

County Council Report to Charlbury Town Council, August 2024

As I will be away on August 28th I am sending my written report to the Town Council.

No confidence vote in Thames Water: County Councillors voted that they have no confidence in Thames Water. As leader I have written to the Secretary of State to urge limits on bonuses for water bosses and requesting that the government evaluates the pros and cons of renationalisation.

Call for Council to step up flood prevention role: Council passed a motion calling on the County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority to respond to increasing risks to flooding and to work with relevant national and local stakeholders to advocate for greater powers.

Delay to Oxford traffic filter trial: Trials of six traffic filters to reduce congestion have been delayed. They were due to take place in November but have been pushed back due to work by Network Rail overrunning. It is not certain when Network Rail will complete the work.

North Cotswold Line event in parliament: Rachel Reeves recently announce that Worcestershire Parkway will be a site for a strategic housing development. This will have a big impact on the North Cotswold Line and an event is being held by the Task Force on September 4th to show the business case to government ministers and our new MPs.

New county-wide bus ticket: A new ticket that works across different bus operators has been launched, costing £6.50 a day for unlimited travel for adults and £3.50 for under-19s

Adult social care: Adults with learning disabilities in Oxfordshire have helped to redesign a service that will offer them more choice and flexibility around their short break options.

Road works: The resurfacing of Grammar School Hill/ Park Street is scheduled for September 11th and is expected to be completed on September 13th