

Members are requested to NOTE this report from Councillor Allsop

Chairman's Announcements:

Request from Wilts Council Highways – any requests for road closures for Coronation should be sent through asap as they all take time to process.

Philip Wilkinson OBE MPhil - Police and Crime Commissioner:

- Been in post for 16 months. Originally from army. Has lived in Wiltshire for 35 years.
- 2022 was not a great year. A new Chief Constable has been appointed, Commander Catherine Roper. She has a new view on governance and will be listening to frontline police. Rural Crime team will be doubled.

John Derryman – Community Speedwatch Co-Ordinator:

- Strategic and performance oversight. Work closely with volunteers and Wiltshire Police.
- Has an interest in road safety
- Salisbury have been running a pilot whereby information from SIDs imported into Police database. Looking to roll this out across the county.
- Wiltshire and Swindon PCC website for more information

Community Food Bank:

Update from Lyneham Larder. This has been a fantastic success taking donated clothes for 0-5 years as well as donated food. Thanks to the Co-Op for their support. Any food not suitable for humans is checked to be used for animals so nothing is wasted.

Emergency Contact Hubs:

Update from Wiltshire Resilience Team. The Emergency Contact Hub information is owned by the Community now and needs to be regularly updated by the community. Contact camella.town@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Wiltshire Police Update:

Sgt Smith is back from Maternity Leave.

Top priorities:

- Lyneham Road Closure (22 tickets handed out for driving wrong way into no entry)
- RWB violence – curfews for offenders. More officers in the community
- Cricklade – trying to identify perpetrators of recent graffiti
- Keen to roll out road safety campaign. Working with schools over parking etc.

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Update:

- Problems recruiting part time/on call fire fighters. Full time not a problem but as many people no longer work in the area they live it is challenging.
- Hybrid car/EV batteries. Use water to extinguish fires on normal cars. Cannot do this for EVs as could re-ignite the battery. Once extinguished, Police are asked to leave EVs as far away from anything else as possible for at least 24 hours.

RWB Banking Hub:

- Should be an update around the end of January. RWB is not typical of most towns as there are very few empty properties so difficult to find a suitable location.
- Lloyds Bank are present at Lime Kiln on Thursdays 10-3 (no cash services).

Directory of Warm spaces available on Wiltshire website

RWB Environment Trust have an infrared camera which they are using to help people identify areas of heat loss in their homes. It is available to borrow and has been used by several people already.