



October 2018

£145,000 available to local groups

Whether it's money for a new sports hall, church bell or village noticeboard, the council now has £145,000 available for local groups doing building work or making major improvements.

The council's capital grants scheme is available until 15 November for local groups to apply for money towards improving, creating or replacing community facilities.

Last year, we helped fund more than 35 projects with grants ranging from £1,799 to £250,000 - we supported the sea scouts in Clifton Hampden with some new equipment, a new church bell in Cuddesdon and a new cricket pavilion in Thame.

To find out more and apply for support, see our [website](#).

Ring out the Armistice bells

We've received news that the government is hoping to get as many bells as possible to ring out this 11 November at 12.30pm to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice, which signalled the end of the First World War.

They would like any bells of any sort in any location, including churches, schools and community buildings, to get involved across the UK to mark this historic location.

Do you have or do you know of any buildings in our area that could join in this year's Armistice Day? If so, get involved and register your event on the

[government's website](#) - let us know too by sending our [communications team](#) an email so we can help spread the word nearer the time.

Recycle your used cooking oil

We can now take care of your old cooking oil as part of our weekly food waste collection.

All you need to do is to wait to the oil has cooled, put it into a plastic bottle no bigger than one litre and place it into your kerbside food waste caddy along with your other food waste.

The waste oil and food is used to produce electricity at the food waste recycling plant and the plastic bottle will be taken to the recycling centre ready to be reprocessed. One litre of cooking oil can generate enough electricity to make 240 cups of tea!

For those not wishing to use a plastic bottle, oil can also be poured straight into the caddy along with your other food waste.

Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

You may have already seen in the news that the government recently announced that 'Corridor B' is their preferred option for the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway - a new road designed to take 40 minutes off the journey between the A34 and M1.

This preferred route states that the road will either go to the north-west or south-east of Oxford to Bicester then onto Cambridge. The south-east route will have a significant impact on our district.

We have called on the government to confirm their intentions as soon as possible so that we can provide clarity and certainty for our residents and our plans for the future.

We will keep you informed on the government's announcements on the expressway through press releases, social media and this newsletter.

Christmas FREE car parking

We're providing FREE parking in our district council owned car parks in the run up to Christmas. Take advantage of this offer up to Christmas Eve and enjoy shopping locally and buying the perfect gift in the impressive range of independent shops we have in our towns.

You can park for free at the following locations and dates:

Didcot - every Monday from 3 December
Goring - every Saturday from 1 December
Henley - every Tuesday from 4 December
Thame - every Saturday from 1 December
Wallingford - every Thursday from 6 December

You can find out the list of our car parks on our [website](#).

Cornerstone

There's lots of fantastic things to see and do at Cornerstone this season.

If you haven't checked out their website in a while, have a look at what's new. For adults there's a jazz evening and scientific talks and for curious children, they can find out why the old lady swallowed the fly - there really is something for all the family.

This year's Christmas show is The Pied Piper - a joint production between Cornerstone and the team that brought us last year's hit The Nutcracker and the Mouse King. New songs and music will be performed in the show, which features actor musicians supported by talented young people from the local area.

Book your tickets now and look to see what workshops, shows and gallery exhibitions are happening in the run up to Christmas - www.cornerstone-arts.org.



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