

Winter 2015/16

Official Cirencester Town Council Newsletter



# About Town



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# *Winter in Cirencester*



## Welcome... to Winter in Cirencester 2015/16, when

we welcomed back the traditional advent festival and switching on of the Christmas lights by TV personality Lisa Maxwell.

The main stage showcased a dazzling array of live music and performances included Curious Little Band, Cirencester Male Voice Choir, and members from local theatre school's Stagecoach, MJUK and Stage Smart.



### Gift Idea

Need a Christmas Gift Idea? How about a St. Michael's Park Tennis Card, which allows you and your household unlimited access to the tennis courts for £30 per annum during normal park hours and in the evenings by arrangement.

Contact us with the details of the recipient and we will send them a welcome pack, festively wrapped! Tennis Cards cost £30 and Tennis & More Cards £40.



### Shopping

Cirencester is full of tastefully restored courtyards, alleyways and lovely old streets with a seemingly endless number of independent shops, encouraging us all to enjoy the chance to shop and eat in the many unique venues - alongside some of the more recognisable high street names. There's also the weekly Charter Market, which is held every Friday from 9am - 3pm, which features an assortment of high quality food produce, crafts, home wares and clothing. There's also the Farmers' Market, which provides shoppers with some great locally produced food, drink and much more and is held every second and fourth Saturday of the month from 8.30am - 1pm.

#### Next markets:

**9th and 23rd January - Farmers' Market**

**8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th January - Charter Market**

For further information contact the Local Information Centre at Bingham House, 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester, Glos., GL7 2PP. Tel: 01285 655646 or Email: welcome@cirencester.gov.uk

### Public Consultation

**Cirencester Town Council is seeking comments from the public on the proposed budget and local council tax for 2016/17 and its medium term financial plan.**

In addition, the Town Council wishes to raise awareness relating to two County Council consultations on the Fire Service and Public Transport.

**(1) Cirencester Town Council Budget, Council Tax and Medium Term Financial Plan**

#### Key Features:

- Corporate expenditure to be reduced by £9,000 to £187,000.
- Office Services expenditure to be increased by £8,100 to £122,250; in part to deliver a local volunteer support



service through the information centre at Bingham House.

- Estate Services expenditure to remain unchanged at £377,700.
- Community Services expenditure to be reduced by £4,100 to £227,300; in part reflecting reduced street market and event costs.

#### Key Projects:

**In addition to the day to day services, the Town Council is investing £265,000 in a range of projects including:**

- Town Centre Regeneration: £170,000 (£88k loan repayment and £82k project, legal and highway costs).
- Amphitheatre: £2,000.
- Local Support: £40,000 (town centre cycling event and a bid to purchase land at Purley Road/Victoria Road for community/social enterprise use).
- Norman Arch and Cottage Improvements: £4,000.
- Play Equipment/Resurfacing £30,000.

#### Local Council Tax:

Due to the impact of changes in the way in which local council tax is calculated and collected, Cirencester Town Council continues to receive a local tax support grant from Cotswold District Council. In 2016/17 this grant will be £41,318.





# Your comments would be welcome:

## Public Consultation cont'd

In 2016/17, the Town Council proposes a total Band D increase of 7.85%. For a Band D household this is an increase of 75 pence per month.

2.5% (or 24 pence per month) is for maintaining day to day services and project delivery. But in order to make a bid to the County Council to purchase land for the community at Purley Road/Victoria Road, a further 5.35% (or 51 pence per month) needs to be raised.

### Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP):

The Town Council (CTC) is a proactive organisation which continuously seeks to meet the needs of the community, whether through social, economic or environmental well-being.

Over the past 6 years CTC has actively sought to improve and enhance service provision and the current MTFP is designed to maintain services at that level.

However, with financial pressures on other organisations and local service delivery CTC is aware that the community may look to us to take on more.

For example, if CTC was to take on additional services which cost an extra £25,000 this would equate to an extra £3.55 per annum based on a Band D equivalent property and would be an extra 3% on the Local Council Tax.

