



Froxfield News

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The speed limit is changing!

The go-ahead has been given to lower the speed limit through Froxfield.

No objections were made to Froxfield Parish Council's request to lower the speed limit at the eastern end of the village. Therefore, Wiltshire Council has given the official thumbs up to extend the 40mph limit to cover the entire village, between the white gates.

The change particularly focuses on the length of road from the Berkshire boundary to just short of The College — previously a 50mph zone — which will now be slowed to 40mph, and creates a standard speed limit through Froxfield. The move follows the mandatory 28-day public notice period, and Wiltshire Council planners received no objections to the proposal.

This is the culmination of years of work by local parish councillors who attended numerous meetings of the WCC local highways improvement group and consulted with Wiltshire Highways engineers, and are grateful for the valuable support of our Wiltshire County Councillor Stuart Wheeler.

Meanwhile, the parish council will continue to look at traffic calming measures. It has arranged to install a Speed Indicator Device (SID) to reinforce the 'slow down' message to motorists as well as the change of speed limit. A contractor commissioned by WCC Highways will carry out the necessary work, including new speed limit signage, which should be complete before the end of June. The SID will be installed at the same time.



IT'S HAPPENING!

New Parish Councillor for Froxfield

The Froxfield Parish Council has welcomed Paul Cowans who was elected as the 7th member after the retirement of Toby Till. Paul is a local resident living in Manor Park. He is committed to local democracy and participation to improve the Froxfield parish. Originally from the North East of England he trained and qualified as a Psychiatric Nurse in 1981. Paul has recently retired after 43 years of working in senior roles in both the NHS and Independent Sector Healthcare. He enjoys walking, theatre, golf and reading crime novels.

**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 May 13th at 7pm in the Memorial Hall**

Police Community Consultation

The College Chapel is host venue for 2nd village meeting

PCSO Camilleri will be visiting Froxfield again in May to hold another Community Consultation – this time the venue is

The Chapel at The College

(Duchess of Somerset Hospital).

The meeting will be on May 21st at 7pm. This is an opportunity for all villagers who have concerns to discuss them confidentially and seek advice.

Melissa Camilleri will be at the College Chapel for approximately an hour.



Best Kept Village Contest

Froxfield has entered the CPRE Best Kept Village competition and judging will take place in May. We have a lot to be proud of in our small community: The historic beauty of The College, the charm of the 13th century All Saints Church, new swings on the village green, and our achievement in creating the water meadow nature reserve with restoration of our rare chalk stream – to mention just a few!

The CPRE stresses that the contest is not for the 'prettiest village' but rather seeks a well maintained and cared-for communal spaces and evidence of community spirit in action.

The Froxfield Parish Council has filled in the entry forms, but now it is up to the residents to do their bit to make our village shine against the competition of other medium-sized villages across this part of Wiltshire. If we come out on top, we are then pitted against similar villages across the county! Although we feel small, in fact Froxfield's official population of 377 people just edges into the 'medium' sized village category. The whole county is divided into four districts and winners in each category then compete against each other in July, when they are judged by another pair of judges to find the overall winners in each of the categories.

So, please take some time to look at your own patch of the village. Could you plant a hanging basket or add a window box, refresh a local roadside planter, sweep the footpaths in front of your home, do an hour's litter picking in the area?

Every little bit helps to create a more pleasant environment for everyone and we will all be winners as a result.

Vanya Body, Chair Froxfield Parish Council.



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Best Kept Village Competition 2024

FROXFIELD

Has entered the 2024

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Judging will take place in early summer

Please help by keeping the village tidy

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@froxfeld.org

WE WILL NOT SHARE YOUR NAME WITH ANY OTHER ORGANISATION AND INFORMATION SENT TO YOU WILL RELATE TO FROXFIELD VILLAGE MATTERS.

