

23rd February 2026

AGENDA

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to a meeting of the:

Town Development Committee
to be held on
Monday 2nd March 2026 at 7pm
at the Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB

Membership:

Clr Allensby (West)	Clr Lee (Broadway)
Clr Barnes (East)	Clr Robbins (East)
Clr Davis (East)	Mr James Sullivan-Tailyour (Advisor)
Clr Jones (North) (Chairman)	Mr Matt Towl (Advisor)
Clr Keeble (West) (Vice Chairman)	Mr Len Turner (Advisor)

Copied to all other members for information.

Members of the public are warmly welcome to attend meetings of the council and its committees, unless excluded owing to the confidential nature of the business.

If you wish to contribute during public participation, please contact admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk prior to the meeting to enable this to be facilitated.

Yours sincerely



Tom Dommett CiLCA
Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

- Apologies for Absence**
To receive and accept apologies from those unable to attend.
- Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest under Warminster Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

3. **Minutes**

3.1 To approve and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 1st December 2025; copies of these minutes have been circulated and Standing Order 12.1 provides that they may therefore be taken as read.

3.2 To note any matters arising from the minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting held on Monday 1st December 2025.

4. **Chairman's Announcements**

To note any announcements made by the Chair.

5. **Questions**

To receive questions from members of the committee submitted to the Clerk in advance.

Standing Orders will be suspended to allow for public participation.

6. **Public Participation**

To enable members of the public to address the committee with an allowance of three minutes per person regarding any item on the agenda and to receive any petitions and deputations. The Chairman may read out statements submitted in advance.

Standing Orders will be reinstated following public participation.

7. **Reports from Unitary Authority Members**

To note any reports provided which are relevant to this committee.

Confidential session pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; the Council, by resolution, may exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings.

8. **Report on Youth Outreach Work (Confidential Session)**

To receive an update on the work of the Youth Outreach Workers.

End of confidential session

9. **Continuation of Detached Youth Work**

In May 2024, the council agreed to fund the provision of a detached youth work service in Warminster by Westbury and Warminster Youth Club (**see attached**). The current agreement comes to an end in June 2026.

Members are asked to recommend to Full Council that the council enter into a new agreement for one year with the intention that it should be renewed again in 2027. The cost of this year (2026/27) will be £24,000. Funding to come from the budget Youth Provision 109/4067.

10. Activities for Young People Update

The council has for some time organised activities for young people in Warminster, many of these have been provided by the Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team. Activities have included: canoeing, archery, tennis, axe throwing, wall climbing and Skatepark events. To progress these events and keep them fresh, officers have been organising

* Tennis coaching

* Wall Climbing/archery/etc

* Skatepark events

* Park Yoga (for all ages)

Members to note

11. Youth Fest Event and Roarminster

Members received an outline programme of events for 2026 at a previous meeting. A further event has been added provisionally entitled Youth Fest. Set for Saturday 11th July, this will be a day of youth-based activities in the Lake Pleasure Grounds. There will be a variety of free and paid for events. The event will showcase local community and sporting groups that involve youth people. In addition, it will mark the launch of a Dinosaur Trail. **(see attached)**.

Funding to come from 210/4085 Town Park Events.

The Dinosaur Trail would be spread round the town centre, with 5 main installations. It will attract both residents and visitors to the town who will be encouraged to explore the town centre. They are ideal for attracting social media coverage. In place for 8 weeks, (largely during the school holidays) if they attract 150 people a day into the town, that equates to 8,400 people over the summer. Even at a modest spend in shops of £20 for a family of 4, that is £42,000 extra income for local businesses. The value of the free publicity will exceed the cost of the installation. Funding to come from 107/4208 Town Centre Regeneration.

Members are asked to ratify these events.

12. Warminster Business Network

To receive an update from the Warminster Business Network.

Members to note

13. Tynings Allotments

Members to note the minutes from the meetings held on 17th September 2025 (see attached).

Operational Flood Working Group South

To receive the notes 2025 (see attached) from the meeting of the Operational Flood Working Group South 17th December 2025.

Members to Note.

14. Warminster Town Council Litter Champion

Great British Spring Clean Litter Pick 14th March 2025 10am-12 noon, meeting at the Civic Centre. Free tea/coffee/biscuit refreshments for all volunteers.

Members to note.

15. Rights of Way Volunteers

To note the updates from the Rights of Way Volunteers January 2026 (see attached).

16. Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Volunteers

To receive an update from the Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Volunteers.

Members to note

17. Town of Culture

Towns across the country can apply to enter the UK Town of Culture competition, a new Government initiative which aims to shine a spotlight on the unique contributions that towns make.

Three finalists – one small, one medium, one large town – will be chosen, with the winner crowned the ‘UK Town of Culture 2028’ and receiving a £3 million prize money to deliver a cultural programme in 2028. Two runners-up will also receive £250,000 to deliver elements of their bid.

Bidding places have until 31st March to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI), making the case for why their town is special. Relevant councils must be engaged in any applications put forward.

There are varying definitions of towns, but there are 1,186 towns in England and Wales categorised by population (5,000 to over 75,000).

Members are asked to note the current situation and to resolve whether to invite interested parties to discuss a possible future application.

18. Communications

The members to decide on items requiring a press release and to nominate a speaker for any item on the agenda if required.

Minutes from this meeting will be available to all members of the public either from our website www.warminster-tc.gov.uk or by contacting us at Warminster Civic Centre.

Date of next meeting: June 1st 2026

Report for decision Detached Youth Work - March 2026

In May 2024, the council agreed to fund the provision of a detached youth work service in Warminster by Westbury and Warminster Youth Club. An agreement was signed in June 2024. This provided for a team to go out twice a week spending a minimum of 90 minutes on the streets with a 15-minute brief before and debrief after (a 2-hour session). The scheme has run 50 weeks of the year.

Detached youth work involves engaging with young people where they choose to meet rather than being centred on a single location or building.

The cost to the town council was £11,000 which covered the wages of the youth workers and a small contribution to equipment and refreshments provided to the young people during a session.

The scheme has been a great success with good engagement from young people and excellent partnership working with local businesses, the police, schools and other agencies.

The Police and Crime Commissioner gave a grant to enable the outreach work to take place four evenings a week. This has improved its effectiveness, however, this funding was limited to six months.

The scheme was always envisaged as long term with the benefits increasing over a number of years. With this in mind and to assist in the recruitment, retention and management of appropriately trained youth outreach workers it is proposed that the council enter into a three-year funding agreement with Westbury and Warminster Youth Club.

The council would agree to the funding of typically eight hours a week youth outreach work for approximately 48 weeks a year (leaving flexibility to respond to demand) and agree to pay, subject to satisfactory performance, a sum of £23,000, in 2025/26, then £24,000 and £25,000 in subsequent years.

Recommendation – Members resolve to recommend that Full Council enter into a new agreement for one year with the intention that it should be renewed every year for a period of three years. The cost of the first year will be £23,000. Funding for the current year to come from the budget Youth Provision and Ear Marked Reserve Youth Provision.



Delivering a brighter, greener future for all

ROARMINSTER

Proposal



Author: Kevin Whitehorn, Estates Manager

Date of Publishment: 18 February 2026

Date of Report 18 February 2026

Committee

Author: Kevin Whitehorn, Estates Manager

Title: Dinosaur Trail Project

1.0 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This proposal sets out a Dinosaur Trail Project as a temporary town centre attraction designed to increase footfall, support local businesses, and enhance the vitality of Warminster town centre for the summer of 2026.
- 1.2 The project will introduce a series of dinosaur-themed installation
- 1.3 positioned at key locations throughout the town centre, creating a free, family-friendly attraction aimed at increasing visitor numbers and dwell time.

2.0 Background and Strategic Context

- 2.1 Warminster town centre, like many market towns, faces ongoing challenges including reduced high street footfall, changing retail patterns, and increased competition from online shopping and out-of-town centres.
- 2.2 To ensure long-term sustainability, the town centre must increasingly offer experiences alongside retail provision. Destination-led initiatives have proven successful in comparable towns by:
 - Encouraging families to visit
 - Increasing dwell time
 - Supporting hospitality and independent retailers
 - Enhancing civic pride
- 2.3 The proposed Dinosaur Trail aligns with Warminster Town Council's broader objectives of supporting economic development and town centre vitality.

