

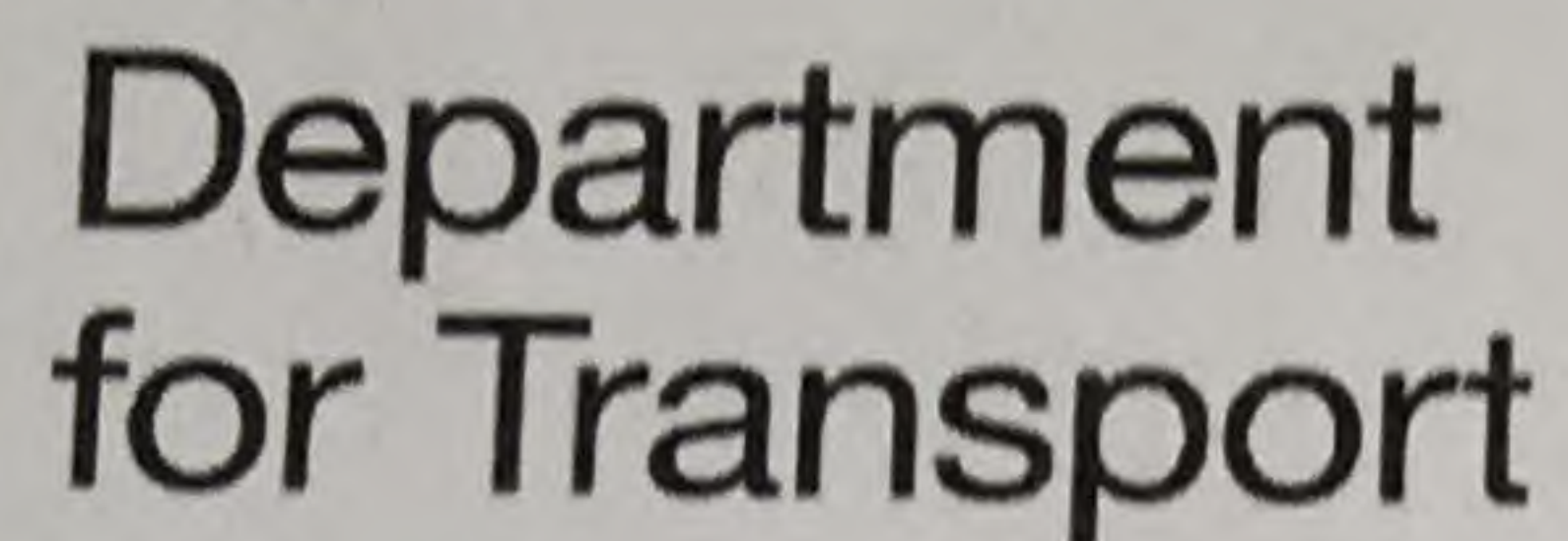
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Whoever passed planning permission for Amazon Way houses must have realised that homeowners have children who need schools. Who wants to get the car out when the Tesco store is a short walk away over the railway line or to visit friends. The railway bridge by Railway Inn walkway is narrow and negotiating the Bridge roundabout to cross road for station is dangerous. The Railway Bridge over the line has a 7.5 T weight limit it has never been repaired one day it will fall down. The other morning there were a number of 8 year olds unaccompanied scooting down past the Railway Inn to primary school. When Leigh Park Housing estate was built along mane way and through the Oldfield cul de sac a Bridge over the Railway Line was promised. The Council has never shown any interest in promoting Westbury safety or interest. Despite given us an incinerator and rapidly increasing Trading Estate that is separated from the town with a 7.5T limit bridge in between and lorries etc travelling around the A350.





