

# EDINGTON VILLAGE NEWS

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## What's on in August

- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - Salisbury shopping trip
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**
  - Devizes shopping trip
  - Westbury shopping trip
  - Gardening Club monthly meeting

6.30pm, Allotments
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - WI meeting

7.30pm, Parish Hall
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**
  - Westbury shopping trip
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - Warminster shopping trip
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**
  - Village Volunteers

9.30pm, Parish Hall
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - Westbury shopping trip
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - Edington Arts musical supper

Parish Church
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**
  - Westbury shopping trip

### Note:

**There will be no Walk & Talk or Village lunch in August due to the holidays.**

**Yoga with Marilyn will also take a pause until 21<sup>st</sup> August.**

## Best Kept Village Competition

Although Edington village was successful in progressing to Round 2 (County Round) of the Best Kept Village Competition 2026, we were pipped at the post by Easterton by one point! It's a real shame that we missed out by such a small margin and our thanks go to all those who spent time tidying up and trying to make sure that the village was looking its best.

Thanks especially to Suzanne Wickham for coordinating and taking the lead in our village entry.

Hopefully we'll all be galvanised to gain a few more points next year and put in a huge effort to beat the competition.



## Three Villages Minibus (TVM)

### Shopping Trips Schedule

Shopping trips are open to all residents of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age. We will pick you up and return you to your door.

Shopping Trips start at Edington

All these journeys accept  
concessionary passes

To book a seat contact Joy Fraser  
(01380 830426)



**Please note that the Salisbury shopping trip has been brought forward to 1<sup>st</sup> August due to driver availability**

| Destination        | Date                | Start time |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Devizes (£3.20)    | Thursday 6th August | 9.00 am    |
| Warminster (£2.80) | Tuesday 18th August | 1.25 pm    |
| Westbury (£2.30)   | Every Thursday      | 1.20 pm    |
| Salisbury (£5.00)  | Saturday 1st August | 9.30 am    |

The TVM is also available for villagers / groups to hire. Book through Pauline at the Post Office (or 01380 830013), or use the website booking form [here](#).

## Weekly events

### • Monday

**Tai Chi** - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Daggers

**Tai Chi** - 11.00am - Parish Hall

### • Tuesday

**Let's move dance fitness** - 10.00am - Parish Hall

**Coffee morning drop-in** - 10.30am - Three Daggers

**Bell ringing practice** - 7.00pm - Parish Church

### • Wednesday

**Tai Chi** - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Daggers

### • Thursday

### • Friday

**Tai Chi** - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Daggers

**Yoga with Marilyn** - 10.30am - Parish Hall

**Edington Brass Band** - 6.00pm - Parish Hall

## Notices & Forthcoming Events

### Village Lunch

The next monthly meal will be a lunch on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**September at 12.30pm** at the Parish Hall for £10 in aid of the Three Villages Minibus. The TVM can do door-to-door pick-ups and drop-offs. Please book your place and any pick-ups with Pauline at the Post Office or on 01380 830013 by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### Coffee Morning Drop-in

Every Tuesday in the Three Daggers Pub, 10.30-1130 am. Transport can be arranged by calling Pauline (01380 830013) or Joy (01380 830426)

## Parish Council email accounts

We're unfortunately still having problems with our new Parish Council email accounts. It seems that there's an issue with spam filtering that is causing them to be blocked. Our website developers are working on the problem but, in the meantime, please use the temporary email account of [parishcouncil.edington@outlook.com](mailto:parishcouncil.edington@outlook.com) to get in touch, or you can use the 'contact us' [link](#) on the website to send messages that way. Our apologies if we've missed any emails in the last few months but the solution is out of our hands at the moment.

Requests for website notices (and this newsletter) can be submitted using this [online form](#) or also the temporary parish council email account above.

The new village website has been live now for a couple of months. Still a work in progress in some areas, the main elements are in place. It's at this link:

**[www.edingtonwiltsparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.edingtonwiltsparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

## Edington, Tinhead & West Coulston in Pictures photo book

Peter Hailstone has arranged for printed copies of the popular **Edington, Tinhead & West Coulston in Pictures** photo book to be available again from **A M Print & Copy**, 12 Meadows Works, Court Street, Trowbridge.

Simply call them on 01225 776678 to ask for a copy to be printed for you. Cost is £24 per copy. Printing schedules will dictate when they do the printing so there may be a slight delay.

