

Tenants nail it with new DIY skills



Councillor Janine Howarth (pictured far left), the Council's Cabinet Member for Housing, joined participants in the first DIY course as they celebrated their progress at Enterprise Works

Congratulations to all tenants who completed the six-week course aimed at giving them new skills and confidence to carry out basic DIY tasks in their homes.

The Council's Adult Community Learning and Tenant Academy teams have been working in partnership with RENEW to deliver the DIY courses at Enterprise Works. If you're interested in taking part in future courses more information is available [on our website](#).

Summer fun comes to Swindon town centre

An empty events space in Swindon town centre will be transformed into a pop-up park hosting a number of free family events this summer.

Throughout August, activities such as an outdoor cinema and planetarium, will occupy Wharf Green next to McDonalds. Each weekend (starting from 2 August) visitors will see a different theme with a marquee activity taking place.

There will also be activities taking place every Wednesday, including art and circus workshops.

Food vendors will also be attending and there will be a number of other free activities related to each theme.

The pop-up park (including a covering, faux grass and additional picnic benches) will remain in place throughout the month and will be available for people to use, even when no events are taking place.

[Find out more about the free events.](#)

What face-to-face support is available from the Council?

Most resident enquiries can now be dealt with easily [online](#), by [telephone](#) or by visiting our Customer Service area at Central Library in Regent Circus where staff can help with the following:

- Using the self-service touchscreens to:
 - pay rent
 - bid for council housing
 - request a housing repair
 - apply for a resident parking permit
- Applying for, or renewing, a Blue Badge or Concessionary Travel pass
- Booking a one-to-one appointment for help to complete a form
- Calling the Council Tax team using a dedicated phone line for help with your query
- Signposting to other support services where you have specific enquiries
- Collecting parking permits and waste barrier passes

More council staff are now based at Central Library and they are available to help Monday to Friday from 10am until 5pm.

Swindon anti-social behaviour survey 2025

The Swindon Community Safety Team complete a yearly anti-social behaviour survey with Swindon residents.

The results allow them to understand persistent issues experienced by residents and help to target funding and resources, helping to create a stronger and safer Swindon.

To take the survey, please click [here](#).



Join Parent Power for an engaging session at the Swindon & Wiltshire Innovative Technology Care Hub (SWITCH) on Tuesday, 1 July from 6pm until 8pm at New College Swindon (SN3 1AH).

This session will include a tour of the facilities, as well as an information session on foundation degrees and Higher Education pathways at New College Swindon.

Click [here](#) to sign up

Around Swindon

Playing Out in Penhill



Children in Penhill had the chance to play out in their street during May half-term.

Organised by the Penhill Street Reps and supported by the Housing team, the special Playing Out session took place in Alton Close.

It allowed children and their parents to play in the street safely, free from traffic concerns, while also providing an opportunity to connect with local Street Reps and staff from Wiltshire Police and Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Special thanks to Di Pithers and the Penhill Reps for going above and beyond to plan and organise the event and ensure it ran smoothly and safely.