



Upton News

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The month ahead

Village calendar

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Village Hall

- Parish Council
- Village Fete
- Uptonogood
- Wine club
- Brownies
- Community coffee morning
- Upton Christmas Readers
- Dance & Fitness
- Karate
- Dog training
- Kinetic gymnastics
- Tea Birds WI
- ✿ Nature Garden work group

St Mary's Church

- ▲ Parish Eucharist
- △ Lay-led service
- ▲ Other service

Waste collection

- Black bin
- Green bin + Brown bin
- Green bin + Brown bin + extra garden waste

Other

- Weekend/public holiday
- Clocks change
- Upton News deadline

For details of events at the Village Hall please see [here](#):

For details of services at St Mary's Church, please see [here](#):

Sunrise, sunset & twilight



Village News

St Mary's Church

Service times

Date	Time	Type	Prayer focus
3 rd August	9:15 am	Lay-led service	Weddings, God's Blessing on new and existing marriages
10 th August	9:15 am	Parish Eucharist	Churchwardens, Church fabric & churchyards, Church cleaners
23 th August	9:15 am	Parish Eucharist	PCC's, All in leadership, Our Operations Manager

The online services continue every Sunday at 10.30am. Login after 10.00 am to chat beforehand or to check your technology. Please click [here](#) to access log-in details on the Churn Churches website.

Father Jason writes ...

... will return in September.

Note to contributors

Contributions to Upton News are always very welcome. Please include your name, address and contact details (email and/or phone number) in case clarification is needed: we will not be able to publish your contribution without these details. The editor reserves the right to place, edit, shorten or omit contributions as required.

Please send your contributions by email to uptonox11news@gmail.com

The deadline for the July 2025 issue is **27th August 2025**.

Upton Parish Council

There's been plenty of positive progress this month, and we're pleased to share a few exciting updates from your Parish Council!

Recreation Ground Fencing Complete

You may have noticed a smart new addition to the recreation ground- yes, the fencing works are now complete! These improvements provide a clear boundary around the overflow parking area, helping to keep the space safe, organised, and looking its best. Huge thanks to our contractors and all those who supported this project from the planning stages through to completion.

Plot 3 Community Land Project Moves Forward

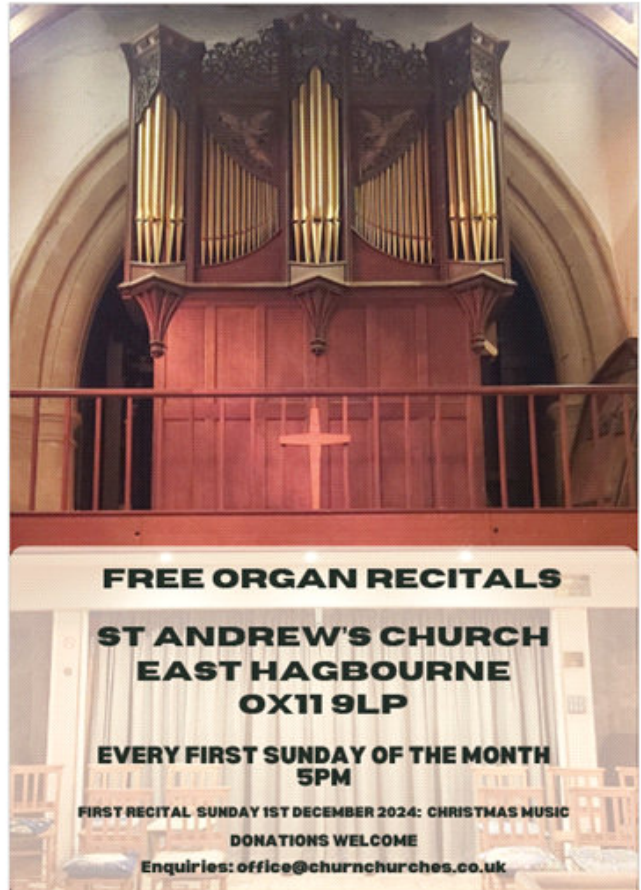
In even more encouraging news, the Parish Council has formally adopted the Community Benefit Society (CBS) initiative to explore the potential purchase of Plot 3 - Chapel Furlong, the piece of land adjacent to the recreation ground. The Council has backed the CBS in its application to list the land as an Asset of Community Value, which could give our village a once-in-a-generation chance to shape our green spaces for future generations. The community-led working group has shown fantastic enthusiasm and organisation, and we'll keep residents updated as things progress.