## Speed Indicator Device (SID) Data

Speed Indicator Device (SID) data for June 2026 is now available to view [here](#). Our 2 devices were positioned one at the eastern end of the B3098 and one on Lower Road. Maximum speed recorded at the eastern end of the B3098 was 61.5mph. Maximum speed recorded at Lower Road was 54mph.

We now have a growing data set of Speed Indicator Device (SID) statistics to support our case for action to improve safety on the roads in the village, and particularly the B3098.



## Letters & Comments

### Got something to say or announce?

Use this space to give your feedback, thoughts or views on village matters or newsletter content. Send your thoughts or requests using this [link](#) or to:

[webmaster@edingtonwiltsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:webmaster@edingtonwiltsparishcouncil.gov.uk) the temporary parish council email account  
[parishcouncil.edington@outlook.com](mailto:parishcouncil.edington@outlook.com)

### In Memoriam

Richard Spicer sadly passed away on the morning of 5th July. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time. Richard's funeral was held at Semington Crematorium at 1.30pm on Tuesday 28th July.

## Parish Council News

The Parish Council met on 13<sup>th</sup> July to discuss routine parish business and prepare an action plan to address the findings of the recent annual Internal Audit.

### Casual Vacancy

There is still a casual vacancy on the Parish Council and we ask anyone who is interested in filling the vacancy to contact our Chair, Emily Greening, on 07910 228383, through the 'contact us' [link](#), or via our temporary email account [parishcouncil.edington@outlook.com](mailto:parishcouncil.edington@outlook.com).

### Neighbourhood Plan

The draft Neighbourhood Plan has been updated and is open for comments prior to a final redrafting and submission to Wiltshire Council for formal consultation. The revised plan can be found on the website [here](#), as can a form for any comments you want to submit [here](#). Please do take the opportunity to have your say about the plan and future development in the village.

### Playfield

Although we still await a decision from Wiltshire Council on the playfield land swap planning application by The Three Daggers, we still have responsibilities to ensure that our playfield equipment is at a safe standard for use in the meantime. Thanks go to Emily Greening for driving to Longleat Forestry with her farm trailer and picking up a load of bark chips to place around the swings and climbing frames to improve fall safety.

### Highway Matters / Footpaths / LHFIG

Wiltshire Council have been in email contact with Mike Phillips, our Wiltshire Councillor, saying that they still do not agree with our suggestion of putting STOP signs in place of the current GIVE WAY signs on the joining roads to the main Edington-West Ashton road at Crossroads Farm junction. They say that part of the land at the junction belongs to them and so they will move the associated hedges back to improve junction visibility. Whilst this is a welcome outcome as far as it goes, not all of the hedges belong to Wiltshire Council and so won't be altered; we have responded that we still think that STOP signs are a valid solution so as to cause vehicles to come to a definite halt before progressing across the junction rather than drivers making a quick judgement whilst potentially still moving forward.

## Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September in the Parish Hall. The public are welcome to attend meetings. Parish Council meeting Agendas and Minutes can be accessed at this link <https://edingtonwiltsparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-meetings/>.

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## Battle of Ethandun Commemoration

A committee has formed to take forward the idea of organising a celebration for the 1150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Ethandun in 2028. This defining battle shaped the course of English history, and our village, and so we hope to celebrate it in style with a programme of events, likely including a re-enactment, talks, music, performances, craft displays and more. Although still in the early stages of planning, we now have an enthusiastic team with plenty of ideas for what we might do. Thanks go to Paul Millard for putting together a short initial press release as below, which will go out to various agencies to start the process of advertising the event.

### ***Battle plans are being made to commemorate Ethandun***

*Plans are being developed to mark the 1,150th anniversary of the Battle of Ethandun – possibly one of the most important battles fought on English soil – with a day of celebration in and around the village of Edington in May 2028.*

*The Battle of Ethandun took place in May 878 when King Alfred the Great's West Saxon army defeated the Viking Army, led by Guthrum. It was a pivotal victory which preserved Wessex as an independent kingdom and marked a turning point in the Viking wars, laying the foundations for the eventual unification of England.*

*Although planning is still at an early stage, a steering committee is working with re-enactment groups, historical societies and local organisations and individuals to identify key themes and objectives.*

*"We are determined that the event will focus on Edington, and we are hoping to identify a suitable site and the groups, organisations and individuals we can work with to bring this event to fruition," said committee spokesman Steve Forward.*

*Ideally, they say, the day will include hands-on activities, talks and demonstrations and contemporary market stalls as well as some level of historical reenactment. They are hoping to end the day with a Saxon style banquet including the type of entertainment that would have accompanied such an event.*

