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## **Support for Ukraine**

The government has launched its Homes for Ukraine scheme and supporting [website](#). The scheme will offer a route to those who want to come to the UK who have someone here willing to provide them with a home.

It will enable individuals, charities, community groups and businesses to volunteer accommodation and provide a route to safety for Ukrainians, and their immediate family members, forced to escape their homeland.

Find more details on the OCC website [Support for Ukraine | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

## **Successful funding bid set to bring 159 electric buses to Oxfordshire**

A fleet of 159 state of the art electric buses is set to serve Oxford and its surrounding areas after a bid for government funding was approved. We have been awarded £32.8 million from the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) scheme. [More information is available](#) online.

## **Climate Change Survey**

We're working with our council partners across Oxfordshire to develop an online tool to help people take action against climate change in their own lives. The suggestions provided will be tailored to the lifestyle of individuals to make sure they're relevant (for example, only suggesting ideas to reduce car journeys for those people who have a car) with the aim to reduce residents' carbon emissions.

Information for residents:

What's your opinion on climate change? How much do you know about it? Does it worry you? We want to know! [Take part](#) in our short survey. Your feedback will be used to help develop a new online tool so that people living in Oxfordshire can find climate actions relevant to them.

## **Large majority of parents and children offered first choice primary for 2022/23**

A total of 91.49 per cent (6,459) of applicants have been awarded their first choice for starting infant or primary school in Oxfordshire. Last year's figure was 93.09 per cent (6,409), meaning a slightly higher number of parents across the county have been

offered their first choice of primary school for 2022/23. You can [read more](#) about this story online.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- Thursday 28 April, Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Highway Management, 10am
- Thursday 28 April, Charlotte Coxe Trust Committee, 2pm
- Wednesday, 4 May, Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Travel & Development Strategy, 10.00 am
- Tuesday, 10 May, Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, 10.00 am
- Wednesday, 11 May, Audit & Governance Committee, 2.00 pm
- Tuesday, 17 May, County Council, 10.30 am

### Councillor Priority Fund still open (Both)

Applications to the Councillor Priority Fund are still open. This is a fund of £15,000 to be used over two years on projects in Thame, Chinnor, Tetsworth and surrounding villages

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/community-and-living/thriving-communities/councillor-priority-fund>

### Awarded in Thame so far

Project	Kate	Nigel	Total
Volunteer Week	£800.00		£800.00
Barley Hill School sensory Room		£1,200.00	£1,200.00
TSFC Trolley	£600.00		£600.00
Red Kite Family Centre	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
Men's Shed	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
CAB Laptops	£900.00	£900.00	£1,800.00
Thame Players	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
Enrych Oxfordshire	£100.00	£100.00	£200.00
Thame Wombles	£772.00		£772.00

### St Joseph's Sign on Southern Road

The sign has now been lowered

### Thame to Haddenham Greenway (Kate)

The Cabinet member for transport has included the Thame to Haddenham Cycleway in a central government funding bid –we are now in purdah so the results of this will be published after the local elections.

**Red Kite Family Centre Peppercorn Rate (Kate)**

We will be offering tenants of the Council in community assets a one-year rent holiday to take account of the financial pressures many community and voluntary organisations have faced during the pandemic – this includes the Red Kite Family Centre

**Nelson Street (Both)**

The junction at Nelson Street is dangerous and should have been changed with the S106 money from one of the development - . under investigation

**Junction Upper High St, Priestend & Oxford Road (Nigel)**

Street signage to be changed to help stop accidents on this junction where house has been hit several times.