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New 20mph policy passed by Cabinet

The county council is changing its approach and acceptance of 20mph restrictions which will enable a much greater coverage across Oxfordshire.

The proposal is aimed to:

- make streets safer
- encourage residents to walk or cycle
- reduce noise and pollution.

The initiative will not be compulsory and will need to be supported by the parish/town council and by the local county councillor. We anticipate a lot of demand, so requests from parishes will be prioritised by need; the aim is to get all requests done within three years.

Measures supported will be from a simple change of speed signs to more complex solutions (these may require additional funding) in areas that can range from a whole village or a single street. The introduction of 20mph restrictions in other areas has already cut speeds and accidents. The area of the proposed restriction should not have a speed limit that is greater than 40mph. It can be a whole village or town or just one street within the area.

Full information can be found at:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/traffic/requesting-20mph>

The link for parishes to apply is at

<https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/20mphrequest>

Leader's letters to the Prime Minister on financial challenges facing county councils

The leader of the County Council, Cllr Liz Leffman, wrote to the prime minister in advance of the government's autumn budget to highlight the predicted funding shortfalls in social care for adults and children, and provision for children with special educational needs. The letters can be

read in full here: <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/urgently-address-funding-issues>

Out-of-hours highways service up and running

Oxfordshire residents can now report a highways matter to Oxfordshire County Council outside normal office hours – including evenings, weekends and bank holidays – if there are concerns about it causing an accident or damaging property, by calling **01223 849731**.

The call adviser will discuss the urgency of the issue and take appropriate action as required.

During normal working hours, people should continue to call the council's customer service centre on 0345 310 1111. If the situation is potentially life threatening, people should call emergency services on 999.

COP26: our commitment in Oxfordshire

COP26 is a chance for the world to come together to tackle the biggest single threat facing the planet. The fight against climate change is at the heart of everything we are doing as a council.

Every decision we take weighs up the impact on carbon emissions and our work is underpinned by our commitment to become a zero-carbon county council by 2030 and enable the whole of Oxfordshire to be carbon neutral by 2050 – if not sooner.

Find out more about what's going on across the county:
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/energy-and-climate-change/cop26-our-commitment>

Reminder: Closure of recycling centres for essential maintenance and deep cleaning

During November, our household waste recycling centres will be closing for two days each for a deep clean and essential maintenance. The closures are midweek to minimise disruption and sites will reopen at 8am the following day.

Site	Dates of closure
Alkerton (Banbury)	2 and 3 November
Ardley (Bicester)	4 and 5 November
Dix Pit (Stanton Harcourt)	23 and 24 November

Site	Dates of closure
Drayton (Abingdon)	9 and 10 November
Oakley Wood (Wallingford)	16 and 17 November
Redbridge (Oxford)	18 and 19 November
Stanford (Faringdon)	11 and 12 November

Reminder: Civil parking enforcement starts 1st November

Following extensive preparation and commitment at County and District level, civil parking enforcement will officially commence on 1st November 2021 in South Oxfordshire, Vale of the White Horse and Cherwell districts.

This means parking offences in those areas previously enforced by the police become the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council - these parking violations will become civil offences. In Oxfordshire, enforcement will apply for on-street parking (roads and highways).

The changes will result in increased, more consistent enforcement of waiting and loading restrictions, double parking offences and dropped kerb obstructions.

COVID-19 update:

All the latest public health advice on Covid-19 can be found at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/coronavirus-covid-19>

Vaccinations for young people

The [NHS National Booking Service](#) for COVID-19 vaccinations is now open to parents wanting to book a jab for their child aged 12 - 15. This will provide an additional option for parents, alongside the schools programme.

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust has published a [webpage](#) with information for parents and young people about the COVID-19 vaccination.

Anyone aged 16 or over can also 'grab a jab' at the Kassam Stadium in Oxford, without an appointment or at any other #Grabajab clinic. Details of those currently open and more information can be found on the [NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's](#) website.

Anyone aged 18 or over, can [book a vaccination](#) on the national booking service. The latest vaccination figures are updated daily at the [NHS England website](#).

Get your booster jab

Everyone aged 50 and over, and health and social care workers, can [book their COVID-19 booster vaccine](#) online as long as it has been six months and one week (190 days) since their second dose. Data shows the natural immunity provided by vaccines will wane over time, particularly for older adults and those more at risk from COVID-19.