*But there is also a serious side to the current proposals with the eventual aim of encouraging – and potentially sponsoring – an academic review or thesis that will provide an authoritative account of the battle and its historical context as well as encouraging academic and archaeological activity to further investigate and, hopefully, pinpoint the actual location of the battle and, if possible, document that location onto battlefield maps and OS materials.*

*"We're hoping to provide an engaging, entertaining, educational and fun experience, on the day and to extend the concept into local schools and relevant organisation," said Mr Forward.*

*The group meets once a month at the Three Daggers and is keen to hear from organisations, groups or individuals who may be able to contribute to the process as well as potential sponsors with the eventual aim of marking the anniversary of the battle a regular event.*

*For further information please email: [parishcouncil.edington@outlook.com](mailto:parishcouncil.edington@outlook.com)*

## B3098 Traffic Safety Survey - July 2026

Thanks to all of you who completed the July 2026 B3098 traffic safety survey questionnaire. We're in the process of collating and analysing the results, but here's a flavour of what your responses contained.

To date, 65 responses were received. That's a good number of responses that gives us statistical validity for determining trends and outcomes. Some charts are shown below that highlight the responses to the 6 questions. We also received 128 textual comments in addition to the standard fields in the questionnaire. Of these, there were repeatedly identified key concerns about:

- Many respondents actively avoiding walking or cycling on the B3098 because of concerns about vehicle speed and the absence of continuous pedestrian facilities.
- Parking at The Three Daggers pub which can very often mean that vehicles are parked on pavements or are parked in such large numbers on the B3098 that it can cause safety problems for both pedestrians and other cars trying to pass by; numerous respondents welcomed the forthcoming additional parking provision for The Three Daggers that is subject to planning approval.
- Excessive vehicle speed was identified as the most consistent safety concern, particularly on the approaches to the village and at key junctions.
- Respondents expressed strong concern about the number and size of HGVs using the B3098, particularly on the narrower sections through the village.
- The permissive footpath between the Parish Hall and the Three Daggers pub was widely praised and regarded as a valuable improvement to pedestrian safety.
- Many respondents felt that further intervention, including traffic-calming measures, improved speed management, and consideration of HGV restrictions, would be necessary to improve safety for all road users.

Overall, so far:

- 83% of respondents consider the B3098 either fairly or very unsafe for pedestrians.
- 46% of respondents perceive traffic to be driving slightly above 30mph, 43% think significantly above 30mph.
- 68% of respondents have actively avoided using the B3098 as pedestrians due to safety concerns.
- 60% of respondents think there are significant speeding issues and/or motorists drive too fast for the conditions, 24% think motorists are inconsiderate to pedestrians.

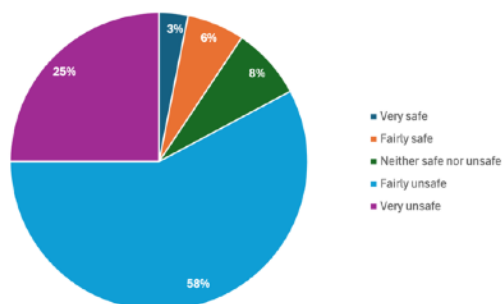
In order of popularity by percentage of those who responded, suggested improvements were:

- o Traffic restrictions for HGVs (58%)
- o Traffic calming measures (57%)
- o Reduced speed limit to 20mph (48%)
- o Pedestrian pavements on unprotected stretches (46%)
- o Speed enforcement measures (cameras or SIDs) (38%)

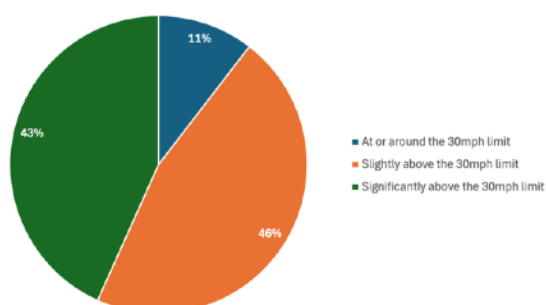
We'll be putting these responses into a note to Wiltshire Council asking them again to consider measures to make the B3098 safer for pedestrians.

