



WITNEY

TOWN COUNCIL

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06 January 2026	Cost of fixing Flag Vandalism on Lamp Posts (Features leader of the Council)	Oxford Clarion			Yes	No	No	https://oxfordclarion.uk/new-year-clarion-6-january-2026/	
07 January 2026	Witney Lake Gold In Bloom Award	Cotswold Life	Yes			Yes	Yes	https://www.greatbritishlife.co.uk/magazines/cotswold/25693560-rich-textile-heritage-witney-wool-blanket-trail/	
11 January 2026	Oxfordshire town rejects controversial fire service reforms	Witney Gazette, Oxford Mail, This is Oxfordshire			Yes	No	No	https://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/news/25738722-oxfordshire-council-poised-oppose-fire-service-reforms/	
12 January 2026	Major Cotswolds road in Oxfordshire to close next month	Witney Gazette, Oxford Mail			Yes	No	Yes (On behalf of OCC)	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/25757595-major-cotswolds-road-oxfordshire-close-next-month/	
14 January 2026	Key Cotswolds road will close overnight next month	Cotswold Journal			Yes	No	Yes (On behalf of OCC)	https://www.cotswoldjournal.co.uk/news/25764016-key-cotswolds-road-will-close-overnight-next-month/	
17 January 2026	Witney community speedwatch volunteers celebrate anniversary	Witney Gazette	Yes			No	No	https://www.witneygazette.co.uk/news/25773859-witney-community-speedwatch-volunteers-celebrate-second-anniversary/	
24 January 2026	Witney Volunteer Fair gives locals opportunities to connect	Witney Gazette	Yes			No	Shared from WODC	https://www.witneygazette.co.uk/news/25791942-witney-volunteer-fair-gives-locals-opportunities-connect/	
02 February 2026	Oxfordshire mayor weighs in on football pavilion controversy	ThisisOxfordshire			Yes	Yes	No	https://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/news/25797140-oxfordshire-mayor-weighs-football-pavilion-controversy/	
03 February 2026	Oxfordshire football club responds to pavilion 'stitch up'	Witney Gazette		Yes		Yes	No	https://www.witneygazette.co.uk/news/25812769-oxfordshire-football-club-responds-pavilion-stitch-up?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_m	
12 February 2026	Oxfordshire council defends tax increase amid Tory criticism	Oxford Mail, Yahoo News, msn News			Yes	No	No	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/25847720-oxfordshire-council-defends-tax-increase-amid-tory-criticism/	
22 February 2026	Public purse to end Oxfordshire estate's flooding nightmare	Oxford Mail, Infrastructure Now			Yes	No	No	https://www.infrastructure-now.co.uk/article/422315/public-purse-to-end-oxfordshire-estates-flooding-nightmare	