Save the Date - Upton Village Fete!

And finally, mark your calendars! The Parish Council is proud to be supporting the Upton Village Fete, taking place on Saturday 6th September 2025. It's set to be a fantastic day full of community spirit, stalls, games, and entertainment. Whether you're helping out, setting up a stall, or just coming along for the fun, we can't wait to see you there!

As always, thank you to everyone who contributes their time, ideas, and energy to making Upton a great place to live.

As always, the Council would like to invite comments from all villagers on any matter with which they have concern. These should be sent by [email](#) to the Parish Clerk. Please note that the Minutes of previous Parish Council meetings can be found [here](#).



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UPTON NEEDS YOU

Help Shape the Future of Upton – Join Your Parish Council!

Upton is a village full of heart- and thanks to a small but dedicated team of just five volunteers, we're achieving so much together! From resurfacing the play area to securing new fencing around the recreation ground, we've made real progress in making our village safer and more welcoming. But with so many exciting projects in the pipeline - from community land ideas and planning consultations, to surveys and playground improvements - we'd love a few more helping hands.

Anyone over 18 can become a Parish Councillor. We meet just once a month (on the last Wednesday), and whether you want to join the council or simply help out with specific projects, your time, ideas, and energy would be truly appreciated.

So many residents are already playing a part- a big thank you to all those volunteers. Why not take the next step and join the Parish Council? Let's keep Upton the vibrant, caring village we're all proud to call home. Please email [myself](#) or the [parish clerk](#) to find out more -we'd love to hear from you!

Francoise Yates, Chair, Upton Parish Council

Upton Wine Club

Ah, summer in the village. The birds are chirping, the barbecues are smoking, and the sun is doing its best impression of a Mediterranean heat lamp. Whether you're lounging in the garden, escaping to the coast, or just trying to keep your hydrangeas alive, one thing's for sure: it's wine o'clock somewhere.

As the Upton Wine Club takes a break over the Summer, we have offered an opinion on what should you be sipping as the mercury rises? Let's uncork a few ideas.

Rosé All Day (and Maybe a Bit of the Evening Too)

Rosé is the unofficial drink of summer. It's pink, it's chilled, and it pairs beautifully with everything from grilled halloumi to gossip with the neighbours. Try a Provence rosé for something dry and elegant, or a Spanish rosado if you like a bit more fruit and flair.

White Wines That Chill You Out

When it's too hot to think, reach for something crisp and refreshing:

- Sauvignon Blanc – Zesty, citrusy, and perfect with goat cheese or a smug sense of summer smugness.
- Albariño – A Spanish gem with peachy notes and a sea-breeze finish. Ideal for seafood or pretending you're in Galicia.
- Vermentino – Light, herbal, and criminally underrated. Great with grilled veg or a cheeky prawn skewer.

Red, But Make It Summer

Yes, you can drink red wine in summer - just pick the right ones:

- Beaujolais – Light, fruity, and best served slightly chilled. Like Pinot Noir's fun cousin.
- Lambrusco – A sparkling red from Italy that's dry, fizzy, and surprisingly refreshing. Trust me on this one (if you attended our wine club you'll know what I'm talking about)!

Wine Cocktails: Because Why Not?

If you're feeling fancy (or just indecisive), wine cocktails are the answer. Here are a few to try:

White Wine Spritzer

- ½ chilled white wine
- ½ soda water
- Slice of lemon or a sprig of mint

Perfect for pretending you're being "sensible."

Rosé Sangria

- 1 bottle rosé
- 1 cup strawberries, sliced
- 1 orange, sliced
- ½ cup peach schnapps or elderflower liqueur
- Top with lemonade or soda water

Serve in a jug and watch it disappear.

Final Thoughts from the Deck Chair

Summer is short, wine is lovely, and your neighbours probably won't judge you for having a glass at 3pm (especially if you offer them one too). So raise a glass, stay hydrated (with water and wine), and enjoy the sunshine while it lasts.

Cheers to a grape summer! 🍇

The wine club is off now for the summer months but will be back again on **17th September 2025** for a new Season. Look forward to seeing all the familiar faces again and if you wanted to come and give it a try, don't forget all the details can be found on our [website](#).