3.0 Project Objectives

- 3.1 The Dinosaur Trail Trial aims to:
 - Increase town centre footfall during the trial period
 - Encourage visitors to explore a wider geographical area of the town
 - Support local retail and hospitality businesses
 - Improve the perception of Warminster as a family-friendly destination
 - Generate positive media and social media engagement

4.0 Project Description

- 4.1 The project will consist of:
 - Installation of approximately five dinosaur models

- Placement at strategic locations across the town centre
- A printed and downloadable trail map
- QR codes offering educational content and interactive engagement
- A completion competition (e.g., find the hidden word to enter a prize draw)
- Engagement with local businesses to host dinosaurs and offer themed promotions

4.2 Dinosaur that will be on show:

4.2.1 Service A 7.7ft high Lifesize realistic 3D T-Rex complete with plinth and cage

Power: Required

Plinth Surface size:



4.2.2 Service B – 7ft high Lifesize realistic 3D Brachiosaurus complete with plinth and cage

Power: No

Plinth Surface size:



4.2.3 Service C – 5.6ft high Lifesize realistic 3D Dilophosaurus complete with plinth and cage

Power: No

Plinth Surface size



4.2.4 **Service D** - 5ft high Lifesize realistic 3D Velociraptor complete with plinth and cage

Power: No

Plinth Surface size



4.2.5 **Service E** - 4ft high Lifesize realistic 3D Baby Triceratops complete with plinth and cage

Power: No

Plinth Surface size:



4.3 The trial is proposed to run from Saturday 11 July until 31 August

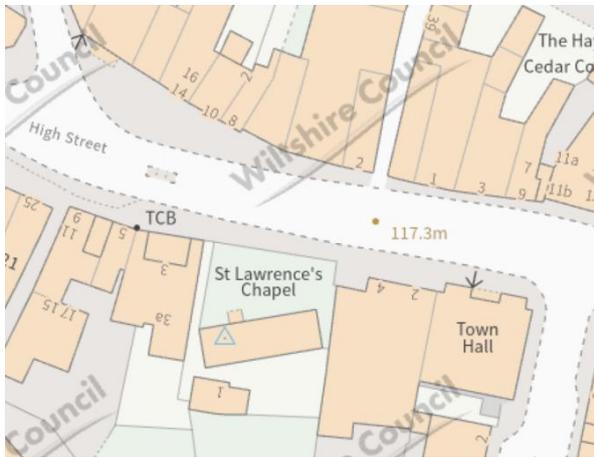
5.0 Location of the Dinosaur



5.1 Shopping Mall ///amber.ripe.magically



5.2 St Lawrence = Chapel St Lawrence

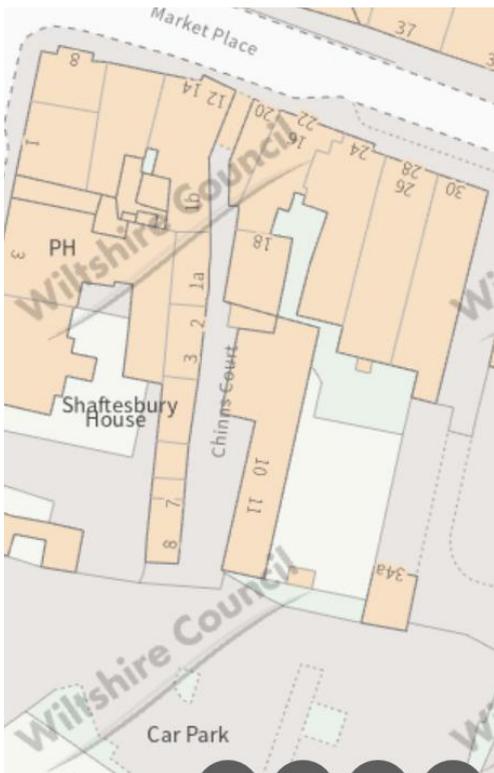


- 5.2.1 The proposed location is considered ideal for the T-Rex installation, as access to a suitable power supply is readily available.
- 5.2.2 Ian Frostick, Chair of the Feoffees and Trustees, confirmed full support for the proposal, subject to the following conditions:
- Provision of appropriate Public Liability Insurance
 - Installation of suitable bird netting protection
 - No objections or concerns raised by Highways

