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Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting
held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 4 November 2026 at 7:30pm.

Present: Parish Cllrs: D. Tozer (Chair), A. Wimshurst, R. Wilkes and J. Freeland, Cllr. C. Topping, Mr. A. Wise (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

26/1130 Opening of Meeting	DT opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs with a warm welcome to all attendees	
Administrative Matters		
26/1131 To receive Parish Councillor's apologies for absence	• None	
26/1132 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest from Parish Councillors	• None	
26/1133 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 09.09.2026	• It was proposed by DT, seconded RW, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
26/1134 To agree any outstanding actions from minutes of the meeting of 09.09.2026	• All action items had been completed except 26/1141	
Open Session		
26/1135 To hear reports on OCC and SODC activities from any OCC or SODC Councillor's present	• SODC Report - attachment 7 ○ Cllr Topping indicated the propose planning application for the Green Gap between East Hagbourne and Fleet Meadow Estate in Didcot will go into SODC by the end of this month. • OCC Report – attachment 8 • Councillor Wimshurst agreed to act as interim Vice-Chair until the next meeting with Clerk to add vacant position as an agenda item.	
26/1136 To hear representations from members of the public	• EHPC Chair thanks WHPOC for their support with the Save the Post Office Campaign. Although the post office couldn't be saved, a silver lining is that the village shop has been refurbished and is now much larger. Residents are encouraged to take a look for themselves. • Chair of VA set out a proposal to the PC which was for a village wide "Community Arts Project" which involves painting a mural on the inside walls of the bus shelter but not the wall with the war memorial plaque. She outlined 4 costings options with her preference for option 4 which will only cost £100:00 as it will involve painting directly onto the white brickwork. She will get the proposal approved at the next Village Association Meeting and then come back to the PC for the £350 grant before the work starts next early summer. It was proposed DT and seconded JF that the PC grant the VA up to £350:00 for this project as it will also involve painting the back wall (white) as well as the sides. Clerk to ask EH Parish Clerk who they used to repair their Bus Shelter Roof and forward contact details to JF.	CLERK
Planning Matters		
26/1137 Discussion and decisions on any new planning applications since the previous meeting 09.09.2026	Planning applications reviewed - attachment 4	

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Drainage Matters		
26/1138 Any questions on ongoing drainage matters (see report submitted – included here for reference)	Flood-related Work Across the Village Ongoing Activities:- - Drains: our village Flood Group have recently started checks of all drain catch pots across the village and have reported any issues encountered via FixMyStreet. - Moor Lane Ditch: throughout Autumn, the Flood Group have been removing vegetation from this central drainage channel, along the stretch at the back of Foxglove Lane. We will now try to schedule silt removal from along this part of the ditch before winter. - Culvert Clearance: has been carried out by the Flood Group at several key locations across the village, to allow better access if we do encounter problems during the winter. - Village Flood 'Hotspots': we have previously highlighted a couple of locations which need OCC support for flood-related works. There is still no progress reported with either of these but we will continue to follow up for works on Brook Lane drains and at the trash screen opposite the old Horse & Harrow pub. A reminder that a stock of sandbags are held by the Parish Council and are available to villagers in need. OCC's Flood Management Group have recently highlighted a study from the University of Hull on the use of duct tape as an effective temporary measure (reportedly outperforming sandbags) for keeping flood water out of a property the work is described at www.hull.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/forget-sandbags-tape-can-keep-out-99-of-flood-water. A very helpful website for assessing home flood resilience is to be found at www.floodmary.com.	
Highways and Transport		
26/1139 Grass Verge Protection Measures for Moor Lane	• Clerk to write to Liam to now ask him to undertake this work as per his quote to install 30 white posts with reflective strips in Moor Lane to protect the grass verge	CLERK
26/1140 Update on Quiet Lane Meeting with OCC	• DT and AW met with OCC Quiet Lane Team for a site visit and unfortunately the Moor Lane byway does not qualify for inclusion in the first batch of OCC trial Quiet Lane locations. PC will continue to work with OCC on other traffic management solutions for the byway.	
26/1141 Moor Lane byway update	• DT to chase Arthur McEwan-James at Highways about when they will be installing the monitoring equipment in Moor Lane as proposed last year	DT
26/1142 Community Matters – Councillors Report	• Sleepers in the Village Garden Flower Bed replaced • JF will obtain some quotes to repair the bus shelter roof • Volunteers have been found to maintain both the village flower bed and the plant trough by the pond • JF asked for £250:00 to go into the 2027/28 Budget for the purchase of compost and flowers next Spring. Clerk to add to next year's budget. • Margaret Leishman has volunteered to present the PC's Poppy Wreath on Remembrance Sunday at East Hagbourne Village War Memorial • Clerk to reimburse Margaret Leishman for the purchase of the Wreath for which she paid £50 as per the PCs budget • JF thanked all the volunteers who turned out for the village litter pick last Saturday • Clerk to contact BGG and ask for one more grass verge cut to be done before Winter.	JF CLERK CLERK CLERK
26/1143 Hagbourne Cemetery Drainage Project	• JF reported that the Cemetery had now finally received its final planning permission for the planned drainage works. She also reported that the costs has slightly increased since the last quote but WHPC contribution will now be no more than £5k. It was proposed JF and seconded AW that WHPC formally ratifies their	

