



**Cricklade
Development
Foundation**

news

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DEAR MEMBERS

Autumn has arrived, and our volunteers have been as busy as ever. Here's the latest from your community project — The Old Police Station and our growing Garden@91.

GARDEN@91 – A GROWING SUCCESS!

The garden has been our main focus this year — and what a transformation it's been! IJT completed the hard landscaping in April, and since then our brilliant volunteers have rebuilt the dry-stone wall (hedgehog hole included!), added fencing and gates, and tackled mowing and weeding with enthusiasm. Recent work includes planting an evergreen framework and spring bulbs to give year-round colour, with more planting and a nature area (complete with bug hotels) planned for spring. We've also named the space — **Garden@91** — and we hope you like it!



Though not yet finished, it's already lovely to see people using it as a peaceful walkway and a quiet spot for Wild Fig customers. In time, Garden@91 will host small community events and offer a welcoming place to meet friends.

If your group would like to use the garden for an activity, please get in touch.

FUNDING THE FUTURE

Generous grant support has made this work possible. The National Lottery recently awarded us £5,460 for garden costs and volunteer tools — adding to the £30,500 already received from other funders.

Equally vital has been your backing as members, both long-standing and new. We couldn't have done it without you — thank you!

VOLUNTEERS SHINE BRIGHT

Our volunteers' energy and commitment have saved the project many thousands of pounds. From gathering stone and cleaning bricks to design work and wall building, they've done it all.

Their efforts were recognised this autumn when Community First awarded them the Community Project Award through the Landfill Communities Fund — a well-deserved honour. Huge thanks to every volunteer for your outstanding contribution.



BENCHES, TREES AND TRIBUTES

Soon, we'll be offering commemorative benches and trees with dedication plaques — a lovely way to honour a loved one. Full details will follow, but if you're interested, please let us know.

A FRESH WELCOME TO THE HIGH STREET

Thanks to a £750 grant from the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board, the front of the building now has smart new paving — improving both safety and appearance. With more visitors expected as the garden develops, the timing couldn't be better.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II WALKWAY & HERITAGE DISPLAYS



Earlier this year, we unveiled the Queen Elizabeth II Walkway to mark the late Queen's reign and Cricklade's heritage. It now sits alongside a new display celebrating High Street businesses from years gone by.

We also welcomed a new addition — the mosaic bee, once part of the Jubilee mosaic at Saxon's Rest. It now sits proudly beside the walkway. (Many thanks to our generous donor — you know who you are!)

New flooring was also installed, largely funded by a grant from Waylands Estates Charity, and a community noticeboard opposite the mosaic bee now highlights local events and announcements.

MEMBERSHIP & SHAREHOLDINGS - YOU MIGHT WANT TO TOP UP!

Thank you to all members who continue to invest in the Foundation. Last year, we paid 2% interest on shareholdings of £2,500 and above. From 1 October 2025, this rises to 3%, reflecting both market conditions and the near completion of the Old Police Station redevelopment.

If your shareholding is below £2,500, consider topping up to benefit. And remember — with a valid nomination, the first £5,000 of your shareholding can fall outside your estate for inheritance tax purposes.

AGM REMINDER

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 7pm in Cricklade Town Hall. The paperwork will follow soon (please check your spam folder just in case). We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

AND FINALLY

If you've had trouble finding our emails, please add contact@crickladefoundation.org.uk to your contacts list to prevent messages going astray.

Thank you, as always, for your incredible support — you make everything we do possible.

