

SRA Newsletter 15 June 2015

West Swindon Open Gardens - this weekend

The West Swindon Open Gardens, organised by Kevin Fisher of the SRA, will take place this coming weekend (20, 21 June). Gardens in the Shaw and Nine Elms area of west Swindon will open from 11am to 5pm in this annual event now in its fourteenth year. Over £26,000 has been raised for charities over the lifetime of the event and this year's proceeds will be donated to Macmillan cancer support and SMASH (the Swindon based youth mentoring project).

Entrance is £3 per adult, which covers all gardens for both days, while accompanied under 17s are free. In addition to the opportunity to view a large variety of gardens and exchange tips and ideas with the owners, several homes will be selling home grown plants, some will be offering refreshments, there will be a raffle and a tombola and, on Sunday, there will be live music on the front lawn of one of the homes.

Please come along and support this great local community event. Visit the SRA website for more information, including a full downloadable program.

Thamesdown Drive Extension - the Interim Western Bypass

Members of TDeX (the Thamesdown Drive extension Group), which includes SRA representatives, met with the SBC chief executive, Gavin Jones, last week in a very constructive meeting. Gavin described the group as "very genuine, capable and engaged people, representing their resident communities well" and promised to become personally involved in his organisation's business plan efforts.

The TDeX group are keen to see Thamesdown Drive extended to the B&Q roundabout, together with improvements to junctions along Great Western Way - such a design could be seen as an 'interim' western bypass with a full bypass (A419 to M4) being a much longer term ambition.