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	25% contribution and approval for appointment of SCS Oxon Ltd for the joint cemetery drainage works as set out in their quotation report. • Clerk to write back to EHPC Clerk to confirm this was approved at the latest PC Meeting as requested.	CLERK
26/1144 Replace Bench at Shovel Spring	• Clerk to contact Liam to ask him to repair the bench at Shovel Spring. It should not cost too much as most of the slats can be turned over and only one will need replacing where a corner has been broken off.	CLERK
26/1145 Village Emergency Plan Update	• Clerk thanks RW for his contribution on the flood prevention section. AW will now work up the Hagbourne Village Hall section. DT/RW/JF will speak to all 3 farmers in the village about using their barns and Grain Stores as possible meeting place in emergencies.	DT/RW/JF
26/1146 Financial Matters		
26/1147 Approval of regular payments	• Approval of payments. It was proposed DT, seconded RW, and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's wages, expenses, PAYE, OALC, Village Hall Hire, MAW Landscapes, Margaret Leishman, Royal British Legion, Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire Donation and SOFEA Donation.	
26/148 Approval of Clerks Salary Increase for 2026	• It was proposed by DT, seconded RW, that the Parish Clerk be awarded a 3.3% pay increase effective from Jan'27 as per the National NALC Salary Award for 2026/27.	
26/1149 The current financial situation for 2025/26	• Current Financial situation for 2026/27 – attachment 2 & 3	
26/1150 Review Draft Budget for 2027/28	• Clerk took the councillors through the proposed draft budget for 2027/28. He was asked to add one item – Up to £300:00 for village garden and pond plant trough for plants and compost.	CLERK
26/1151 Risk Assessment Register	• DT signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist – attachment 5	
26/1152 Agreement of items to include in Chairman's report for next monthly Parish Newsletter	• Chair will send a report to Newsletter Editor before the end of the month in time for the next edition of the Village Newsletter including notice of Councillor Vacancies from May 2027, Flood advice using duct tape and thanks for all who took part in village litter pick and flood group activities.	DT
26/1153 Agreement of items to include in the agenda for the next WHPC meeting Wed 4 Nov	• Clerk to draft agenda and circulate amongst councillors 10 days before next meeting for review & comment including adding Vice – Chair position to be approved and seconded. • Next regular PC meeting to be held on Wednesday 6 January 2026	CLERK
26/1154 Close of meeting	DT declared the meeting closed at 9:15pm	

Signed: Date:

