

## Witney Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting



**Tuesday, 18th June, 2024 at 2.30 pm**

To members of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee - A Coles, M Brooker, D Enright, T Fenton, J Aitman, T Ashby, S Simpson, R Smith, C Hulme, T Bayliss, K Hickman, A Lyon, D Miles, A Bullock and J Robertshaw (as substitute for T Ashby).

You are hereby summonsed to the above meeting to be held in the **Gallery Room, The Corn Exchange, Witney** for the transaction of the business stated in the agenda below.

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### Agenda

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive and consider apologies for absence.

2. **Public Participation**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. Any member of the public who so wishes may speak, at this point in the meeting, for a **maximum of five minutes** on any matter relating to an item on the agenda.

3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 7)

- a) To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2024 (copy enclosed)
- b) Matters arising from the Minutes not covered in the Action Plan or subsequent items

4. **Oxfordshire County Council**

a) **Report of the Place Planning & Co-ordination Team (West)** (Pages 8 - 16)

To receive and consider the report of the Oxfordshire County Council Place Planning Team.

b) **Witney School Streets**

To consider the possibility of reintroducing this scheme in Witney (added to this agenda at the last meeting).

c) **Highways Engagement Team** (Page 17)

To note correspondence from OCC regarding their Highways Team asking for feedback on problem areas in Witney, received by the Town Council. Feedback will help inform a planned visit to Witney.

d) **Oxon Travel** (Page 18)

To note this new, informative service regarding communication on planned roadworks or incidents.

5. **Community Speedwatch** (Pages 19 - 21)

To receive the report of the Deputy Town Clerk, Witney Town Council.

6. **Public Transport Update**

To receive an update from members present on any public transport matters, if appropriate.

7. **Items Submitted to the Town Clerk**

To receive any traffic or highway related correspondence submitted to the Town Clerk since the last meeting.

a) **Richmond Village** (Page 22)

To receive correspondence from Richmond Villages, Witney regarding the possibility of new footpaths at Thorney Leys.

b) **Newland Speedwatch Request** (Pages 23 - 24)

To receive correspondence from a resident of Newland, Witney regarding the speed limits in that road. To consider a request to add Newland, Witney to the Community Speedwatch list of approved sites.

c) **Madley Line Painting**

To receive an update on line painting at Madley Park, in particular, Lime Walk as raised by Cllr R Smith.

8. **Items Raised at the Meeting**

To receive and consider any pressing matters from members which may be added to the next meeting agenda for consideration.

9. **Date of the Next meeting(s)**

To receive the date of the next meeting of Witney Traffic Advisory Committee for information.

The next scheduled meeting is 24 September 2024 at 2.30pm.



Town Clerk

# Agenda Item 3

## WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 26 March 2024

At 2.30 pm in the Gallery Room, The Corn Exchange, Witney

### Present:

Councillor D Enright (Chair)

Councillors:	M Brooker T Ashby	S Simpson R Smith
Others:	K Hickman T Bayliss A Lyon	A Bullock D Miles
Officers:	Adam Clapton Claire Green  Odele Parsons	Deputy Town Clerk Administration Support - Planning & Stronger Communities Oxfordshire County Council

1 member of the public.

#### T14 ELECTION OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair, Members proposed, seconded and agreed Cllr D Enright as Chair for the meeting.

#### T15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrew Coles and Joy Aitman, and Chris Hulme from Thames Valley Police. Councillor Ruth Smith had given advance notice that she would be joining the meeting at 3:15pm.

#### T16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Committee received representation from a resident of Raleigh Crescent. D Bridewell spoke in relation to compromised driver visibility caused by on-street parking.

#### T17 TO ADOPT AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2024 (COPY ENCLOSED)

The Committee received the minutes of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 January 2024.

**Resolved:**

That, the minutes of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee held on 16 January 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.

**T18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED IN THE ACTION PLAN OR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS**

T4 – In response to a Member, the Chair advised the Festival of Food and Drink would be held during the spring in Carterton, not Witney this year.

T11 - A Member noted the minutes referred to a request for accident data in Witney. OCC Officers had requested the data; a response was outstanding but would be followed up.

**Resolved:**

That, the information would be shared with this Committee when available.

**T19 DEER PARK ESTATE - PARKING**

With the permission of the Committee, the Chair brought forward this agenda item so the member of the public present could hear the outcome.

Members were sympathetic to the concerns raised and agreed that some white lining to distance parked vehicles from the driveway entrance could help.