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25 February 2026	Popular play area to close temporarily	Witney Gazette			Yes	No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/25870360.witney-mini-golf-kiosk-skatepark-close-temporarily/	
28 February 2026	New benches made from recycled plastics installed in Witney	Oxford Mail, Witney Gazette	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/25883785_new-benches-made-recycled-plastics-installed-witney/	
02 March 2026	New parking restrictions on road in Witney introduced	Oxford Mail			Yes	No	No	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/25899349_new-parking-restrictions-road-witney-introduced/	
04 March 2026	Annual Town Meeting	Witney Gazette			Yes	No	Yes		
07 March 2026	Celebrating Witney's Community Champions	High Sheriff of Oxfordshire Blog	Yes			Yes	Yes	https://highsheroxfordshire.co.uk/celebrating-witneys-community-champions	
11 March 2026	Awards given to outstanding individuals in community	Witney Gazette	Yes			Yes	Yes		
23 March 2026	New curry restaurant opens on Oxfordshire town's high street	Oxford Mail, Witney Gazette	Yes			No	No	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/25957996_new-curry-restaurant-opens-oxfordshire-towns-high-street/?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=F	
27 March 2026	Witney skate park to reopen after temporary closure	Oxford Mail, Witney Gazette			Yes	No	No	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/25975752_witney-skate-park-reopen-temporary-closure/	
04 April 2026	Witney skatepark damaged with 'significant costs' needed	Oxford Mail, Witney Gazette			Yes	No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/25995522_witney-skatepark-damaged-significant-costs-needed/	
12 April 2026	Witney Splash Park at The Leys officially reopening	Oxford Mail, Yahoo News	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26008781_witney-splash-park-leys-officially-reopening/	
23 April 2026	Witney crowds join mayor in raising of Saint George's flag	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26047948_witney-crowds-join-mayor-raising-saint-georges-flag/	
28 April 2026	Oxfordshire town toasts 'beautiful' St George's Day party	Oxford Mail, Witney Gazette	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26056876_oxfordshire-town-toasts-beautiful-st-georges-day-party/	
02 May 2026	£1.2m sports and social club development delayed	Yahoo!News		Yes		No	No	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/1-2m-sports-social-club-040000259.html	
03 May 2026	Oxfordshire town on edge of Cotswolds named among UK's best	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	No	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26074885_oxfordshire-town-edge-cotswolds-named-among-uks-best/	
04 May 2026	Witney Town Council inviting residents to the town meeting	Oxford Mail, Witney Gazette			Yes	No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26069999_witney-town-council-inviting-residents-town-meeting/	
04 May 2026	Witney council publishes guide to three-tier governance	ThisisOxfordshire, Witney Gazette			Yes	No	Yes	https://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/news/26067061_witney-council-publishes-guide-three-tier-governance/	
06 May 2026	Town council backs No Mow May campaign again	Yahoo!News, Oxford Mail	Yes			No	Yes	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/town-council-backs-no-mow-may-040000096.html	
06 May 2026	Witney Town Council raises the Council of Europe flag	Oxford Mail, Witney Gazette	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26079657_witney-town-council-raises-council-europe-flag/	

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08 May 2026	Witney announces Jane Doughty as new mayor following vote	Oxford Mail, Witney Gazette			Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26087737.witney-announces-jane-doughty-new-mayor-following-vote/	
10 May 2026	Witney council funding £20k for Youth Services Grant	Oxford Mail, witney Gazette	Yes			Yes	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26089610.witney-council-funding-20k-youth-services-grant/	
18 May 2026	Oxfordshire parents warned as popular play park closes	Witney Gazette, Oxford Mail			Yes	No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26115917.oxfordshire-parents-warned-popular-play-park-closes/	
27 May 2026	Call for popular Oxfordshire splash park to be opened longer	Witney Gazette			Yes	No	Town Councillor page post	https://www.witneygazette.co.uk/news/26143407.call-popular-oxfordshire-splash-park-opened-longer/	
27 May 2026	Drag Queens bring smiles to 'fantastic' Pride fest	Witney Gazette	Yes			No	No		
10 June 2026	National Award for Standards	Witney Gazette	Yes			Yes	Yes		
13 June 2026	Breeding tern pair return to Witney Lake and Country Park	Witney Gazette, Oxford Mail	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26183509.breeding-tern-pair-return-witney-lake-country-park/	
16 June 2026	Oxfordshire council 24/7 heating because no one can turn off	Witney Gazette, Oxford Mail		Yes		Yes, statement in response	Town Councillor page post	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26199800.oxfordshire-council-24-7-heating-no-one-can-turn-off/	
19 June 2026	Young people urged to join Witney Youth Council and shape town life	Yahoo!News, Oxford Mail, MSN			Yes	No	Yes	https://www.msn.com/en-gb/money/other/young-people-urged-to-join-witney-youth-council-and-shape-town-life/ar-https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26211946.major-new-community-hub-opens-oxfordshire-town-park/	
19 June 2026	Major new community hub opens in Oxfordshire town's park	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	No - courtside post	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26211946.major-new-community-hub-opens-oxfordshire-town-park/	
19 June 2026	Witney marks World Refugee Day by flying the Refugee Flag	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26212192.witney-marks-world-refugee-day-flying-refugee-flag/	
20 June 2026	Witney Lake tern raft upgraded to support birdlife	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26200535.witney-lake-tern-raft-upgraded-support-birdlife/	
23 June 2026	Town's armed forces event CANCELLED amid 'exceptionally hot' 37 °C weather	Oxford Mail, Yahoo!News,			Yes	No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26221862.oxfordshire-armed-forces-event-cancelled-amid-37-c-weather/	
27 June 2026	Witney Lake and Country Park announces new benches	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26221888.good-news-popular-oxfordshire-park-wildlife-fans/	
28 June 2026	Witney's new mayor out and about celebrating community	Oxford Mail, Yahoo!News, MSN	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26217907.witneys-new-mayor-celebrating-community/	
28 June 2026	Leaders of Oxfordshire town 'thrilled' at new sports park	Witney Gazette	Yes			No	No - courtside post	https://www.witneygazette.co.uk/news/26218206.leaders-oxfordshire-town-thrilled-new-sports-park/	
19 July 2026	Witney Town Council display marks Disability Pride Month	Oxford Mail			Yes	No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26290159.witney-town-council-display-marks-disability-pride-month/26290159	
15 July 2026	Crowds brave 30 degree heat to enjoy 'special' carnival	Witney Gazette	Yes			No	No		
19 July 2026	Witney town centre set for new signs and digital maps	ThisIsOxfordshire			Yes	Yes (WODC)	No	https://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/news/26290745.witney-town-centre-set-new-signs-digital-maps/	