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# Councillors question pedestrian bridge idea for Spinnaker estate

by White Horse News — January 5, 2022

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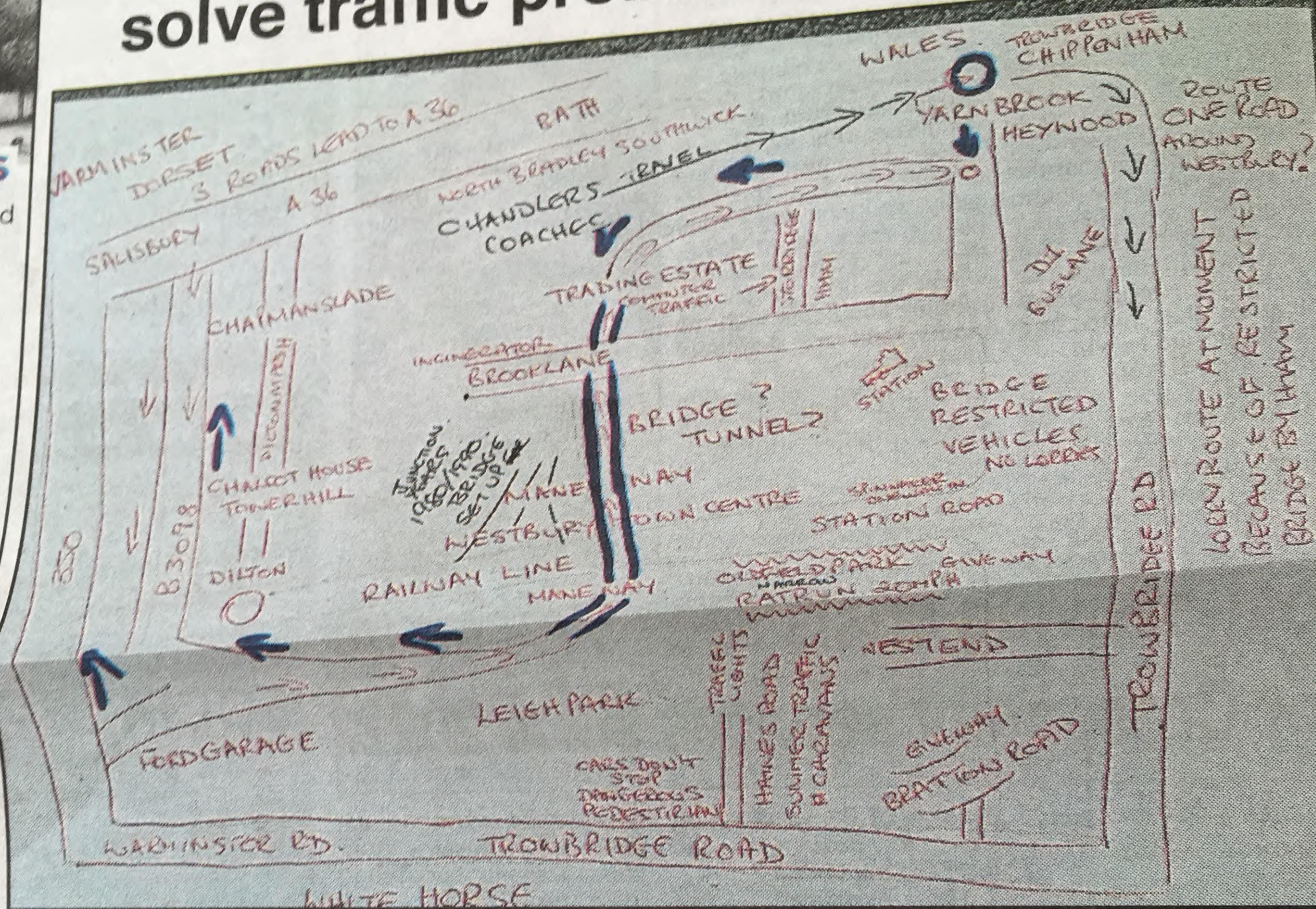
**WESTBURY** town councillors have questioned an idea put forward by one of their councillors, to construct a pedestrian bridge from Mane Way over the railway lines to the Spinnaker Estate. This would be an alternative to the current plans that would see a road bridge built to help alleviate traffic in the area.

In a draft letter to Wiltshire Council, cllr Sheila Kimmins suggested that plans for a pedestrian





# A bridge over the railway line solve traffic problems in the town



Dear Editor,

Please see the attached schematic drawn plan and how useful a new bridge would be. At the moment, traffic movement is restricted within the Westbury borders. A good example of this is the Bratton Road traffic changes.