**Resolved:**

That, the OCC Officer present at the meeting put forward this location for the consideration of the lining programme team.

**T20 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

The Committee received and considered the Oxfordshire County Council reports which included updates on Shores Green, Witney High Street, Bridge Street options, Fiveways roundabout, Windrush Place road infrastructure, a West End crossing and Madley Park path improvements.

Questions were raised regarding the current timetable for the High Street and Market Square improvements. The next stage of public consultation was expected late Spring. It was requested that the project lead and/or a representative from the appointed Preliminary Design team (Phil Jones Associates (PJA)) attended the next meeting.

Cllr Brooker addressed the consultation process for the Bridge Street Area Options Appraisal Report and asked that the Fire Station be included in the consultation process and their operational need considered as part of the stakeholder engagement exercise.

It was confirmed the County Council had not yet confirmed its position on the preferred scheme, including a West End link option.

*Cllr R Smith joined the meeting during this item at 3:15pm*

Members were updated on two schemes for improved cycle safety at Fiveways Roundabout. A discussion raised a number of points:

- The allocated budget from Vision Zero was deemed insufficient for a proper review.
- In addition to improving cycle safety on the roundabout itself; a new cycleway be created from the Northern end of Ducklington Lane to Fiveways Roundabout.
- There was a high number of bus movements at Fiveways Roundabout, due to routing and the location of the bus depot; any engineering should consider how buses navigate this area, tables and humps can be problematic.

*A Lyons left the meeting during this item at 3:20pm  
A Lyons re-joined the meeting during this item at 3:30pm*

The discussion moved on to agenda point 4.6. Members were frustrated at the continued delays in the funded works to the Deer Park Bridleway and the two anticipated signalised crossings. Members were sympathetic to the resourcing issues at OCC but were very disappointed at the lack of any action. OCC advised that the works to improve the Deer Park Bridleway surface and the works to improve the Madley Park Path would be combined and managed by the same project lead to maximise efficiency.

**Resolved:**

1. That, the OCC project lead for High Street and Market Square Active Travel 3 scheme, and a representative from PJA be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee.
2. That OCC will add the Fire Service (Specifically Witney station) to the consultee list for road changes.
3. That OCC officers engage with Windrush Bike Project on Vision Zero and safer cycling opportunities for Fiveways Roundabout and Corn Street.

**T21 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

The Committee received a verbal update from the Deputy Town Clerk of Witney Town Council regarding the Community Speedwatch Scheme administered by the Committee.

The second session had now taken place, this was at the registered Burford Road site. 217 vehicles were measured with 20% being recorded as over the threshold. Two further sites had been submitted for consideration: Witan Way and Mill Street.

The scheme still required further volunteers to come forward.

**Resolved:**

That, the verbal update on the Community Speedwatch scheme be noted.

**T22 PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE**

The Committee were advised four new bus shelters were being installed at Windrush Place and received verbal updates from the Independent Transport Representative on bus related issues.

Countywide travel tickets could be introduced at the end of April/beginning of May. The proposed fares for young passengers being £3.50, and adults £6.50 – This would be the day rate for County wide travel. Options for 7-day tickets would also be available but sold online.

The Chair also raised the possibility of bus users feedback meeting, administered by the Committee during the summer. It would be a simple meeting, but funds would need to be sought for the hire of the Corn Exchange if that were to be the agreed venue.

A Member also spoke in favour of a bus shelter being installed on Woodstock Road, at Woodgreen. The Deputy Town Clerk advised this issue was being explored by the Town Council.

**Resolved:**

1. That, the verbal update from the Independent Parish Transport representative be noted and,
2. That, the Committee holds a bus users feedback meeting during the summer.

**T23 H2 BUS SERVICE EXTENSION - CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A response from Oxfordshire County Council on this issue, raised by a resident at the last meeting, had been received and was presented for information. The resident who raised this issue had been sent a copy of the response.

Members noted the potential options did not offer a direct service between Witney and the Churchill Hospital and the Oxford North scheme, as listed, appeared to be the preferred option.

**Resolved:**

That, the response from the Oxfordshire County Council be noted.

**T24 ITEMS RAISED AT THE MEETING**

A Member raised visibility at Hailey Road and asked if white lining could be added, as in other places to push cars further back from the junction.

Black lining at Corn Street was raised by a Member as it had worn off and was confusing all road users. If there was not a more robust black paint, burning off the white markings would be a safer alternative.

