

Monthly Oxfordshire County Councillor update

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The Green Party Real Hope Real Change

Updates

68 Bus

The 68 bus which runs from *Faringdon > Longcot > Fernham > Uffington > Kingston Lisle > Westcot > Sparsholt > Childrey > Letcombe Bassett > Letcombe Regis > Wantage* will be operating a larger 30 seat bus from September 2026 to enable more students in the villages to attend KA secondary school by public transport.

State of the roads

Major road repairs:

1. Fernham road B4508
 - a. Traffic lights have been implemented. A task order has been raised so works will be planned but unable to give a specific time. Traffic lights will remain in situ until the issues are repaired.
2. A420 potholes
 - a. The site has been visited; Traffic Management and the repairs will be planned shortly.
 - b. The SSEN roadwork along the A420 is now at Watchfield / Shrivenham and should be completed by 21st May.
3. B4000 Highworth Road near Kiddson Trigg
 - a. The highways team attended B4000 early this week and state they have completed all repairs necessary, but it is still in poor condition.
4. A420 flooding at Shrivenham
 - a. Repair work is planned for the new financial year.
5. Cressbeds in Letcombe Bassett
 - a. This work is currently being costed and will then be scheduled.

Actions I have taken: I email highways weekly to continue to pressure for action on these roads and others. I have sent two open letters to the Cabinet member for Highways Cllr Gant. I have contacted the Head of the Cabinet to ask for an explanation for why I have not received a response. I have raised these roads in every Faringdon Area Traffic Meeting (FATAC) and regionality meeting.

Consultations

Consulting the Secretary of State on planning decisions

The government has already announced its intention that planning applications for 150 or more dwellings should be referred to the Secretary of State where a Local Planning Authority is minded to refuse.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consulting-the-secretary-of-state-on-planning-decisions/consulting-the-secretary-of-state-on-planning-decisions>

You can email your response to the questions in this consultation to pcu@communities.gov.uk or the survey [here](#).

This consultation will last for 6 weeks from 23 March 2026 until **4 May 2026**.

Shrivenham: Village Centre - proposed parking amendments

Feedback and proposed improvements for Shrivenham's parking scheme:

https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shrivenham_villagecentre_parking2026

Deadline for feedback is: **5pm on Friday 08 May 2026**

Compton Beauchamp - proposed 20mph speed limit

Consultation to introduce a **20mph speed limit** within Compton Beauchamp, replacing the existing 30mph speed limit in its entirety in the process, leading out to the following points:

1. Knighton Hill – southwards to a point 25 metres north of its junction with the B4507,
2. The unnamed road leading to Shrivenham – north-westwards to a point 720 metres northwest of its junction with the unnamed road leading to Longcot,
3. The unnamed road leading to Longcot – north-eastwards to a point 345 metres north-east of its junction with the unnamed road leading to Shrivenham.

https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/comptonbeauchamp_20mph2026

Deadline for feedback is: **5pm on Friday 01 May 2026**

Funding

OCC flood reduction scheme funding

We are looking for projects that will reduce flood risk to residential or business properties, community buildings and facilities, public highways or infrastructure. We will prioritise funding based on value for money in reducing flood risk and confidence of project completion. Projects with a quote or estimate from a contractor for the works, and if applicable evidence of discussions with relevant landowners would provide greater confidence in successful project completion, as well as a more accurate of price forecast. We would like, if possible, to support a range of different types of projects around the county.

The kind of projects this funding could be used for include but are not limited to: small flood storage areas, embankments or channels; culvert (pipe) removal or improvements on ordinary watercourses; natural flood management works; improving community flood resilience through awareness raising/preparedness.

There is an upper limit of £25,000 per project in funding available from OCC on projects successful in obtaining grant funding. We will consider both full and partial funding of projects, if it can be shown any other funding required has been agreed.

If you have any questions please contact: floodmanagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Visits and engagements

Tues 31st March I attended Pennyhooks meeting to see new research regarding autism and movement, and how this can be treated through farm interactions.

Fix My Street Reports

Please continue to report potholes to FixMyStreet and please escalate any dangerous potholes which have not been repaired to me on

Emma.Markham@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

Any car damage should be reported to: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/street-maintenance-z/compensation

Any near miss car collisions caused by cars swerving to avoid potholes should be reported here: www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/making-a-road-traffic-incident-report/

Parish matters

Ashbury

Featherbed Lane, Idstone roadwork originally planned to start 27 - 29 May 2026, enquired if this has been delayed or still on schedule.

Bourton

Dangerous tree outside the Grove has been cut back

Childrey

Blocked drains on Hollow Way being investigated and planned work to clear them.

Fernham

Requested a replacement SID sign (from 30 to 20)

Compton Beauchamp

Potholes outside of Compton Marsh Farm have been repaired.
Consultation open for changing this to 20mph

Kingston Lisle and Fawler

Letcombe Bassett

Photos submitted for Gramps Hill for repair work to be scheduled.
Roadwork for piping the spring water under the road at Cress Beds to reduce annual road flooding and road degradation is currently being costed before it can be scheduled.

Letcombe Regis

Little Coxwell

Longcot

Warning Hedgehogs road sign requested.
Longcot rail bridge pothole has been escalated for repair.

Shrivenham

Sparsholt

Uffington

Potholes near Moor Mill farm in Uffington has been repaired.

Watchfield

Large pothole near Barrington Ave on Majors road has been escalated