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Upton Village Fete

Save the Date: Saturday 6th September 2025, 12 noon - 4 pm

Planning is in full swing for this year's Upton Village Fête, and we'd love your help to make it another fantastic community day!

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with:

- running stalls (books, plants, tombola, hampers, refreshments, and more)
- helping with set-up on the morning of the event
- lending a hand with clearing away afterwards

Whether you can spare an hour or the whole day, we'd be so grateful for your time.

We're also on the lookout for donations for our ever-popular stalls:

- hampers: bottles, luxury food items, pamper products
- tombola prizes: unopened gifts, treats, bottles, toiletries
- books: good-quality fiction, children's books, and recent titles
- jigsaws: complete and in good condition
- plants: cuttings, potted plants, herbs, flowers
- preserves: homemade jams, chutneys, marmalades
- face painting: we're also in need of a volunteer to offer this fun activity on the day!

Donations can be dropped off to:

Ann Parham, Pottengers, Chilton Road, Upton by **Wednesday 14th August 2025**

This is a brilliant opportunity to get involved in a village tradition and help raise funds for our local community.

If you'd like to volunteer or have any questions, please email the [Parish Clerk](#)

Upton Neighbourhood Watch

As they say: "no news is good news" and, again, nothing was noted in Upton last month.

The group is now officially registered and if you would like to be formally part of the group and receive local updates, do join using this [link](#)

To raise our profile within the village, we are hoping to install some signs and to have a presence at the Village Fete on 6th September.

Our next meeting will be in September (date to be confirmed) and as ever, all are welcome .

Upton Photographic Competition

The Summer 2025 Upton Photographic Competition is now open! This competition is open to all residents of Upton.

There are two age categories:

- anyone under 16 years of age
- anyone 16 years of age and above

There are three competition themes:

1. *Upton and Surrounding Area:*
any photograph that shows off the area in which we live (landscapes, buildings, people, nature, sunsets, weather etc).
2. *Photos from your travels*
photographs from anywhere in the world
3. *Black and White*
any summer image captured in, or converted to, B/W

Images can be captured by phone or camera and sent to this [email address](#). Please remember to include a brief description or title. The closing date is **September 30th 2025** and there is no limit to the number of entries.

Good luck and get snapping!!

Local News

Blewbury Players

It looks like Blewbury Players are taking a well-earned rest after last month's performances of *A Monster Call*. We hope to now include a review of this production in the next edition of Upton News.

Blewbury School Report

News from Blewbury School will return in the autumn.

Blewbury WI

Blewbury WI's next main meeting is at 4:00 pm on **Wednesday 27th August** in the Melland Room at Blewbury village hall. It will be a "*bring and share*" tea, for Members only, with the theme of "*Ascot*" – Oh My!

Blewbury WI is a vibrant bunch of friends. Monthly meetings with interesting speakers plus coffee mornings, Scrabble, walks, theatre trips, Rummikub, book club, craft evenings and the fiendish game of Mah Jong – all activities you can join in if you wish.

If you'd like to find out more, please ring our Secretary, Joy, on 850543 or contact us by [email](#).



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BlewSing (Blewbury Choir)

Do you like singing? If so, then you would be most welcome to join us at BlewSing, the Blewbury choir. We always sing



for pleasure and there are no auditions and you don't need to read music. The only requirement is simply a love of singing. BlewSing meet weekly in term times on Thursday evenings at the Melland Room (Blewbury Recreation Ground) from 7:30 – 9:15 pm, under the guidance of teacher and conductor Mark Stanley. Our autumn sessions start on **Thursday September 11th**. We need to know who is coming along so, if you would like to join us and/or would like further information re dates, fees, repertoire etc, please contact email [Sheila Loy](#) or visit our [website](#):

United Charities

United Charities aims to support people of all ages living in Upton, Blewbury and the Astons, who may need financial support. We would like to thank all of



you who have generously made donations, which allows us to continue reaching out to help individuals and family in need. By making your donations through our Just Giving [page](#) we can reclaim an additional 25% towards our funds (if the donor is a tax payer). All the money we receive goes towards helping people who apply for our assistance, from energy costs and general living expenses to school uniform and equipment.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with us by [email](#)

Vale News

VoWHDC News

Hello from Hayleigh and Debra

There was no report from our VoWHDC Councillors this month. However, if you have any questions or suggestions for us as councillors, please do email us (email addresses [here](#) and [here](#)). We also post regular updates on our Facebook pages [here](#) and [here](#).

