

February 2026

Enford Newsletter

*What's Happening In and Around East and West Chisenbury,
Compton, Coombe, Enford, Fifield, New Buildings & Newtown*

*Photography Competition Winner
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February			March		
Thurs	5th	Household waste	Thurs	5th	
Tues	10th	Mixed dry recycling	Tues	10th	
Wed	11th	Garden waste	Wed	11th	
Thurs	19th	Household waste	Thurs	19th	
Tues	24th	Mixed dry recycling	Tues	24th	
Wed	25th	Garden waste	Wed	25th	

All dates are taken from the Wiltshire Council website and are accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Further information is available at

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling

Dates of note in this edition...

February

<i>Tuesday 3rd</i>	<i>Pewsey Arts Lecture</i>
<i>Thursday 5th</i>	<i>Brews in the Pews</i>
<i>Saturday 7th</i>	<i>Table Top Sale</i>
<i>Friday 20th</i>	<i>Talk by the Bishop of Ramsbury</i> <i>(In Netheravon Church)</i>
<i>Tuesday 24th</i>	<i>Film evening: 'Nuremberg'</i>

March

<i>Saturday 21st</i>	<i>Enford Litter Pick</i>
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Saturday
14th February

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All items, however they are submitted, must be with us by the deadline and signed. We will withhold the author's name if requested.

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Enford Church Christmas Fayre

The final amount raised at
the **Enford Christmas
Fayre**, held on November
22nd, 2025 was **£1,800**.

A huge thank you to
everyone who helped to
make this event such a
great success.

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An introduction to Rev. Joe Stone, the new Curate in the Parish

Hello to everyone,

I write from Netheravon Vicarage on January 5th, a glorious day – not a cloud in the sky. Snow has fallen overnight, the children have been enjoying snowball fights this morning, which reminded me of doing the same thing when I grew up in West Knoyle, 20 miles west on the A303

My wife Emily and our two boys, Jack and Tim, moved from Salisbury where I was Curate at St Francis. Before that, we lived in Oxford, where I trained. From 2011 to 2021 we lived in East Knoyle, where we enjoyed being part of the village community – talent evenings in the church, bonfire nights etc. During curacy, I was involved with St Lawrence, Stratford-sub-Castle (a part of St Francis' benefice).

I enjoyed being in a church community which was part of the life of the village, prompting me to look for a rural post – and here we are!



My wife and I were both teachers – Emily Primary, me, Secondary Music. I play guitar and piano, and have organised concerts in the past. Speaking of which, the village churches seem like good venues for a talent evening! We look forward to getting to know you over the coming months and years, out and about, or over a cuppa. If anyone fancies a game of chess in the pub, let me know.

With best wishes from.

Rev Joe Stone

For more information about the Avon River Team Churches contact:

The Team Office: 01980 655457 www.avonriverteam.org.uk/

Rev. Philip Bromiley: 01980 258549 or philip@avonriverteam.org.uk



ENFORD CHURCH SERVICES

February



Sunday 1st	9:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Joe Stone's first service in Enford)
Sunday 8th	10:30am	Team Service - Fittleton
Sunday 15th	9:30am	Breakfast Church
Sunday 22nd	6pm	Evensong

March

Sunday 1st	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th	10:30am	Team Service - Netheravon
Sunday 15th	9:30am	Breakfast Church
Sunday 22th	6pm	Evensong
Sunday 29th	9:30am	Family Communion

Don't forget that if you would prefer to worship quietly in your own home, we have a short Compline Service at 8pm each Sunday...a wonderful way to end the week and set yourself up for the week ahead. Ask for the link on Facebook or email avonriverteam@hotmail.com

Congratulations to Victoria Walsh and Simon Bragg on the birth of their baby, Edward William James Bragg, (to be known as Eddie for short), born on 2nd November.

Also a very warm welcome to Lucy and Charlie Kettler, who arrived (back) in East Chisenbury in December. We hope your time here will be long and happy.

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ENFORD VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

Private Parties: The Village Hall is the perfect venue for Weddings and Special Anniversaries or Birthdays. It is also ideal for Childrens' Parties and Christenings – or any other excuse for a celebration!

