

Limpley Stoke

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Coming soon: all the fun of the fête

Freshford and Limpley Stoke Village Fête is on **SATURDAY, JUNE 8** from 1–5pm on Freshford Memorial Hall field.

A fun time is promised for everyone, with attractions including a barbecue, bar, tombola, raffle, games, and ice cream.

There'll also be a plant stall, books, toys, and jewellery maker's stall, inflatables and football cage.

More details next month

Open Gardens 2024
Saturday 1st June
Freshford Gardens
10am - 1pm
Limpley Stoke Gardens
2pm - 5pm
Tea & Cakes from 4pm
Tickets with map £5 for the day available from Galleries

NATURE CHAIN
FRESHFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Limpley Stoke

Calling young musicians!



Bradford on Avon Youth Forum is offering free music sessions to young musicians aged between 11 and 18.

This is billed as an exciting opportunity to take your music to the next level, whether you're a solo singer, laptop music creator, DJ, are dreaming of joining a band or just starting out.

There'll be six sessions at Purple Noise Studio at Westwood Social Club between May and June, culminating in a showcase event on June 18.

Limited to 15 places so get in touch now.

For more details and to register free, visit <https://www.mightygirls.co.uk/shop/p/musical-futures>

End in sight for gas work?

The final phase of Wales & West Utilities' gas upgrade work through Limpley Stoke, which began in early January, will soon move on to its final phase on Woods Hill, scheduled to be completed around the end of



MAY. More information at <https://one.network/?tm=135383213>.

Customer Services: phone 0800 912 2999 or email enquiries@wwutilities.co.uk.

Design guide for new developments

Wiltshire Council has approved a design guide which aims to ensure future developments are of consistently high quality. New, locally-authored design guidance will apply across Wiltshire at a level of detail which, the council says, does not exist in the national equivalent. The guide, which sets expectations for new developments, is underpinned by three 'golden threads': health and well-being, sustainability and climate resilience, and getting the right homes in the right places.

Guidance is given on working with the topography of the county as well as its character. The document says developers should "engage the local community in a conversation about what is locally distinctive and important to them."

Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, said: "The Wiltshire Design Guide represents a step-change in our approach and will help ensure that future local developments of whatever sort are consistently high-quality and in keeping with what we'd expect in our beautiful and unique county. The guide will complement existing and important planning documents such as our Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans and Village Design Statements", he added.



Image: Wiltshire Council

A promotional banner for a First Bus service. The background is a stylized landscape with green hills, trees, and a blue double-decker bus on a road. The text is in blue and white. The First Bus logo is in the top right corner. The text reads: "Bath to Trowbridge & Bradford-on-Avon twice an hour catch the D1 or D1x from 8th April". In the bottom left corner, there are logos for "Funded by UK Government" and "Connecting Wiltshire".

Wiltshire Council and First Bus have launched a new service to provide faster connections between Trowbridge, Bradford on Avon and Bath. The D1x, which began last month, provides a more direct connection between the towns, using the A363 via Bradford Road, Sally in the Wood and London Road.

The new service is around 15 minutes quicker than the equivalent journey on the current D1 bus at peak times

and will run between existing D1 journeys, so passengers will benefit from faster trips and increased frequency. The service will not stop at Limpley Stoke as the railway bridge is too low to accommodate double-decker buses.

Cllr Johnny Kidney told the *Wiltshire Times* he welcomed the new service but added: "Unfortunately, we won't currently see increased frequency on the D1 timetable at Winsley and Limpley Stoke.

"However, the reduction in overcrowding on this important and popular service will at least be welcome."

Cllr Kidney also said he had been assured by Wiltshire's passenger transport team that existing D1 services are otherwise largely unaffected, apart from some minor timing tweaks that will have no adverse impact on frequency.

[Click here for timetable](#)

Wilts recycle rate down

The county's recycling rate has dropped to 40 per cent, according to the latest government data, the lowest it has been since 2010 and lower than Somerset, Dorset, and Gloucestershire, all of which have introduced separate kerbside collections of food waste, which counts towards the 'composting' element of their overall performance. (Wiltshire has since announced it will start collecting weekly food waste from August 2027.)

Wiltshire was at its peak amount of household waste sent for recycling in 2014–2015, when it reached a high of 46.5 per cent. The drop is partly due to the garden waste collection charge in 2015, according to the council.

Composting contributed 21 per cent towards its 2014/15 recycling rate but in 2022/23 this had fallen to 17 per cent.

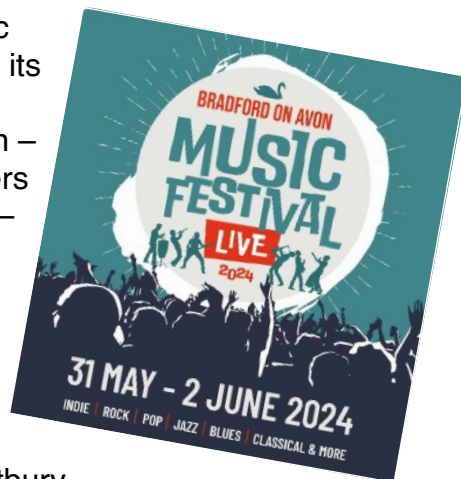
On a more positive note, Wiltshire Council won a national award earlier this year in recognition of its *Recycling – Let's Sort It* campaign.

