22 Sqn took off from RAF St Eval near Padstow in Cornwall but only Campbell found the target at first light. The *Gneisenau* was moored close to a mole in the inner harbour at Brest. Campbell flew his approach at 50ft among a hail of anti-aircraft fire and launched the torpedo accurately at minimum range. He then had to bank steeply to escape high ground and his aircraft was caught in withering fire. It crashed into the harbour killing all of the crew. The *Gneisenau* was severely damaged below the waterline and had to return to drydock. It was out of action for 6 months.

Flying Officer Campbell and his three crew, Sergeants Scott, Hillman and Mulliss were buried with full military honours by the Germans in Kerfautras cemetery in Brest. The Victoria Cross citation ends with:-

> "By pressing home his attack at close quarters in the face of withering fire on a course fraught with extreme peril, Flying Officer Campbell displayed valour of the highest order".

His Victoria Cross was later presented to 22 Squadron by his older brother in memory of all of the crew of the aircraft. A Vickers VC10 was named after Campbell and there are other memorials at Saltcoats, Sedburgh School and at RAF Wittering.



Do you live with a health condition that needs ongoing monitoring, care or support?



We'd love to hear from you

Living with a health problem that lasts a long time can affect everyday life, for example:

- Getting to appointments
- Looking after your health
- Staying independent
- Caring for someone else
- Seeing friends and being part of your community

Your experience matters

Local health and care organisations in Wiltshire want to improve support for people like you.

Before making changes, we want to understand:

- What works well?
- What is difficult?
- What would help the most?



Get Involved

Voice It, Hear It is a group of charities gathering feedback from local people.

- Email us for a friendly chat: voice@communityfirst.org.uk
- Fill in our short survey: https://tinyurl.com/VIHIRuralHealth
- Part of a group? Invite us to come and listen

Wiltshire Council

NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board

Voice It Hear It

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Silver Salisbury

Charity no. 1198019

We're a small charity (no. 1198019) that promotes events and activities where older people will get a warm welcome locally.

Coffee & Chat in Laverstock

Our coffee group for the over 60s meets 10- 11.30 on the first Monday of the month at Laverstock and Ford Village Hall. We had a great turn out for Neil Leacy's 'Moving Pictures of Salisbury' in September. We all agreed that 'if a picture paints a thousand words' a moving picture paints far more. It was an interesting and well-attended talk.

We're looking forward to welcoming John and Carrie Walsh on 5th October to talk about their experiences as Mayor and Mayor's Consort during the Covid pandemic. Then we have:

10 - 11.30 am Monday 2 November:

Jenny Crossley of National Energy Action talking about their services to keep people warm this winter. It's a subject that becomes increasingly important with recent announcements about increasing fuel prices.

10 - 11.30 am Monday 7 December:

Dave Cates will talk about the very important work of our Salisbury District Hospital's Star Appeal, a very special local charity.

We're very grateful to Laverstock and Ford Parish Council for their support to this group. Flyers of the upcoming talks are available at Salisbury library.

Have you got your copy of our Silver Salisbury Directory?

This is a paper directory of more than 100 local clubs and services where older people will get a warm welcome. If you, or someone you know, is wanting to try some new things or meet new people this is the place to start looking. Whether you're into music and the arts, history and nature or keep fit and practical skills, we're sure you'll find something of interest. The Directory is available at the Laverstock coffee morning, local libraries and Salisbury Information Centre.



If you're on-line you can find out more about us on https://www.silversalisbury.co.uk or follow us on Facebook.

A group of local residents who wish to promote action to mitigate the climate crisis have got together to host a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film.

National Emergency Briefing

This will be at Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre on Monday 30th November 6.30 for a 7pm screening. Over 16s only, please. FREE

Across the country, communities are hosting screenings of the People's Emergency Briefing film, based on the National Emergency Briefing that took place in Westminster last November. 10 experts came together during the original briefing, to address an invited audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media, with a mix of facts, projections, and suggested actions.