Please contact Booking Officer enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com for information or visit the Village Hall entry on the website www.enfordnewsletter.org

Day	Activity	Time	Contact
Mon	Post Natal Yoga	10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Marie Hanley Mob: 07871 302303 email mamawaveyoga@gmail.com Emma Petitt Tel: 01980 670510 emma@petittbros.co.uk
	Yoga	6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	
	Pregnancy Yoga	7.30 p.m. – 8.45 p.m.	
Tues	Enford Film Club	Film information and dates are published in the Newsletter each month.	Theresa Horsey etphorsey@gmail.com or enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com
Tues	Gardening Club	7pm - 9pm 2 nd Tuesday in the month. Full details in the Newsletter club item each month.	Steve Stringer 07899 758222 steve.stringer@outlook.fr Fanny Middleton Tel: 01980 671645 fannysurtees@btinternet.com
Tues	Parish Council	Please check PC item in newsletter each month or PC website for dates.	Parish Clerk Tel: 01980 670034 clerk@enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk
Wed	Short Mat Bowls	7pm - 9:30pm September – April	David Spencer Tel: 01980 670526 spencersgb@yahoo.co.uk
Thur	Pilates	9am – 10am	Nicci Caswell Tel: 01980 625245 nicci@thecaswells.uk
Sat	Junior Football Club	10am– 11am Recreation Ground	Steve Todd stodd@qinetiq.com

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Hamish Scott - Dalgeish

Everyone was very sad to hear that Hamish recently died, peacefully at his home in Jersey. He and Jeni moved to Enford in 1993 and very soon became involved in many aspects of village life. Hamish will be remembered as a keen tennis player and cyclist, often seen doing the circuit through the parish and onto the Plain. In Jersey he was an enthusiastic and talented sailor successfully taking part in competitive races around St Catherine's Bay.



Hamish and Jeni joined the Village Hall Committee soon after moving to Enford and were instrumental in maintaining the old hall and fund raising for the new one. Hamish kindly lent their field at Longstreet House for many Village events; the Fete and Fireworks. He would always be on hand to ensure everything went to plan. Behind the scenes he quietly supported many fund raising activities, nothing was too much trouble.

He was a longstanding and supportive member of the Village Hall Committee offering sound advice. Sixteen years ago Hamish took on the task of maintaining the grounds using his own tractor, attending a groundsman's course. He successfully applied for a grant for a new mower. Over the years greatly improved the grounds keeping them in excellent order for everyone to enjoy. It was only this October we had to ask for volunteers to take over this task!

Hamish was always kind and generous with a heart of gold. He was greatly liked and respected and will be sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to know him. Huge appreciation is due for his tireless support and contribution to so many aspects of village life.

With deep sympathy to Jeni, Guy and Leckie at a very sad time,

In Memoriam

The newsletter is sad to announce the death of **Barbara Baillie**.

Barbara's Mum and Dad ran the village store and petrol station at the top of Enford Hill, which sadly closed in the early seventies as a new road was planned through the village, though it never materialised. The shop sold almost everything you could imagine and if they didn't have it they would order it and it would be delivered on the bus that afternoon or the following day.



Barbara and her husband, Ron, were very involved in Enford Church. However when Ron died Barbara decided to move to Chippenham, near her son. She was sad to leave Enford which was her life for so long and had so much knowledge about the village.

She recently gave to me the newsletters that she had kept

since it first started, to be kept or passed on as appropriate. It was always lovely hearing her talk about village history. I wish she had written a book as I often suggested, but sadly it didn't happen. She was a true Enfordian, heart and soul, and will be missed by many.



We also announce the sad news of the passing of *Helen Hadfield*

Helen and Michael Hadfield, lived in East Chisenbury for almost 30 years and during that time they were very involved with All Saints Church in Enford. Michael was a Parish councillor and a church warden for many years. Helen regularly helped with the church flowers and she also spent many hours embroidering many of the new kneelers still in the church. Both were very supportive, frequently helping in the community. About 12 years ago they moved to Petworth to be closer to family members.



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Enford Film Evenings

TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY @ ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

NUREMBERG

STARRING RUSSEL CROWE, MICHAEL SHANNON AND RAMI MALEK



Released in late 2025 this film is a psychological thriller and historical drama, based on the 2013 book, "The Nazi and the Psychiatrist." by Jack El-Hai. It has been well received, especially for Russel Crowe's performance, though there are some historical inaccuracies.

Doors open at **6.30** for drinks and nibbles for **7.15 start**.

Tickets £8 to include a glass of wine and nibbles!