Source: Newsquest

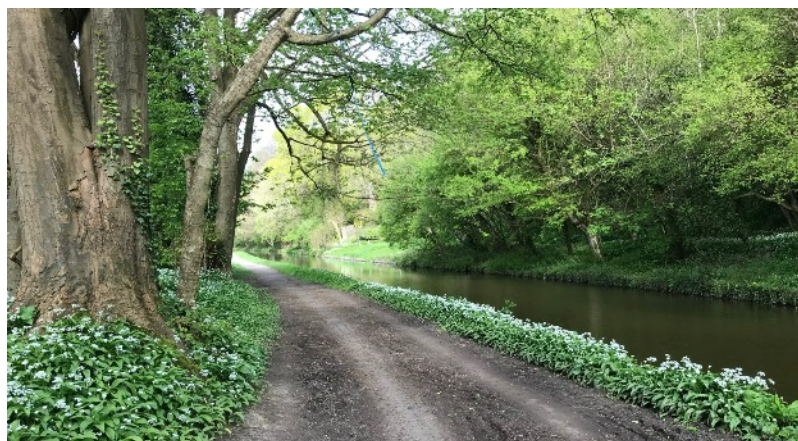
Live music festival returns

Bradford on Avon Music Festival Live is back for its second year.

Venues across the town – including festival partners Wiltshire Music Centre – will host bands and artists across the weekend from **Friday, May 31 to Sunday, June 2**. Mick Jogger & the Stones Experience are headlining the Westbury Garden stage on Saturday, June 1.



<https://www.bradfordonavon.co.uk/events/event/boa-music-festival-live/>



Visit to Devizes garden



Freshford & District Horticultural Society have organised a garden visit on **Thursday, May 16** from 2.30pm which anyone is welcome to join.

Manor Farm House at Patney, near Devizes, is an immaculate, two-acre garden designed by Michael Balston and updated by the present owners, Mark and Tricia Alsop, over the past 10 years.

The garden is divided into different areas with steps and flower borders, surrounded by yew hedging. A long border and gravel garden surround the tennis court, a formal vegetable garden with box parterres and a relaxed meadow area with mown walkways and drifts of spring bulbs. A mound gives access to spectacular views of the countryside.

Manor Farm House (postcode SN10 3RB) is about 50 minutes' drive from Freshford. Cost: £10 per person (to include refreshments). Contact jonespennyg@gmail.com to book.

Please note: there is a comfort stop located nearby at Plank's Farm, The Old Potato Yard, Lydeway, SN10 3PU.

See page 4 for more news about 'What's On' in our area

Waste and recycling

Find waste collection dates relevant to your address at <https://ilforms.wiltshire.gov.uk/WasteCollectionDays/index>; phone 0300 456 0102/email customerservices@wiltshire.gov.uk

< Wild garlic on canal towpath at Murhill (photo SB)

What's on in May

Horticultural Society

Wednesday, May 1

Freshford Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

The remarkable case of Dr Ward and other amazing gardening innovations

Abigail Willis is a freelance writer and editor with a particular interest in gardening and the arts. She is the author of several books and has written for the Evening Standard, Daily Telegraph, and The City Planter.

She will talk about how she came to write the book and discuss a few of those amazing gardening innovations, outlining the advances that changed horticulture and the landscape forever.

Members free Visitors £3.00 Everyone welcome

History Society AGM followed by Alan Dodge Memorial Lecture:

**Sir George Colebrooke MP (1729–1809)
Chairman of the East India Company
by Stuart Boydell**

Wednesday, May 22, 7.30pm

Freshford Memorial Hall

Sir George Colebrooke, 2nd Baronet, of Gatton in Surrey, was an English merchant banker, MP for Arundel from 1754–1774 and Chairman of the East India Company from 1767–1772, who effectively lit the fuse that led to the Boston Tea Party and the American Revolution. He retired to Bath and played a small but significant role in the city's social elite in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

This is the last meeting in the Society's programme until September so shared refreshments will be on offer following the talk.

Members free Visitors £3.00 Everyone welcome

Pop-up pub

**Friday, May 17, 6.30–10pm
Limpley Stoke Village Hall**

Food, drinks and live music.
Cash or card. Profits to Hop Pole campaign.

This month's menu: bangers and mash / veggie sausage option (£8) followed by fresh fruit in Perry jelly with ice cream (£3).

Email your choices to oramorish@gmail.com by **Wednesday, May 15.**

Plant Sale

**Saturday
May 18
9.30am**

**Freshford Memorial Hall
car park**

Please bring labelled plants for sale. Payment by cash only. Half the proceeds to Freshford Memorial Hall.



Garden visit to Manor Farm House, near Devizes, on Thursday, May 16 (see page 3)

Mobile library monthly visit:

**Thursday, May 9
10.00 – 10.25am**

**Uplands Close,
Midford Lane**

