

Title	County Councillor's Report
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Vision Zero Draft Strategy to eliminate deaths and serious injury has been approved

A package of initiatives aimed at eliminating deaths and serious injuries on Oxfordshire's roads by 2050 has been approved. More details [here](#)

Heads of terms agreed with Oxford United for stadium land

An agreement has been reached on heads of terms for the county council to lease land it owns near Kidlington for Oxford United to develop a new football stadium. More details [here](#)

Boost to cycling:

OCC has approved its map for a 'Strategic Active Travel Network (SATN)'. [The map](#) has straight line walking and cycle routes between settlements in Oxfordshire and towns/villages in neighbouring counties. Primary links include Chalgrove to Oxford, Wallingford and Culham, and Watlington to Princes Risborough via Lewknor and Chinnor. Cabinet approved progressing to 'stage 2' – translating the straight-line network into on-the-ground alignments, design and costing.

New Chair at Oxfordshire County Council

OCC has a new Chair, Councillor Alison Rooke. Alison has been a County Councillor in Abingdon since 2013 and takes over from Councillor Felix Bloomfield who has chaired the council for the last 12 months.

Oxfordshire County Council Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

A draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) will shortly open for public consultation. It sets out how, in our role as lead local flood authority for Oxfordshire, we will work together with partner authorities to manage flood risk.

Spotlight on public health report

Oxfordshire County Council's Director of Public Health, Ansaf Azhar, had his annual report highlighted in a Local Government Information Unit blog. It raises awareness of the untold health story of climate change and talks about the negative impacts of climate factors on health, wellbeing and inequality, as well as identifying the clear opportunities for better health through climate action.

£7 million road resurfacing programme under way

Last month OCC started their biggest surface dressing programme in recent years to improve more than 1,000,000 sq metres of roads in the county.

*****GRANTS AND COST OF LIVING*****

Hardship fund: OCC's hardship fund (Resident Support Scheme) was launched in June.
Phone: 01865 804171

Home Upgrade Grants: OCC & its partner AgilityEco is reaching out directly to households who will qualify to benefit from Home Upgrade Grants (to improve energy efficiency for 'off-grid' homes)

*****Annual Meeting Questions *****

Q - What is being done to address the poor state of roads in Thame, particularly on bus routes? This was raised by residents on Aylesbury Road, North Street and Wellington Street. 170 buses use North Street daily between 5am and midnight, in addition to Cattle Market traffic, and there have been no repairs in the last three years, despite additional buses following the new X20. On Fix My Street, Highways have responded to say works are due on 30 June.

A - The general condition of these road has been recorded and resources will be considered for future programmed works. Find out more about highway repairs and how we assess risk at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/road-repairs>. In the meantime, they will be monitored during routine inspections and anything that reaches our intervention levels will be repaired.

The County Council does not control the routes of commercial bus services and they are free to operate on any road they wish subject to it not being subject to some form of statutory restriction

Q - Could a reporting system be implemented for Thames Water to work with SODC / OCC on potholes and sinkholes that are caused by sewage issues? There had been 10 sewer collapses in Lea Park over the past 25 years.

A - This has been requested

Q - Are there any plans to improve lighting on the Phoenix Trail or Van Diemens?
There is increased use on the Phoenix Trail due to the new residential development.

A - Sustrans are responsible for this