Current planning applications

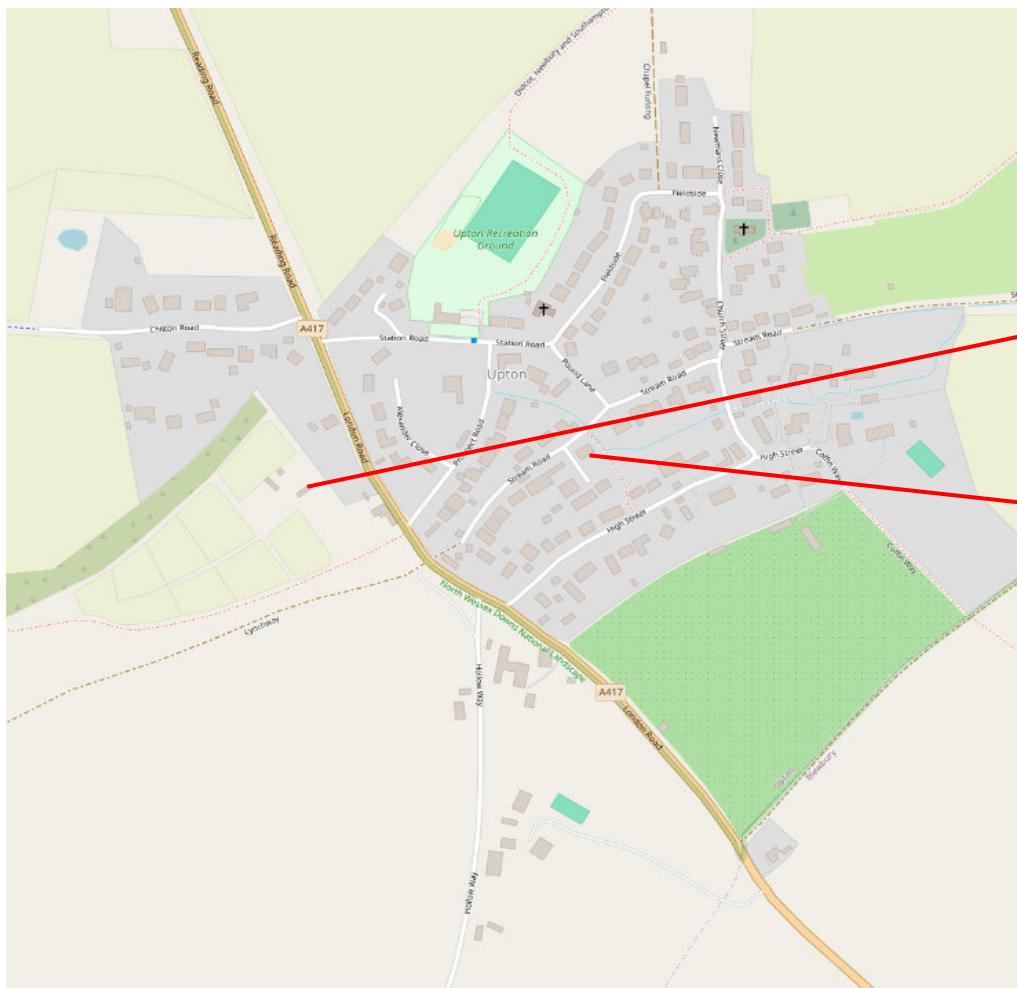
The map below shows the location of all planning applications within the parish of Upton that are *Current* and were registered between 1st January 2021 and 30th July 2025. Details of each application can be obtained by following the hyperlinks on the right-hand side of the map.

Jackie's Care

Are you looking for trustworthy, one-to-one care tailored to your needs? At Jackie's Care, I am proud to provide high-quality care services, at highly competitive rates, 7 days a week. I can offer the following Services:

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- Companionship: A caring presence to brighten your day.
- Administrative Work: Support with paperwork and managing daily tasks.
- Overnight Care: Comprehensive support through the night.

Please contact me by phone (07712455093) or email (jackiefideria@yahoo.com)



[P24/V2170/FUL](#)

[P25/V1188/DIS](#)

Olly Glover (MP)



Much of my time recently has been spent fighting for our area to get the attention and resources we deserve from government. From speaking to BBC and ITV News about failures in local postal services, to holding the Health Secretary to account in the House of Commons over Oxfordshire's status as an NHS dental desert.