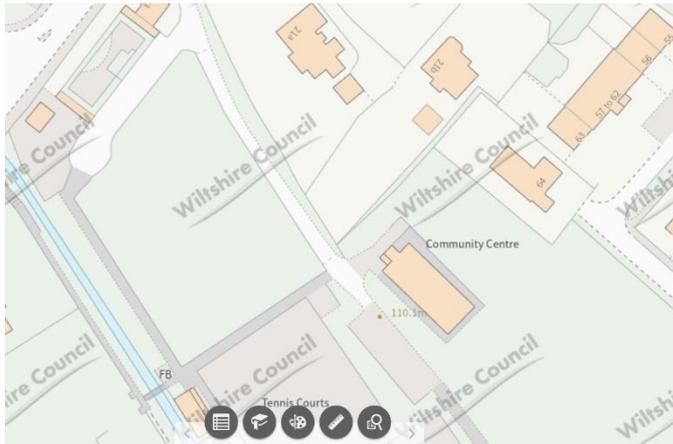
5.3 Library ///cookers.taller.rails



5.4 Chinn's Courts ///magical.syndicate.corrupted



5.5 Lake Pleasure Ground ///motoring.hobbies.hook



5.6 Economic Benefits

- Increased visitor numbers
- Extended dwell time
- Higher secondary spend in cafés, shops and services
- Opportunity for sponsorship and partnership

5.7 Community Benefits

- Free activity for families
- Educational engagement for children
- Strengthened community pride
- Positive publicity for the town

6.0 Budget Estimate (Indicative)

Item	Estimated Cost
Dinosaur hire	£5,160.00
Installation & transport	£1,530.00
Competition prizes	£250.00
Total Estimated Budget	£6,940.00 plus VAT

6.1. Potential funding sources may include:

- Sponsorship from local businesses

6.2 If the trail attracts 150 people a day into the town, that equates to 8,400 people. At a modest spend in shop of £20.00 based on family of four = £42,000.00.

7.0 Marketing Strategy

7.1 Promotion will include:

- 7.1.1 Social media campaign via Town Council channels
- 7.1.2 Press releases to local media
- 7.1.3 Posters and flyers
- 7.1.4 Engagement with local schools
- 7.1.5 Business-led cross promotion
- 7.1.6 Banners on the lamppost

7.2 A launch event will coincide with a Warminster Town Council Event on Saturday 11 July which will be held in the Lake Pleasure Ground.

8.0 Risk Management

8.1 Identified risks include:

- 8.1.1 Vandalism or damage
- 8.1.2 Adverse weather
- 8.1.3 Lower-than-expected participation

8.2 A full risk assessment will be prepared prior to implementation.

9.0 Monitoring and Evaluation

Success will be evaluated through:

- Footfall data (where available)
- Feedback from local businesses
- Participation numbers (competition entries)
- Social media reach and engagement
- Visitor feedback surveys

A post-project report will be presented to Council to determine future viability.

10.0 Action Points

- 10.1.1 Arrange a meeting with Wiltshire Council to discuss the proposed location outside the library.
 - 10.1.2 Consult with Wiltshire Council Highways to confirm that there are no objections or issues in relation to the proposed location.
 - 10.1.3 Confirm that the appropriate level of insurance cover is in place.
 - 10.1.4 Arrange a meeting with the Mall to agree the final location.
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Tynings Allotments
Committee Meeting
The Pavilion
Wednesday 17th September 2025

Minutes of Meeting

1. Apologies

Mike Forward (Chairman); Cllr Kirkwood (Warminster Town Council);

David Butler stood in as Chairman for the meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting Wednesday 20th August

These were accepted as true account and signed by acting Chairman.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Treasurer's Report

August was quite a busy month with £1431 for rent and subscriptions received. Donations for the pavilion were £105. Bacon butty mornings took £100 Income totalled £1,636.75. Expenditure totalled £1,842.92. This included £559.27 electricity and NSALG was £805.00. There was a small deficit of £206.17 but cumulatively the picture is fine.

Community Account funds hold £2602.54. Premium £13,417.01. Cash in cashbox £1,811.88. Total cash £17,831.43. Accruals remain £500 for water costs which may not be required and £800 for the raised beds. Net assets are £16,431.43

5. Plot Manager's Report

Jim gave a report on the plots that were available to rent. Jim was going to let the plots at the end of the current period so that invoices would be for the full year. Turnover of plots was steady at the moment.

6. Correspondence

- Tree Preservation Order – The Secretary had received a letter from Wiltshire Council confirming the TPO for the oak tree on the boundary of the allotments and King Street.
- Oak Tree Mr DP – secretary to write a letter confirming that Tynings cannot control the weeds on the border or rats which were found everywhere. Plot holders remained responsible for their own plots in this regard.

7. Maintenance

- Raised beds

All the steel is arriving next week. The timber is coming from Sydenhams. The committee has been helping to remove weeds from the beds.

