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Eligible groups encouraged to get their flu and COVID boosters

People in Oxfordshire who are eligible for annual winter flu and COVID jabs are being encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

The flu vaccine is available for free to all pregnant women, children aged two to three or in primary and secondary education, anybody in a clinical risk group – such as those with diabetes, heart disease or a weakened immune system and their close contacts – people who live in care homes, carers, frontline health and social care workers, and all those over the age of 65.

Flooding

Environment Agency statistics show more than a month's worth of rain fell across the county on just two days (22 and 23 September), with levels for the month as a whole well above average.

For future events residents can:

Residents can:

- [Check their flood risk](#) on X (follow @EnvAgencySE) and [sign up for free flood warnings](#) from the Environment Agency.
- Keep in touch with the Environment Agency's regularly updated information relating to [current flood alerts and flood warnings](#) and the five-day flood risk for Oxfordshire.
- Call the Environment Agency's flooding hotline for advice and support at any time on 0345 988 1188.
- Monitor online information from the The Met Office, which issues when severe weather is expected.
- Read [flooding newpage](#) and [flooding toolkit](#), which provides advice and support for residents and businesses, including on preparing for instances of flooding.
- Check X at @OxonTravel for road and travel updates.
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Free period products available in county council buildings

Oxfordshire County Council has partnered with Hey Girls, a UK period product social enterprise, to provide period for anyone who needs them. Everyone deserves to have the essentials they need, and having access to period products is important for people's mental and physical health, wellbeing and future.

National Highways and Transport Network 2024

Help us to improve our services in Oxfordshire by telling us what you think [here](#)

SEND Oxfordshire Conversations for parents and carers

The SEND Oxfordshire Conversations are open to all parent and carers. If you plan on attending one of these events, please complete our short booking form so we can send you the joining instructions. [Visit here to find out more](#)

No Confidence vote in Thames Water

Councillors voted that they have no confidence in Thames Water. The Council will write to the Secretary of State to urge limits on bonuses for water bosses and evaluate the pros and cons of renationalisation.

*****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)

Community Capacity Grants: The Community Capacity Fund will open for grant applications from 6th September. Grants of between £5.000 and £20.000 are funded by OCC and applications processed by Oxfordshire Community Foundation. Grants are given to projects that "support people to live well in their community, remaining fit and healthy for as long as possible"

Haddenham to Thame cycle route

Options appraisal has been complete and we expect progress to continue and we will be able to share more information in the next couple of months.

Nelson Street

This is being escalated to try and get a resolution. MP Freddie's team are now involved to help with progress.

Zebra crossings

We have requested for Zebra Crossing on Oxford Road and Thame Park Road to be added to the forward Infrastructure plan.