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2026/2027
4. Draft 2027/28 Budget
5. Planning Applications
6. Risk Assessment

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7. SODC Report

Title	District Councillors' Report
Councillors	Cllr Anne-Marie Simpson & Cllr Crispin Topping
Parish	West Hagbourne Parish Council
Date	4 November 2026

Booking link for planning surgeries for town and parish councils

South News a monthly resident newsletter packed with the latest news, events, and consultations happening across South Oxfordshire.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Leaders of all 13 councils in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Swindon wrote to government minister Jim McMahon MP about progressing the development of a new Mayoral Strategic Authority (MSA) for the Thames Valley.
This move was acknowledged in the Budget and we have now been placed on the government's fast-track for devolution (please see emails from this week with details of the timeline).
You can read the reaction of the Councils' Leaders in our press releases:

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  - Vale press release
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  - South press release

You can also find further information on devolution on the Reading Borough Council website reading.gov.uk/devolution.

We also had confirmation that the government has concluded its review of Local Government Reorganisation in our area, and has announced a fresh decision that it is minded to proceed with three unitary councils in our area:

- **Greater Oxford Council** – covering Oxford and its immediate surroundings (scroll down this page which South and Vale parishes will become part of Greater Oxford)

- **North Oxfordshire Council** – covering most of the existing Cherwell and West Oxfordshire districts

- **Ridgeway Council** – covering most of the existing South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse districts, combined with West Berkshire

South Oxfordshire marks a major milestone in its climate and nature recovery work

South Oxfordshire District Council has successfully delivered the first year of its joint Nature and Climate Action Plan (with Vale of White Horse District Council) with its ambitious environmental programmes, help for communities to reduce carbon emissions, restore habitats and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

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At meetings in September the council's cabinet reviewed the performance updates for the first year of joint Nature and Climate Action Plan (2025/26) and approved the plan for the next year.

Through investment in nature recovery, renewable energy, staff training and community partnerships, the council continues to take practical action to reduce carbon emissions, enhance biodiversity and build resilience to climate change.

Highlights
A standout achievement has been South Oxfordshire's success in supporting nature recovery across the district. Around 35.8 hectares of publicly accessible green space, representing 44 per cent of council-owned land, is now actively managed for the benefit of wildlife. This exceeds the UK Government's target of ensuring 30 per cent of land is effectively managed for nature by 2030.

The council has also completed biodiversity audits covering 63 hectares of council-owned land, providing valuable evidence to help identify future opportunities for habitat enhancement and ecological restoration projects.

Building knowledge and confidence around climate action has also been a major focus. During the year, 457 council officers, representing more than 70 per cent of staff, completed a new climate e-learning programme. The councils have also developed an enhanced accredited carbon literacy training course, which will be rolled out during 2026/27 to further embed climate awareness and action across the organisation.

The council is also exploring innovative opportunities to decarbonise heating across the district. Working with specialist consultants, it is assessing how waste heat from proposed data centres at Culham could be used to provide low-carbon heating for nearby housing developments and businesses, helping reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

To inspire action beyond its own operations, the council launched new Sustainability Stories webpages, shining a spotlight on local organisations making a positive environmental impact across South Oxfordshire.

Featured community initiatives include Eco SoCo, whose volunteers have delivered a wide range of projects from hedgehog highways to community orchards, helping wildlife flourish while engaging residents in nature recovery.

The webpages also showcase the achievements of Wallingford Sports Trust and Thame Players Theatre, both of which have invested in renewable energy technologies including solar panels, battery storage and air source heat pumps to reduce their carbon footprint.
Another example is the natural flood management project at Littleworth Nature Reserve, which is helping to reduce flood risk for communities downstream while creating environmental benefits and supporting local biodiversity.

Extra Garden Waste

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Residents who have purchased a permit for the brown bin garden waste collection service in our districts can have extra garden waste collected, on their normal scheduled collection day only, between **2 November and 13 November 2026**.