Despite the challenges, it is a pleasure to represent our area on the national stage. I was pleased to be able to tell the Culture Secretary about my visit to the Cornermen Project during a session in the House of Commons, and to meet constituents at the recent Act Now, Change Forever climate lobby. At the lobby, I learned about the inspiring work of the Cholsey School Eco Warriors: it is encouraging to see constituents young and old taking an active role in the politics that affect them.

I have been following the court hearing about the huge reservoir south of Abingdon and continue to argue for greater public scrutiny of this Thames Water project. I am in regular contact with campaigners and constituents and will be meeting the Water Minister soon to raise our concerns about the risks of such an unprecedented, large and complex scheme, and put forward the case for greater transparency.

As ever, I have enjoyed meeting many constituents and local organisations over the past few weeks. On a visit to Vale Community Impact, I heard about the vast range of support and advice on offer to local people, I also had a lovely evening at the Aureus School Awards Evening, recognising the achievements of students and school staff. After a meeting arranged by parish councillors about making Cholsey Station more accessible, I raised

the need for government funding for local rail infrastructure in a speech about transport reforms at Westminster.

During Parliament's summer recess, I am holding advice surgeries in many villages across the constituency, and spending more time in the rural communities I represent. I hope, by the time you read this, I will have had the chance to speak to many of you as I make my way around, but if there is anything you feel I can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact me and my team either by [email](#), or by leaving a voice message at 0207 219 7657.

Didcot u3a

"Calling all recently retired or semi retired individuals in and around Didcot. Are you looking for new interests and/or making new friends?"

With over 30 Interest Groups (full details can be found on our [website](#)) then look no further and consider joining the Didcot & District U3A to 'Learn, Laugh, Live'!

New members are always warmly welcomed to join (first visit is 'free to see') and chat over tea and biscuits at the monthly meetings held on the third Tuesday of every month for this nationwide self-help teaching and learning organisation in the Didcot Civic Hall starting at 2:30 pm.

At the monthly meetings there will also be an interesting presentation by a Guest Speaker, and over the coming months we have the following Speakers and topics:

19 Aug Fraud and scam awareness
Speaker: Viviana Salmon

16 Sep Coleshill: the Nerve Centre for British Resistance
Speaker: Gillian Cane

For more detailed information about this locally nationwide organisation for retired or semi-retired individuals still wishing to 'Learn, Laugh, Live' then please contact us [here](#). We look forward to seeing you soon!

News from afar

Oxfordshire County Councillor's report



Last month I mentioned my membership of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), where we scrutinise policy and performance, and challenge decisions made by the council that affect vulnerable adults in our communities.

I have now also attended two Education and Young People OSC meetings as a substitute. It is no secret that there are areas in our Special Educational Needs provision that have been heavily criticised and need marked improvement. I have done my best to provide fair and just critique at these meetings, to influence future policy and improve experience for young people and their families as they navigate education services, including SEND provision, and care services.

After the last meeting, I was asked by one of the Young co-opted members if I would consider joining the committee as a permanent member. After much consideration I have agreed to take over the position from another councillor. I will continue to press for a formal review into how we manage co-production – working with parents and young people to co-create processes and guidance that meet their needs, not just the bare minimum required.

I have already been in contact with many caregivers who have had difficult experiences with our SEND services; it's part of my role to take your concerns forward, and it's an area I feel very passionately about, so if this affects you, please do get in touch with me by [email](#). You can also keep updated on my activity via [Facebook](#)

Transport update

Please note that there are a lot of roadworks planned in the coming months. I will note only those where some delay is possible or likely, but for information there are also water and gasworks planned in Harwell, Chilton and Blewbury that should have no impact on transport.

Grove Road, Harwell

Residents will no doubt have experienced the absolute chaos caused by the Grove Road closure. I am working with officers to ensure that appropriate action is taken to prevent similar disruption by future contractors. I am extremely sorry that the works were so poorly managed, and have made my feelings clear both to the company concerned and to Council Officers.

Bessels Way, Blewbury

5th - 7th August: telephone pole replacement on verge. Two-way signals, delays possible.

Bohams Road, Blewbury

18th August – 1st September: Civils work (Openreach). Please note, the road will be CLOSED to traffic.

A34 – diversions

From 5th – 8th September National Highways will be repairing the A34 Northbound between Chieveley and Chilton. The diversion route is convoluted and I would strongly recommend avoiding. Delays are likely.