Following the success of the original London event, a shorter film version was created with the aim of spreading the same information from the briefing to a much wider audience; not just for scientists, celebrities, politicians, and industry leads, but to the rest of the population. The climate crisis impacts everyone; we already know from work in healthcare that those in lower socio-economic groups are disproportionately affected, so information must be spread widely if we are to succeed in tackling the emergency with the urgency now required.

Broadcaster Chris Packham hosts the film, which shows experts at the original Briefing set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy. It captures the reactions of celebrities and members of the public whilst they watched the Briefing for the first time, in conversation with Chris Packham.

After the 45 minute film has been shown, you will be encouraged to express how the stark facts made you feel. You may want to think about things which should change, including how you can be part of the change. Often screenings also evoke feelings of inspiration and ideas for positive change – an antidote perhaps to the slow pace of political action and the perpetuation of misinformation.

Can't get to this screening? Don't worry – there are other ways you can take action: try the website:https://www.nebriefing.org/take-action

Sarum u3a - Learn, Laugh, Live

We hold Monthly Meetings from 10am on the third Wednesday of the month with qualified professional speakers. These meeting are held at St Francis Church on Castle Road and begin with coffee/tea at 10am.

We offer a huge variety of Interest Groups led by members with knowledge, experience or simply an interest in the subject, generally meeting in their own homes. Guests are very welcome to attend our coffee mornings.

Autumn Programme

November 18th

Brilliant Brunel – Barry Edwards

December 16th

The Murder of Salisbury taxi driver Sidney Spicer – Paul Stickler

More details of our meetings and groups are on our website **www. Sarum u3a**



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families



Thank you to everyone who supported our **Garden Party** on the hottest day of the year! We weren't sure how many people would venture out in the heat, but we enjoyed a gentle and relaxed afternoon with members and villagers who came along to support us.

The ice creams and lollies were particularly popular, alongside a wonderful selection of homemade cakes and scones. There were also organised activities to keep the children entertained.



Thanks to everyone's support, we raised **just over £500 for Mothers' Union projects**.

Looking ahead to Christmas

By the time you receive this issue, our thoughts will be turning to Christmas, with two dates for your diary:

Thursday 12 November

At our November meeting, we'll be sharing memories of Christmases past and reflecting on what Christmas means to us today. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in.

Thursday 10 December

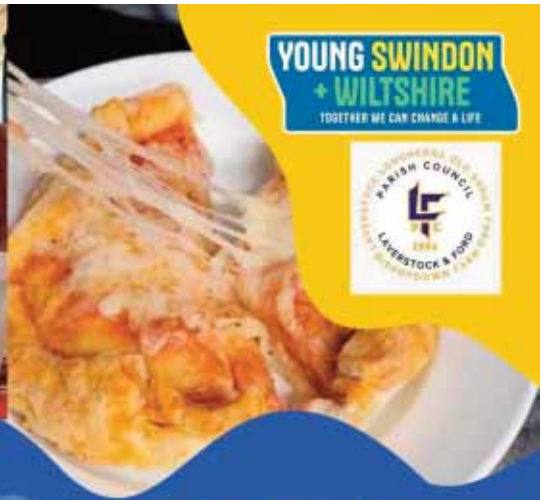
We'll be heading out for our Christmas lunch together. Non-members are very welcome to join us too.

Alongside our own celebrations, we will once again be supporting **Salisbury Women's Refuge** with gifts and donations this Christmas.

If you would like to know more about the Mothers' Union, our aims and activities, please contact **Pip Carter on 07854 827233** or **Joan Prior on 07833 781075**. You would be very welcome to come along to any of our meetings; 2nd Thursday in the month 2.30 in the Curtis room at the back of St Andrew's church.







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Autumn at Castle Hill Country Park



There is plenty of wildlife to look out for at this time of year. Keep an eye on the hedgerows for berries and autumn fruits, while robins, finches and other birds become easier to spot as the leaves begin to fall. If you're lucky, you may even see a kestrel hovering over the grassland or a red kite soaring above the park.

Autumn is also an important time for the park's habitats. Our conservation work continues throughout the changing seasons, helping to look after the chalk grassland and scrub that make Castle Hill such a valuable home for wildlife. Our volunteers play a big part in this work, getting stuck into practical jobs on site.