Several Members had mentioned traffic flow in Witney during the meeting. There was a concern raised about pupils entering Henry Box School from The Crofts – traffic flow data on what was currently happening around town would be beneficial to see where pinch points and problems were occurring. Members agreed the School Streets scheme should be looked at again following disappointing first attempt in recent years.

A Member asked about the use of mirrors to assist with visibility, particularly regarding the junction of Compton Way. The OCC Officer advised visibility mirrors were not a preferred option and it would be more beneficial to push the parking away from the junction with white lining.

Richmond Village had approached a Member with a proposal for the extension of footpaths on Thorney Leys and Curbridge Road. It was agreed this should be on the next agenda for consideration.

A Member raised the problem of verge parking and whether the OCC parking enforcement team were dealing with this or whether anything further could be done.

Town Council officers advised a local vehicle safety company had approached the Council about a road safety roadshow in July; details would be circulated to Members who may be interested to attend.

Finally, the zebra crossing markings opposite St Mary's Mead, at the entrance to the Leisure Centre had worn off of the road. The OCC Officer advised she would take this back to Highways officers.

**Resolved:**

1. That, the County Council explores white lining options at Hailey Road, Compton Way and Witan Way/Leisure Centre.
2. That, more robust black lining measures at Corn Street are considered by the County Council.
3. That, School Streets is added to the next meeting's agenda.
4. That, Richmond Village's footpath extension proposal is discussed at the next meeting.
5. That, a County Council parking enforcement update is requested for the next meeting.

T25 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING(S)**

Members were advised the forthcoming meetings of the Committee would be held on 11 June, 24 September 2024, and 21 January, 18 March 2025, all at 2.30pm.

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The meeting closed at: 4.20 pm

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Chair

## Witney TAC Report by Oxfordshire County Council June 2024 Place Planning Team Update

Lead officer: Odele Parsons, Place Planning and Coordination West Team Leader,  
[Odele.parsons@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Odele.parsons@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

### 1. For information

#### Access Protection Markings

There is a charge to residents requesting Access Protection Markings (white lining) across driveways/private access points – please see [Private access protection road markings | Oxfordshire County Council](#) for more information.

#### Request for mirrors on the highway

OCC does not provide or support the use of road mirrors on the highway. The image they provide can be misleading in terms of vehicle speed and distance giving drivers a false sense of security, potentially leading to vehicles emerging injudiciously. Mirrors are prone to vandalism, fogging in poor atmospheric conditions and glare from the sun or car headlights. If, however, permission is granted by a landowner adjacent to but off the highway and therefore outside the jurisdiction of the County Council, a suitable post and mirror may be erected.

The County could accept no responsibility for a mirror so erected.

### 2. A40/B4022 Shores Green, Access to Witney (Major Project, funded)

Please direct any queries to [a40corridor@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:a40corridor@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

Please see webpage [A40 Access to Witney | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

A Public Inquiry to determine whether the Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) and Side Road Orders (SRO) required to deliver the Scheme should be confirmed was held in early March 2024. Confirmation of the CPO and SRO will allow the County Council to assemble all the land needed, and to make the necessary alterations to the highway, to deliver and construct the Scheme. A Secretary of State decision regarding confirmation of the orders is awaited. In parallel we are seeking to negotiate the purchase of, and early access to, the land required by agreement with the landowners.

Detailed scheme design and the discharge of planning conditions is underway. The necessary internal approvals are also being sought to release the project funding and to enter into a construction contract. At present, the schedule shows mobilisation and enabling works to take place in September (subject to the above) with substantial main works starting in November.

### 3. High Street and Market Square Active Travel 3 (Stage: Design and implementation - funded)

Webpage: [Witney High Street and Market Square enhancements scheme](#)

Email: [witneyhighstreet@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:witneyhighstreet@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

Our consultants are finalising the feasibility design for the project area and are now undertaking costing exercises to help build a suite of plans to be put forward for public



consultation. The consultation has been postponed to September but this will not significantly impact the project program with construction scheduled to start early next year.

#### **4. Bridge Street Area Options Appraisal Report (stage: Investigation/ feasibility)**

No significant update from last meeting.

