

## **CRIS**

A group of the young people who have been working with the CRIS project gave a very professional presentation to the Council, showing how they feel about Axbridge, the areas they've looked at, and suggesting some great ideas for how things could be improved for them in the future. A full report from the CRIS project is expected in April.

## **Christmas**

The annual Christmas in the Square event was a great success, even minus the braziers which sadly were stolen shortly before Christmas. Hopefully they'll be back in place for the next one.

## **Youth Club**

Now that access to the Youth Club via Station Road has been secured, more good news. The Youth Club is already partially open, and is being used by the Adventure Club and the Axbridge Sports Group. It is expected to be fully open again shortly. Refurbishment work is also planned, which will include providing proper disabled access.

## **Refuse Collection**

It was felt that a lack of information had been available over the Christmas period about refuse collection dates and services, not helped by the fact that incorrect information was printed in the press. Refuse collection information can be found both on the Town Hall notice board, and at [www.recyclesomerset.info](http://www.recyclesomerset.info).

Complaints have been made about the state of the Recycling Area which District Councillor Liz Scott is to report back on to SDC.

## **Parking**

Due to the continued abuse of the parking regulations in West Street & High Street, the Police have had no option but to enforce the rules more rigorously. More tickets have been issued recently, and the situation has improved somewhat. However repeat offenders will be prosecuted! You have been warned....

A petition was received from residents of West Street & High Street with regards the decision to remove a stretch of permitted parking there. Several members of the public also addressed the Council on the issue. Due to Council procedures, the decision of the Council cannot be overturned within 6 months of it having been made. However the final change will require a Traffic Regulation Order from Somerset Highways. This will be published for public consultation in the press (including the Cheddar Valley Gazette) and on site on Thursday 26th January 2006 giving a 21 day period for members of the public to comment/object. It was agreed that the residents' objections & petition be passed on to Somerset Highways.

Parking in the Town continues to be an issue, and the Town Council continues to seek solutions. **Your ideas are welcomed.**

## **Parish Plan**

After much meticulous analysis of all the quantitative and qualitative data received, a draft Parish Plan has been produced. It was reviewed by Councillors, and was ratified. A public meeting will be held in the Town Hall during the 4<sup>th</sup> February Farmer's Market, and also in May, to continue the process of public consultation, and to work on an action plan for progress in the future.

## **Chamber of Commerce for Axbridge**

The inaugural meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is to be held on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The need of a Chamber of Commerce is just one of the issues raised in the Parish Plan. Businesses and traders from the town will be invited to attend and to help with getting this group up and running. If you can't attend but are interested, or would like to get involved - please contact the Town Clerk or Councillor Hamblin.

## **Bus Shelters**

Work on the new proposed bus shelters in Houlgate Way and Old Church Road, with raised kerbs & shelters, is due to start towards the end of this month and should be completed in around 14 days.

## **Changing Room Manager**

Due to the resignation of the current manager, we are in need of a new Changing Room Manager & Groundsman. Some training will be provided. Anyone interested should apply to the Town Clerk.

## **Has Anyone Seen Our Cones?!**

Three of the cones used to prevent parking in the square for the Farmer's market and other events have mysteriously vanished....so if you happen to come across one...

## **Make yourself heard!**

Your attendance at Town Council meetings can make a difference. You can speak for up to 3 minutes on any town-related matter or agenda item. Your views and suggestions are always welcome.

**Date of next meeting : Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006**

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Any elector, who wants information, or has any issue to put before the Council should contact:

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