



## Focus on Parishes with Cllr Freddie van Mierlo (Chalgrove and Watlington)

August 2022

Welcome to my monthly update. I share a regular update in the first week of every month. In the interests of transparency, I share this update publicly as well as with parish councils.

### My recent meetings

- 1<sup>st</sup> July: Chalgrove Parish Council
- 11<sup>th</sup> July: Lewknor Parish Council
- 12<sup>th</sup> July: Full Council, Oxford
- 14<sup>th</sup> July: Berrick Salome Parish Council
- 20<sup>th</sup> July: Audit and Governance Committee, Oxford
- 27<sup>th</sup> July: Site visit, Middle Ground

### Upcoming meetings:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> August: Ewelme Parish Council

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### Road closures and works

Note, road closures can be subject to last minute changes. Keep up to date by saving this website as a favourite <https://one.network/>

- **B4009 (Shirburn):** Section will be closed overnight 4th-5th August 19.00-5.00 for repairs. Closure will block access to Watlington from J6
- **Pyrton Lane (Watlington):** Work to install traffic calming measures will start 8<sup>th</sup> August and run to 12<sup>th</sup> August
- **Howe Road (Watlington)** Two-way control traffic lights on 2<sup>nd</sup> August to remove tree growth

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## OCC news:

**20mph timetable published:** I'm delighted to see so many villages in the Chalgrove and Watlington division get 20mph limits just 18 months after they were promised in the 2021 elections:

- Berrick Salome, Britwell Salome, Chalgrove, Gt Haseley, Gt/Lt Milton: Oct/Nov 22
- Lewknor: Nov/Dec 22
- Nettlebed, Pyrton, Watlington: Dec/Jan 22/23

**Trailblazers in Adult Social Care:** OCC has been selected to be one of a handful of trailblazing councils to implement adult social care reforms early. Changes include a £86,000 lifetime care costs cap and more generous means testing. Being a [trailblazer](#) will allow OCC to influence the scheme and provide feedback to government.

**Cheaper park & ride tickets:** From the end of September, £4 tickets will be available combining parking and bus charges into a single ticket. The tickets will be £4 for a single passenger, and £5 for multiple passengers (e.g. families). The [scheme](#) represents a significant OCC investment of £105,000 in supporting families and reducing traffic.

**Cost of living:** SODC declared a cost-of-living emergency and is providing [support](#) to residents. A Lib Dem motion at OCC to declare an emergency was not debated due to a lack of time, but OCC is already identifying means to support residents.

**Transport and connectivity plan (LTCP) adopted:** The County's new LTCP, including targets to reduce car journeys, and eliminate road deaths (vision zero), was formally adopted at Full Council.

**Climate website launched:** A new [website](#) offering practical advice for Oxfordshire people wanting to reduce their carbon footprint and save energy has gone live.

**Additional domestic abuse victim support:** Oxfordshire County Council will expand and renew its [support](#) for domestic abuse victim-survivors. Only a quarter of cases of abuse (both adults and children) are known. The renewed strategy focuses on both prevention and support for victims through e.g., safe accommodation.

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## Parish round-up

*Not all parishes are covered – below is a selection of the main updates.*

### Great Milton

- **Lower End:** Work to the gully/drainage is programmed for 3<sup>rd</sup> August

## Lewknor:

- **Weston Road Crescent:** Work to repair the damaged corner of the crescent is due to start in week of 1<sup>st</sup> August

## Nettlebed

- **Primary school:** OCC [approved](#) age range extension of Nettlebed Community Primary School down from 4-11 to 3-11 from 1 September 2022
- **X38:** OCC are in the process of procuring a replacement hourly service for the X38 Wallingford to Henley route. Further details will be available soon

## Watlington

- **Pyrton Lane traffic calming:** Long awaited traffic calming measures will be installed from 8<sup>th</sup> August on Pyrton Lane, including speed cushions, a speed hump, and 20mph zone
- **Edge road webpage launched:** OCC has launched a webpage dedicated to updating residents on the progress of the Edge Road (Watlington Relief Road). Webpage includes a timeline:
  - Autumn 2022: Public consultation
  - Spring 2023: Planning application
- **Charlotte Coxe Trust:** Members of OCC's new committee on the Charlotte Coxe Trust visited Watlington Library and 33 High Street in July to see for themselves the state of 33 High Street. OCC has already reached an agreement with Watlington Parish Council to permit improvement works to 33 High Street to facilitate the project to make the building available as emergency housing to a refugee family