

Monthly Oxfordshire County Councillor update

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Updates

State of the roads

Major road repairs:

1. Fernham road B4508
 - a. Work due to take place from 5th to 6th May to repair the road.
2. A420 potholes
 - a. Repair work on these potholes is due to begin 29th April.
3. B4000 Highworth Road near Kiddson Trigg
 - a. a number of permanent repairs are already logged in the system and are scheduled to be addressed ASAP.
4. A420 flooding at Shrivenham
 - a. Repair work took place 21st April to resolve the flooding issue.
5. Cressbeds in Letcombe Bassett
 - a. Large potholes have been filled 24th April
 - b. The major work is currently being costed and will then be scheduled.
6. Majors road / Barrington Avenue, Watchfield
 - a. Huge pothole repaired 17th April.

Road Resurfacing: OCC report to have more than doubled the number of crews working on road defects, and will invest a further £8 million in surface treatment for the county's roads, as a preventative measure, aimed to reduce the number of potholes next winter.

Consultations

Shrivenham post office relocation consultation

<https://www.postofficeviews.co.uk/national-consultation-team/shrivenham-sn6-8aa-189548/> The consultation is about access to the new location and the access within the new post office. Deadline for consultation **Closes 15 May 2026**

The current Post Office branch is scheduled to close on **Thursday 4 June 2026** at 17:30 and this Post Office service is scheduled to open at the **new premises on Monday 22nd June 2026** at 10:00.

Details of two alternative Post Office branches which are open during this closed period:

- Highworth Post Office, Brewery Street, Highworth, Swindon, SN6 7AJ
- Covingham Square Post Office, 2 Covingham Square, Swindon, SN3 5AA

Homeless survey

Oxfordshire Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026–2028 consultation is open until **23rd May**: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-homelessness-rough-sleeping-strategy-2026-2028>

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

Site Visits

Planned site visit “pothole repair innovation day in Banbury on Tuesday 28 April 2026” has been postponed until after the election period.

List of scheduled works

- A420 layby between McDonalds in Watchfield and Webbs construction has work planned to reduce flooding Q1 April – June 2026
- Highworth road (B4000) traffic management in Shrivenham near Cross Trees Q4 Jan – March 2027
- Featherbed lane Idstone structural roadwork 27th May
- Compton Beauchamp 20mph change
- Woolstone drainage improvement Q3 Oct-Dec 2026
- Uffington high street patching Q2 July – Sept 2026
- Letcombe Bassett drainage improvement by Annabells cottage Q2 July – Sept 2026
- Letcombe Bassett road patching on Bassett road Q2 July – Sept 2026

Switching to Gov.UK

The [National Association of Local Councillors](#) urges parish and town councils to switch to a .gov.uk domain, and this is something which is also a recommendation as part of annual parish council audits. Details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-your-parish-council-to-a-govuk-domain>

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