CTC would welcome your comments before Friday 15th January 2016; in particular, responses to the following questions:

1. Do you support CTC in maintaining local services at the current level and delivering key projects in 2016/17?
2. Do you support CTC raising the council's portion of council tax by 24p (2.5%) per month in order to do this?
3. Do you support the CTC bid to purchase the land at Purley Road/Victoria Road from the County Council for the benefit of the community?
4. Do you support CTC raising the council's portion of council tax by 51p (5.35%) per month in order to do this?
5. Would you support CTC raising the council tax beyond 2017/18 in order to deliver more services at a local level?

#### Note:

- i. please refer to the Draft Budget and MTFP document for detailed information and explanatory notes; (Latest News - Website)
- ii. the budget, local council tax and MTFP will be considered and approved by the Council at its next meeting on Tuesday 26th January 2016, 7pm at Bingham House.

## (2) Fire and Rescue Consultation – Gloucestershire County Council

The County Council is currently consulting on fire service provision. The closing date is 4th January 2016. The Town Council would encourage members of the public to visit the County Council's website in order to take part in the consultation.

[https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/emergencies/fire\\_and\\_rescue/fire\\_and\\_rescue](https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/emergencies/fire_and_rescue/fire_and_rescue)

## (3) Public Transport Survey – Gloucestershire County Council

The County Council is consulting on public funded transport. The closing date is 4th January 2016. The Town Council would encourage members of the public to visit the County Council's website in order to take part in the consultation.

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**Should any member of the public wish to pass on comments to the Town Council about the consultations, please contact us.**

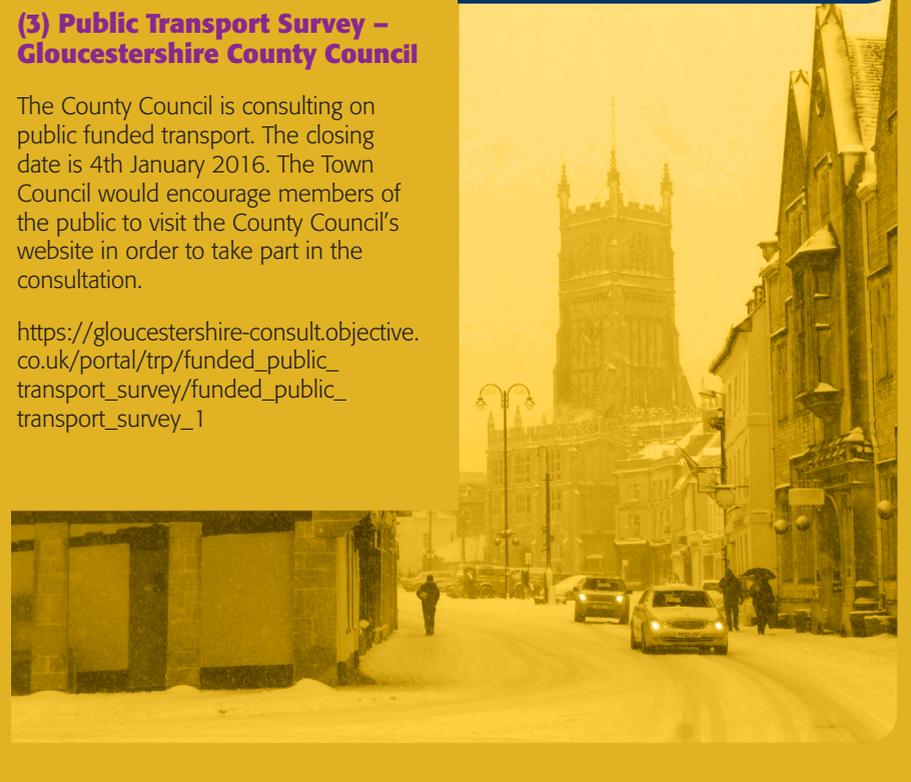
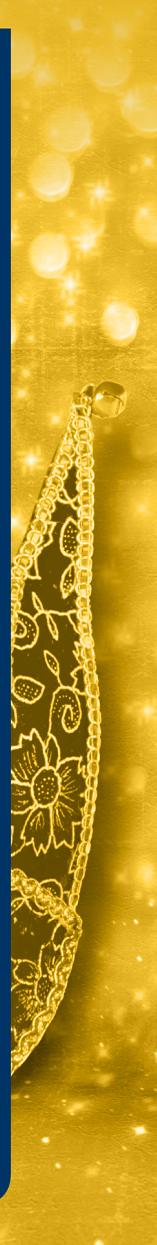
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## Waste/Recycling Services over Xmas and New Year

