

## **Chair's report for February 2020**

I attended the Amesbury Area Board meeting in Larkhill on 16 January. The minutes of this have been published by Wiltshire Council, here are some points in brief:

### **POLICING**

There has been a restructure and reintroduced the Neighbourhood Policing unit, with a slight increase in staff. There is a dedicated officer for each locality; PC Juliet Cox is responsible for the Amesbury Rural Area.

There have been seven arrests for hare coursing and 157 arrests for drink-driving.

Generally speaking Christmas in Amesbury had been very quiet.

There was a question about vehicles illegally using by-ways; Wiltshire Police are liaising with MoD police, vehicles can be seized.

### **A303 UPDATE.**

The report has been submitted to the Secretary of State for review.

### **RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS**

Wiltshire Council is building a new mixed-waste material recovery facility near Calne. When this is operational it should be easier to recycle at home as more (unsorted) items can be put into the blue bin; tins, foil, paper and plastic bottles will go in the blue bin, glass and textiles (NOT DUVETS) will go in the black box.

As now, black plastic, flower pots and plastic film cannot be recycled.

New collection vehicles have been purchased, these have multiple compartments and will collect all waste / recycling on the same journey. This has enabled a reduction in collection vehicles.

Collection days may change to accommodate the new process.

### **VE DAY COMMEMERATION**

On 5 May there will be a service in County Hall to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE day, all are welcome to attend.

## **MILITARY CIVILIAN INTEGRATION**

Wiltshire Council is to hold a military / civilian integration conference in Tidworth. The proposed date is 4 June 2020 but this is yet to be confirmed.

## **COUNCILLOR DARREN HENRY**

Following his successful bid to become M.P. for Broxtowe, Darren Henry has resigned as Unitary Councillor for Till and Wyyle Valley. A by-election will be held on 10 March, completed nomination papers (available from Wiltshire Council) must be hand delivered to the Wiltshire Council elections team by 4.00PM on Wednesday 12 February; full details are displayed on the Parish Council notice boards.

This concludes the Chair's report.