

**VE Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration Road Closure
Sunday 11th May**

1. Background

2025 will be the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, which marked the end of the Second World War in Europe and the first step towards building a world based on international law, cooperation between nations and respect for human rights.

The Derry Hill and Studley Community Committee are organising a series of events to mark the anniversary. These include:

- Saturday 3rd May – exhibition in the Lansdowne Hall followed by a 1940s themed dance in the evening.
- Sunday 4th May – village picnic.
- Thursday 8th May – beacon lighting at Bowood.

On Sunday 11th May, a Remembrance Sunday type event is being organised, involving a parade to the war memorial with a short ceremony to remember from the village who made the ultimate sacrifice between 1939 and 1945. This will be followed by a church service.

The Parish Council has been asked to organise a road closure.

2. Proposal

It is proposed that the Council organises a road closure between the Church and along Church Road and Studley Lane to the junction of the A4, for 10am to 11am on Sunday 11th May 2025.

Wiltshire Council has confirmed that they will waive charges for this closure.

In order to ensure that the closure is managed safely, we are required to engage a professional company to provide signage for the diversion, and to submit and agree the signage schedule with Wiltshire Council in advance of the closure.

3. Estimated Cost

Quotes have been sought and the cost of the signage will be £976 plus VAT.

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Council arranges for the closure of Church Road / Studley Lane from the Church to the junction with the A4, for 10am to 11am on Sunday 11th March, at an estimated cost of £976 plus VAT. As this hasn't been budgeted for as part of next year's Public Participation Budget, it is recommended that the value be transferred across from the £5,000 provision for community groups.

Cllr John Barnes