Consultations

Oxford temporary congestion charge for cars (closing 3rd August)

OCC is looking to introduce an interim version of the bus filters scheme, while Botley Road remains closed. This is designed to make bus travel quicker and has been called for by the two main bus companies. It will also allow easier access for those who need it, such as healthcare workers, blue badge holders, traders and carers.

Oxfordshire residents would get several day permits, and beyond these, a £5 congestion charge would apply to cars. A local Citizen's Assembly on our transport system was heavily in favour of measures to reduce congestion, with 88% supporting a "car-free city centre" and 74% explicitly supporting a congestion charge.

You can find the consultation survey [here](#).

Household waste recycling centre (HWRC) policies (closing 11th August).

OCC is reviewing its HWRC opening hours, van and trailer permits, reuse and recycle policies, all with a view to reducing the amount of household waste we throw away. If you regularly use our local HWRC, please fill in the survey [here](#). (Editor: please see the next article for Matthew Barber's view on this proposal).

Councillor queries

Recent queries I've raised on behalf of residents and Parish Councils include:

Thames Valley Police Commissioner



Anti-social behaviour

Historically, we know that the summer months can, sadly, see an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour. School holidays, warmer weather, big sporting events, often leading to one or two more drinks than normal, can all contribute!

So each year Thames Valley Police put in place a plan to deal with these challenges and keep us all safe. July marks the start of a three month operation to crack down on crime and anti-social behaviour, with an emphasis on visible local policing.

This does not just involve the police working in isolation. We will also be working closely with our partners, including councils, schools, health services, business, transport and community organisations.

Description	Status	Outcome
Blewbury road safety	Awaiting response	Requested briefing on proposed crossing at Savages and other traffic calming measures. Chased.
Harwell roadworks	In progress	Substantial back and forth on the contractors undertaking works on Grove Road. They are not our preferred suppliers and considerable problems have arisen - several meetings with officers and contractors to discuss
Road safety issues on A417	In progress	Requested briefing on previous requests for crossing on Reading Road
Coffin Way cycle-path	Awaiting response	Requested briefing on previous work re: footpath/potential cycle route between Blewbury and Upton

Policing, in collaboration with partners and local communities, will work to ensure preventative measures are being implemented to better achieve reductions in these crimes and focus on efforts to catch offenders.

Our local policing teams will also be organising days of action and operations to tackle issues such as illegal e-scooters, street crime, shoplifting, rural crime and other offences that affect communities most.

Many of these issues often affect our larger towns and cities, but they can have an impact on everyone. Whether it is residents from rural areas visiting their local towns, the impact of rural crime, or simply the fear that anti-social behaviour can create.

The solution to some of these perennial problems is a strong community. One that does not tolerate disruptive behaviour, one that supports its young people and one where people are willing to take action. That may be as simple as reporting concerns.

So, if you see something that's not right in your community or witness a crime, please report it quickly so the police have the greatest chance to tackle the problem. In an emergency or if something is happening now, always call 999. To report something that has already happened call 101 or report it [online](#). You can also use the police website to send a message to your local neighbourhood policing team and see who your dedicated local police officers are. Just pop in your postcode.

Fly tipping

Following my report last month, I was disappointed to hear that OCC are consulting residents on changes to how our local recycling centres are run (*Editor*: see previous article from Bekah Fletcher on this topic). I am concerned that these changes, if left unchallenged, will lead to an increase in waste crime and fly-tipping.

OCC have already decided to introduce a booking system - that is not being consulted on now. So what else is being planned? Here are some examples:

- reducing the hours that recycling centres are open;
- reducing the number of days they are open (possibly from 7 to 5);
- imposing checks to prove that you live in Oxfordshire;
- making more vehicle times subject to registering for a permit;
- reducing the number of times people with permits can use the sites from 12 to 6 each year;
- banning horseboxes;
- banning any vehicles with sign writing or business logos on them;

You can respond to the Oxfordshire County Council consultation [here](#).

Wild Oxfordshire

The value of contributing wildlife records: please help!

Everyone can play a part in the submitting wildlife observations to local Environmental Records Centres. This is so that they appear on the “official record” that is consulted by planning authorities and used by other parties to track changes in distribution and abundance.

As well as the value of the data submitted, keeping a systematic note of what you see on your walks and in your gardens adds extra interest and depth to the experience, and can help you to improve your identification skills.

