



Cherwell

DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Parish Liaison Meeting Update

Our message of 02 June explained that a variety of factors had led to our decision to postpone the June Parish Liaison Meeting (PLM), and that we intend to hold a replacement later in the summer. We are currently awaiting a decision (in the next few weeks) on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Oxfordshire. After that we will be in touch.

The summer Parish Liaison Meeting (in its current format) is a significant commitment of resources for the council and for the partners who host the drop-in surgeries. We would like to ensure that it is effective for as many parishes as possible. We are therefore taking this opportunity to seek feedback from parishes about the format, timing and content of PLM. We would be grateful if you could consider this, and let us have any suggestions or comments about the format, timing, agenda and venue that might help us make PLM more valuable to parish authorities.

Community Food Grant

Cherwell District Council is offering grants of up to £2000 for capital/revenue to support organisations that are providing/assisting in the provision of food or developing community food activities involving cooking, growing or nutrition/food education which directly link to the delivery of the [Cherwell Food Action Plan](#).

Grants will be assessed and scored linked to the delivery of the Cherwell Food Action Plan priorities with consideration for the number of beneficiaries and impact of the proposed project.

Successful applicants will be notified within 3 weeks of the closing date.

Copies of supplier invoices or other supporting documentation will be required to evidence your claim. CDC will not pay third parties or the applicant's staff, contractors or suppliers direct.

Opening date, Thursday 18 June at 3.00pm and closing date is Sunday 2 August at 11.59am.

If you have any queries regarding eligibility or the application process please contact Libby Knox (Crisis and Resilience Officer) on community.grants@cherwell-dc.gov.uk.

Grants for Local Nature Recovery – Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE)

This funding supports local (Oxfordshire), place-based nature recovery projects such as habitat restoration, biodiversity enhancement, improvements to local green spaces, and supporting species recording. It is particularly suitable for parish and town councils or community groups looking to deliver practical environmental improvements within their local area.

More information: <https://trustforoxfordshire.org.uk/>

Green Community Grants Programme – Wildlife Trust (up to £25,000)

While both funds support nature and climate-related projects, the TOE Local Nature Recovery grants are more focused on site-specific, locally driven projects. Whereas the Green Community Grants Programme offers one-year flexible funding for not-for-profit groups in England, Scotland and Wales with an annual income between £10,000 and £1 million for restoring nature, improving access to green spaces, and responding to the climate emergency. Funds can also be used for sustainable activities like litter picks, recycling, or green transport.

Community groups can apply for funding to support projects that:

- Contribute to nature recovery and respond to the climate emergency
- Improve nature-rich spaces and access to them

The fund will be open in 2026 for two further application windows:

- 24 June to 15 July
- 30 September to 21 October

More Information: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/green-community-grants-programme>

The Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association – Can we help your community?

Many of you will know all about the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OPFA) and are already enjoying the benefits that membership can bring. But for those that are not members, OPFA is the only not-for-profit organisation in Oxfordshire to offer impartial and comprehensive advice on all aspects of managing local outdoor playing space and children's play provision. This service has proved invaluable to many community organisations over its near 100-year history.

Most community outdoor playing spaces outside the main urban centres are managed by volunteers, including members of parish and town councils. OPFA (a registered charity) offers advice and moral support to help them to do their job well and in line with legal and health and safety requirements.

OPFA aims to support any organisation needing some initial information and advice. There is then a membership scheme which for a modest annual fee covers more in-depth support through site consultations, telephone and email contact and access to a comprehensive library of fact sheets.

Further details of the membership scheme are available at: www.opfa.org.uk or by emailing the OPFA Community Development Officer at oxfordshirepfa@gmail.com.

The Queen Elizabeth Digital Memorial

June marks the anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. To celebrate, the government wants to map local history across every corner of the UK, such as street parties, and personal moments that defined the late Queen's 70-year reign.

The [Queen Elizabeth Digital Memorial](#) would love to hear the stories of Queen Elizabeth from your communities, to map the key moments in the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth, as a permanent record for future generations. Residents don't need to have met the late Queen in person, whether it's about the past Jubilee, a memory of a royal visit to your area, or simply a story of how a community came together, it all belongs in this record for future generations.

This isn't just an archive; it's a living map of personal memories, stories, and moments.

The Queen Elizabeth Digital Memorial marks a significant milestone today (29 June) with the [launch of a new collection of archive content and records with the publication of the first selection of memories from those who knew her](#).

Also launching today is a fully digitised version of the Court Circular (Queen Elizabeth's official diary) covering the entirety of Queen Elizabeth's reign from 1952 to 2022. The digitisation gives the public a searchable, complete record of her public engagements and duties across seven decades.

Parish Councils & Parish Meetings are encouraged to use their local channels, newsletters, and social media to [encourage residents to share their stories here](#) and help put your area on the digital memorial map.

Share a memory:

<https://www.queenelizabeth.com/#map=5.5/51.501/-0.141>

Domestic Abuse Awareness Campaign

Please find attached the printable materials for our domestic abuse campaign, developed in response to the observed rise in cases during the World Cup period.

The campaign includes two tailored posters: one designed for adults and another specifically for teenagers.

Please could you consider supporting us by sharing these resources on your parish notice board to help maximise reach and impact.

CDC Council and Committee Meetings

Meetings currently scheduled for the coming month are:

- Budget Planning Committee at 6.30pm on Tuesday 30 June
- Planning Committee at 4.00pm on Thursday 2 July
- Executive at 6.30pm on Monday 13 July
- General Licensing Sub Committee at 6.30pm on Thursday 16 July
- Full Council at 6.30pm on Monday 20 July
- Audit & Governance Committee at 6.30pm on Wednesday 22 July
- Planning Committee at 4.00pm on Thursday 23 July
- Overview & Scrutiny Committee at 6.30pm on Tuesday 28 July

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