

RWB & Cricklade Area Board Meeting – 15/03/22

Councillors Allsop and Westwood attended the meeting at Bushton Village Hall. The meeting pack can be found [here](#)

The following items were worth noting:

1. Wiltshire Council is encouraging local groups and organisations to take part in the Great British Spring Clean this year, from 25 March-10 April. Groups across the county are urged to sign up on the Great British Spring Clean website and join in to help clean up the county from unsightly litter. It is quite short notice, but should we consider joining this, or organising a separate litter pick in the parish?
2. Danielle Blake from the Rise Youth Trust gave an update on the work that the Rise Youth Trust does, providing safe places for young people to talk in RWB, Cricklade and Purton. There was very positive feedback from people in the audience, and it made me wonder whether there would be a need for this in Lydiard Millicent, where the lack of public transport may make it more difficult for young people?
3. Steve Bucknell highlighted that he is aiming to start an Environmental Group starting next month. One for Luke?
4. Allison Bucknell informed the group that Wiltshire's default approach on verges will be to rewild them, and urged parish councils to identify verges that they look after that could be rewilded. She also stated that this may mean that the county will look a bit scruffy for the next few years as it can take 4 – 5 years for rewilding to take effect.
5. A large number of grants were considered at the meeting:
 - a. £4,095 towards cleaning up RWB&C community area - reduction to £2,205 approved
 - b. £4,000 towards fire doors Silver Threads - approved
 - c. £4,776 towards Purton tennis court repainting. As maintenance not upgrade, agreed contribution of £3,000 towards the upgrade.
 - d. £4,750 towards footpath at Broad Hinton - approved
 - e. £5,000 towards Cricklade economic recovery - approved
 - f. £1,000 towards Cricklade bowls club disable entrance - approved
 - g. £6,000 towards Cricklade Local Youth Network - approved
 - h. £1,500 towards Cricklade Leisure Centre Trampoline - approved