A great way of easily logging records is via the [iRecord](#) website or app, from which Records Centres like our Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) can extract data. You can also send records direct to TVERC to ensure they get them in a timely fashion – and see below for how you can contribute even if you don't get on with iRecord.

Local groups or parishes can provide focus to their efforts by setting up an “Activity” within iRecord, whereby all records submitted by participants, within a designated geographical area or within specified window of time, will combine to form an easily accessible overview of what has been seen and where, including a species list.

However, you can, of course submit via iRecord observations from beyond the activity area, and historic observations (as long as you still have the relevant information to hand). For greatest efficiency, we recommend that anyone who is interested in contributing to this effort, or perhaps already keeps records of observations but has not shared them, creates their own iRecord account and uses that to record their sightings. There is an option to start in “[training mode](#)”, which allows you to get used to the system of submitting records without risk of causing any damage! And even in live mode, iRecord uses a system of checkers to assess records, so that the risk of erroneous records getting on the official record is minimised. You can also attach photos to records to assist with this.



Snakes-head fritillary;
Sophie Cunnington, Wild Oxfordshire

Once you have an account, you can find your group's Activity by searching Activities and the name of your group or parish. If it is a “member-only” Activity, your application to join will need to be approved by the group's administrators before you can access the activity.

However, if you do not have the means to use iRecord, then record your observations in a field notebook, then ask someone in your group to upload your data for you. If this is not possible, then you can submit your field notebooks to TVERC. They will need certain key pieces of information: species name, name of observer, location name (provide the name of the site, ideally using one that is recognisable from an OS map; do not enter a postal address as the information you provide will be visible to others), grid reference, and date of observation.

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If you have multiple observations to report, then you will need to upload the records as a spreadsheet. In this case, please provide the information either in a spreadsheet format with headings as described above, or otherwise such that we can easily transfer it into a spreadsheet. You can also download TVERC's spreadsheet templates [here](#). You can find more information on how to submit your records, including links to video guides, on the [TVERC website](#).

Your records are first validated (checked for location errors) and verified (checked for species identification errors) before they are entered into the TVERC database. This ensures that the data passed on to decision-makers is as accurate and informative as possible. The records are shared with local authorities in Oxfordshire and Berkshire, the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency. They are also provided through data searches to local groups, parish councils, ecological consultants and researchers. The information is used:

- by planning authorities and developers to make informed decisions on the design and location of sustainable development
- to help farmers, landowners and conservation organisations manage land in the best way to enhance biodiversity
- by nature partnerships to direct wildlife conservation work
- by teachers, students and scientists for education and scientific research

The database currently holds over 5 million records, including over 1.1 million records of Protected and Notable species i.e. those that should be taken into account in planning applications. The vast majority of records in the TVERC database are collected by volunteers and local wildlife groups, showing just how vital your efforts are. So please, make your nature spotting count and submit your records to TVERC.

And finally ...

Due to budgetary constraints, Upton News is published in electronic format only. A copy is placed on the Upton Village [website](#) each month, which you can download. We also manage a distribution list whose subscribers receive a copy directly in their email Inbox at the start of each month.

If you would like to be added to this list, then please email [me](#) and I will add your email address to our database. Thank you for your interest!

Local directory

What's On

Venue	Telephone	Website
Didcot		
Cornerstone	01235 515144	https://www.cornerstone-arts.org/whats-on
Cineworld	0871 2002000	https://www.cineworld.co.uk/cinemas/didcot/
Wallingford		
Corn Exchange	01491 825000	https://www.cornexchange.org.uk/whats-on/
Wantage		
The Beacon	01235 763456	https://www.beaconwantage.co.uk/whats-on/
Abingdon		
The Abbey Cinema	01235 616000	https://theabbey.ac/web

Useful links

Organisation	Website
Upton Village website	https://www.uptonvillage.co.uk/
Upton Village Hall	https://www.uptonvillagehall.co.uk/
Upton Wine Club	https://uptonwineclub.com/
Upton Village Social	https://www.facebook.com/groups/231071594674815

Various WhatsApp groups also exist - please ask a neighbour for details!

Service centre

If you are an Upton Village resident and have a skill or trade that other residents might find useful, please contact the editor with a short summary of your skill/trade and your contact details. We will include these in the next edition of Upton News, free of charge.

Listings will initially be restricted to Upton Village residents but if there are any skills or trades not covered, then we may include entries from residents of nearby villages.

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