

Report for parishes 20230104

Oxford Farming Conferences

For your information there are now two Oxford Farming Conferences which are both meeting this week to discuss the future of farming, with particular emphasis on the future of sustainable farming and the current economic climate and the effect that it is having on farmers. The Oxford Farming Conference (ofc.org.uk) and the Oxford Real Farming Conference (orfc.org.uk) which tends to take a slightly more international and green approach, but they are both discussing more or less the same topics.

Storm water/sewage discharge

We have been sent a link which enables us to view recent and ongoing storm discharges (surface water and sewage) by Thames Water into water courses. It is interesting and the Vale does not look so good compared to other parts of this region.
<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/edm-map>

Household Support 3

A third round of the Household Support Fund will open in January to support households who can't afford essentials over the winter months. Support will be tailored to individual needs but will focus on food and fuel vouchers. Please direct people to www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk for details, email our Community Hub, communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk or call them on 01235 422600.

Homes for Ukraine: discretionary £500 payment for hosts

A one-off emergency discretionary support payment of £500 will be offered to hosts under the Homes for Ukraine scheme where we identify a significant and urgent need. The payments will be made directly to guests through our Community Hub in the form of a cash or retail voucher depending on their needs and circumstances. This is not an automatic additional payment to all guests, and it won't be made where other schemes/funds are available to assist the guest e.g. housing deposits.

If you come across anyone who needs help, please direct them to the Community Hub (<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/contacts/community-hub/>), email them at communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk or call them on 01235 422600.

Vale Cabinet approves changes to car park permits

Car parking permit fees in the Vale of White Horse District are likely to increase slightly, following a decision at a recent Cabinet meeting to raise permit costs by ten per cent, in line with inflation levels. From April 2023, monthly permits to district council car parks will increase by £7 on average, with annual permits increasing £81 on average, to help support the delivery and maintenance of the car parks.

New Integrated Care Strategy

The new Integrated Care System covering Oxfordshire, Bucks and West Berks (BOB ICS) has produced a draft Strategy for the BOB Integrated Care Partnership, with input from Oxfordshire's Director of Public Health and others.

The BOB ICP Strategy will set the direction for the health and care system, linking with local plans, to meet the health and wellbeing needs of people who live in the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West area.

If you'd like to provide your own individual response, you can do so via this link (<http://yourvoicebob-icb.uk.engagementhq.com>). Please share the link with anybody else or any other organisations who might also be interested. This is open until January 29th.

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