The middle bed is being used. Jim will let the plot holders know.

- Security cameras

The camera positions have been altered to make it easier to pick up the car parks. One of the camera picks up the sheds. These are in better positions now.

- Security lighting

David Butler is recommending a solar panel street lamp at a cost of £20. They need to be placed on a pole. 20ft poles are around £40-£50. The idea would be to put a pole up which shines back towards the pavilion as this is where most of the break-ins are currently taking place.

DB also planned to put one on his plot personally which will shine towards the pavilion.

The committee agreed £100 for a trial of these lights.

Proposed by JH, Seconded DB, voting unanimous in favour.

8. AGM Thursday 25th September

Everything was in order for the AGM. No correspondence had been received and no-one had asked to stand on the committee. All publicity was in order.

9. Events:

- Harvest Festival Saturday 25th October

10. AOB

The website is WordPress. Last updated in 2023. We need access to the website. DB will check to see if there is historical access. There is some drone footage which could look fabulous on the website.

JH and CB discussed security and wanted the committee to have codes for the gate to unlock and close the gates. People with chickens come at any time and some people arrive very early. It was decided to discuss this at a later date.

Operational Flood Working Group - South Notes

DATE 17 December 2025 – 10:00 – 12:00

Warminster Civic Centre/Teams

1.	Welcome and Introduction - Chair
2.	Update from statutory agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EA – Weather warnings advising up to 50ml although the threat of drought has not gone away. Requesting town and parish let them know of flooding occurs. Ensure flood plans are in place, gullies, critical ditches cleared, householders prepared.• Still waiting for the update on flood funding from central government.• Aware groundwater levels rising, warnings in place for Dorset, nothing as yet for Wiltshire• Completed PLP in Shrewton additional work for Britford. <p>Wessex Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charlotte now on maternity leave, any queries contact Frederica <p>Wiltshire Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two new staff members, Harry McCall who some of you may know from Highways and Souya Barton from the private sector.• PEAS has been withdrawn as part of the savings due to budget. Contact drainage team if need details of our suppliers.• Natural Flood Management - Scheme to enable town and parishes to look at possibilities of NFM. Walking of catchment and report from Wiltshire Wildlife. £250 per day Wiltshire Council will subsidise 50% of the cost. May benefit smaller communities working together.• Pilot scheme to enable town and parishes to close roads is on hold due to legal issues needing to be resolved. Will update OFWG as and when resolved.• Once we know how central funding for flooding works, we will circulate the information via the OFWG group.

3. **Actions from Last Meeting**

- Salisbury park just needs finishing off
- Wiltshire Council's overview of policies concerned with planning and drainage ongoing.
- Enford – landowners not allowing us to enter their land.
- Shrewton – junctions on High Street being looked at
- Warminster – flood group reinstated. Town council supporting funding from Wessex Water to reduce surface water run off around Boreham Road. Vicky Farwig was looking at the water management plan – Danny to chase
- Laverstock & Ford – Danny met on site, Graham Axtell undertaking work around Ford gullies.
- Netton Street, Bishopstone – continued flooding. Consulted with Dave Button, Richard working in the south this week and will look at critical outfalls, awaiting report. Landowner not responding to letters and requesting Wiltshire Council take this on. Continuous complaints being received from residents – the field is the main issue.

4. **Town and Parish Agenda items and updates**

Hindon – Frank

- Requesting AO plans – Renate to source
- Asking if under the bridge can be dug up, advised this is resource heavy and expensive – undertaken as needed.
- Groundwater rising slightly.

Teffont

- Issues of surface water run off from agricultural land. Dave B waiting for grips to completed. If needs formalisation drainage team will need to take this on.
- Resident offered some flood barriers to Chippenham TC to deflect water, they have not responded. Would the council be interested?
- Advised we pass this information onto the duty engineers if this is something they could use.
- Mike advised they are not as a rule used by the EA nationally.

Shrewton

- Over the summer the river banks have cracked leaving residents concerned and facing large bills for repairs. Advise contact Jim Riverfrod. Residents have been in

contact with the EA to see what is needed and found it unhelpful. Guidance notes are on line, may be worth seeking advice from Wiltshire Wildlife.

- If works are on non-main river, consent will be needed from Wiltshire Council.
- Parish requesting a visit, advised to email information in re properties affected to Danny

Orcheston

- Steve been in touch with parish clerk re a possible PLP scheme requesting information to enable the process to begin. Unsure of when EA will be able to carry this out, but gathering the information requested and sending to Steve is the first step.