Country Park volunteers **Jim and Steve have repaired a couple of the picnic tables by the play park**, using new legs kindly supplied by Edward K.

We're aware that some residents had raised concerns about reports of vandalism to the tables. We're pleased to reassure visitors that the damage was the result of natural wood rot rather than vandalism, and the affected tables have now been repaired. A big thank you to Jim and Steve for giving them a new lease of life.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that this will be the final article I write, as I am leaving my role as Engagement Officer. It has been my pleasure to help look after and monitor Castle Hill for the past three years. Thank you to everyone who helps make this park such a wonderful place to visit. I will still be making visits to enjoy what the park has to offer as a visitor.

If you would like to join our volunteer team, please visit:

https://volunteering.wiltshirewildlife.org/volunteers/opportunity/10187315

Volunteering in our Parish

Cafe on the Green

A term time community cafe on for all ages at Bishopdown Farm Pavilion has many roles which you could assist with.
Join the team Thursday mornings. Jobs needed including the setting up of tables/ chairs (for just 30mins before 8:45am) the preparation of drinks, washing up and taking orders during opening hours (9-12) the tidying away (12-1)

Contact Mel or drop in for more information : outreach@salisburymethodistcircuit.org.uk

Newsletter Delivery

We're looking for **one more volunteer** to help us deliver the Parish Newsletter in Old Sarum. Our remaining round covers **Sherbourne Drive** and is just **32 copies**, making it a small but valuable way to get involved in your local community.
The Parish Newsletter is delivered **every two months**, so it's a simple volunteering opportunity that can easily fit around other commitments. Perhaps you already walk in the area and could incorporate the round into your usual route?

- **Sherbourne Drive, Old Sarum**
- **Just 32 newsletters**
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Contact our Operations Officer, Rich at richardheather@laverstockford-pc.gov.uk

Castle Hill Country Park

Fancy getting outdoors and helping care for one of our local green spaces? Castle Hill Country Park volunteers meet on the second Saturday of each month, from 10am–2pm.
Tasks can include **tree planting and aftercare, path and site maintenance, scrub clearance, and wildlife surveying and monitoring**. No previous experience or qualifications are needed, and tools and PPE are provided (excluding gloves).

- **Meet at Ford Road Car Park, Laverstock, SP1 3WB**
- **Volunteers must be aged 18+ and registered with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.**

Interested? Find out more and join the volunteer team:
https://volunteering.wiltshirewildlife.org/volunteers/opportunity/10187315

Volunteer with 1st Laverstock Scout Group

Help young people develop skills for life and find a place to belong!
1st Laverstock Scout Group is looking for volunteers to support its Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. No experience is needed, volunteering is flexible, and you can try four taster sessions before committing.

Sessions:	**Beavers** (6–8)	Saturdays	9.30–10.45am
	Cubs (8–11	Wednesdays	6.15pm
	Scouts (11–14	Wednesdays	7.45pm

Alternatively, join the Trustee Committee, meeting just four times a year.
Interested? Contact Jane Waspe at jane.waspe@btinternet.com.

Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch



Old Sarum and Longhedge: Neighbourhood Watch needs you!

Do you live in **Old Sarum or Longhedge**? This bit is particularly for you. We need just **two people to step forward as Neighbourhood Watch coordinators**, one for each estate.

We lost Cindy some time ago and Ross will be retiring this Christmas, so we are looking for local residents willing to help keep these schemes going.

It's not a complicated role, and there is plenty of help and support available both locally through Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch and nationally.

Interested or want to find out what's involved? Email: osnw2015@gmail.com.

Wiltshire remains one of England's lowest-crime areas

Some good news: Wiltshire continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in England and remains the safest force area in the South West, according to Office for National Statistics crime data published in July 2026.

Wiltshire recorded **56.09 crimes per 1,000 population** for the year ending March 2026, compared with the England average of 83.45 and South West average of 73.49.

While recorded crime increased overall compared with the previous year, Wiltshire's rate remains below both regional and national averages.