Please email if you require further information and bookings

enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com

The Swan Enford ~ Update

A very happy New Year to all from The Swan

It's absolutely incredible that we've managed to trade as a community run, volunteer operated, pub for a whopping six months! A million times Thank You to all of the hardworking volunteers that have made this possible. Let's not forget all the hard work that's also been going on behind the scenes to keep our pub clean and tidy - a million times Thank You to the Swan 'Team Clean'.

They have been working so hard over the last six months so deserve a well earned break ~ therefore The Swan will be closing, temporarily, from 1st February with reopening determined at a later date.

Keep your eyes on the socials for further announcements.

Cheers from Team Swan.

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Enford Annual Litter Pick 2026

Saturday, 21st March



WHEN:

Meeting at 10 o'clock





WHERE:



At the bus stop at the bottom of
Enford Hill

WHAT AND WHY:

1. a short safety notice
 2. to agree areas to be covered
 3. to collect the supplied equipment
 4. to clear the Parish of all/any rubbish from road-sides and hedgerows before things start to grow
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WHO:

Everyone welcome – parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, cousins, nephews, nieces, grandchildren, dogs, cats, horses, Uncle Tom Cobley and all!

REFRESHMENTS!



As a thank you to everyone for your hard
work, volunteering and community spirit,
Rolls/butties, teas and coffees
will be available after the event, circa
11.30 a.m.

Please email the Clerk to register your name and numbers attending.
Email: clerk@enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Emergency training Session

In January Andrew Robinson from Wiltshire Air Ambulance led an engaging and very practical 'emergency training' session at Enford Village Hall, with our local community invited. Organised by Enford Parish Council, it covered how medical emergencies are triaged into breathing, bleeding, burns and bones — and why that order matters

Half the session covered unresponsive (unconscious) casualties with Andrew explaining that, for those who are not breathing, absolutely every second counts towards saving a life. The golden rules are: first call 999 (or shout for help if no phone is nearby), then immediately start non-stop CPR, then send someone to fetch a defibrillator as quickly as possible. We learnt that “bad CPR is far better than no CPR”, it can buy vital time before medical help arrives.

Everyone had the chance to see a defibrillator in action and practise CPR on dummy torsos. Defibrillators automatically talk you through clear instructions on what to do in such an incident. We have two in the parish: one located in Enford (between the bus stop and The Swan); the other in East Chisenbury, at the entrance to The Red Lion.

The fact-packed talk included other crucial emergency rules: how to stem continuous bleeding (the key is apply firm pressure directly to the wound and call 999). Also, burns need to be kept under tepid running water for at least 20 minutes (much longer than most people think) as otherwise the skin continues ‘cooking’. This can significantly mitigate damage.

Andrew delivered a wealth of information with wit and warmth, making the evening both memorable and reassuring.

Hopefully none of us will ever need to use this knowledge, but with the Enford defibrillator having already been used twice for road traffic accidents, you can never know.

Huge thanks to Andrew and to Wiltshire Air Ambulance for a brilliant (and potentially life-saving) session. In recognition of which the Parish Council made a £100 donation to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance —

a vital cause that supports us all.



Mark your calendar for Enford's Summer Fete - the countdown begins!

Summer might feel far away, but it'll be here before we know it – and so will one of the highlights of the year: Enford's Summer Fete on *Saturday 13 June 2026!*

Mark your calendars now for a day full of fun and community spirit at the Village Hall and recreation ground. Live local entertainment, tasty food, a great selection of drinks, and plenty of activities for all ages.

Last year, this much-loved event drew over 750 visitors from Enford and across Wiltshire and we couldn't have done it without you! Organised by the Enford Community Fund, the Fete isn't just about fun – it helps raise vital funds for local projects that keep our village vibrant and connected.

How you can get involved

We've looked at the feedback and would love your help to make this year's Fete even bigger and better! Here's how you can join in:

- Volunteer for an hour or two – help with setting up, stalls, games, or parking. Every pair of hands makes a difference!
- Grow plants or donate home produce for our popular stands.
- Enter the photo competition – start snapping your favourite local scenes now! Full details in next month's newsletter.
- Promote your business or organisation – sponsorship and stall opportunities available for traders, charities, community groups.

If you'd like to help, donate, or find out more, email us at EnfordFund@gmail.com.

