

# Limpley Stoke

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## Rogue traders operating in local area

**A** number of incidents have been recorded recently in the Bradford on Avon and Holt areas where doorstep traders have carried out unnecessary work, falsely claimed to have completed jobs, or deliberately damaged properties to make more work.

People have also been overcharged for jobs undertaken or been relieved of their hard-earned cash when nothing has been done.

In some instances, rogue traders have driven the victim to a bank or cashpoint to obtain money under duress, or bullied and victimised vulnerable consumers into having work done and paying for it.

Wiltshire Police and trading standards officers strongly advise consumers never to agree to buy anything from 'cold callers'. Anyone who has already agreed to have work done by a trader who knocked on your door may be able to cancel their contract with no further payments and could be entitled to a refund within a 14-day cooling off period.

You can report any cold calling by doorstep traders and canvassers to the police non-emergency number 101, or call Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133. If you have vulnerable and/or elderly neighbours, please keep an eye out and report anything suspicious to 101.



*Pearl, Aliya and Sean on the Galleries stall at the village fête*

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*Photo: © Sheena Broadhead*

## A36 overnight closures

The A36 is to close from 8pm to 6am for five nights this month for essential road renewal works.

The work, between **Bathampton** and **Beckington** roundabout, is due to start on the evening of **Monday, July 10** and finish on the morning of **Saturday, July 15**. Diversion routes will be in place and access for residents will be maintained.

For further information contact National Highways Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 or email: [info@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:info@nationalhighways.co.uk)

# Wiltshire home for Ukrainian family

The first Ukrainian family has moved into a new home in Wiltshire as part of a council scheme to provide support for refugees from the war. The council is using government funding to purchase 24 homes across Wiltshire to house Ukrainian families and offering further support as they take the next steps into finding their own housing and moving on from their host families.

Wiltshire has welcomed 1,450 guests into the county so far and is one of the top authorities in England for taking in Ukrainian nationals due to the war. Of the Ukrainians who have settled in Wiltshire, 173 families have now moved into private rented accommodation, while the council's Homes for Ukraine team has secured 83 re-matches with new hosts from within Wiltshire plus a further 27 who have been matched into Wiltshire from other local authorities.

Councillor Richard Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council, said: "These homes are for the families who are in desperate need. We are no doubt one of the first councils in the country to provide homes in this way.

"We know that in Wiltshire there are people looking for housing and finding it difficult. While this government funding has to be used specifically for Ukraine people now, longer term it is an investment for Wiltshire residents, providing more housing stock for the future", he added.



*Richard Clewer (left) with the family  
Photo © Trevor Porter*

**We now collect small rechargeable electricals from the kerbside**

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling

Wiltshire Council

RECYCLING Let's sort it!

The poster features icons for various items: headphones, a smartwatch, a mobile phone, a digital camera, a charging device/power bank, and a wireless earphone. A recycling bin icon is also present.

Small, rechargeable electrical items can now be recycled as part of your fortnightly kerbside collection service, including electric toothbrushes; shavers/trimmers; Smart watches; mobile phones; digital cameras; charging devices/power banks; and wireless earphones.

These items should be placed in a carrier bag next to your blue-lidded bin.

Items that will **not** be collected include any mains-powered electrical item that needs to be plugged in, or individual rechargeable items larger than a shoe box.

## Changes to kerbside recycling

Wiltshire's recycling rules have changed. Textiles and shredded paper will no longer be collected for recycling at the kerbside. Good quality reusable clothing and textiles can be taken to a charity shop, household recycling centre or clothing bank.

Shredded paper can be composted, taken to a household recycling centre or left in the general household waste bin but should **not** be put in the garden waste bin as it is unsuitable for the large-scale composting process.

## Waste collection calendar

You can find rubbish and recycling and any chargeable garden waste collection days relevant to your address by visiting Wiltshire Council's website. You can also download a printable waste collection calendar containing the same information.

<https://ifforms.wiltshire.gov.uk/WasteCollectionDays/index>

# Freshford & Limpley Stoke Fête 2023

The ever-popular event got underway last month in glorious sunshine, with a variety of fun and games on offer. The *Limpley Strokes* kicked off proceedings with some rock classics, and Kidzfun kept the youngsters entertained.

The Galleries ran a 'guess the number of jelly / coffee beans' stall, raising £55. The lucky winner of a £5 bag of jelly beans was Woody Herlinger. A café voucher went to Pat Rudd for her close guess of 2,751 coffee beans.

The fête raises much-needed funds for the two village halls and this year they will share at least £5,500. Organisers would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved.



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## Westwood road closure



Part of the C217 road in Westwood will be closed temporarily to all traffic for five days from **Monday, July 31** to enable Wales & West Utilities to carry out installation and associated works.

The road will be closed from outside property No 86A Lower Westwood for a distance of approximately 60m in a westerly direction.

For further information, phone 0845 371 5050 or visit <https://one.network/?tm=133137244>

## Limpley Stoke News

is now taking a summer break but will return in September.

If you have any suggestions for inclusion in future editions, contact me at [sheena.broadhead@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sheena.broadhead@tiscali.co.uk).



# What's on

## Bath Carnival: Sat, July 8

Free event celebrating carnival arts. Combined arts festival in Sydney Gardens, carnival procession, live bands, DJs, Super Pirates play area, local traders.

<https://www.bathcarnival.co.uk/>



## Garden Theatre Festival

Friday, July 21 – Sat, August 5

Holburne Museum gardens

Open-air theatre seating 400 guests, back for its third year. Events from children's theatre to cabaret, slapstick to Shakespeare. Something for everyone. Bring chairs, blankets, snacks, find a spot and grab a bottle from the bar.

Programme includes fire-breathing dragons, David Walliams' *Bad Dad*, *As you like it*, *Robin Hood* and *Doctor Dolittle*. Adult tickets £16. Concessions apply.

<https://www.gardentheatrefest.co.uk/>



Sunday, September 3

Grab your lead to save pets in need! Sign up now for the Wag Walk, Bath Cats & Dogs Home's annual fund-raising event. Location: event field, Claverton Down Road

<https://www.bathcatsanddogshome.org.uk/events/wag-walk>



Mobile library monthly visit:

Thurs: July 6 / Aug 3 & 31,  
10.00 – 10.25am

Uplands Close, Midford Lane

## Pop-up pub

Friday, July 21, 6.30–10pm

Limpley Stoke Village Hall

Drinks, snacks, music, and board games. This time there'll be a plate of canapés available for £3 on a first come, first served basis. And, just in case you haven't yet discovered what a reasonably priced place the pop-up pub is, there's also wine at £3 a glass and Prosecco at £4, bottles and cans of beer and cider at £3, and soft drinks at £2.

Bring cash or card. Profits towards hall.

## Horticultural Show



Freshford & District Horticultural Society Show

returns on **Saturday, September 2** at Freshford Memorial Hall.

More details in Sept News



Bookings open at 8.00am on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 1**

Full details of all 17 walks at: <https://walkbradfordonavon.org/bradford-on-avon-walking-festival/>