When designing new routes or a plan for Westbury roads, you cannot just wait for them to bed in. For Westbury, you have to look beyond the initial problem. A bridge over the railway line would solve the following problems:

1. The old railway bridge from The Ham to the town centre is weight restricted to lorries - they have to go out onto the Trowbridge Road, but then

they are forced through the West End and Haines Road, which is further exacerbated in the summer by caravans going to the coast. A bus lane has been introduced by the railway bridge to keep connectivity timings for passengers, which is sometimes used as a rat run.

2. Oldfield Park has a rat run which is the road which leads out of Leigh Park towards Station Road and is hampered by give-way signs, 20 mph zone and a narrow road which sees a huge traffic queue in the morning for commuters trying to get to work at the trading estate and beyond. Traffic lights at the railway entrance (which is four-way traffic) failed the

other week, which meant that motorists had to go through red lights as the traffic quickly reached the roundabout at Rosedale Way/ Station Road.

3. In recent weeks, there have been cases of refuse lorries catching fire because residents have wrongly recycled their batteries in household waste. We need to have viable routes for fire engines in an emergency, especially for Oldfield Park, as having them circle around town is not the answer. Spinnaker residents complain about commuter traffic and who can blame them when there are two old bridges; one under, one over, a weird small roundabout accessing the railway station and one entry point into the estate

because the traffic can't see around a corner may cause a crash if it is a queue. Somehow this does not ring true. They are proposing development on Sand Lane, which means the Warminster Road by the head Lane will be potentially safe going from the vision restricted down hill to The Old Be Old Dilton Road and would assume so impedes traffic flow that development is built onto the War Road.

Mayor Mike said that in Issue M "Which will no doubt confuse the minds of the residents there that they be living next to a road."



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Proposed bridge over Westbury railway

### Bridge works before a bypass

Dear Editor,

I thank the White Horse News for publishing Claire Kingston's helpful proposal for a bridge over the railway to ease traffic in Westbury. As Claire has written, this is not at all new. As Claire points out, it has previously been planned around. At this stage, I think that it could be confusing to get into the details of Claire's suggestion. It is the basic concept which matters.

I offer some recollections about the curious Westbury Station Road over-bridge weight limit, which was imposed by Wiltshire Council to make calculated traffic improvement statistics for its eastern Westbury bypass scheme seem to be better than they would actually have been. The station over-bridge had been principal way for HGVs for the

Westbury trading and industrial estates. Then, as if coincidentally, in conjunction with Wiltshire Council's progression of its eastern bypass project, came news that this bridge may have deteriorated beyond its ability to carry heavy vehicles. Various signs went up. The eastern bypass subsequently foundered with all hands at the 2008 public inquiry. The weight limit on the Station Road over-bridge has peculiarly remained. It forces HGVs to go a longer way, inclusive of having to go through the town, obviously causing all-round environmental harm.

Years on and this 'weak bridge' has not been resolved. I accuse Wiltshire Council of acting against Westbury by avoiding progressing strengthening this bridge, for Wiltshire Council's own reasons which

I suspect include attempting to resurrect its counterproductive eastern bypass project.

I recall various detail complications, which should have been resolved by now, which are relatively irrelevant in the context of the deplorable situation which has gone on for so long.

From reading the White Horse News, I believe that Wiltshire Council has been giving us all an impression that an implausible big new highway project is the only way to get traffic relief for Westbury. I have observed that viable improvements over the current situation, inclusive of obvious bridge works, are not being progressed. I do not like Wiltshire Council for this.

John Bowley,  
Warminster

Dear Editor,

I refer to the letter regarding the proposed bridge over the railway at Westbury. I understand that this proposed bridge was part of a Section 106 planning obligation, when planning permission for Leigh Park was granted in 1996 (hence the road to nowhere).

The developer, Persimmon, had to pay a considerable amount towards the construction of this

bridge. About 15 years ago, I think it was stated that construction could not proceed until the other side was developed and the developers would also have to contribute towards the cost. Now Spinnaker Park is nearly finished, so one would assume that work could now commence. Was the Persimmon contribution ring fenced in 1996? If not, what has happened to the money?