Your Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Team is a recognised partner agency of Wiltshire Police, and we all have a part to play in helping keep our communities safe.

UK landlines are going digital

BT is hosting **free digital switchover webinars** for customers as part of its Digital Voice project.

The sessions explain what the move from traditional landlines to digital technology means, what customers need to know and what they may need to do next. Three sessions are being held each month, including daytime, evening and weekend options. Sign up here: https://crowdcomms.com/digitalswitchover

Missing, controlled and exploited: know the signs

County Lines is often viewed primarily as a drug crime issue, but at its heart is the exploitation of children and vulnerable people by organised criminal gangs.

Young people can be groomed, controlled or coerced into transporting drugs, money or weapons. Missing episodes can be an important indicator that a child may be at risk of exploitation.

Crimestoppers has launched a campaign to help people recognise the signs and understand how concerns can be reported.

Find out more: https://crimestoppers-uk.org/get-involved/campaigns/missing-controlled-and-exploited-the-hidden-reality-of-county-lines-in-the-uk#msdynmkt_trackingcontext=9bf73fc4-c0b7-4a03-a3f5-ce0586660200

Tackling antisocial behaviour

Respect Orders are due to launch across England and Wales in October, giving police and councils additional powers to tackle persistent adult perpetrators of antisocial behaviour (ASB).

The measures are intended to enable authorities to impose restrictions on repeat offenders, including banning individuals from particular locations or preventing certain behaviour in public spaces.

Read the full story here: https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news/respect-orders-launch-nationwide-national-crackdown-asb-offenders

Violence against women and girls

The Government has set an aim of halving violence against women and girls (VAWG) within a decade, with a new 10-year strategy expected to be published this autumn.

Ahead of its publication, the Victims' Commissioner has outlined six principles it believes should underpin the strategy.

Read more: https://victimscommissioner.org.uk/document/halving-vawg-in-10-years-the-principles-that-must-underpin-the-strategy/

Help keep your neighbourhood safe

All of this reminds us that our parish is a great place to live, but we cannot be complacent. Crime and antisocial behaviour still happen, and residents can play an important part in looking out for their communities.

Visit **wiltshirenhw.org** to find out more and join Neighbourhood Watch. Membership is free and is a simple first step towards helping protect where we live.

Why not also speak to your neighbours about starting a **Neighbourhood Watch Group** in your road? We already have several groups across the parish.

Having a group demonstrates that residents care about their neighbourhood and are willing to look out for one another. If you don't know where to start, get in touch and we can have a chat about what we can do together.

Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch is a voluntary organisation and is not funded by the police or local authorities.

A reminder from Wiltshire Police

Call **999 only when there is an immediate danger or threat, a crime is happening at that time, or something requires immediate action**.

Non-emergencies can be reported through the Wiltshire Police website or in person at a police station with a public front counter. Residents can also contact their local Neighbourhood Policing Team through the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website.

For guidance on what should be reported to the police and what may be better directed to another organisation, visit the Wiltshire Police website.

Report provided by Ross Walker *Local Resident & Member of Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch County Team* - **Email: info@wiltshirenhw.org Website:** wiltshirenhw.org

Illegal Use of E Bikes and Off Road Motorbikes



I frequently receive messages from residents who are concerned about the illegal Use of E-Bikes and Off Road bikes and this is a topic I have raised several times with our community police team and senior leaders at Wiltshire Police.

As anyone who has cycled up Milford Hill knows, having battery assistance can be a real game changer for bike users and so it is important to be clear that not all E-Bikes are illegal. I will put a short summary of what the law says at the bottom of this article. With motorbikes on our roads the law is simpler, they need to be registered, and the rider needs to have a license and be insured. Motorbikes should never be on our shared use paths such as the Laverstock to Bishopdown Path.

The problems are generally caused by young people who don't follow these rules, sometimes wearing balaclavas or other face coverings which can be very intimidating for local residents. This type of behaviour clearly poses risks to both the young people and to others road and pavement users. This is why the police take the issue seriously and it can result in arrest and/or confiscation of illegal bikes.

