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# Hilperton Update

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The 'no political spin' newsletter from

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### Hilperton. Best Kept Large Village in Wiltshire 2012



*Cllr. Ernie Clark with the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire (Mrs. Sarah Troughton) and the Chairman of Wiltshire Council (Cllr. Christine Crisp).*

The annual competition sponsored by Wiltshire Council and the Campaign to Protect Rural England, saw Hilperton come shining through this year. In the past, the village has won the west Wiltshire round on several occasions but has never won the county title before. It is a great achievement and something that all the residents of Hilperton can be proud of.

*Hilperton will keep the 'shield' for a year.*

*It is situated adjacent to the village hall car park.*



### Affordable housing

The new PFI (Private Finance Initiative) affordable housing at the junction of Ashton Road and Hilperton Drive is nearing completion. It will provide 10 two bed houses, 5 three bed houses and 3 two bed bungalows. Up to two homes will provide temporary accommodation for homeless families as part of WC's statutory obligation.

### Trowbridge cinema

Another project that is now well underway is the new Odeon cinema complex, with its associated cafes and hotel, at St. Stephen's Place. Completion is due in October 2013 and, to the best of my knowledge, the scheme is currently on schedule.

### Trowbridge library

The new library at County Hall in Bythesea Road is now open. It was delivered on time and within budget and is 'state of the art'. If you have not visited it yet, please do drop in the next time you are in town.

## **Hilperton Neighbourhood Policing Team**

The staffing level for the NPT team that covers Hilperton (and North Bradley, West Ashton and Southwick parishes) is not exactly large but they do a good job. The beat manager is PC Mark Hough and the priority for this area at the moment is anti social behaviour.

For non-emergencies the email address is [trowbridgenpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:trowbridgenpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) or phone 101. In an emergency dial 999.

## **Area Board grants scheme**

I am currently vice-Chairman of the Trowbridge Area Board of Wiltshire Council. One of its many functions is to be able to make grants of up to £5,000 to local groups, resident associations etc. More details can be obtained from the area manager (Rachel Efemey) on 01225 718608 or email her at [rachel.efemey@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.efemey@wiltshire.gov.uk)

## **Overgrown footpaths**

The state of footpaths throughout Hilperton Division (and the Trowbridge Paxcroft part of Paxcroft Mead) has been causing many comments to be sent to me. Wiltshire

Council is well aware of the complaints and a meeting was recently held with their contractor to find out what has gone so badly wrong and learn from what has happened. A start on clearing the paths should have been made by the time you read this! Sorry it has taken so long but some 'fixes' are anything but quick ...

## **Who pays for my newsletters?**

Over the years that I have represented you, numerous people have asked this question. The simple answer is 'Me'. Being an Independent means that I do not have the financial support of a political party and Wiltshire Council funds its own magazine.

## **Your concerns are my concerns**

This is one of the reasons I am here! Controversial planning applications, parking problems, missed bin collections, overgrown footpaths... The variety is endless!

## **and finally.....**

As I always say, 'I am here for you, for the Hilperton community, for Wiltshire'. I do not promise to 'Win 'em all' - but I will certainly try!

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