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22 July 2026	700 attend 'open day' at new sports hub	Witney Gazette	Yes			No	Yes		
23 July 2026	Splash park to remain open using exemption despite hosepipe ban	Oxford Mail, Yahoo!News			Yes	No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26404492.splash-park-remain-open-using-exemption-despite-hosepipe-ban/	
01 August 2026	Police to join Witney Play Day at Burwell Recreation Ground	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	No	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26416040.police-join-witney-play-day-burwell-recreation-ground/	
06 August 2026	Council warns Oxfordshire road set to close amid flooding	Oxford Mail			Yes	No	No	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26441716.council-warns-oxfordshire-road-set-close-amid-flooding/	
15 August 2026	Council's plea as lifesaving water aids thrown into trees	Oxford Mail			Yes	No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26467553.councils-plea-lifesaving-water-aids-thrown-trees/	
21 August 2026	Witney charity bingo night supports Oasis and day centre	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26476954.witney-charity-bingo-night-supports-oasis-day-centre/	
22 August 2026	Witney - biodiversity-boosting bus shelters installed	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26486688.witney-biodiversity-boosting-bus-shelters-installed/	
23 August 2026	Witney bus shelter gets green roof to support wildlife	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26486083.witney-bus-shelter-gets-green-roof-support-wildlife/	
24 August 2026	Lowell Place in Witney to close for five days in September	Oxford Mail			Yes	No	Yes (Road Closure)	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26473473.lowell-place-witney-close-five-days-september/	
26 August 2026	Witney West End Parking: Permits Now £70 a Year	Witney News (New - started beginning of August)			Yes	No	No	https://witneynews.co.uk/witney-west-end-parking-permits-2026/	
30 August 2026	The Leys Splash Park to remain open until September 7	Oxford Mail			Yes	No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26504830.leys-splash-park-remain-open-september-7/	
31 August 2026	Witney residents invited to shape future of sports club	Oxford Mail, Oxford Chronicle			Yes	No	Yes		
05 September 2026	Witney council backs youth clubs and outdoor activities	Oxford Mail	Yes			Yes	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26512744.witney-council-backs-youth-clubs-outdoor-activities/	
05 September 2026	Witney football pitches turning green ahead of new season	Thisisoxfordshire	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/news/26523907.witney-football-pitches-turning-green-ahead-new-season/	
06 September 2026	Witney EV Charger Plan Deferred, Carterton's Refused	Witney News			Yes	No	No	https://witneynews.co.uk/west-oxfordshire-ev-charging-bays-september-2026/	
14 September 2026	Jeremy Clarkson backs law on sanitary bins in men's toilets (WTC mention)	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	No	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26548535.jeremy-clarkson-backs-law-sanitary-bins-mens-toilets/	
14 September 2026	New e-bike helping Witney police catch criminals	Oxford Mail	Yes			No	Yes	https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26548170.new-e-bike-helping-witney-police-catch-criminals/	