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## Welcome to the February edition of the Highways and Transport Newsletter

In this issue, you'll find the latest on our gully emptying programme, see how CCTV helped us catch a fly-tipper, and discover some great community events you can get involved in this spring.

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## **Flood prevention: what we're doing and how you can stay informed**

Flood prevention is a year-round priority, and a key part of this is keeping Wiltshire's 85,000 gullies clear across more than 2,500 miles of road. Our teams carry out scheduled maintenance and respond to local reports throughout the year to keep drainage systems working properly and to help prevent localised surface water flooding.

During long spells of heavy rain, river and groundwater levels can rise quickly. When the ground is already saturated, drainage systems can only take so much water, and even regular gully emptying can't prevent excess surface water.

You can stay informed by:

- [Signing up for flood warnings and enabling Met Office weather alerts](#)
- [Checking local flood risk on the Environment Agency's flood map](#)
- [Report blocked gullies through the MyWilts app or online](#)
- [More information on flooding](#)



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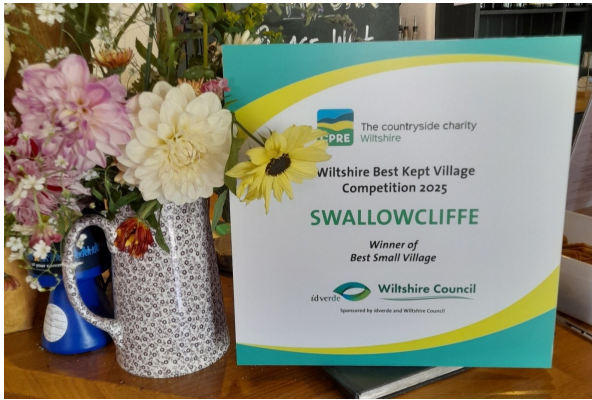
### **Fly-tipper caught on Salisbury industrial estate CCTV**

We've issued a £1,000 fixed penalty notice (FPN) to a Larkhill resident after CCTV footage caught them fly-tipping on an industrial estate in Salisbury.

The incident was reported after CCTV captured a large barbecue and other items falling out of a moving van on Telford Road, Churchfields Industrial Estate, Salisbury. After briefly stopping to check the van and the offloaded items, the driver is then seen to get back in the vehicle and drive off, leaving the items strewn in the middle of the road.

[Find out more about the FPN issued](#)

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## Get involved in community events this spring

There are two great opportunities to come together, celebrate local pride, and care for our surroundings this spring. Everyone is welcome to take part – whether individually, with family, or as part of a community group.

### Great British Spring Clean 2026 (13-29 March 2026)

Join the UK's biggest environmental clean up and help tidy your local streets, parks, and green spaces. Residents, schools, and community groups can get involved.

Support available:

- Litter picking equipment
- Children's litter pickers
- Waste collection for larger events (10+ bags)

Sign up or request equipment: [wiltshirehelpdesk@idverde.co.uk](mailto:wiltshirehelpdesk@idverde.co.uk)

### Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition 2026

The CPRE Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition returns this year, celebrating the fantastic work residents do to keep their villages attractive and environmentally friendly. All villages can enter, with categories for different sizes.

Judges look at:

- Cleanliness and litter management
- Care of green spaces and public areas
- Wildlife friendly and biodiversity actions

- Community involvement

Find out more about the Great British Spring Clean 2026

Find out more about the Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition 2026



## Helping your local play areas thrive

We're continuing to make good progress in transferring rural play areas to local parish councils. This approach means these much-loved spaces can be managed closer to home, giving parishes more flexibility to maintain and improve them in ways that best meet the needs of local families.

So far, 14 play areas have now been successfully transferred:

- Boyton
- Heywood
- Netheravon
- Colerne
- Collingbourne Ducis
- Middle Winterslow
- Redlynch
- Zeals

- Semington
- Ludgershall
- Upavon
- Donhead St Mary

Six more play areas are currently going through the next steps needed to complete their transfer:

- Hilperton (4 sites)
- Monkton Farleigh (2 sites)



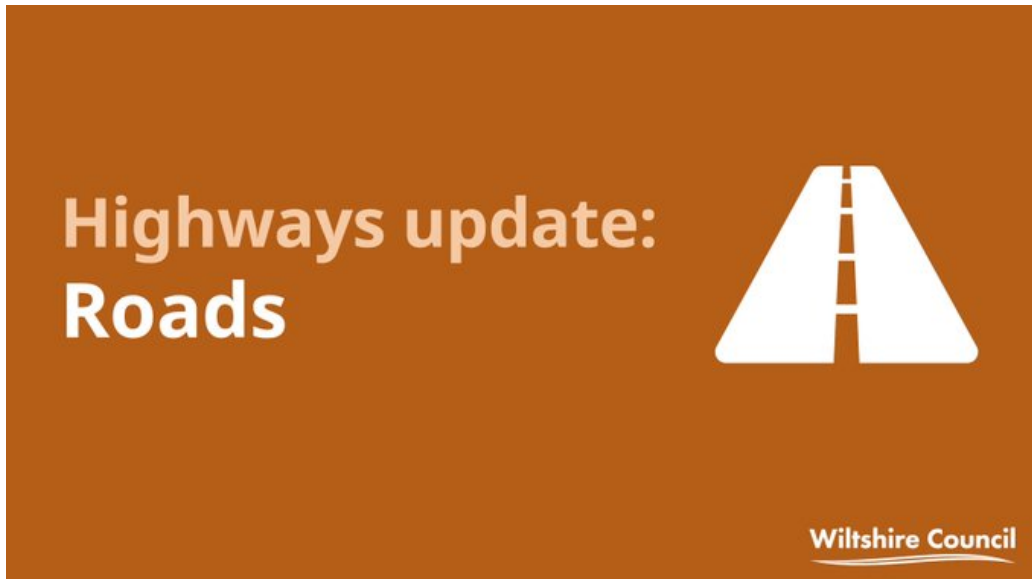
### **New notice period for parking bay suspension when moving house**

We recognise that arranging removal companies when moving house can be challenging, especially when plans change at short notice. The notice period required for parking bay suspensions related to removals has now been updated to make the process easier.

From now on, residents will only need to give seven days' notice when requesting a parking bay suspension for moving house.



Fill out the form now



### Keep up-to-date with roadworks

To find roadworks near you, why they're taking place, diversion routes and when they will be finished, visit the [one.network map](#) and type 'Wiltshire' into the search box. You can also set up email alerts to tell you when roadworks are happening in your area.

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