

Title	County Councillor's Report
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Bledlow Ridge Recycling Centre

Bledlow Ridge Recycling Centre is set to reopen and will be open 5 days a week and visits are free for all Bucks residents but those in Oxfordshire will be charged a fee to use the site.

Costs range from £22.34 to £387.60 per visit depending what type of vehicle and waste you have.

We are speaking to officers about this to see if there's anything that can be done to reduce these high costs.

Oxford traffic filters:

A consultation is ongoing for the installation of 5 'traffic filters' in Oxford. These filters permit buses, taxis, vans, motorbikes etc. to travel through them, but prevent most private cars through (exceptions for e.g., care workers, blue badge holders etc.). They are enforced with ANPR and run from 7am to 7pm. These filters are considered essential for improving the reliability of buses and reducing private car movements (a key goal of OCC).

Close public consultation: 13 October 2022

Keep up to date with 20mph timetable:

The timetable for 20mph has been published.

Chinnor is set to be complete in the first tranche by February 2023. [Link to the Time Table Requesting 20mph restrictions | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Cost of living help:

OCC has approved measures to support residents this winter as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. This includes emergency welfare, Council Tax support and warm places (e.g., libraries, grants for community centres) for people struggling with heating bill

Budget Concerns:

In recent years urgent repairs for bridges have been dangerously underfunded. OCC are now prioritising fixing crumbling bridges that will cost up to £80m over the next 5 years. Adult Social care and special educational needs have also been sadly underfunded by central government, leaving OCC with a £6.7 million black hole in SEND and mounting (ringfenced)

debts. At full council in October, councillors will debate a motion to request the government to write off the ringfenced SEND debt. There is also uncertainty on how the money intended to be raised from the rise in National Insurance and used for adult social care will be replaced.

Major overhaul of highways planning:

OCC has become the first in the country to adopt a new approach to planning called "Decide and Provide". Decide and provide means that when OCC is consulted on planning matters, our response will be based the kind of sustainable and active transport we want to see, rather than 'predicting' the number of car journeys and trying to accommodate them in the road system. This is essential so that we can meet our ambitious climate change targets and build more sustainable communities from the outset.

Councillor Priority Fund still open (Both)

Applications to the Councillor Priority Fund are still open. This is a fund of £15,000 to be used over two years on projects in Thame, Chinnor, Tetsworth and surrounding villages

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/community-and-living/thriving-communities/councillor-priority-fund>

Awarded in Chinnor to date:

Parish	Project	Kate	Nigel	Total
Chinnor	EV Chargers	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£3,000.00
Chinnor	Chinnor Community Church	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
Chinnor	Village Centre	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
Thame and Chinnor	Enrych Oxfordshire	£100.00	£100.00	£200.00
		£3,600.00	£3,600.00	£7,200.00

Library

There is S106 money for the library and the cabinet member is visiting the library on Wednesday at 10am

Drains Flooding

An ongoing issue – problems should be added to fixmystreet when they arise