*Officers have finalised the Bridge Street/West End Link Options Assessment report from consultants Pell Frischmann. Engagement with all Councillors for Witney from Witney Town Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council has taken place as well as with the developers of the North Witney Strategic Development Area. This has raised a number of queries which officers are working through. Public engagement is being planned for later in the year.*

*Following the engagement, the County Council will confirm its position on the preferred scheme through the forthcoming Witney Area Travel Plan, a subsidiary document to the Oxfordshire Local Transport and Connectivity Plan, which will be subject to public consultation in its own right.*

#### **5. Fiveways Roundabout, Vision Zero Programme**

Following the consultation earlier in the year the [Vision Zero Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan](#) was approved by Cabinet on 23rd April.

The Strategy outlines how Vision Zero focuses on a whole safe system approach that starts with a simple premise - no human being should be killed or seriously injured as the result of a road collision; whichever mode of transport you are using. Our commitment to Vision Zero was previously confirmed by the County Council's Cabinet on 21st June 2022, and our [Local Transport and Connectivity Plan](#) adopted in July 2022, was a first step in supporting this commitment, including our overall Vision Zero target of zero road fatalities or serious injuries by 2050.

The Vision Zero Programme is in addition to the road safety work already carried out by OCC, and supports the delivery of a number of additional road safety infrastructure schemes across Oxfordshire. As part of delivering Vision Zero cycle safety and connectivity has been identified as a key issue at a number of locations across Oxfordshire. Funding in the region of £800,000 has been allocated to look at six locations. One of these road safety schemes is in Witney, and is the Fiveways Roundabout (Ducklington Lane / Curbridge Road / Tower Hill / Corn Street / Welch Way). The roundabout is currently being reviewed to understand what further road safety improvements can be implemented at this location, and we will engage key stakeholders during the design process going forward.

#### **6. Corn Street and Fiveways Roundabout (Feasibility Design, Capability and Ambition Fund)**

Request from the County Councillor Coles to separate the two projects. Officers will be working on a programme to engage on the concept design for a roundabout with segregated cycling at Fiveways roundabout.

Milestone will be resuming work on a range of options for safer cycling in Corn Street later in the year.

Both of these locations are priorities within the Witney Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

## 7. Windrush Place Active Travel Schemes (S106 Funded)

Work to improve the surface of the bridleway between Windrush Place and Deer Park Road took place in early May. The path has been levelled and treated with compacted stone and self-binding gravel.

Before image:



After image:



The main scheme has now been taken on by Infrastructure Delivery as part of the Active Travel Programme. Works comprise enhancements to the bridleway including widening the path, surfacing in flexi-pave and installing lighting; along with a Pegasus (horse) signalised crossing on Deer Park Road where the bridleway crosses the road and a second signalised crossing at the southern end of Deer Park Road close to the Curbridge Road roundabout. Work is progressing on the business case approvals and procuring the design work.

## 8. Madley Park Path Improvements

In November 2023 OCC submitted a bid to Active Travel England (ATE) to improve the surface and lighting of the path from Oxford Hill to Woodbank, at Madley Park, as part of a much longer active travel route running east-west across Witney as prioritised within the LCWIP. ATE have approved this funding. These works will be led by Infrastructure Delivery as part of the Active Travel Programme, who are progressing on the business case approvals and procuring the design work.

**Items which status has not changed since last meeting:**

**9. Traffic Lights on Woodford Way**

This scheme remains unfunded. Detail discussed at September 2023 meeting.

**10. Introduce 'Keep Clear' markings at the dropped kerb crossing points on Harvest Way**

This scheme has been added to the lining programme. Detail discussed at September 2023 meeting.

**11. Pedestrian Crossing/zebra crossing at West End (unfunded)**

This scheme was put forward to the Road Safety and Accessibility budget for 2024/25 on this occasion the scheme has not been awarded funding. This scheme remains unfunded. Other funding opportunities will be considered as they arise.

## Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) Update from John Charlton, Civil Enforcement Team Leader

Summary of Penalty Charge Notices issued in Witney from 01/12/2023 to 31/05/2024.

### Penalty Charge Notices Issued split by location.

Location	PCN Count
Ashcombe Close (Witney)	1
Bridge Street (Witney)	3
Church Green (Witney)	117
Church Lane (Witney)	4
Corn Street (Witney)	58
High Street (Witney)	47
Highworth Place (Witney)	3
Holloway Road (Witney)	1
Market Square (Witney)	79
Newland (Witney)	2
Oxford Hill (Witney)	1
Station Lane (Witney)	1
The Crofts (Witney)	4
Waine Rush View (Witney)	1
Welch Way (Witney)	4
West End (Witney)	21
Woodgreen (Witney)	5
<b>Oxfordshire County Council</b>	<b>352</b>

