

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

### **LOCKDOWN**

Following the end of 'lockdown' due to an increase in COVID-19 infections Wiltshire has been placed in Tier 2 restrictions. This is higher than our previous level and greater restrictions have been imposed on us but it is only by obeying these restrictions and following the 'hands, face, space' guidelines that we stand a chance of returning to Tier 1 restrictions.

Christmas will be different for all of us this year but on the positive side, a vaccine has been approved and an immunisation programme is being set in motion.

### **A303 tunnel past Stonehenge**

On 12 November the Transport Secretary gave the go-ahead for the A303 tunnel past Stonehenge – although many media reports say 'under Stonehenge' the actual line of the tunnel is approximately 50 metres further away from the stones than the current road. However, on 30 November opponents of the scheme started legal action to instigate a judicial review, the outcome of this will decide whether or not the tunnel is built.

### **Amesbury Community Area meeting**

On 2 December I attended a small meeting (4 attendees) hosted by the Chair of Amesbury Area Board (Robert Yuill) and Jacqui Abbot, the Community Engagement Manager. The purpose of the meeting was to establish what help could be given to assist people in returning to normal life. Shrewton Parish Council is already looking at what may be done to help in this e.g. both 'Showcase Shrewton' events were highly successful, it was intended to hold another event and coming out of COVID restrictions would possibly be a good time to hold this and other events, such as a 'Party in the Park' at the Village Hall.

This concludes the Chair's report.