I would urge parents to ensure they know what type of bike their children are using and to talk to them about the risks to themselves and others of illegal bikes. (Something else to think about is that many poor quality conversion kits brought online pose a fire hazard to your home while charging).

For residents who observe this type of activity please report it to the police, either using 999 if something dangerous is happening at the time, or the police website or 101 for less urgent reports. Even if you don't see an immediate response, every report is logged and that patterns analysed and used to plan the specialist operations which are the most successful way of dealing with this.

Cllr Nick Baker

What Makes an E Bike Illegal?

Here is a quick summary of things which can make an e bike illegal.

- Power Output over 250w
- Motor Keeps Providing assistance if bike exceeds 15.5mph
- Pedals can't propel bike on their own
- Ridden on pavement
- Rider under 14

Laverstock Gardening Club

Celebrating Jill Kay



Laverstock Gardening Club meets on the fourth Monday of most months at **Laverstock & Ford Village Hall at 7.30pm**. Meetings usually include a talk from a guest speaker followed by refreshments, offering a great opportunity to meet other local gardeners and share tips and ideas.

It has been an eventful few months for the Club. Our Summer Show, originally planned for Saturday 8 August, had to be postponed after the hot weather left very few members with items to submit. Instead, we held an additional meeting later in August, with a quiz and plenty of time to catch up.

In early September, a hardy group travelled to **Wisley** to see how the gardens had fared following the prolonged dry weather. There was still a great deal to see, from the glasshouse to the views from the observation deck. There was even a young fox spotted enjoying itself, and a hornet made a rare appearance!

Celebrating Jill

September's AGM also marked a particularly important moment for the Club as our Chairperson, **Jill Kay, officially retired from her role**.

Jill has been part of Laverstock Gardening Club since it began and has served on its committee for **24 years**, including the last eight as Chair. In recognition of her commitment, the committee was delighted to make her a **Life Member**.

Gardening has been part of Jill's life for much longer than the Club itself.

Growing up in West London, she first developed an interest in gardening through her grandfather. Her family moved to the West Country in 1945, where Jill's early experiences included looking after chickens, ducks and rabbits, as well as encounters with a particularly vicious cockerel and a turkey!

After leaving school, Jill had initially hoped to study catering, but another family move led her towards horticulture instead.

She eventually moved to **Laverstock in 1958**, arriving on a new estate where her back garden was, in her words, little more than a field. Turning it into a garden wasn't straightforward. While digging an area for vegetables, she discovered a trench filled with old paint tins and lumber, all of which had to be removed.

Gardening later became particularly important to Jill following the death of her husband in 1997, helping her through her grief and introducing her to many friends with whom she went on to visit gardens.

More than a gardener

Jill's contribution to Laverstock extends well beyond the Gardening Club.

Her early interest in catering never disappeared. After offering to arrange a wedding reception for a couple who were struggling to organise one, despite never having done anything like it before, Jill went on to cater for around **100 weddings**.

Club members will also know her for looking after the catering at New Year parties, AGMs, garden parties and Summer Shows. Through her membership of the WI, she also provided cream teas at the community farm for many years.

Jill joined the **Evergreen committee in 1993**, served as President of the WI and spent **21 years on the Village Hall committee**, alongside her 24 years with the Gardening Club.

By Jill's own calculation, she has clocked up around **115 years of committee service** across the different organisations she has supported!

At the AGM, Jill was presented with a bouquet of flowers, a card signed by members and a gift of money, some of which she plans to share with a heart charity. The remainder will go towards a new water feature for her garden, where she already has plenty of alterations planned.

Although she is retiring as Chair, we're delighted that Jill will remain a member of the Club.

After all, as Jill knows better than most, **gardening is a hobby that never stops**.

Coming up at the Gardening Club

Our October meeting welcomed **Frogg Moody**, speaking about a local aspect of the hunt for Jack the Ripper. Looking ahead to November, **Michael Bowyer** will join us to demonstrate seasonal arrangements.

There will be no meeting in December, before we return for our **New Year Party** in January and welcome **National Trust Garden Adviser Emma McNamara** in February.