### Penalty Charge Notices Issued split by contravention type

Contravention Description	PCN Count
01 - Restricted Street	197
02 - Loading / Unloading	7
12 - No Valid Permit or Ticket	2
24 - Not Within Markings	1
25 - Parked in Loading Place	1
30 - Parked Longer Permitted	52
40 - Disabled Bay No Badge	83
45 - Taxi Rank	1
47 - Restricted Bus Stop	1
99 - Pedestrian Crossing	7
<b>Oxfordshire County Council</b>	<b>352</b>

### Civil Enforcement Officers Deployed and time spent in Witney

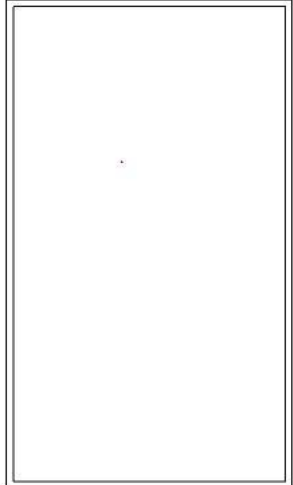
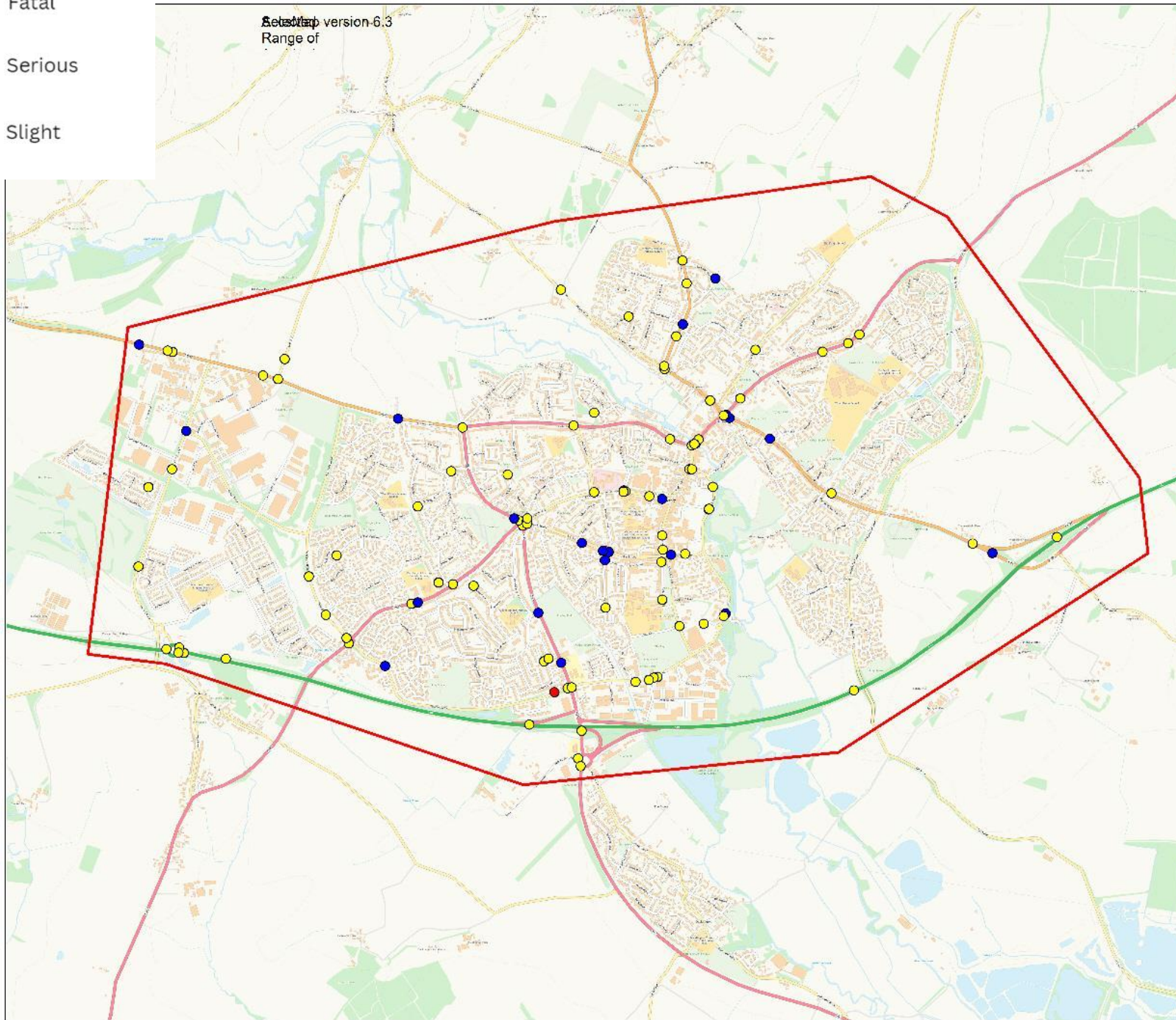
Parent Location = Witney and OSL Date Time Between 01/12/2023 and 31/05/2024

