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Welcome to the August edition of the Highways and Transport Newsletter

In this issue, you'll find updates on free bus travel for children this month, how to apply for a School Streets permit, and the decision to make the Calne High Street one-way system permanent. We also share recent rights of way improvements across the county and introduce a new 'follow a case' feature on MyWilts.



Free bus travel for children this month

Children aged 5 to 15 can travel for free on participating local bus services throughout August, helping families save money and enjoy more days out over the summer holidays.

The offer is part of the Government's Great British Summer Savings scheme, which aims to make family activities more affordable.

Alongside free bus travel, the scheme includes discounts on eligible children's meals, cinema and theatre tickets, and entry to participating attractions.

Check with your local bus operator for details and visit the [Summer Savings website](#) for inspiration on where your next adventure could take you.

[Find out more about Summer Savings](#)



Live in a School Streets zone? Apply for your permit

Residents and businesses located within Wiltshire Council's new School Streets pilot areas are being encouraged to apply now for exemption permits ahead of the scheme going live in September.

School Streets will be introduced at four schools from 4 September 2026:

- Aloeric Primary School, Melksham
- Fynamore Primary School, Calne
- Minster Primary School, Warminster
- Queen's Crescent Primary School, Chippenham

The pilot aims to create safer, healthier and less congested environments outside schools by temporarily restricting through traffic

at the start and end of the school day during term time.

The restrictions will be enforced using automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras. People who live or operate a business within the restricted areas may be eligible for an exemption permit and are encouraged to apply before the scheme begins.

[Find out more and apply now](#)



Calne High Street one-way system made permanent

Calne High Street will permanently remain one-way following a successful trial.

Monitoring showed reduced traffic on Wood Street and improved journey times, without significant displacement onto the wider road network.

The permanent scheme will also include vehicle weight and length restrictions on part of High Street.

Full details



Footpath improvement in Stert

We recently installed sleepers across a persistently wet section of Footpath 12, Stert (STER12). The work has improved access through an area that was often difficult to use, providing a more stable surface and making the route easier to navigate.



Improving access on footpath MFAR1

We worked with local residents, the West Wiltshire Ramblers, the Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens and the landowner to replace a stile on Footpath Monkton Farleigh 1 (MFAR1) with a Marlow self-closing gate.

The new gate improves access for people with limited mobility, as well as parents and carers using pushchairs, making it easier for more people to access St Peter's Church and use the route.



Emergency response at Granham Hill, Marlborough

Alongside planned road maintenance, we also respond to incidents where collisions, spillages or other emergencies create safety risks on the highway network.

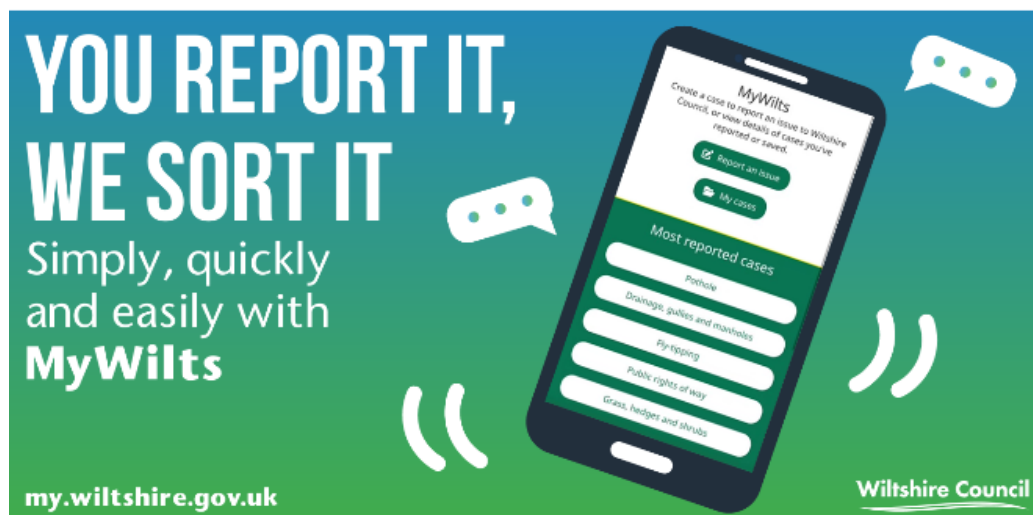
We recently responded to damage on the A345 at Granham Hill, Marlborough, following a road traffic collision which resulted in a significant diesel spill. Around 200 litres of diesel were released on to the road surface. Working with the police and recovery services, we arranged for the vehicle to be removed safely, managed traffic using temporary signals, and kept vehicles away from the affected area.

Diesel can damage asphalt by weakening the materials that bind the road surface together. In this case, the affected section had started to break up, creating a safety risk for road users.

The area was initially sanded to absorb the diesel and limit further contamination. We then resurfaced an 80-metre section of carriageway at short notice to make the site safe.

The response required close coordination between the police, our Operations Resilience Team, the Local Highways Area Manager, the Major Maintenance Team, Streetworks, MGroup and Tarmac. Operatives and machinery were diverted from planned works to complete the emergency repair.

This collaborative response helped us manage the incident safely, minimise disruption and restore the road.



Stay updated with MyWilts' new follow a case feature

We've made improvements to the MyWilts app to help you stay informed about issues in your community.

You can now follow the progress of cases reported through MyWilts, even if somebody else submitted the original report. Whether it's a pothole on your route to work, a fly-tipping incident in your area or a drainage issue near your home, you can receive updates and track progress more easily.

To follow a case, simply log in to MyWilts, select an existing case on the map and choose the 'follow' button.

Not using MyWilts yet? Join the thousands of residents already using the app to report issues including:

- Potholes
- Fly-tipping
- Drainage, gullies and manhole issues
- Public rights of way issues
- Grass, hedge and shrub problems
- Pavement and kerb issues

Find out more and download the app



Vote: ICE South West People's Choice Award 2026

Two major Salisbury transformation projects have been shortlisted for the Institute of Civil Engineers South West People's Choice Award 2026 and we need your help. The two projects are:

Salisbury River Park

An ambitious project delivered in partnership with the Environment Agency and which is designed to reduce flood risk for residents and businesses, enhance biodiversity along the River Avon, create

attractive new spaces for leisure and recreation, and is helping to make Salisbury more resilient and sustainable.

Salisbury Station Forecourt

Has transformed the station entrance into a more welcoming, accessible, and vibrant gateway to the city. It features new landscaping, stylish street furniture, improved lighting, clearer wayfinding and enhanced facilities for sustainable travel, including a new bus interchange and cycle hub.

How to vote

This award is decided by public vote. Please show your support by voting for one of these projects by 5pm on Friday 28 August. Thank you for your support.

Find out more and vote 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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