Permit holders can put out up to **four additional sacks** per brown bin subscription.
Guidance for residents:

- Only present natural garden waste (cut grass, plants, small branches).
- Use standard-sized (60L) black refuse-style sacks totalling no more than a standard bin full.
- DO NOT use bags larger than 60L (including one-tonne builders' bags).
- Leave sacks open.

All the garden waste collected will be taken to a composting facility near Wallingford. The compost is sold to local farmers to be used as a soil conditioner.
More info at:southoxon.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Joint Local Plan (JLP1) Third Stage Hearings start Tuesday 17 November

The Third Stage of Hearing Sessions will commence at 09:30am on Tuesday 17 November 2026 at Bee House, 140 Eastern Avenue, Park Drive, Milton, Abingdon OX14 4SB.

Inspectors have prepared Matters, Issues and Questions for the third part of the hearings (**ID29**), accompanied by a third Inspectors' Guidance Note (**ID30**), and a draft Hearings Programme (**ID31**).

See our Latest News for further updates to the Examination webpage.

Councils work towards stronger community connections

Earlier this year the Councils launched a series of community-led initiatives, under the theme of 'Be Together', ranging from yoga, 'have a go' days and community arts events to bike repairs and food skills courses.

Linked to these smaller community initiatives, the Councils' longer-term ambition is to develop a new, evidence-based Community Cohesion Strategy.

This will set out a clear set of priorities, and a practical delivery plan that coordinates work across the Councils and with key partners over a five-year period.

To support development of the strategy, the Councils are working with Belong – The Cohesion and Integration Network. Belong is experienced in supporting the development of community cohesion strategies and has worked with a number of local authorities.
Throughout September and through to November, representatives from Belong will be out and about

in the districts on behalf of the Councils, talking to a range of organisations, community groups and individual residents, as they gather evidence for the strategy. People can also take part in an online survey and share their views and experiences within their own communities.

About the Community Cohesion Strategy and Be Together projects
The new community cohesion strategy will be built around three pillars:

- **Integration –** Supporting cohesive communities by helping new and existing residents connect, participate, and thrive— including those arriving through migration pathways.
- **Safety –** Promoting safe, resilient communities through strong safeguarding practices and joined-up work with police, fire and rescue, and voluntary partners.
- **Equalities –** Ensuring fair access to services, tackling poverty, and improving health and wellbeing for all communities.

One the strategy is adopted, a Community Cohesion Board made up of both statutory and voluntary agencies will oversee the strategy ensuring it is focused on all communities across southern Oxfordshire.

Be Together is an umbrella programme supporting a range of smaller, community-led initiatives within the Communities service and beyond. Its core aim is to foster integration—particularly for migrant communities—by encouraging social participation with established communities, cultural understanding, and mutual support. It also aims to build long-term independence and resilience among the communities it supports, helping to reduce reliance on council resources over time.

The Be Together programme (jointly funded by South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council) is funded through three different government resettlement schemes - Homes for Ukraine, Afghan Resettlement Programme and Dispersal Accommodation (Asylum).

The Strategy is funded from government grants, Council funding and the National Lottery.

Residents encouraged to be winter prepared

As the colder and wetter months roll in, residents and businesses across South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse are encouraged to be as 'winter prepared' as possible.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have launched ‘Be Winter Prepared’ a seasonal initiative packed with practical advice, local events, and signposting to support to help residents stay warm, well, connected and prepared this winter.

It brings together a wide range of services and resources from the council and partner organisations, including community activities, health advice, and support services to help residents through the tougher winter months.

Highlights of the winter awareness drive include:

1. **Emergency preparedness:** Get ready for winter weather with tips on flooding, power cuts, and emergency kits. Sign up to the priority register - a free service that ensures utility companies know who may need extra assistance during a gas, electricity or water outage.

