

“Getting Things Done”

A vision for Woodstock Division

**A bulletin covering the whole Woodstock Division from County Councillor
Andy Graham**



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Woodstock

New Library back on the agenda

Have asked at OCC at full council and cabinet that priority be given for a new library in Woodstock and have been given some reassurance that this will be done ahead of the library and heritage strategy and asset plan. This includes a digital transformation and updated records facility. I will be establishing a working group (first meeting 1st week of February) and welcome any representation from the parishes and the town council who can add to establishing a steer for the ambitions of users and potential users. Please contact me directly. Library consultation commence January 22nd on Let's Talk Oxfordshire- a chance to have your say.

Health Centre Gathers Steam

A meeting with the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, the partners from the surgery and other key stakeholders was held last week to establish a Woodstock stand alone feasibility in the centre of Woodstock. Refreshingly positive at reigniting the Hensington Road site option as well as looking at the whole site for regeneration. A viability study is now being undertaken. More updates to come.

Banbury Road and Hill Rise Planning Applications

Held meetings with OCC officers and the assigned district council planning officer over these revised plans. Concerns/objections have been expressed and it is essential that anyone who wishes to make comments should do so by going on the West Oxfordshire District Council website before the end of December to ensure your voice is heard. These will be recorded and will be referred to by the planning committee.

Woodstock Traffic Advisory Meeting 17th January

The Bartons

Pleased to report the Bartons (Steeple Barton and Westcott Barton parishes) are currently running an exhibition and talk back session with residents over the planned 30 to 20 mph traffic calming scheme. Very pleasing to witness such professional and committed parish councillors taking the initiative on and engaging in a clearly well thought out process that will make a difference to the outcome. Section 106 traffic monies have been identified to support the cost of the scheme.

Flooding mitigation work taken on by residents in the Mill Lane area has been completed and I am making sure the final stage of mud clearance on the road is actioned to complete the great community effort made so far.

Home to School Transport policy is now on the People's Scrutiny Committee on 17th February and I am asking residents with children are now asked to summarise how they believe the scheme can be improved.

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Tackley

Flooding mitigation in Tackley has been undertaken although it now seems necessary to do a catch area study to bring landowners into the scheme to undertake mitigating work on their land. Thames Water has been approached and senior officers are addressing to get this underway.

Bladon

Widening of the footpath to 2 metres between Bladon and Hanborough starts on January 4th with a special surface for cyclists. There will be additional works at the Bladon roundabout and so there will be some disruption-a small cost to the benefits of our residents.

Traffic Calming Schemes are being prepared / finalised in Combe, Bladon and The Bartons with further expressions of interest being expressed in Kiddington, Sandford St. Martin, Woodstock and Tackley.

Stonesfield have already had their scheme approved and is schedule to be in place by the end of January 2022.

Youth Service Returning to Oxfordshire

The decision by the new county council to reform the youth service is very good news for young people and I have made the case that the rural areas need to have equal priority to that of urban areas. There will be 4 full time qualified youth workers for West Oxfordshire, and it is envisaged that this will be in place by April 2022. Support for voluntary groups is seen as part of the integrated offer for young people and I will be calling a meeting with all voluntary groups, supporting young people and service managers to identify and promote the offer for young people.

**Wishing you all a great festive break and a big thank you for all your support that is helping to get so much more done for the benefit of our residents.
Keep safe, healthy and looking forward to a better new year!**

County Councillor Andy Graham

Woodstock, Bladon, Stonesfield, Tackley, Combe, Wootton, Glympton, The Bartons inc Steeple Barton, Westcote Barton, Worton, Ledwell and Sandford St. Martins

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