"Thank you for your hard work. Great variety of things to see and do."
Let's make this year's fete unforgettable –

See you on 13 June!

Recipe of the Month:
Pecan and Dark Chocolate Cookies.
(A healthy alternative & gluten free)

INGREDIENTS

3 tbs demerara sugar
3 tbs olive oil
2 tbs flax seeds
4 tbs water
200g ground almonds
50g chopped pecan nuts
Salt - a pinch
70g dark chocolate chips



METHOD

Preheat oven to 180c

Mix the flax seed and water in a bowl and set it aside.

In a separate bowl combine the brown sugar and olive oil, then add it to the flax mixture and stir well.

Add the ground almonds and fold in gently to combine it all. Sprinkle in salt, chocolate chips and the chopped pecan nuts and fold again until everything is evenly distributed.

Roll the cookie dough into 12 equal balls and flatten a little gently with your palm. Put in the oven and bake for approximately 10 minutes, until the edges are lightly golden. Leave on the baking sheet for a couple of minutes and then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Now you can enjoy your delicious and healthy cookies.

These are very quick and easy to make, however I found that, unfortunately, they are even quicker to eat!

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GREAT BUSTARD GROUP

Patron: HM King Charles III



Great Bustards do not really have summer and winter plumage. It is more a case of breeding and non-breeding plumage. The males are changing into their breeding plumage now. By February they will be competing against each other and trying to establish dominance over their rivals. When April comes, the males will have established a clear hierarchy, and they can then spend more of their time trying to impress a female.

Feathers are an excellent body covering, but they do have their weakness. They are very light, can take a shape and form suitable for flying, and have exceptional insulation properties. However, on the downside they do wear out faster than fur, and birds will replace all their feathers twice a year.

www.greatbustard.org

Please visit our website, tasppv.org.uk for further information

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Brews in the Pews

Enford's Community Café
is **Staying in the church**



1st Thursday of the month

The next Brew is on February 5th

From 10 – 11:30

Tea, Coffee & Homemade Cakes

A place to meet your friends
and make new friends.



Friends of Netheravon school PTF Monthly prize Bingo

Netheravon

Netheravon Phoenix Hall:

Starting at 2pm

Bingo dates for 2026

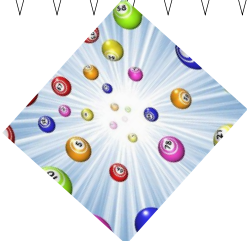
2nd February

2nd March

6th April

4th May

1st June



THE ENFORD COMMUNITY FUND

The Enford Community Fund is a not-for-profit community organisation managed by a small group of local volunteers who organise activities and events across the parish and make donations to benefit the wider community.

Funding is available to support projects and events in the Parish of Enford (which includes Compton, Coombe, East and West Chisenbury, Fifield, New Buildings and Newtown). Applications for awards must be made in writing, by email, to EnfordFund@gmail.com or by letter to one of the group members (Carolyn Ansell, Katie Briscoe, Tracy Buttery, Rob Hibberd, Richard Pettitt, Chris Rose).

The following guidelines will be followed in allocating funds:

1. Submissions will be considered at the next scheduled meeting and within 3 months of the request being submitted.
2. Funding will be made for individual projects and is not designed to allow awardees to become reliant on the award on an annual/regular basis.
3. Awards are made to causes benefitting the community, not specific individuals.
4. No awards will exceed £1,000 in total.
5. For any award to be made, there must be agreement by 75% of the group.

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2025

www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
ENFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Day	Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday	3rd March	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	7th April	7:30pm	Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday	5th May	6:30pm	AGM Meeting
		7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 7th	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
Tuesday	September 1st	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
Tuesday	November 3rd	7:30	Parish Council meeting

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Abridged Draft Minutes of the meeting of 6th January 2026

Full draft minutes are available on the website at

www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

26/005 Unitary Council Matters WC Blair-Pilling wanted to raise the following points under discussion at Wiltshire Council:

i. The Cabinet have been discussing a vast, proposed solar farm near Malmesbury however the decision is not theirs and the plans will be sent to central Government for the final decision. ii. An extraordinary meeting has been called to discuss payment to a developer in taking over a multi-storey car park. iii. The prospect of Council Tax on second homes and unoccupied houses. The owners of most unoccupied properties in Wiltshire are the MoD. iv. The move to black bins being collected every three weeks (instead of the current two week collection). Bringing back a booking system for Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) though this is not generally well received. Two HRCs have been earmarked for closure in north Wiltshire. The introduction of waste Food bins (once a week) which is being enforced by central Govt. This will play havoc with the budget on the current contracts.