Pamela Thomson

Council reminds people that batteries

WESTBURY  
CHURCHES



# Residents seek change over traffic calming measures on Oldfield Road

**WESTBURY** Town Council says that although there are no current plans to change or improve the current

measures on Oldfield Road, residents who have concerns about the road layout should make their views known.

Residents have said that following an increase in traffic in the area over the years, the road often sees a lot of traffic congestion as the traffic islands and speed bumps, which are designed to slow cars down and make the area safer for pedestrians, create more traffic congestion at peak times. Residents have also said that many cars simply drive through the gaps in the middle of the road, to avoid going over speed bumps so they don't have to slow down.

Westbury Mayor, cllr Mike Sutton, is encouraging anyone who has issues with the traffic calming measures to contact the town council so councillors can discuss the issue and bring it to the attention of Wiltshire Council. But he says that a majority of residents would need to support any plans before they can take them to Wiltshire Council.

He said, "The traffic calming measures in Oldfield Park were put in place

by Wiltshire Council some years ago in response to concerns from residents about the speed and volume of traffic in the area, particularly through traffic.

"It is recognised that due to constant wear and tear they may no longer be such a deterrent and whether they need to be repaired, removed or other measures put in place, that would be a decision made by Wiltshire Council.

"The town council will respond to views or suggestions put forward by residents and through the highways, planning and development committee to make a case for new measures or even removal and ask Wiltshire Council to consider the request.

"In the past, there has not been unanimity amongst residents as to suggested measures and for the town council to take this forward, there would need to be a majority for whatever is proposed. At present, there has not been any approach from interested parties to consider any changes or renewal.

"It would be difficult for the town council to request Wiltshire Coun-

cil to replace or renew without strong evidence it had favour amongst the majority."

Debbie Ashford, who lives on Oldfield Road, said, "I imagine that when the traffic calming measures were first introduced, it may have seen some success. But that whole area has changed in the 20 years since then and there is now so much traffic.

"The situation for many

years has been that cars simply ignore the speed bumps and drive directly through the gaps, completely negating the traffic calming measures. I think this whole stretch of road needs redesigning, as at peak times, it can be a complete nightmare."

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**BY JIERAN MACKIEY**  
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**A MULTI-MILLION** pound project which include 300 new homes in Westbury went on display to the public last week.

The public consultation showcased plans by London developers Square Bay for 55 acres of land near Station Road.

As well as 300 homes – 30 per cent affordable – a new bridge would be built over the railway line to link the estate to Mane Way, to ease congestion through Oldfield Road.

Westbury Sailing Club would also get new facilities.

That area of Westbury is zoned for housing in the West Wilts Local Plan and in Wiltshire's Core Strategy.

## Developers hoping to build 300 properties near station

opers Square Bay, who bought the land in March, said: "I would like to think that the town will get behind the plans."

"The road bridge and link road joining Mane Way with Station Road has been long awaited and will bring significant relief to residents in Oldfield Road."

"The plan will be to submit the application later this year and today was about getting feedback from councillors and public."

More than 80 members of the public and councillors saw the plans at The Laverton last Thursday, and were invited to

cent of forms returned indicating people back the plans.

Councillor David Tout said: "As a general idea I think it's good and good for the town."

"I live opposite the site so there might be disruption but one thing I'm pleased to see in the plans is allotments as there is a shortage of them in the town."

Resident Susan Atherton said: "The wildlife and beauty of the countryside is something to be treasured but at the same time more houses need to be built."

"I am concerned there are no bungalows. Older people haven't



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**CROWD OVER THE HILL**

**'Traffic chaos'**

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Lennix's father, Chris,

**WILTS UNDER BRIDGE**

**WILTSHIRE** Council has announced plans to build a new bridge over the A303, a road that has been closed since the 2007-08 fire. The bridge will be built in two stages, with the first stage completed by 2015. The second stage will be completed by 2018. The bridge will be built on a new alignment, which will be built in two stages. The first stage will be built in 2015, and the second stage will be built in 2018. The bridge will be built on a new alignment, which will be built in two stages. The first stage will be built in 2015, and the second stage will be built in 2018.