CDC's waste and recycling collection service provider, Ubico Ltd, will not be making collections on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. However, the crews will work on Saturday 2 January and Saturday 9 January to catch up.

The revised collection schedule will be as follows:

Normal collection date	Revised waste collection date
Friday 25 December 2015	Monday 28 December 2015
Monday 28 December 2015	Tuesday 29 December 2015
Tuesday 29 December 2015	Wednesday 30 December 2015
Wednesday 30 December 2015	Thursday 31 December 2015
Thursday 31 December 2015	Saturday 2 January 2016
Friday 1 January 2016	Monday 4 January 2016
Monday 4 January 2016	Tuesday 5 January 2016
Tuesday 5 January 2016	Wednesday 6 January 2016
Wednesday 6 January 2016	Thursday 7 January 2016
Thursday 7 January 2016	Friday 8 January 2016
Friday 8 January 2016	Saturday 9 January 2016

If you have any questions about the Christmas collections and general information about the waste and recycling services, please: visit the bins and recycling web page or contact the **CDC Waste Hotline on 01285 623123**.

### Emergency/Useful Information:

Cirencester Town Council, working with the local community and authorities, has responded to concerns with regard to increasing resilience and support and the mitigation of emergencies.

The Council has accordingly produced information leaflets to assist residents in dealing with emergencies. If you would like copies, please contact our Local Information Centre on Tel: 01285 655646, Email: [info@cirencester.gov.uk](mailto:info@cirencester.gov.uk) or visit [www.cirencester.gov.uk](http://www.cirencester.gov.uk)

Useful Telephone Numbers are on the back of this newsletter and on our website. Please note that Cirencester Town Council offices will be closed from 12 Noon on Christmas Eve and will re-open at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 4 January 2016.

## Top Tips for Colder Weather:

- Look out for friends and family who may be vulnerable to the cold and ensure they have access to warm food and drinks and are managing to heat their homes adequately.
- Try to maintain indoor temperatures to at least 18C, particularly if you are not mobile, have long term illness or are 65 or over.
- Stay tuned for weather forecasts, ensure you are stocked with food and medications in advance, have deliveries or ask a friend to help.
- Take weather into account when planning your activity over the following days.
- If eligible seek entitlements and benefits such as Winter Fuel Payments and Cold Weather Payments, which are available to some.
- If you meet the criteria register for priority service with your energy and water suppliers.
- Avoid exposing yourself to cold or icy outdoor conditions if you are at a higher risk of cold-related illness or falls
- Discuss with friends and neighbours and try to make arrangements for clearing any snowfall and ice which might form at the front of your house and walkways nearby.

### Forthcoming meetings:

Council (7pm)  
26 January 2016  
8 March 2016

Planning Committee  
(4 pm)  
14 January 2016  
11 February 2016

(Meetings are normally held at Bingham House, 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester, GL7 2PP).

### You're always welcome to join us

If you would like to attend one of our meetings or if there is anything that you have mentioned in our Newsletter that you have any comments on or would like to get involved in, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact our Local Information Centre, the details of which can be found on the back of this Newsletter.



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- Suzie Lew  
Administration Officer  
- Libby Hughes  
Local Information & Admin Officer  
- Judy Mills  
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- Clare Bartlett  
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