2. **Keep warm. Keep well. Know where to find support:** If people are struggling financially or need advice, the councils' Community Hub is here to help — from food and housing support to mental health guidance. There is also advice on how to make simple home improvements, such as insulation, draught-proofing, and efficient heating, to help residents stay warm and reduce energy costs, alongside tips on how to stop condensation building up and preventing damp and mould.

3. **Support for rough sleepers:** The council activates emergency accommodation during severe weather and works year-round to support people at risk of homelessness.

4. **Warm spaces**: Local libraries, leisure centres and other venues are offering warm, welcoming places to relax, recharge and connect.

5. **Health advice:** Links to the NHS winter health guide offers tips for staying well.

6. **Stay connected and active:** Winter activities and events from group walks to performances and workshops, there's something for everyone. Visit the Active Communities page or check out what's on at Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot or The Beacon in Wantage – or take up a new activity at a local leisure centre.

Residents can find all the information and resources on the council's Be Winter Prepared pages:

- South - Be Winter Prepared
- Vale - Be Winter Prepared

8. **OCC Report**

Title	County Councillor's Report
Author	Cllr Johnny Hope-Smith
Parishes	Aston Tirrold/Upthorpe, Cholsey, East Hagbourne, Little Wittenham, Long Wittenham, Moulsford, North Moreton, South Moreton, West Hagbourne
Date	October 2026
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1. Forthcoming OxBus2040 Consultation – Have Your Say on the Future of Bus Services

Key Details

Oxfordshire County Council is expected to launch the OxBUS2040 consultation shortly. The strategy will set out how bus services across the county could develop over the next 14 years.

The consultation was expected to begin during October and will provide an opportunity for residents, parish councils and community groups to comment on current services and future priorities

Oxon4Buses has produced a questionnaire to help communities identify local bus priorities and transport needs

What Parishes Can Do

- **Look out for the consultation when it launches and consider submitting a parish council response.**
- **Discuss local bus provision and future transport priorities at parish council meetings and with residents.**
- **Consider appointing a Parish Transport Representative (PTR) if your parish does not currently have one.**
- **Encourage residents to participate in the consultation, particularly those who rely on buses or would use services if they were improved.**

Site for further details on the PTR : https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/public-transport/parish-transport

2. Oxford Traffic Filters Trial – Consultation Now Underway

Key Details

Oxford's long-planned traffic filter trial began on 28 September 2026. The scheme restricts private cars from passing through six locations across the city during operating hours, with fines of up to £70 for motorists without a permit.

- NOTE: If you already held a congestion charge permit, it has been automatically transferred to a traffic filter permit. You do not need to apply for a new traffic filter permit.
- Day pass allocations have been automatically reset to 100 for Oxford residents and 25 for Oxfordshire residents.

Since implementation, there have been reports of significant congestion around Botley Road, Oxpens Road and access routes to the Westgate Centre, particularly at weekends and during peak periods.

Bus operators have reported that it is still too early to fully assess the impact of the filters, as ongoing roadworks and the continued closure of parts of the Botley Road corridor are also influencing traffic conditions.

The County Council says the trial is intended to tackle long-standing congestion in Oxford and forms part of a wider strategy to improve bus reliability, air quality and sustainable travel.

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A six month public consultation is currently underway and the trial can continue for up to 18 months before a final decision is made.

Link: https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxford_filters_etro2026

What Parishes Can Do

- **Encourage residents who regularly travel into Oxford to monitor developments and participate in the consultation process.**
- **Share feedback from residents, commuters and businesses about how the trial is affecting journeys to Oxford, particularly for work, healthcare, shopping and education.**
- **Remind residents that the scheme remains a trial and that the consultation is the formal mechanism through which views can be considered before any long-term decision is taken.**

Encourage anyone experiencing significant impacts to submit evidence and comments through the official consultation channels

3. Didcot Substation Community Fund Consultation – £530,000 Available for Local Projects

National Grid Electricity Transmission has launched a consultation on how a new £530,000 Community Fund linked to the Didcot Substation extension should operate.

