

County Councillor Juliette Ash REPORT- All parishes- Dec 2021

1. Time to put in an application for any roads that you think should have a 20mph rather than a 30 mph speed limit.

The previous administration proposed and trialled a 'twenty is plenty' speed limit opportunity for many Oxfordshire villages but particularly those in rural settings. Please contact me directly if there are any streets you would like to see moved to 20 mph and once agreed, it is now possible to apply online directly at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/traffic/requesting-20mph>

2. Covid-19 Winter planning: Vaccinations- BOOSTERS now available.

The offer of a COVID-19 booster vaccine has been extended to people aged 40 and over. [You can book your booster](#) on the NHS website. Walk-ins available at Kassam Stadium from 3pm to 7pm - except on OU match days. It has also been announced that a second dose of a vaccine will be offered to all young people aged 16 - 17, from 12 weeks after their first dose.

3. The new parking enforcement protocol planned by the previous administration has been welcomed.

Residents across Oxfordshire have welcomed changes to the way parking rules are enforced. On 1 November OCC took control of civil parking enforcement in the Cherwell, South Oxfordshire, and Vale of White Horse district council areas from the police. Residents can now report incidents of illegally parked vehicles by using the OCC [online form](#).

4. Surveys and call for evidence:

- (i) The OCC budget is being reviewed at present. Residents can have their say via: letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk. Council tax increase of 4.99% proposed.
- (ii) Oxfordshire are being asked by the NHS to give their views on whether current pharmaceutical services are meeting the needs of the population. Deadline 9th Jan '22. [respond to the initial draft](#)

5. Nominations open for Oxfordshire's Climate Action Heroes Awards

Individuals and community groups at the forefront of climate action in Oxfordshire are to be recognised by the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, Imam Hussain. Please submit nominations using [an online form](#). DEADLINE 31 December 2021.

6. Support for victims of domestic abuse. How to access support:

- (i) Anyone in immediate danger should phone 999.
- (ii) Those in danger but unable to talk on the phone should dial 999 and press 55. Doing this will transfer the call to the police, who can assist callers without having to speak.
- (iii) Those who are d/Deaf or hard of hearing can register with emergency SMS by texting 'register' to 999.
- (iv) Oxfordshire domestic abuse services, provided by A2Dominion, offers free services to anybody experiencing domestic abuse (including 'honour-based abuse'), regardless of sexuality, ethnicity and immigration status. The [Oxfordshire domestic abuse helpline](#) is open and available. For help and support, call 0800 731 0055 (Mon - Fri 10am - 7pm), or email das@a2dominion.co.uk.
- (v) Alternatively, the [National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#) is open 24 hours to offer support 0808 2000 247.
- (vi) Anybody worried about harming the ones they love can access support and help to manage their behaviours through the [Respect phonenumber](#) on 0808 8024040.

7. Changes to Oxford's bus network

Unfortunately, the major review of Oxford's bus network, has been carried out and a reduction of services has been agreed. It has been promoted by a number of factors including lower than usual passenger numbers and a national shortage of driving staff.

This is disappointing as several of our villages highlighted that looking at recent passenger numbers to judge the viability of a service was an issue as it would be distorted by reduced numbers from the pandemic. I will be writing to the administration to point this out and will call for support for our rural services.

8. A420 Road safety action group

I have established an A420 Road safety action group. It comprises all four County Councillors and is aimed bringing tangible change and increased safety measures for drivers and residents that use the road. I will be calling for evidence from all Parishes and interested residents in due course. The group will be action and solution focused.

9. Unauthorised encampments update: South and Vale.

Nothing to report.

Cllr Juliette Ash

1/12/21 *Please see additional report/verbal report for top 3 priorities by Parish*