



Update for Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council April 2021

Wiltshire Council

COVID-19

Covid rates are continuing to fall slowly.

In line with Government Easing of Lockdown restrictions, libraries and leisure centres are reopening with a restricted offering. RWB and Calne Libraries and leisure centres will be open but due to space limitations and volunteer availability, Lyneham library remains closed.

Holiday Activity and Food Programme 2021 - FUEL

Wiltshire Council is delivering a Holiday Activity and Food programme to eligible children on free school meals during the 2021 Easter, summer and Christmas school holiday periods.

This starts on April 12th.

For further information about the Holiday Activity and Food Programme in Wiltshire please email: fuelprogramme@wiltshire.gov.uk.

COVID TESTING

Wiltshire Council is still supporting the NHS Test sites.

The NHS is offering FREE Covid home testing packs as part of the drive to control the spread of the virus.

Get a test to do at home

You can get rapid tests to do at home.

You can collect up to 2 packs of 7 tests from a local pharmacy or test site:

- [find a pharmacy where you can collect rapid tests](#)
- [find a test site where you can collect rapid tests](#)

You can get a pack of 7 tests sent to your home. [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits on GOV.UK](#)

Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub

The Wellbeing Hub can:

- Put people in touch with community groups who can help collect and deliver essential supplies such as shopping or medication.
- Help to access a priority online shopping slot with Tesco or Iceland.
- Signpost to sources of financial support and food banks.
- Provide support for those experiencing loneliness.
- Help speak to the right people if someone is on a low income and eligible for financial



support. For more information, visit [GOV.UK: Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme](https://www.gov.uk/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme)

• The Hub is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and on Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub contact details:

Email: wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

Phone: 0300 003 4576

Business Support Grants

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/business-advice-support-covid19-grants>

Elections May 6th

Wiltshire Council is busy preparing for Unitary, Town and Parish Council elections across the County and also the Police and Crime Commissioner elections for Swindon and Wiltshire. This is an enormous task. The validation and counts will take over the following days and results will be published as follows:-

Verification of papers	Friday 7 May
Unitary count	Saturday 8 May
Parish count	Sunday 9 May
Neighbourhood planning referendum count	Sunday 9 May
Police and Crime Commissioner count	Monday 10 May

Consultations

There are no locally relevant Wiltshire Council consultations at present

Area Boards

Area Board meeting date

The next meeting date is June 16th 2021. We don't know yet whether or not this will be virtual.

Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

The next meeting will be June 2nd

Community Safety Forum

We met on Friday 9th April, with a presentation from the Rural Crime Team. Notes have been provided. No meeting in May due to elections, but there will be a meeting on June 11th where we will be hearing from the "Watch" co-ordinator about the various schemes in the county.



Local

Road Works

People are now able to view roadworks on the One Network system. This also allows for traffic alerts to be set up and delivered to people's email addresses so is worth signing up for if you are a regular traveler!

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1260/Roadworks-and-related-information>

Missing Post Box – Bradenstoke Junction

I have received confirmation that the post box should be installed within the next 16 weeks however I noticed that there was a new location for the post box adjacent to the entrance to Lillybrook Estate. This has met with some consternation from local residents and the owners of Lillybrook Estate have stated that they are not happy with the new location. I have reported this back to Royal Mail and am awaiting confirmation of their next move.

Youth

Following work with the Rise Trust there are no current plans from the Area Board to provide additional sessions within Lyneham Area. Amy Dallimore is currently providing a range of activities and sessions through her MoD role. There is currently no Youth Forum in the parish – this might be something for the Parish council to consider in due course.

Chippenham Road area.

White Hart Car park area:

I have been contacted by a resident who is concerned about cars parked at The White Hart. I can confirm that this is a temporary business arrangement.

The Planning application has still not been determined.

Greenfields extension:

Still awaiting discharge of conditions following the contamination reports which have been submitted to Wiltshire Council. Work on site will hopefully start end of May.

Lyneham Village Hall

The Village Hall was awarded a £5000 grant from Wiltshire Council Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.

Bradenstoke Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund

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.

Planning

Wiltshire Council's new planning system is now up and running.



MoD /DIO Notice to quit for private tenants

The MoD has extended contracts to March 2020. Wiltshire Council will not be taking on any properties in Lyneham and are still working with other Housing Associations to see if there is a possibility of any of them taking on houses. The houses have not yet been handed back to Annington Properties Limited.

We Honour Those Who Serve.

March 16th marks the tenth anniversary of the announcement the Queen was going to bestow a Royal title to the town of Wootton Bassett. The Town Council will be marking the actual day in October, however we must not this would not have happened were it not for RAF Lyneham and the part that the villagers here played.

I have set up a Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/WeHonourThoseWhoServe/> to collate memories of that period. Anybody is welcome to contribute.

The local clergy are also talking with MoD Lyneham about a commemoration later this year.



As this is the final Parish Council meeting before the elections, I would like to thank all of the Parish Councillors who have served over the past four years.

Being a Parish Councillor can be both a rewarding and a thankless task, and I admire all of you.

As Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council Election is uncontested, you already know who your successful candidates will be after May 6th.

Hopefully the electorate will renew their faith in me and I will be back with you following the elections to carry on serving the residents of Lyneham and Bradenstoke.