The consultation runs from 22 September to 27 October 2026, with funding expected to open for applications in early 2027.

Following confirmation from National Grid, the proposed eligible area aligns with the Didcot Garden Town Area of Influence and includes communities such as Didcot, **East Hagbourne, West Hagbourne, North Moreton, South Moreton, Long Wittenham, Little Wittenham, (Map below)** Clifton Hampden, Culham, Appleford, Sutton Courtenay, Blewbury, Harwell, Chilton and surrounding areas.

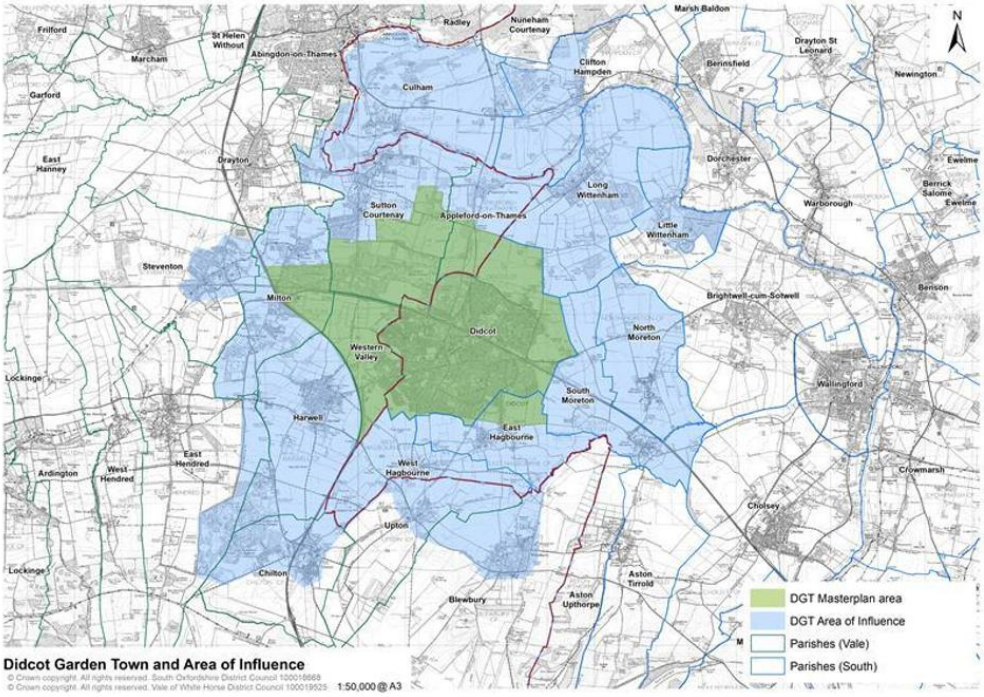
Organisations do not need to be based within the eligible area, but they must demonstrate that their activities benefit communities within it.

The consultation is seeking views on local priorities to help shape how the fund is administered and what types of projects should receive support.

What Parishes Can Do

- **Consider responding to the consultation and encouraging local community groups to do the same.**
- **Discuss potential future projects that could benefit from grant funding, such as community facilities, environmental projects, youth activities, accessibility improvements or local resilience initiatives.**
- **Share the consultation with local voluntary organisations, charities and community groups that serve residents within the eligible area.**
- **Further information and the consultation survey can be found at:** https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/didcot-substation

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4. INFO - Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – County Council Seeks Further Evidence

Key Details

Oxfordshire County Council has issued a formal legal letter to the Government seeking disclosure of the evidence and analysis used to support the Government's July "minded to" decision on LGR in Oxfordshire and West Berkshire.

The move follows the Government's decision in September to pause and review its earlier LGR decisions. The County Council says it wishes to understand the evidence underpinning the preferred option of creating three unitary councils across the area.

The council has stated that its priority is to secure local government arrangements that are financially sustainable, protect key services and deliver the best outcomes for residents and communities.

