



Froxfield News

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Crime is low in Froxfield

The latest crime statistics for the village make pleasant, if somewhat unexciting reading! The most recent crime statistics report, sent out by our local Police and Community Support Officer Melissa Camilleri, showed there were no recorded incidents of crime between October and December, last year. There were no reported crimes and no reported incidents at all — in fact, no apparent trends emerging either. There were two speed enforcement checks held in those three months — but no drivers were caught speeding, issued with fines or speed awareness courses. However, the statistics may only tell half the story says PCSO Camilleri.

“If you don't tell us we don't know”

The report, she stresses, is written using the data held on the police systems which is generated by the public reporting incidents in Froxfield. No crimes have been 'reported' to police in our parish.

“If a crime has occurred and **not** been reported to Wiltshire police then this would **not** be included within the report (as we are unaware this has potentially taken place). We try to encourage communities to report crime/suspicious incidents regardless of the outcome in an investigation. By reporting crime it gives the police a true reflection of what is happening within a specific area and we can then target those issues.”

Police Community Consultation at Froxfield Memorial Hall



PCSO Camilleri will be visiting Froxfield this coming

Wednesday 24th January to hold a community

consultation. This is an opportunity for all villagers who have concerns to discuss them confidentially and seek advice. Melissa Camilleri will be at the hall at 11am for approximately an hour.

Tea and coffee will be available for anyone wishing to pop along for a chat.

• **The most recent report by the Wiltshire Chief Constable Catherine Roper can be read on the village website by clicking on this link: froxfield.org.**

40mph limit stuck in council queue.

Although the official go-ahead has been given for the 40mph speed limit to be introduced to the eastern end of the village, the paperwork on the change is stalled with Wiltshire Council's legal team. The Council must publicly advertise the proposed change and fulfil some necessary legal steps but there is a big backlog of instructions according to the Wiltshire roads engineers. We hope the notice will be issued shortly — and anyone can comment on the proposed changes during the 28-day period of public consultation. Froxfield Parish Council trusts no serious objections will be received and the speed limit change from 50mph to 40mph could then be implemented swiftly.

• **We have also agreed to install a Speed Indicator Device at the same time, to help reinforce the 'slow down' message to motorists and the change of speed limit.**



Still waiting - but hopefully soon!



There will be an AGM of the Froxfield Memorial Hall Committee on the 28 Feb at 7.30pm. All hall users are welcome to attend.

Vacancy for a 7th Parish Councillor

The Parish Council wishes to say a sincere thank you to Colonel Toby Till MBE who stepped down before Christmas due to work commitments, after serving the village for a number of years. This now leaves us with a vacancy for a 7th councillor. If you are interested in working for the improvement of your village and local environment, do get in touch with our Clerk, Lynn Casey-Sturt on her dedicated village email: clerk@froxfield.org.

Minutes of the recent Parish Council meetings can be found on our village website froxfield.org and will give a taste of the responsibilities and activities undertaken by our parish councillors.

**Froxfield Parish Council meets in the Memorial Hall every two months.
See our website www.froxfield.org for dates, agendas and minutes.**

**The next Parish Council meeting is on
Monday March 18th at 7pm in the Memorial Hall**

Parish Steward jobs and reporting

Wiltshire Council provides a Parish Steward service to villages to undertake smaller community and environmental maintenance jobs. We are allocated only a half day, once a month for a visit by the Steward — who comes equipped to handle tasks including:

- clearing blocked gullies
- cutting back branches and hedges overhanging paths
- repairing small potholes in roads and footpaths
- clearing storm debris from roads and footpaths
- treating and cutting back weeds
- cleaning and straightening small road signs
- pushing overgrown vegetation back from footways and carriage ways.

If anyone wants to report a bigger problem such as a large pothole which needs filling, or other highways defect which could be a safety hazard, please use the [MyWiltshire](#) reporting system which also comes as a smartphone App.

If you spot a job which the Parish Steward could take on, email details to our Clerk, Lynn Casey-Sturt on clerk@froxford.org.

Quiz Night

Saturday 24th February 2024

6.00 for 6.30pm

at Froxfield Village Hall

Teams of up to six people

£8.00 per person

*to include a ploughman's supper
(bring your own drinks)*

A raffle will also take place

Tickets available from:

Barry 07771646263 adamsbarry24@gmail.com

Jan 07786138888 jan.heppenstall@btinternet.com

Proceeds to All Saints Church, Froxfield

Thames Water update

Traffic management lights are back on the A4 in Froxfield as Thames Water works to contain a problem of water ingress into its pipes which threatens to overwhelm the village's sewerage treatment system. The water table is exceptionally high due to the recent rain and excess water is seeping into the pipes. Thames Water says pumping the water out is the only way to avoid the threat of untreated sewage overflowing into the river and to reduce the likelihood of further flooding. Excess water is now being drained from the pumping station off Manor Farm, and tankers are forced to wait on the main A4 due to shortage of turning space at the main treatment station — hence the traffic disruption. Work to fix the source of the problem is ongoing but Thames Water tells us that its tankers are likely to be present in Froxfield for much of the winter — and, therefore, will continue to require traffic management.

Keeping in touch...

This newsletter is emailed out to residents of Froxfield by request. We keep a mailing list of those wishing to be kept abreast of the PC's activities and being informed about opportunities to get involved with village projects. To add your name, send your details to the PC Chair: v.body@froxford.org

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