



Wichelstowe Update

Full Council

Monday 19 May 2025

New Wichelstowe Sports Hub

WPC councillors have visited the Wiltshire Football Association run sports hub at Green Lane, Devizes. This is owned by Devizes Town Council who are very happy with their current joint venture arrangements. We are exploring a similar model of management for the Wichelstowe Sports Hub.

The latest layout plans for the Wichelstowe Sports Hub will be shared when the Joint Venture present to all WPC councilors from 6.15-7.15pm on Wednesday 21 May, prior to the Planning and Highways Committee. Current expectations are for a consultation in late summer with a full Planning Application being submitted in autumn 2025.

The Joint Venture team have asked the WPC Community Projects Officer to share her expertise by reviewing the play area specifications as part of the plans.

WPC are also looking to involve Wiltshire Wildlife Trust/SBC in potentially arranging for some additional, fully grant funded tree planting for the sports hub site.

Wroughton and Wichelstowe Resident Litter pick – Thursday 28th August

A community litter pick is being organized from the Ellendune Community Centre in the morning and then in Wichelstowe in the afternoon. Willow-Brook View care home, Wichelstowe have kindly offered to host the afternoon session so that residents can drop in for their WPC safety briefing, to obtain pickers and high visibility jackets and also have free refreshments. WPC are in the process of obtaining some free equipment from David Wilson Homes and working with Swindon Borough Council regarding recycling items collected. Details regarding timings will follow soon. Councilors please note the above date as we would welcome your support and involvement on the day.

The Community Projects Officer is liaising with the Headteacher of Kingfisher Primary School to organise a local litter pick during term time by their Eco Club.

Remembrance Sunday

The Wichelstowe Joint Venture team along with Kingfisher Primary and The Deanery will be laying wreaths at the Wroughton War Memorial this year.

Resident Support Sessions – Ellendune Community Centre

Following on from a recent meeting with the Community Projects Officer, Willow-Brook view Care Home will be hosting 3 drop-in sessions in the Ellendune Community Centre to coincide with the Friday Country Market, giving advice on later life care. Willow-Brook view is a new, all inclusive care home within Mid Wichel. They have kindly offered that WPC are able to use their meeting rooms free of charge. Our Chairman will also be invited to their opening launch event this summer.

WPC Staff Hot desking in Wichelstowe

WPC are exploring the opportunity of spending some time each month with a hotdesk in Wichelstowe. The Community Projects Officer will be on site in the Joint Venture office from 1-3pm on Thursday 17 July with the initial session to discuss joint community initiatives with the team there. A new joint venture office is planned for The Orchards (West Wichelstowe) in October which will be a better venue with wi-fi connectivity for WPC staff to host resident drop in sessions/and in person helpdesk.

Joint Working with the Wichelstowe Joint Venture Team

In addition to their involvement in the above projects and initiatives, Rob Powe and Emma Leake of the Wichelstowe Joint Venture team attended the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 28th April and displayed an information stand for residents. On 19 May they also hosted a community engagement meeting attended by many including the WPC Community Projects Officer which explored more opportunities for more collaborative working to bring the Wichelstowe and Wroughton residents closer together.

The Joint Venture Team will be taking part in the Community Litter pick on 28th August and will be involved in publicizing this to Wichelstowe residents.

The Joint Venture Team are exploring one or more mobile litter pick stations, to the same design specification as that agreed at CA&OS, being made to tie in with WPC communications on sustainability and making Wroughton and Wichelstowe a great place to live.

Meet the Councillor – Virtual Session – Wednesday 21 May

An online meet and greet session is planned. We will share more details on our Facebook page in the next few days..