The Government is yet to provide further detail on the scope or timetable of its review.

5. INFO - First EV Charging Sites Approved Across Oxfordshire

Key Details

Oxfordshire County Council has approved the first 11 on street electric vehicle (EV) charging locations as part of its countywide EV infrastructure programme. The sites are located in Berinsfield, Burford, Henley on Thames, Kidlington and Oxford. The programme is supported by more than £4 million of government funding and aims to install over 1,500 public chargers by summer 2028.

The programme is designed to support the estimated 30% of Oxfordshire households without access to a driveway or private off street parking, making EV ownership more practical for residents who rely on on street parking.

Alongside public charging infrastructure, the programme includes:

- Public chargers in council owned car parks.
- Public on street chargers.
- Subsidised EV cable channels for residents charging vehicles from their homes.
- Community EV charging microhubs delivered with town and parish councils.

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More than 700 responses were received during consultation on the first phase of on street locations, with further sites still undergoing assessment and local engagement.
When complete, the programme will more than double the number of publicly available EV chargers in Oxfordshire ahead of the UK's transition away from the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles.

6. INFO - Road Traffic Casualty Data 2025 – New Report Published

Key Details

Oxfordshire County Council has published its annual Road Traffic Collisions and Casualty Data Summary 2025, providing the latest picture of road safety across the county.
The headline message is that Oxfordshire continues to make progress towards its Vision Zero ambition of eliminating deaths and serious injuries on the road network.

Oxfordshire performed better than the national trend and better than many similar county areas in 2025

- Oxfordshire's KSIs (Killed or Seriously Injured) fell from 260 in 2024 to 216 in 2025, a reduction of 17%.
- Across Great Britain, KSIs fell by around 4% over the same period, meaning Oxfordshire's improvement was substantially greater.

Long term trend

- Compared with the 2010-2014 baseline used for road safety comparisons, Oxfordshire has achieved a greater reduction in casualties than the national average.
- The report notes that Oxfordshire remains amongst the better performing local highway authorities for casualty reduction

Report Location: .https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/roads-and-transport-policies-and-plans/CasualtyReport2025.pdf

7. INFO - Government Approves Oxfordshire SEND Improvement Plan

Key Details

Oxfordshire's plans to improve support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) have now received full government approval.
The plan includes recruiting more educational psychologists and therapists, creating additional inclusion support bases in mainstream schools, and delivering more support through local, area based teams.
The programme is backed by £4.9 million of government funding to support SEND transformation over the next three years.
Government approval will also allow Oxfordshire to receive a High Needs Stability Grant, helping reduce the significant SEND related deficit within the Dedicated Schools Grant budget.
The changes are intended to improve access to specialist support closer to home and strengthen inclusion within mainstream education.

8. REMINDER: Councillor Priority Fund – Supporting Local Projects – DEADLINE NOVEMBER 2026

The Councillor Priority Fund is still open, offering each Oxfordshire County Councillor £10,000 to support community projects within their division. This funding is designed to help deliver local priorities and strengthen community initiatives.
Parish councils, community groups, and local organisations are encouraged to apply for funding to support projects that benefit residents. Examples might include:

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- Improvements to community facilities
- Local environmental initiatives
- Activities that promote wellbeing or inclusion
- Smaller-scale projects are especially encouraged, as the fund is modest and intended to support a wide range of communities across Oxfordshire

Key Details:

- Applications must be submitted by 30 November 2026
- Grants are typically paid within 28 days of approval
- Applicants must register for an account to apply and track progress
- Monitoring and reporting are required for successful projects

To ensure your project meets the funding criteria, please read the guidance document before applying.

What Parishes Can Do

- **Identify local projects that could benefit from modest funding**
- **Collaborate with community groups to develop proposals**
- **Submit applications early to allow time for review and payment**

Keep records and be prepared to report on outcomes

For more information and to then apply, visit the Councillor Priority Fund page.
https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/councillorpriorityfund

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