

## LOOKING BACK ON 2024

As Chair of West Swindon Parish Council, I reflect on 2024 with pride in what we've achieved:

- continue the work to keep West Swindon clean and green
- installation of a new ball court at Bess Road play area
- maintaining 21 play areas
- planting and maintenance of 37 vibrant floral planters in 17 locations
- birthday celebrations at Rivermead Skate Park
- commemoration of Remembrance
- the installation of four new defibrillators with bleed kits.

As we look to 2025, we remain committed to supporting residents and enhancing services in West Swindon..



Cllr Rose  
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### Projects and Continuous Improvements:

- New fencing to enhance open spaces.
- Clearing moss, leaves and debris from local footpaths.
- The team finished off the annual hedge trimming.
- Empty and maintain over 200 bins and remove fly-tipping.
- All year long, Councillors and residents litter picking efforts.
- Benches repaired and refreshed.

### Play Area Revamps:

- New kickabout at Bess Road play area, doubling its functionality.
- Trampoline replaced at Mead Park and a new slide installed at The Chesters.
- The zip wire at Camden Close was repaired.

### Family Fun and Learning:

- A WSPC grant to BEST enabled a free children's multi-sports session at Freshbrook Community Centre in October.
- Families enjoyed our tractor display and outdoor games at Primary School Summer Fetes.

### New Website:

- A new and improved Parish Council website.

### Grants:

- WSPC grants went to Peatmoor Angling Club, Swindon Hardship Fund, Swindon Storyshed, West Swindon Family Project and Friends of Lydiard Park.







### Planting for the Future:

- March brought an eco-boost with **251** saplings planted in Toothill Park as part of the Trees for Climate Change initiative.
- Wildflower daisies bloomed along Mead Way.
- Path edging and pavement clearing efforts transformed community walkways, keeping them accessible for all.



### Rivermead Wheels Park Anniversary:

- September celebrated the track's second year with fun activities.

### Creative Endeavours:

- Murals Project: Check out West Swindon's first commissioned subway mural by Jaksta Art at Rivermead. More subway art to follow in 2025!
- Stunning new metal sculptures created in-house and displayed at Freshbrook Village Centre.
- The iconic horse sculpture on Cartwright Drive had a makeover.
- Christmas installations at village centres.



### Defibrillators and Bleed Kits:

- WSPC collaborated with Shaw Village businesses – Bleu Beauty, Richard James, and Shaw Chiropractors – to jointly fund a new defibrillator at Holy Trinity Church.
- WSPC funded defibrillators and bleed kits at the Woodlands Edge Pub in Peatmoor and at The Hub in Toothill.
- Swindon Lions generously donated £2,000, sponsoring a defibrillator at Delta Tennis Centre.



### Tributes and Remembrance:

- The Parish Council was proud to pay respect to the armed forces for Remembrance Day with the installation of new Tommy figures at our village centres. The displays were crafted by the Parish Team from recycled materials.



### IN 2025 WSPC WILL BE WORKING ON...

- A new tranquility garden in Westlea.
- New play improvements at Shaw Ridge.
- WestFest, an exciting new murals project.
- A new history project at Lydiard Park.
- A new outdoor club at Rivermead wheels track.





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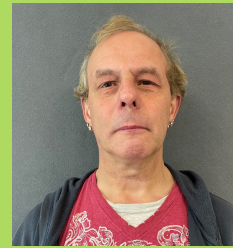
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## Mental Health Support

### **Samaritans**

Call free 116 123

### **NSPCC Childline**

Call free 0800 1111

### **Domestic Abuse**

In an emergency call 999  
Advice line 01793 610610

### **Papyrus for U35's**

Call Free 0800 068 4141  
Text: 88247

### **CALM** (5pm - midnight)

Call free 0800 58 58 58

### **Young Minds 24/7**

Text SHOUT to 85258

## **Wiltshire Police**

Emergency 999    Non-emergency 101

### **Swindon Borough Council**

01793 445500

### **Citizen's Advice Bureau**

0344 499 4114

### **Report a Power Cut**

Call free 105

### **Floodline**

Call free: 0345 988 1188

### **Do You Smell Gas?**

Call free 0800 111 999 immediately