Mrs N Akhtar-Ali

Oxfordshire County Council												
Month	Staff Deployed	Patrol Count	Tickets Issued	Issued Spoiled	Issued VDA	Obs Started	Spoiled Prior	VDA Prior	VRM Entered	Breaks	Time On Patrol	Time On Breaks
2023 Month 12	8	452	90	1	2	0	9	59	352	7	2d 18:51:02	08:04:11
2024 Month 01	9	396	82	0	1	0	0	23	333	9	2d 07:21:40	04:19:44
2024 Month 02	12	345	73	1	0	0	3	27	359	5	1d 14:48:09	02:08:23
2024 Month 03	11	173	40	0	0	0	3	22	169	3	23:28:48	01:11:48
2024 Month 04	16	345	57	1	2	0	4	17	99	2	1d 04:52:23	00:20:41
2024 Month 05	13	382	23	1	0	0	3	11	52	2	1d 05:04:21	01:57:30
<b>Oxfordshire County Council</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2093</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1384</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10d 02:24:23</b>	<b>16:00:17</b>
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Severity of Accident

- Fatal
- Serious
- Slight



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Witney area RTC data 2019-2023

SCALE	1 : 20000
DATE	27/03/2024
DRAWING No.	
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Accidents between dates **01/01/2019** and **31/12/2023** (60) months

**Selection:**  
Selected using Manual Selection

**Notes:**  
Witney area RTC data 2019-2023

Table 1 - Accidents by Month

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
January	3	2	-	1	1	7
February	-	1	3	2	1	7
March	5	1	1	2	-	9
April	-	-	2	4	3	9
May	2	1	1	6	-	10
June	1	-	4	1	-	6
July	2	4	5	4	3	18
August	2	1	4	1	-	8
September	1	1	1	4	3	10
October	-	-	2	5	1	8
November	2	-	1	3	7	13
December	2	-	2	2	1	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>112</b>

Table 2 - Casualties by Month

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
January	3	2	-	1	1	7
February	-	1	3	2	1	7
March	5	1	1	2	-	9
April	-	-	3	4	4	11
May	2	1	1	6	-	10
June	2	-	6	1	-	9
July	2	4	6	4	4	20
August	2	1	4	1	-	8
September	1	1	1	4	3	10
October	-	-	3	5	1	9
November	2	-	1	4	9	16
December	2	-	2	2	1	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>123</b>

Table 3 - All Accidents by Severity

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Fatal	0	1	0	0	0	1
Serious	4	1	3	11	3	22
Slight	16	9	23	24	17	89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>112</b>

Table 4 - Casualties by Severity

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Fatal	0	1	0	0	0	1
Serious	4	1	3	11	3	22
Slight	17	9	28	25	21	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>123</b>

Accidents between dates **01/01/2019** and **31/12/2023** (60) months

**Selection:**  
Selected using Manual Selection

**Notes:**  
Witney area RTC data 2019-2023

Table 5 - Pedestrian Accidents by Severity

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious	2	1	0	4	1	8
Slight	3	2	3	2	4	14
TOTAL	5	3	3	6	5	22

Table 6 - Cycle Accidents by Severity

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious	1	0	2	0	2	5
Slight	3	6	7	9	4	29
TOTAL	4	6	9	9	6	34

Table 7 - Motor Vehicle Only Accidents by Severity

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Fatal	0	1	0	0	0	1
Serious	1	0	1	7	0	9
Slight	10	1	13	13	9	46
TOTAL	11	2	14	20	9	56

Table 8 - 60+ Accidents by Severity

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious	1	0	2	3	1	7
Slight	2	1	5	4	2	14
TOTAL	3	1	7	7	3	21

Table 9 - Child Accidents by Severity

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious	0	0	0	1	1	2
Slight	0	2	3	2	4	11
TOTAL	0	2	3	3	5	13

Table 10 - P2W Accidents by Severity

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious	1	0	1	6	2	10
Slight	2	0	2	1	1	6
TOTAL	3	0	3	7	3	16



**From:** Oxfordshire County Council  
**Subject:** New OCC Engagement Team

Dear Sharon

We are excited to introduce the newly formed Highway Engagement Team at Oxfordshire County Council. This team is dedicated to enhancing the quality of our highways and ensuring a smoother, safer journey for all.

