



**Chippenham  
Town Council**

Improving  
the quality  
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# Welcome

## Chippenham Town Council

Working to improve the quality of  
town life

### Our mission:

- A vibrant town centre
- A sustainable environment
- Neighbourhood and community benefits





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# About us



We're one of the national network  
of 23 'super councils'

Precept £1.8m

Turnover £3m

This equates to £3.01 a week for an  
average Band D home

24 elected councillors representing  
eight wards

57 staff (27 FTE)

Serving a town of 45,000 residents





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## Providing for our communities – our services, facilities and amenities

- Town Hall
- Neeld community and arts centre
- Stanley Park sports ground
- Chippenham Museum and Heritage Centre
- The Town Hall
- John Coles Park
- SplashPad
- London Road Cemetery
- Community and visitor information
- Eight community play areas
- Six allotment sites
- Top up street cleaning
- BMX track





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## We also maintain a range of amenities and facilities for the community

- Yelde Hall
- Maintain the millennium wall
- Maintain the Sustrans rivers route cycle path
- Maintain Westmead open space and recreation ground
- Derriads Pond
- Maintain the War Memorial
- Town centre CCTV
- Christmas festive lights
- Bus shelters
- Chewing gum removal
- Maintain Monkton Park and Timber Street public toilets
- Flower beds and hanging baskets across the town







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## Neeld Community and Arts Centre

- 5 years planning
- 6 months building
- £705,000 improvements including retractable tiered seating, new bar, air conditioning, professional sound and lighting equipment



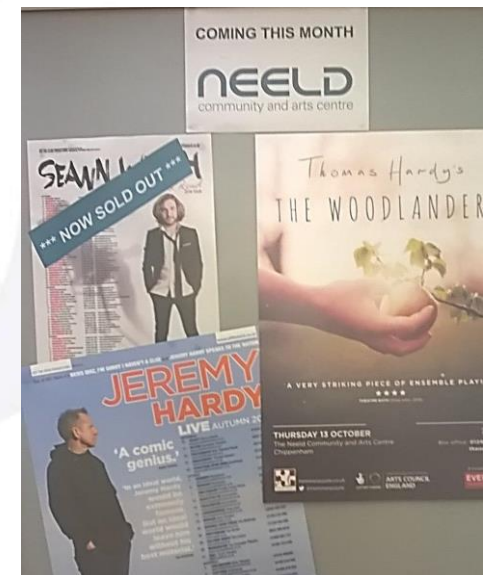


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## Neeld Community and Arts Centre

- Opened Oct 2015 by GBBO's Mel Giedroyc
- First professional show season launched with West End show, Showstopper! The Improvised Musical
- Offers high quality, fully serviced centrally located venue for community hires, weddings, wedding receptions, private parties and hires, conferences, fairs.







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## EMPOWERING STAFF

Ideas from staff put into action:

- MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Crochet classes in foyer
- Dementia Friends training







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**GIVE STAFF THE TOOLS THEY NEEDS TO DEVELOP**

Work on organisations culture to aid integration  
of new staff into team

Out of the box approach to training and  
development





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## Community engagement and partnership working

- Purple Flag success – national recognition of our night time economy



Chippenham is one of only 64 town and city centres awarded Purple Flag accreditation



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## Community engagement and partnership working

- Purple Flag weekend



ENTE VENUES  
ENTERING INTO THE  
FUN



even the Town Hall went purple





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## Community engagement and partnership working

- Schools engagement



Schools Councils come to  
the Town Hall and hold their  
meeting just like our Full  
Council



Michelle Donelan Member of  
Parliament for Chippenham joins  
some of the groups



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## Community engagement and partnership working

- Commonwealth Day - partnership event with 9 Logistics Regiment







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## Community engagement and partnership working

Community roadshows – meet your  
councillors and have your say



You need to go to where  
your residents are





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## Town Councillors engagement and partnership working

Future bringing big changes

### Devolution

Town expansion

Important for Councillors to get out  
and see how other towns are  
managing; fresh ideas for new projects



IVY HOUSE FISHING  
LAKES Royal Wootton  
Bassett



CORN EXCHANGE THEATRE Newbury



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## Ask a busy woman

- Wiltshire SLCC Clerks County Mentor
- NALC Larger Councils Committee
- Devolution working party
- NALC Legal User Group
- NALC Super Council Network review







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## Ask a busy woman

- Represented the Super Council network at Parliamentary receptions and meeting with DCLG over Precept referendum principles







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Why do I do it?



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This is why I do it







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It's all about giving our communities  
the best opportunities possible