For more information about Laverstock Gardening Club, contact **David Hutchinson on 01722 334036**.


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Community Pantry Highly Commended at BBC Wiltshire Make a Difference Awards



We're delighted to celebrate the **Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Pantry**, which has been recognised as **Highly Commended at the BBC Wiltshire Make a Difference Awards.** The Pantry attended the awards as a finalist in the **Community Group Award**, joining inspiring groups from across Wiltshire being recognised for making a genuine difference within their communities.



Based at Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre, the Pantry supports more than **400 households**, providing access to affordable food while helping to reduce food waste.

However, what has developed within the Pantry goes far beyond food. It has become a welcoming community space where people can meet, connect and access support. The Pantry is also a registered Warm Space and Chatty Café, providing activities, family meals and opportunities for residents to access advice and signposting when they need it.

At the heart of all of this is an incredible team of volunteers who give their time, energy and care to make the Pantry what it is today.

Receiving a **Highly Commended** award is a wonderful acknowledgement of that collective effort and the difference the Pantry continues to make within Old Sarum, Longhedge and the wider community.

A huge congratulations to the entire team from all of us at Laverstock & Ford Parish Council!

Accessing the Pantry

The Community Pantry is open to anyone who feels they could benefit from a little extra support. **No referral is required**, and residents are welcome to visit during its opening hours:

Tuesday: 8.30am–9.00am **Wednesday:** 9am–12 noon

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Could you lend a hand?

The Pantry relies on the generosity of its volunteers and local community. Whether you can offer some of your time, donate items or support the Pantry in another way, your help can make a real difference.

To find out more about accessing, volunteering with or supporting the Pantry, visit the **Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Pantry** page on the Laverstock & Ford Parish Council website.



Back to Green

Who Looks After Our Open Spaces?

How wonderful it has been to see Hampton Park Green turn from gold back to green after the summer heat. The trees have recovered well from their pollarding too, and as I write in early September, I am looking forward to seeing their autumn colours.

Residents often contact us about overgrown shrubs, trees and brambles which seem to be having a field day. In Sycamore Drive, for example, the recent hedge cutting has opened up the area around the bus shelter, making it feel much clearer and more accessible. Good maintenance isn't only about how our neighbourhood looks. Keeping paths, sightlines and public spaces clear can also help them feel safer and more welcoming to use, particularly when walking through the area after dark.

The land ownership picture within this ward is fairly complex. Land may belong to Wiltshire Council, the Parish Council, a developer or management company, while small pockets of land across the Bishopdown Farm estate are also owned and maintained by local housing associations. Some areas are not registered at all.

This can produce confusing differences between neighbouring areas. In St Clements Way, sections maintained separately by Wiltshire Council and the Parish Council may be cut at different times. Along Kimpton Avenue, Crest is responsible for the land behind St Albans Close, while the unregistered strip behind St Bede's Close and St Christopher's Close is more difficult to resolve.

Who owns an area determines who maintains it, how work is funded and how quickly action can be taken. For example, Riverdown Park was not adopted by Wiltshire Council, so its Management Company is responsible for maintenance. Even where the Parish Council is not responsible, we can help establish who is.

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We have been busy over the summer! A small group of us went for a thrilling evening tractor ride and learnt all about the workings of Lyburn Cheese Farm, which ended with a hearty ploughman's supper in a barn. The Lyburn cheeses were delicious, and we were delighted by the nesting swallows above us.



We also spent a jolly sociable evening at our local pub, The Duck, where we were made welcome.

At our September meeting Melanie Howard gave an inspiring talk about the Dalai Lama Trek on the Triund Trail which a group of twenty-eight trekkers from Salisbury undertook to successfully raise over £91.000 for the Stars Appeal. We saw footage of a beautiful and very rugged terrain, including tiny villages, pine forests, stunning mountains and icy rivers crossed by rickety bridges. The group reached their goal above the snowline at over 3,000 metres above sea level and for the entire route they were accompanied by three friendly local dogs. An amazing undertaking by a group of courageous men and women helping to improve the lives of patients and staff in Salisbury hospital.