The Highway Engagement Team is your direct link to the County Council for all highway-related matters. We are here to listen to your concerns, answer your questions, and work with you to improve our highway infrastructure.

Our mission is to ensure that Oxfordshire's highways are safe, efficient, and meet the needs of our diverse community.

We understand the importance of first-hand experience and local knowledge. Therefore, we are offering all Parish and Town Councils the opportunity for face-to-face site visits. These visits will allow us to better understand your concerns, assess the situation on the ground, and work together to find the best solutions.

We invite you to join us in this endeavour. Your input and collaboration are vital to the success of our mission. Let's work together to make Oxfordshire's highways safer and more efficient for everyone.

**Contact Us** Please feel free to reach out to us to schedule a site visit or to discuss any highway-related concerns. I would be happy to come and spend some time with you and do a walk/talk of the town and any particular areas of concern or interest you may have.

I do have some availability in May so please let me know any convenient dates and we can arrange to meet up.

We look forward to working closely with you.

Regards

Engagement Officer  
Area Maintenance and Operations  
**Environment & Place (Operations)**  
Oxfordshire County Council | County Hall | New Road | Oxford | OX1 1ND

**From:** Oxfordshire County Council

**Subject:** Oxon Travel helps you get from A to B - easily!

Hello,

Just a quick question: do you know about Oxon Travel on X? (Formally known as Twitter?)



It is a dedicated Oxon Travel profile to share the latest updates on road delays, planned roadworks or incidents that could affect your school journey around Oxfordshire.

The updates are provided by our traffic management who keep an eye on incidents.

You will also find we share information about community road safety too.

So, we're asking residents, and communities to follow and engage with us via <https://twitter.com/OxonTravel>

Would it be possible to share this information to your contacts, colleagues, and communities, please?

We have created some example text that you can share on social media or in newsletters and also it includes some graphics too, please click here [Canto](#)

Feel free to share this link with colleagues, friends, family, and partner organisations who will find it useful.

With thanks and best wishes

Oxfordshire County Council marketing and campaigns team

## WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Date:** Tuesday, 18 June 2024

**Title:** Community Speedwatch Update

**Contact Officer:** Deputy Town Clerk, Witney Town Council

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### Background

Members will be aware Witney Town Council administers the Community Speedwatch scheme on behalf of this Committee. This report provides is intended as an update to Members.

### Current Situation

- There are currently four active volunteers for this scheme.
- There are six active site locations agreed by TVP for Speedwatch surveys/monitoring.
- Three sessions have been held since January. These were held at Curbridge Road (between Miller's Grange Care Home), Burford Road (adjacent to Springfield Park), and Woodstock Road (opposite the Woodlands Road junction). At the time of writing, a further session is planned for 17 June and an update can be provided by the Chair/Officers at the meeting.
- The areas above were chosen as they were identified as school routes – the sessions will now move to other locations.
- A further eight locations have been agreed as suggested as session sites by this Committee. Three have been approved, but not yet had Speedwatch sessions. One location, Mill Street has been rejected by TVP and Corn Street is proving problematic due to parked cars and other necessary site criteria.

The attached **Appendix** is a report from the Community Speedwatch portal on the sessions held by the Witney Town Speedwatch Group up to 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Reaction to the scheme has been mixed. The group have reported many residents coming out to thank them for carrying out the speed monitoring, while there has been a small amount of negative feedback, particularly on social media platforms – as Members of the Committee driving this scheme, it is requested support is shown in these areas.

### Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. Further promotion of the scheme to ensure the scheme is able to continue.



Town/Parish Council Report for Witney Town Speedwatch Group.