## B3098 Traffic Safety Survey interim statistical charts covering responses received as at 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026

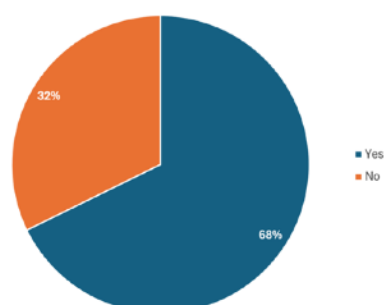
Question 2 - How would you rate your overall sense of safety?



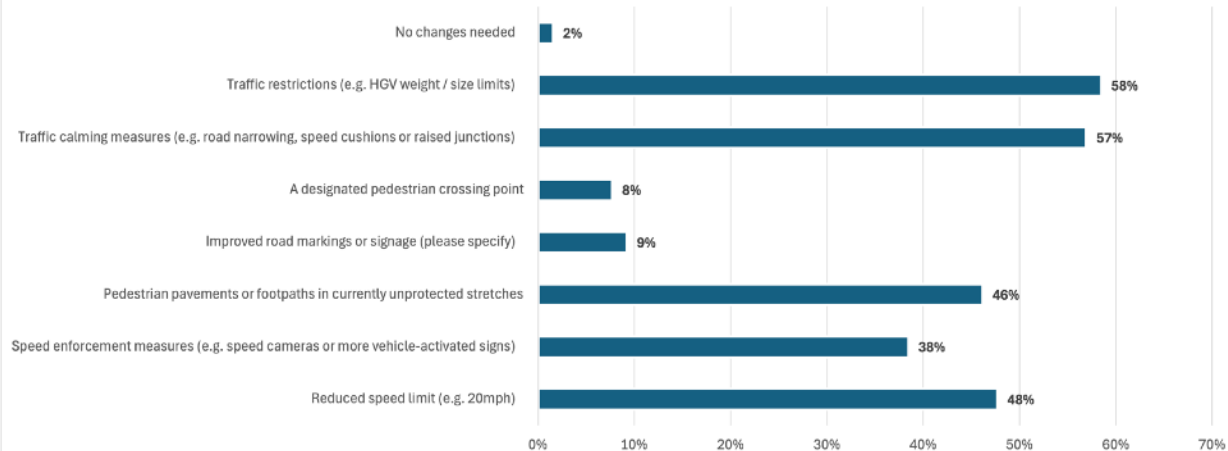
Question 3 - How do most vehicles travel along the B3098?



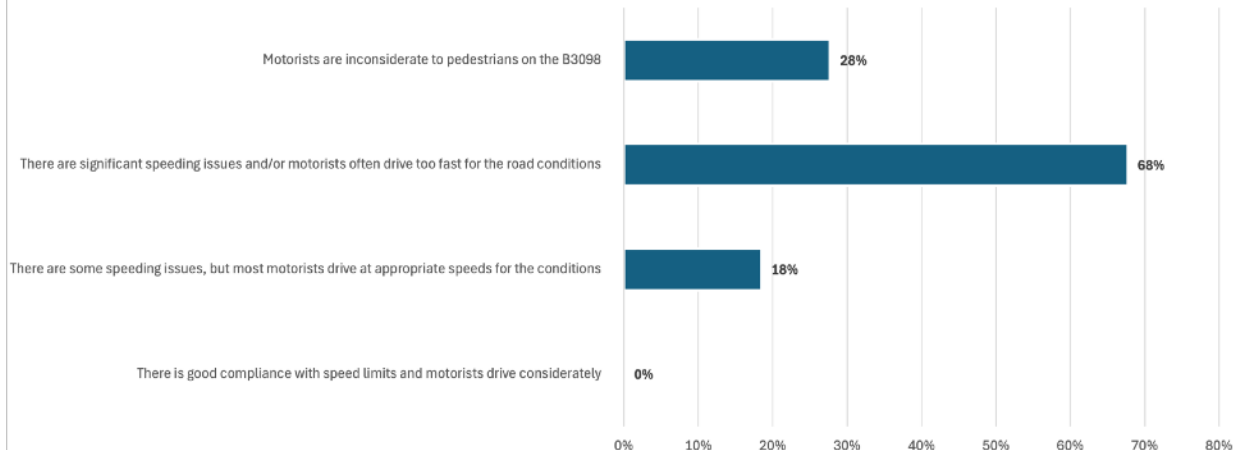
Question 4 - Have you or anyone in your household ever avoided using the B3098?



Question 5 - Which of the following would most improve safety along the B3098?  
(by % of respondents)



Question 6 - Comments or concerns about traffic volume, speed, or pedestrian safety on the B3098?  
(by % of respondents)





## WI Report



Edington WI's July meeting was kindly hosted at the home of Suzanne Wickham on a beautiful summer evening.