26/006 Verification of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 2nd December 2025 were proposed as accurate by Cllr Holdway and seconded by Cllr Hibberd.

26/008 Matters Arising

i. Community Emergency Training. 22nd January at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. To date some 23 people have registered their interest in attending. The evening will be run by the Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity to cover the use of Defibrillators, giving CPR, the recovery position and emergencies such as choking or bleeding. This is free to attend and the Parish Council will make a donation of £100.00 to the Charity. Teas and coffees will be available courtesy of Cllrs Jane Young and Pat Holdway. Cllr Hibberd will promote the event further on Facebook.

ii. Asset of Community Value (ACV) for The Swan Pub. Cllr Peter Cliffe-Roberts and Steve Stringer have completed the form for this application which would be made by the Parish Council. A further discussion was had on the pros and cons of proceeding and a decision was reached that now was not the time to do so.

iii. Date for the March annual Litter Pick. This date has now been set for Saturday, 21st March with the usual refreshments to follow. Further details to be published nearer the time.

Replacement of the Basketball unit. This has been raised in the RoSPA safety report in recent years. The clerk will do some research into a new, compliant unit and it is hoped to have it installed before Spring/Summer.

The Flood Report. Mark Symonds, the Flood Warden, was unable to attend the meeting but sent an update on his progress. He and Cllr Roberts attend the meetings in Warminster run by Wiltshire Council in conjunction with the Water Companies and the Environment Agency. Before reading the report, Cllr Roberts noted that in future WC will no longer be supplying salt/grit, signage, gel sacs and tabards etc free of charge to the Parishes.

For the Flood Wardens full report please see the draft minutes on the PC website.

vi. **The Allotment site.** As of this month there is a new tenant taking over the Allotment site. It needs to be cleared first of all; the Parish Council have agreed to assist with the hire of a skip for the rubbish. Once ready for sowing/planting both vegetables and flowers will hopefully flourish.

vii. **The Christmas Tree.** This has now been taken down. The Parish Council would like to thank Clive Bullen for his assistance and the purchase of new lights and battery power pack.

viii. **The Mink Farm Site.** WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling informed the Council that the latest Planning Application and correspondence has now been passed to the Inspectorate.

26/009 Finance

The Clerk read out the financial position during December and the balance carried forward to January is £17,217.02. There were no questions. The Clerk also informed the Council that a VAT reclaim covering the last 3 years of capital expenses was received in December in the sum of £1,029.96.

26/010 Planning Applications PL/2026/00075 was received earlier in the day and circulated to all Cllrs. This was for the reduction of a Willow tree at Cobweb Cottage in East Chisenbury. The detail is available on the Parish Council website. There were no objections.

26/012 Roads and Highways

Cllr Farrow reported that all the potholes have been dealt with. When inspecting the drainage issues at New Buildings 25/114 (December) he missed a drain as it was completely under water. This has been reported on the My Wilts app. Still at New Buildings, having discovered old photographs showing a footpath by the A345 it was thought this could be the basis for renovation. The Local Highways Footpaths Infrastructure Group (LHFIG) however wish to retain their plans to create a new clean, tidy path and this will go ahead, being extended slightly in length.

26/015 Any Other Business

WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling asked Cllr Roberts for his feedback on the Flood meetings. Cllr Roberts felt these were not particularly well organised although were very useful for networking with other Flood Wardens and officials from WC Highways, the Environment Agency and Wessex Water; any minutes arising have to be requested. Cllr Waight will not be able to attend the next meeting in March and has made his apologies.

26/016 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, **3rd March** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Answers to December's Crossword.

Across

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|-----------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------|
| 1. Winter | 4. Warder | 8 Squishy | 10 Khazi | |
| 11. Baht | 12. Mulligan | 14 Young Ones. | 18. Meditate | 20. East |
| 22. Emoji | 23. Rawhide | 24. Emerge | 25. Upward | |

Down

- | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| 1. Wasabi | 2. Naughty | 3. Erse | 5. Alkaline | 6. Drang |
| 7. Reigns | 9. Youngster | 13. Bustling | 15. Stamina | |
| 16. Ampere | 17. Atten | 19. Drone. | 21. Swap | |

Local Support & Information

PEWSEY VALE COMMUNITY CRAFT & TEA ROOM



OPEN: WED - SAT

10.00 - 4.00

**OLD FORD COURT,
HIGH ST, PEWSEY
SN9 5AQ**



Profits donated to local charities; Interested in
helping? - Pop in to get a volunteer form.