Reporting between 2024-01-01 and 2024-06-12

Current Volunteers = 7

Summary for this Period

Number of Sessions this period = 3  
 Total Vehicles exceeding limit = 147  
 DVLA Valid vehicles = 91  
 Accuracy = 61%  
 Maximum Speed recorded in 20 limit = 48 mph(+140%)

Police Actions this Period

Reported to TVP = 147

From all Group records

My group started Recording\* on = 2024-01-16  
 Number of Sessions since start date = 3  
 Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date = 147  
 Maximum Speed recorded in 20 limit = 48 mph(+140%)

Date	Time	Type	Location	Recorded	Letters	All Vehicles	Percent
2024-05-09	10:00 -> 11:00	Traffic heading North East	Woodstock Road-Grass verge adjacent to 1 Woodstock Road (opposite the ..	61		296	20%
2024-03-11	09:30 -> 10:30	Traffic heading East	Burford Road-Grass area at junction with Springfield Park	43		217	19%
2024-01-16	10:00 -> 11:00	Traffic heading East	Curbridge Road-Grass verge outside Millers Grange Care Home	43		200	21%
Totals				147	0		

The type field shows if the Session was

Ad-Hoc - one not booked using the Campaign Calendar.

Booked - one in the Campaign Calendar awaiting results or with zero offenders (shown in yellow).

Scheduled - one in the Campaign Calendar with records booked to this session.

NOTE:- Recorded column is the total number of vehicles recorded during this session.

Letters column is the total number of Offence letters sent for this session.

All vehicles column shows the count of vehicles passing if recorded by group.

Percent column shows the percentage of offending vehicles vs total passing.

\* Start Date is date of first recorded internal batch id not necessarily your groups original start date.

Group Site Report

Key:

DR - Direction of traffic

SL - Speed limit.

Numbers - Number of vehicles passing this point in 5mph segments between 2024-01-01 and 2024-06-12.

Location	DR	SL	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
Burford Road Grass area at junction with Spring...	E	20	33	10												
Burwell Drive Grass area opposite 149 Burwell D...	S	20														
Cogges Hill Road Hardstanding adjacent to subst...	SW	20														
Curbridge Road Grass verge outside Millers Gran...	E	20	24	17	1		1									
Witan Way Pavement area	NW	20														
Woodstock Road Grass verge adjacent to 1 Woodst...	NE	20	45	14	2											

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**For the attention of the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee at its meeting**

**on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## **Proposal for the extension of footpaths on Thorney Leys and Curbridge Road**

1. It is understood through the good offices of Councillors Jane Doughty and Thomas Ashby that consideration may be given to proposals to enhance facilities for pedestrians, with the possibility that funds in support of this may be made available from an Active Travel Fund for Walking and Cycling.
2. Currently there exists a well-constructed footpath along the boundary of Richmond Village Witney extending from the Coral Springs Way entrance to the Village on the eastern side of Curbridge Road to the kissing gate pedestrian entrance on the south side of Thorney Leys. This path and the Thorney Leys pedestrian crossing were both financed by Richmond Care Villages.
3. This proposal is for an extension of this footpath in both directions: (i) from Coral Springs Way to the S2 bus stop opposite and just beyond the Centenary Way entrance to the Windrush estate; (ii) along the south side of Thorney Leys from the kissing gate to Guild Close.
4. In the case of (i), the lack of this footpath makes it difficult for residents, especially those who need walking aids, to take advantage of the new S2 bus route to Cheltenham because of the potential danger and effort involved in crossing three roads in order to reach the S2 bus stop. The alternative route along the grass verge is extremely uneven and not a plausible option for the elderly or disabled.
5. In the case of (ii), Richmond Village residents with limited mobility cannot cope with the unpaved grass verge section along the south side of Thorney Leys. As a result, they are unable to use the public footpath which gives access to our Village Green between the Guild Close estate and the Village. Extending the Thorney Leys footpath as proposed would allow them an enhanced level of activity. The problem is even more serious for Guild Close residents whose estate has been built without any footpath along Thorney Leys, despite this being their only pedestrian route to Witney and nearby bus stops. At present they can only proceed safely in this direction by walking along the grass verge that is frequently wet, muddy and uneven as a result of its regular use.
6. It should be noted that the resident population of Richmond Village is about 150, of whom at least a third have some level of disability requiring the use of walking aids, strollers or mobility scooters. They are supported by an approximately equal number of staff many of whom live locally and walk to and from the site from a variety of directions. There are also 100 external members of the Spa some of whom walk to and from the Village site.
7. This proposal is put forward jointly by the Richmond Village Residents' Association and Richmond Care Villages Management.

**Prof Ronald C King, Chair, Richmond Village Witney Residents' Association**  
**Mr Martin Crick, Village Manager, Richmond Village Witney**

**21 February 2024**

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