As always, everyone contributed something to the meal with a wonderful selection of delicious savoury dishes, followed by an irresistible assortment of home-made desserts. There was no shortage of choice, and everything was thoroughly enjoyed. The evening was a perfect chance to catch up with friends and guests and enjoy good food in relaxed surroundings. Thanks to our host for opening her home and garden, and to everyone who contributed to our delicious supper. The evening was a lovely reminder of what the WI is all about, friendship, fun and good company. We are always happy to welcome anyone who would like to come along to one of our meetings, just to get an insight to what is on offer.



We meet at the Parish Hall on the second Tuesday of every month, at 7.30pm.

## Edington Arts Musical Supper - 26<sup>th</sup> August 2026

An evening of good food, good company and light entertainment!

On Wednesday evening of every Festival, the singers show they can sing things other than church anthems and psalms! Their 'a capella' barbershop songs provide light entertainment between the courses of an informal supper. There's also a raffle! It's fun!

Tickets are £35 each.

Please email Hugh Hancock, [musicalsupper@edingtonfestival.org](mailto:musicalsupper@edingtonfestival.org), informing him of any allergies and accessibility needs at the time.

We will look forward to seeing you!

## Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club - The View from the Boundary



### Erlestoke cricket ground - A bit of history

The Walled Garden was part of the Erlestoke Park estate and was probably built in the 1780s at the same time as the main house (now the prison). The Garden would have provided fruit, vegetables and flowers for the wealthy owners, providing employment to a considerable number of gardeners who lived nearby in tied cottages.

The estate changed hands a number of times over the years. In 1920, at The Bear Hotel in Devizes, the estate was split into lots and auctioned off. Plot 186 was the Kitchen Garden:

*'comprising in enclosure No 116 divided into two and surrounded by walls fifteen feet high. Therein are the following buildings: A row of brick and lean-to Sheds, comprising Apple Room, Stoke hole, Potato Store, Two-roomed men's bothy, Office, Stoke hole, Potting Shed, Store Room and Four-bay open Shed. Brick and Tiled Pigsty.'*

The sale brochure then goes on to detail the Glass House (probably where the car park is now, including details of Peach and Fig houses, fruit trees and bushes, a lily pond (which can still be made out in the middle of the cricket square today in dry conditions), and a lobby with a water tank above.

The War Dept (now the MOD) took over the main estate during the Second World but some years later The Walled Garden was left to go wild till it was rescued by the cricket club in the late 1980s; the land was cleared, the central wall knocked down, a pavilion erected and pitches laid out.

In 2013, after raising sufficient funds and applying for grants (thank you Sport England and others) the Club was able to buy the ground - much better than leasing it.

We believe it is the only cricket ground set in a Victorian walled garden in the UK - a truly unique and special place to have as our home ground.





## Noticeboard



**EDINGTON & TINHEAD WI**  
 INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM ON:

**TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
**AT 7.30PM**  
**IN EDINGTON PARISH HALL**

When:  
 Deborah Marrison-Wood will talk about  
**MY MILLINERY JOURNEY**



**FREE FOR MEMBERS**

**£5 FOR VISITORS TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS**

**ALL WELCOME**

**YOGA WITH MARILYN**

Would you like to improve your strength, balance and flexibility and also your wellbeing?



Then why not join the Yoga class in Edington Parish Hall

**When:** Each Friday morning  
**Where:** Edington Parish Hall  
**Time:** 10.30am to 11.30am  
**Cost:** £10.00 per session

All are welcome. If you already have a mat, please bring it with you.

For more information contact Marilyn on **07941 095236** or email [maryoc1951@hotmail.com](mailto:maryoc1951@hotmail.com)



Yoga focuses on the joining together of mind, body and spirit through three main practices: postures, breathing and meditation.





**Become a Friend of Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club**







**To become a Friend, we ask for a £30 donation to Club Funds (as you will no doubt be aware we are continuing our fundraising to improve the ground and facilities).**



**As a Friend you are most welcome to then use our Car Park when you visit and we will give you a Permit to put on display in your windscreen if you've come up by car.**

**Please scan the QR code below to become a friend of the club**



**Scan Me**



**THE AVR WILTSHIRE HALF MARATHON**



**SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026**

- ✓ Raising money for Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity
- ✓ Medal and technical t-shirt for all finishers
- ✓ Chip timing
- ✓ Scenic route through the Wiltshire countryside

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