

THATCHAM

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Dinosaur adventures
are coming to town

GET ready to stomp and explore as
KidsFest Thatcham returns with a roar
next week.

The free dinosaur-themed day will take
place on Thursday, August 28, from 10am until
3pm.

All the family fun will take place in the town
centre, at Thatcham Library and on the
Turnfields Recreation Ground.

Organised by Thatcham Town Council and
sponsored by Picture It Framed and Gardner
Leader, the event will bring the community
together for a Jurassic-sized day of
entertainment and activities, including
a Little Dino Explorers Zone featuring
inflatables, an ice cream van and Juggling
Jake with his circus skills workshops.

There will also be a Dino Disco, dinosaur
hunt, dinosaur arts and crafts and a dinosaur
trail.

Should antisocial
measures remain?

Public views sought on current Public Spaces Protection Order

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THE public is being asked if antisocial behaviour measures should remain in Thatcham.

The current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in the town centre is due to expire in November.

The PSPO was introduced to provide an additional tool to deal with a number of antisocial issues which caused concern to those who live, visit or work in Thatcham town centre.

The public consultation went live on Monday and will run until September 29.

After the consultation has concluded, findings will be taken to the West Berkshire Building Communities Together Partnership (a sub-group of the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board) for a recommendation on the final decision, which will be made in early November.

Tom McCann (Lib Dem, Thatcham North East), West Berkshire's executive portfolio



A consultation has begun on whether the PSPO in Thatcham should be extended

member for public safety and community engagement, said: "The current Public Spaces Protection Order in place will expire in November."

"Since its implementation, the PSPO has been an effective preventative tool in tackling antisocial behaviour and supporting the police in the town."

"The proposed extension would ensure that the PSPO remains in place for another three years and continues to provide the police with an effective tool at their disposal."

To take part in the consultation go to <https://www.west-berks.gov.uk/thatcham-pspo-review>

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Hard copies of the survey are available from Thatcham Library and Thatcham Town Council.

PSPOs were introduced in October 2014 as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

They allow local authorities to place restrictions and requirements on certain behaviours in an area, to make sure we can all use and enjoy public spaces, safe from antisocial behaviour.

They can last for up to three years, but can be extended, varied or discharged during this period.

RoSPA award
for keeping
workers safe

A THATCHAM company has been recognised for its commitment to health and safety excellence.

Francis Construction in Colthrop Lane earned a prestigious global health and safety award from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

It won a Gold Award in the sector, demonstrating the company's dedication to keeping people safe at work.

Managing director Will Barrett said: "I'm delighted the hard work and diligent approach of the team has been recognised by RoSPA."

"The whole team, led by our H&S manager Ashton Sewell, has embraced continually improving our efforts and outcomes around H&S."

RoSPA Awards head judge Dee Arp added: "Recognising excellence in health and safety is essential to ensure we celebrate achievement, but it is also about reinforcing a culture of care, accountability and continuous improvement."

"These awards serve as a powerful reminder that employee safety and wellbeing transcends borders and looking after our people, so they can go home safe, healthy and happy every day, also drives sustainable success and resilience."

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Jack's marathon for mental health

JACK Mason and colleague Chris Pearce, from Thatcham, will be cycling 215 miles for men's mental health, writes Bethany Sirianni.

The journey will take them from Thatcham Broadway to Land's End in Cornwall.

They sadly lost a colleague to his struggles with mental health earlier this year and both understand the great importance of raising money for the Men's Minds Matter charity.

Mr Mason said: "We truly believe that this subject is not spoken about enough and sadly is the biggest killer in young men."

They will be leaving at around 4pm on September 2 and will be reaching Land's End on September 6.

It is a journey that they say "will allow two complete amateur bike riders to complete an epic bike ride".

They will be wild camping along the way to make the most of the great outdoors.

Men's Minds Matter is a charity that develops and delivers psychological interventions for individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts



Jack Mason

while also advocating for and raising awareness about male suicide.

If you are affected by any of the above topics, you can seek advice and support from Men's

Minds Matter.

To help Mr Mason and Mr Pearce raise their goal of £1,000 go to <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Cycle-to-lands-end>

Lower Way to close for repair works

A ROAD closure will affect Thatcham next week.

Lower Way will be closed overnight from 7pm on Bank Holiday Monday, September 1, to 5am on Tuesday, September 2.

The exact location of the

closure will be the junction between the A4 Bath Road and The Moors.

The road will be closed to enable machine patching, lining works and iron works to be carried out.

The work will be carried out

by Volker Highways.

Residential access and blue-light access will be maintained if possible.

There will be a detour of nearly two miles in place that should take around six minutes.