As ever, visitors are welcome to our meetings, and we have space for new members!

We meet 3rd Monday of the month at Laverstock Village Hall @ 7.30pm.

Amy
President, Laverstock & District WI


Christmas Market'26
Sunday 15th November 2026
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Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications have been submitted in the Parish. *Italics* after the application show the Parish Council response. **Bold** print shows a decision by Wiltshire Council.

Decisions

PL/2026/04188 Works to TPO trees LAF017 Adj to Applin Road SP1 3PD. *NO COMMENT.* **APPROVED.**

PL/2026/03882 Reduce crown and lateral spread 3 Acer trees at 43 Applin Road, Salisbury SP1 3PD. *NO COMMENT.* **APPROVED.**

PL/2026/03349 Installation of solar panels to barn roof at Ford Mill, Ford SP4 6DN. *NO COMMENT.* **APPROVED.**

Pl/2025/03776 Outline permission for two dwellings at Beehive Cottage, Portway SP4 6BL. *NO COMMENT.* **ALLOWED AT APPEAL.**

PL/2021/04084 Residential development of 42 new dwellings comprising development on land to the west of Roger Way (Areas A&F), alongside the change of use of the vacant ground floor unit at Block C of the Old Sarum Local Centre (Area G), to provide for 7 affordable apartments. *OBJECT WITH REASONS.* **REFUSED.**

Outstanding and New Applications

PL/2026/05696 Single storey side extension at 14 Mayfair Road, Laverstock SP1 1PQ.

PL/2026/05369 Consent to display advertisement totem at Plot 2 Westover Kia, Old Sarum Park SP4 6EB. *NO COMMENT.*

PL/2026/05572 Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for a policing hub, storage building, vehicle washdown building, fuel store, external storage, parking (operational, staff, public and accessible), cycle parking and associated site access from Mitre Way Land at Mitre Way, Old Sarum SP4 6GW. *NO COMMENT.*

PL/2026/05640 Works to trees in conservation area - dismantle cherry tree at 1 The Close, Old Sarum SP4 6DB. *NO COMMENT.*

PL/2026/04842 External and internal alterations to an existing agricultural barn at Meadow View, Agricultural Building to the North of Drakes Corner, Ford, Salisbury, SP4 6DH. *NO COMMENT.*

PL/2026/05365 Tree works (consent under Tree Preservation Orders) Land at Norton Drive, Ford. *NO RESPONSE AS PARISH COUNCILS OWN APPLICATION.*

PL/2026/05371 Tree works (consent under Tree Preservation Orders) Land at Westside Close, Old Sarum SP4 6BX. *NO RESPONSE AS PARISH COUNCILS OWN APPLICATION.*

PL/2026/04905 Installation of generator adj to garage Mulberry Barn, Wolferstan Drive, Bishopdown. *NO COMMENT.*

PL/2026/05149 Tree works (consent under Tree Preservation Orders) at: Hanger 3, Lancaster Road, Old Sarum, Salisbury, SP4 6DZ. *NO COMMENT.*

PL/2026/04207 Outline permission for up to 110 dwellings Land East Church Road, Laverstock. *OBJECT WITH REASONS.*

PL/2026/03307 Demolition of stables, change of use and new stables at Willow Tree Farm, Ford Lane, Ford SP4 6DJ.

PL/2026/02684 Erection of 4 bed dwelling, garage and outbuildings at Land west of Green Lane SP4 6DX. *NO COMMENT.*

PL/2026/02034 Demolition of existing house and erection of replacement dwelling at 22 Riverside Close, Laverstock SP1 1QW. *NO COMMENT.*

PL/2026/01623 Extension to existing hotel to provide additional bedrooms, together with alterations to the car park and all associated works. Premier Inn, Pearce Way, Bishopdown, SP1 3GU. *SUPPORT*

PL/2026/01752 Listed building consent - redesign kitchen and dining, replacement window Tithebarn, Wolferstan Drive, Bishopdown SP1 3XZ. *NO COMMENT.*

PL/2025/02686 294 dwellings Land NE Old Sarum, Portway. *OBJECT WITH REASONS.*

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