

Cherwell District Council funded opportunities for businesses and residents.

These opportunities are available until March 2025 and are funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Rural England Prosperity Fund.

Business Spark

The Cherwell Business Spark programme will help people to start their own successful businesses, or create a profitable 'extra income stream', with support covering key areas including business fundamentals, understanding customers, marketing and sales, financial planning and developing a first-year action plan.

To find out more and apply to join the programme go to:

[OxLEP Business Spark](#)

Business Accelerator

The Cherwell Business Accelerator programme will provide expertise and support to help small businesses in Cherwell grow and thrive.

The support will be through in person and online sessions, masterclasses delivered by business experts, a Leadership Development programme, facilitated Peer-to-Peer Sessions and expert 1:1 support.

To find out more and apply to join the programme go to:

[OxLEP Business Accelerator](#)

Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) Business Grant Scheme

OxLEP Business will be delivering Cherwell District Council's Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) Business Grant Scheme – a new grant fund that aims to back capital projects for rural-based small businesses in the Cherwell area.

For more information and to sign up to the launch webinar go to:

[OxLEP REPF Business Grant Scheme](#)

Free Green Skills courses

Cherwell District Council has partnered with Abingdon & Witney College to offer free places on a variety of Green Skills construction courses for local businesses and residents. The courses in domestic retrofit and renewable technologies include introductory topics for those looking to begin a career in construction and specialist modules for those already working in the industry looking to expand their knowledge and expertise.

[Sign up via the Abingdon and Witney College website](#)

No Limits programme

The council is funding the 'No Limits' programme in Cherwell, designed to offer support for residents into training and employment.

The programme includes assistance for those who need personalised help to get a job, including advice and support, free laptops and mobile phones to develop digital skills, as well as travel grants for those needing financial help to get to work or college.

Find out more and sign up at [OxLEP No Limits](#)