Britford

Highway scheme – to be discussed outside of meeting.

- Concerns raised by residents as one household is having a new septic tank installed. Danny advised this is part of a project where householders could apply for a replacement. Down to individual householder to apply this has been mentioned at previous OFWG meetings.
- First time sewage system for Britford – householder would need to apply jointly to Wessex water and this would determine the cost and also viability.

Parish?

- Concerns raised re planning application being approved on land that floods, no mitigation measures or flood risk assessment. Triple SSSI site. Been chasing EA and Natural England since March. Mike to investigate

Pitton & Farley

- Ditches cleared at the weekend. EA camera working. Groundwater rising within normal levels, although 1 blocked gully reported outside Pitton School, reported on MyWilts but no response.
- No response received re legal position of syphon, no landowner agreement found. Advised we would need to pay the landowner to work in his field, we declined.
- Advised build up of silt under bridge.

Kennet Valley

- Gully clearance completed, requesting additional work in Lockeridge.
- Water levels and low flow, lots of muddy pools.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thames water undertaking sealing of network, advised to check if this was only their carrier pipes or would it include all the pipes. Wessex water did a similar scheme in the Tilshead catchment relining 70% of the network including non carrier pipes. <p>Bishopstone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns raised about the western expansion of Warminster which impacting on water levels and flooding. More flood plain storage is being removed in theory new development should reduce the risk due to the sequential testing. Nicola asked to invite Bishopston to the Warminster flood group meeting
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salisbury journal reporting that 81 flood defences in the area were sub standard. Advised the proposed changes to flood funding will target maintenance of these defences. • Suggestion that we move to purely on line meeting due to sound issues, no issues at this meeting, keep under review. • Reminder to town and parishes to ensure flood/emergency plans are up to date.
6.	<p>Date of next meeting – 18 February 2026</p>

NIGEL LINGE - MONTHLY SUMMARY OF VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR SALISBURY PLAIN RIGHTS OF WAY VOLUNTEERS (SPROWV), WARMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL, LONGLEAT & SELF AS AT 28 JANUARY 2026

Examples of Tasks		
<p>A very wet month preventing major signing tasks. However, John Lippiatt conducted sign recce to the W & NW of Netheravon airfield for MoD & is consolidating reports of fallen & damaged signs on The Plain. I managed to repair two fallen signs & concentrated on clearance work at Warminster Common with Ide Verde & on Longbridge Deverill 15 with the Ramblers. We finished cleaning nestboxes @ Cop Heap Memorial Wood & inserted more giving a total of 26 predator proof boxes. Sadly, another objection from a serial objector on the Corsley 7 diversion has no merit but could hold that up for another year.</p>		
Warminster 53 Before	Westbury 27 Before	Rotten Warminster Common Gate
		
Warminster 53 After	Westbury 27 After	Donated Gate Replacement
		
Longbridge Deverill 15 After Day 1	Warminster 85 Steps "Blower Swept", branches cleared.	Warminster 50 "Blower Swept"
		

Month	Admin & Maint. (Hrs)	Volunteer Practical (Hrs) Liaison, Research, Preparing Briefs, Signing, Mowing, Clearing	Total Hrs
April 25	22	77	99
May 25	24	126	150
June 25	48	122.5	170.5
July 25	45	93.5	138.5
August 25	40.5	151.5	192
September 25	45	129	174
October 25	30	124	154
November 25	27	92	119
December 25	22.5	59.5	82
January 26	18	87	105
Financial Year	322	1062	1384

Nigel

Nigel D Linge MBE,

Team Coordinator for SPROWV & Rights of Way Advisor to Warminster Town Council & Longleat Estate.

Additionally extracts from early February activity for Town Development:

26 Hrs clearing mud off Smallbrook Lane. I will sweep with the leaf blower when dry.

5 Hrs removing & disposing of 20 feet of fallen hedge on WARM 36 (Chancellery Lane).

2 Hrs making & inserting a permissive bridleway sign at Shearwater car park.



Plus :

10 Hrs preparing & delivering support for the proposed WARM94 from Woodcock Gardens to Boreham Road.

6 Hrs identifying & reporting the cause of long-standing flooding problems on footpath WARM22 beside Shanley's private access road to Wiltshire Council.

5 Hrs reviewing the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.