

LATTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

The Wiltshire Good Neighbour Scheme (WGNS) is an exciting service that has been launched and led by Community First with partnership support from Wiltshire Council and Age UK. The service is an innovative response to a recognised need that many people living in our rural communities are unable to connect with the key services that help maintain and support their quality of life, wellbeing and social connection.

So what does this mean to YOU? Wiltshire Good Neighbours is a signposting service that links up people who need a little extra support and information to the services & groups that can help them. The Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area is served by a Good Neighbour Co-ordinator (GNC) and I have the honour of being *your* GNC. I am out and about visiting lots of the local groups, coffee mornings and so on to introduce myself. I will be:

- Providing high quality information
- Putting people in direct contact with agencies and groups that can provide the services they need to maintain independent living
- Putting people in touch with each other to help improve quality of life
- Identify unmet need within our communities

If you would like to know more, give me a call on 07557 110414 or email me at crickladerwbgn@communityfirst.org.uk. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Ellen Blacker

Shaping the Future of Latton Parish

Thank you for telling us your views about Latton Parish

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Household Survey sent out before Xmas. There were some very important comments, ideas and thoughts about the Parish and these have all been collected and a report summarising the information is now being looked at by the Steering Group. A meeting is to be held in early February with Parish Councillors so that everyone can contribute to creating a realistic and achievable set of actions to focus on and improve Latton Parish moving forward.

Some initial findings

Your responses to the Household Survey showed that that 81% felt that Latton Parish was a 'good' or 'excellent' place to live. However, traffic noise from A 419 and the traffic through the Parish was highlighted as a real concern.

Getting views of others

Letters are going out to businesses, local authorities, neighbouring parishes and councils and landowners to ask for their views about Latton Parish so that the Plan can be informed by any future plans they may have. We are very pleased that a representative from Wiltshire Council; a partner for both the Wilts & Berks and Cotswold Canals restoration projects is coming to our Steering Group meeting to update us on this significant work at the end of January.

Funding the Parish Plan

All the work carried out to create the Parish Plan is done by volunteers with no cost to the Parish Council, however, to produce questionnaires, analyse data, print and distribute the final Plan does cost money. We are pleased to say that an application for additional funding (£500) to cover these costs has been made and sent to the Area Board, Wiltshire Council. We hope to have a decision about this at the end of February.

For more information about the Latton Parish Plan please email parishplan@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk

Official Media Launch of the A419 Noise Action Group – Friday 8th February 2013

The A 419 NAG Campaign is to be launched officially at 12.00 p.m. on the 8th February 2013 at The Crown car park, Cerney Wick. Newspaper reporters and TV are being invited. MP for The Cotswolds Geoffrey Clifton-Brown will attend the launch. If you feel strongly about the increasing impact of the road noise on your well-being (and we know that this is the most important issue as demonstrated by the recent Household Survey) then please come along and show your support.

Highways Agency – New Investigation on A419 Noise

The Campaign group understands that an investigation is to be carried out on the road noise at Latton by the Highways Agency. This is expected to report in March. At a recent Latton Plan Steering Group it was agreed that the data from the Household Survey relating to the A 419 road noise issue should be offered to the Highways Agency as part of their investigation.

Janet Sharpe - A 419 NAG Group member representing Latton Parish

Thank You!

Latton Parish Council would like to thank everyone who helped or contributed to the Lighting of the Latton Christmas tree event on Friday 7th December 2012

The total donation from the event for the repair of the swings in the play area is £885.00

Latton Parish Council would also like to thank the following organisations for donating prizes for the raffle:

Bassett Breakers Clay-pigeon Shooting Club, Butt's Farm, Cricklade Leisure Centre, The Crown at Cerney Wick, The Old Spotted Cow at Marston Meysey

Remember the Mobile Library stops at the Phone Box in Latton!

On alternate Mondays from 11.40-12.00pm

Jan 14, 28 Feb 11,25 March 11,25

Dates are also on the Latton Parish Noticeboards

Can You Help with Grass-Cutting?

Latton Parish Council are looking for volunteers to form a rota to cut the grass at the Churchyard. If you are interested, contact Bev Blunden (Parish Clerk) on 01793 750801 or clerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk

Latton Diamond Jubilee Community Garden

You are invited to a Welcome & Planning Session on Sat 9th Feb 2013, 10-11.30am at the Community Garden. Coffee & cake provided. For more information, contact Becky Baker – 01793 752595 or becky@hovisbaker.com
There is a list of jobs to be done on the Garden Noticeboard – anyone can come to help at any time!



Latton Toddler Group has closed

Unfortunately, there does not appear to be enough demand for a Toddler Group in Latton at the moment, so the Group has closed. If demand increases, a group may start again in future – if you are interested in joining a future group, contact Bev Blunden (Parish clerk).

Jumble Sale on Sat 2nd Feb 2013, 2-4pm at Village Hall

Latton Fundraising Group are organising a Jumble Sale to raise money for equipment in the Play Area. The Village Hall will be open for you to drop off your donations of jumble on Sat 26th Jan from 2-4pm. For more information contact Becky Baker on 01793 752595 or becky@hovisbaker.com
Jumble can also be delivered to Becky's house – Croft House, Croft Lane.
Please support this event if you can!

Councillor Vacancy

We currently have one vacancy on the Parish council. The Parish Council meets every two months in Latton Village Hall and every meeting is open to the public. If you would like more information or are interested in joining our friendly group of Councillors, please contact Bev Blunden (Parish Clerk) on 01793 750801 or clerk@lattonparishcouncil.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!