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**Villages celebrate  
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Society as bank**

# closures signal end of an era

**Sandy, Gill and Joan at The Children's Society coffee morning in Bratton**

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events has been distributed to the homes of the members of the Church of England. But this is not the only way in which the Church has been able to help the poor. The Church has also been able to help the poor by the sale of its own property. The Church has also been able to help the poor by the sale of its own property. The Church has also been able to help the poor by the sale of its own property.

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## COUNCIL OVER THE WAY

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### Mane Way Bridge

Dear Editor

I have had several  
letters published in the  
White Horse News about  
the Mane Way Bridge. It  
should go over the railway  
line until it reaches Brook  
Lane, there could be a side  
road from Amazon Way.

Westbury town is cur-  
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line - one side being town  
and the other industrial  
which has also grown in  
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together with no more  
lorries travelling around  
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I have also in August  
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Town Council Highways  
Committee on this very  
subject. So I am trying to  
understand why they have  
suddenly got so excited.  
This should have been  
chased up when the bypass  
planning permission was  
rejected and the bridge was  
still on the table.

Trowbridge Council  
has had £16 million spent  
on road infrastructure for  
a town that has no special  
features. It is also having  
built a large swimming  
pool for £25 million all this  
planning has been passed  
and the red light to build in  
a couple of years.

I do think councillor  
Nick Holder is out of his  
depth and has been a pawn  
in Trowbridge Council's  
political infrastructure  
game and there needs to be  
an unbiased professional  
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1997 and 2013. Interestingly  
younger generation seems  
more attuned to the spiritual  
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"62 per cent of 18 to 24-year  
identified as either 'very' or  
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Allied to this is a new inter-  
the Bible among Gen Z-ers. F-  
ers report that between 2019-2-  
was an 87 per cent increase in  
sales. People are evidently se-  
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of their lives and give them

## NEW

THIS month, Westbury u-  
bers were amused and  
by an hour-long talk from  
Lloyd on Passports,  
Traitors and Spies.

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**MAKE OR UPDATE**



# WILTSHIRE COUNCIL UNDER FIRE OVER BRIDGE DELAY

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New plans for another bridge over the railway line, primarily using development funding, have been secured for this project, further funding will need to be identified before a timescale for the project can be set.

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at all. Why would you put a bridge from Mane Way and run it through the Spinnaker Estate? The whole thing is a complete nonsense.

"The estate already has 'chicane' parking issues, with people parking on Amazon Way as they only have parking off road for two cars but have three or even four to a household. Furthermore, there is no dedicated visitor parking at all on the estate.

"Are the people on the Spinnaker estate going to be happy to have masses of traffic trundling passed their windows?"

"Wiltshire Council needs to look at doing a proper job, with a bridge that goes over all the railway lines to the west of Spinnaker. It could then spur off to the industrial estate to the east and meet the A36 to the west."

## Villages celebrate £86,000 raised over decades for The Children's Society as bank closures signal end of an era

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We've found lots of ways

## 'Keep his me Sutcliffe's fam community

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gratitude for everyone who made the donation possible. He said, "A lot of children are going to benefit from the books."

On 28th February, Lennix's friends looked through the books and said they were 'really excited' to read them. A photograph of Lennix in his school uniform was displayed by the group alongside a wooden cross and a Charizard toy—an orange, dragon-like creature that was Lennix's favourite Pokémon character.

The book donation was made possible by a fundraiser at the Dilton Marsh Social Club in November, which featured a night of live music in Lennix's memory. The event was organised by Keely Bosson and Dan Hillman, with full support from the family.

Keely said, "I spoke to Jackie and Chris, Lennix's parents, and Nigel, Lennix's grandfather, to see if they would be happy for me to organise the event alongside Dan and the Dilton Social Club. We then discussed where the money raised could go. Because Lennix loved to read, we decided to donate books to

the school in his memory. It was about keeping his memory alive. Ben Bands The 102s and performed later night at the funeral 30th November £1,100 was raised raffle—with prizes by local business a bucket collection out by Stephen the night.

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