

Councillor Andy Graham, OCC – October/November report

Woodstock

Doctors Surgery

- Real progress has been made towards delivering a new surgery for Woodstock.
- The GPs have developed a specification for a new surgery building, which the NHS has approved in principle.
- An in-principle commitment has been secured from the NHS to provide finance for the running and operation of a new surgery.
- Three potential sites have been identified on Blenheim owned land for a new surgery, with the Hensington Road site ruled out because it does not have the expansion potential to cope with the anticipated growth in patient numbers.
- Work is underway to draw up outline plans for the surgery.
- Viable funding models to deliver the new surgery are being reviewed and finalised.
- If progress is maintained, we could expect planning permission by late summer 2026 and a new surgery to be opened by the end of 2028.

Street Lighting in the Historic town centre

With the introduction of LED lighting bulbs work is ongoing to mitigate glare and overspill into resident's homes by warmer bulbs that soften the glare and reangling the street lighting to balance the need on highways and pedestrian safety with that of unnecessary glare. Residents have helped to identify the problem and OCC officers are further taking action to improve and mitigate impact.

Bleed Kits

Bleed kits are available for town and parish councils to use in an emergency and can be housed appropriately possibly with the defibrillator.. These kits are free of charge and have been funded from my Councillor priority Fund .Requests received in writing via andy.graham@oxfordshire.gov.uk (limited availability).

Highways Consultation (Cadogan Park/Princes Ride area)

Having assessed the feedback from the parking consultation, the consensus from residents wasn't supportive of widespread restrictions or controls over the whole of the estate. However, there was some localised interest from residents in Cadogan Park and for some restrictions on Princes Ride.

Subsequently we have drawn up proposals for no waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) and our aim is to formally consult with residents affected towards the end of October/ early

November. When the consultation begins, residents will be written for their views and all feedback received will be presented in a report to the cabinet member for Transport at a Public meeting early in the new year.

In the shorter term, we have recently met with the events management team at Blenheim Palace and agreed in principle for an application to come forward for temporary traffic controls to be put in place on the first section of Cadogan Park (including the bend) and the beginning of the access road leading to the Bowls Club. This is to be put in place to cover Christmas events.

Wootton by Woodstock Designs are being drawn up for an appropriate bus shelter to replace the bus stop at Judd Garage on the A44 this month with costings to the parish council for consideration to mitigate the lack of weather protection and support the many villagers who travel to Woodstock and Oxford.

Improvements to the highway configuration on the A44 in this area is at a design stage to alleviate the accidents that historically have taken place at this junction and progress is being made.

The Bartons

The flooding and mitigation recommendations following the site visits by landowners, parish council representatives and local councillors is awaited and demonstrates the partnership approach to looking at source of flooding including land management and river maintenance together with gulley clearance measure.

Stonesfield

Flooding issues at Laughton Hill are being investigate by the district and county council and awaiting scheduled date for investigative works to start.

Combe

Pleased to see the highway improvements in Combe with restoration of green verges happen making the village safer and more looked after.