Mobile Library Services

Dates and times of all mobile library stops are available online via the website [Libraries - Wiltshire Council](#) and printed timetables from the mobile library. We look forward to seeing all our customers when we next visit you.

**Love Reading,
Love Libraries**

**Next due in Enford on Friday 6th
February at 3:25pm for 20 minutes**

Then on these dates
at the same time.

Friday 6th February
Friday 6th March
Friday 3rd April
Friday 1st May
Friday 29th May

If you've never used the mobile library before it's free to join and you can use your membership card in any Wiltshire Library or online to access free eBooks and magazines.

Netheravon Library

Open Monday and Thursday 1pm - 5pm.


	Age UK Wiltshire Information & Advice Team 0808 196 2424 enquiries@ageukwiltshire.org.uk https://www.ageuk.org.uk/wiltshire/
CrimeStoppers. 0800 555 111 <small>100% anonymous. Always.</small>	https://crimestoppers-uk.org/ Crimestoppers is not the police. If you require urgent police attention, please dial 999


PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS


1. Hill House Annex, 9 Longstreet, SN9 6DD Grid ref SU142515
What3Words - /// Parrot/slid/steadier
2. 2. Red Lion, East Chisenbury SN9 6QA
What3Words - /// Foal/Thus/Ghost

If you think you need to use a defibrillator, call 999. The Emergency Service will give you the code to get into the cabinet.

See www.enfordnewsletter.org for more information and a short video on how to use it.

	FLY TIPPING If you spot someone fly-tipping in Wiltshire, report the offender to us through our online reporting system - https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fly-tipping . As a reward for reporting a fly-tipper you could get a gift voucher of up to £200 following the payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice or a successful prosecution.
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	Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service 24 hours 7 days a week 365 days a year If you are worried about your situation, you can call them in confidence and speak to a real person, not a machine - 01793 610610. https://swadomesticabuse.org/
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	is independent from the police and you don't have to report a crime to the police to get our help. You can contact us at any time, regardless of how long ago the crime happened. Call us free on 0808 281 0113 or 08 08 16 89 111 Email us via the link on the website victimsupport.org.uk/resources/Wiltshire/ where you will find all the ways you can contact us.
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Philip Wilkinson OBE, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon.

As we move into 2026, the challenges facing policing and the wider Criminal Justice System remain significant, they affect every community, including yours. Financial pressures continue to bite. Rising costs and tight budgets mean police forces and partner agencies work hard to maintain services with less flexibility. This impacts everything from neighbourhood policing and crime prevention to victim support.

The Home Office's much anticipated Policing White Paper, to set out a clear vision for police reform and investment, is delayed again. Without this strategic direction, forces are left planning year-to-year rather than building for the long term, whilst navigating speculation in the media about possible reforms, including reducing the number of forces and creating regional ones. But without that white paper and clear detail, speculation is all we have.

I remain concerned about the lack of confirmation from the Home Office on what funding will look like after March for key national initiatives delivered locally. This poses a real risk to continuity of services that make a tangible difference, such as street wardens, increased Wiltshire Police patrols in ASB hotspots, and specialist early intervention schemes supporting those at risk of serious violence. Without clarity, these vital efforts could stall just as we are starting to see positive impact.

Despite these challenges, I want to reassure you: your concerns are heard. My office continues to press for timely funding and clear policy direction. We are working with the Chief Constable and her teams to ensure that, even under pressure, the focus remains on keeping our communities safe.

Please keep sharing your views, because strong community voices help us make the case for Wiltshire and Swindon. In January, I will consult with you on the policing budget for next year and your local priorities for community safety to ensure that the service you receive reflects your local needs.



Stars Appeal Christmas Raffle

The Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity, is delighted to announce that its Christmas Raffle raised over **£20,000**. The money raised in raffle ticket sales and donations will help to fund the charity's work across Salisbury Hospital.

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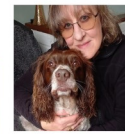
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