



MAYOR PLANS FOR BUSY SECOND TERM

Despite generously giving her time to several local charitable enterprises during lockdown, our Mayor, Councillor Joy Aitman is looking forward to picking up the pace still more with the easing of lockdown restrictions! We asked about her experiences of a very odd term of office.

[Read what she had to say](#)

[Visit Witney Grief Cafe Facebook](#)



WILD WITNEY

Following on from No Mow May, Witney Town Council is keen to continue to support the health of our precious pollinator insects, and other wildlife. We are running a residents' garden competition. Create a wild oasis in your garden and send us some pictures. Councillors will select winners in their wards and an overall winner.

[Read More](#)



LIVING ROOF BUS SHELTER



A long awaited replacement for a shelter removed due to constant vandalism is to be installed in Burwell Drive.

The site is being prepared and it is hoped the new vandal-proof shelter will be in place by mid to late August.

City Haven Bus shelters have a living roof planted with sedums.

[Read More](#)

YOUTH COUNCIL RECRUITING

As many of our Youth Councillors are turning 18, they are preparing to enter the workplace or the next phase of their education and are preparing to step down from their positions as Youth Councillors.

They are busy recruiting for young people to succeed them.

This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of the democratic process and is a great addition to anyone's CV.

[Find out more](#)



Members are able to connect and collaborate with other young people to help address the issues that affect the youth of Witney

CORN EXCHANGE



The early stages of Phase II of the redevelopment of the Corn Exchange are underway.

Witney Town Council is currently tendering for specialist theatre systems for sound and lighting, along with drapes for the main hall. Tenders are due back at the end of the Summer.

A second tender for new retractable seating to complete the theatre fittings will follow.

The work will be part funded by West Oxfordshire District Council's Community Facilities Grant Fund.

WITNEY IN BLOOM

Witney Town Council have made two entries for the 2021 In Bloom awards. Both entries are in the 'Parks, open spaces and cemeteries' category and are The Leys recreation ground and Tower Hill Cemetery.

Throughout the town all the Town Council beds, baskets and planters have been planted with glorious multi-colour 'brights' bedding and our banners to say 'Thank you' to NHS workers are in place in the beds situated on Welch Way and Langdale Gate.



[Read more](#)

[Visit the In Bloom webpage](#)

LOYALTY APP FOR SHOPPERS



Want to *support* local
retailers & charities in
West Oxfordshire

Download the LoyalFree app FREE

 **LoyalFree**



A Loyalty App for shoppers has been launched by West Oxfordshire District Council as part of an initiative to support local businesses on the road out of the Pandemic.

Want to support local retailers and charities?

Download the FREE LoyalFree app and support local traders, reduce your carbon footprint by shopping locally, and help to support charities.

LoyalFree donates to charity every time loyalty stamps are collected.

**Download the app now at
[App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)**

TINY FOREST MONITORING DAY

Come and take part in some science research in Witney's Tiny Forest!

Have fun counting bugs and gathering data to help explore Flood Management, Biodiversity and Wellbeing, along with other more "boffiny" bits!

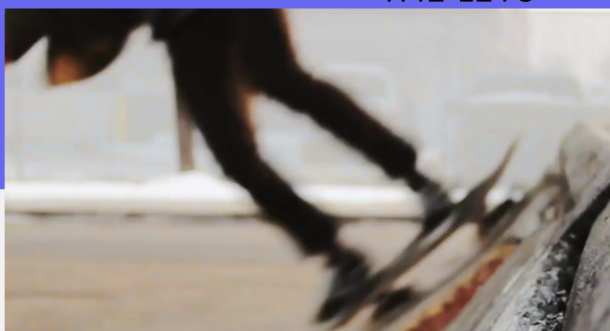
What's the white umbrella for? It isn't to keep the sun off...

Book your place



THE LEYS SKATEPARK SURVEY

RAMP UP THE LEYS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE CURRENT SKATEPARK AT THE LEYS



**RAMP UP
THE LEYS**

GET INVOLVED!

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<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KGB7HZ8>

Our survey takes just a couple of minutes to complete. The closing date for your responses is 5pm on Fri 16 July. Please share the link with others so we can gather as many responses as possible.

Witney Town Council is supporting the @RampUpTheLeys group.

They are currently seeking feedback on what users of the Skatepark think about it. Have your say and share with others.

[Follow the Ramp Up The Leys Facebook page](#)

[Take Part in the Survey](#)

WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL INSTAGRAM

You can now follow us on Instagram to keep up with our news.

@witneytc



THINK BEFORE YOU DIAL



Thames Valley Police are running a campaign highlighting the best way to contact them, which now includes online reporting. Visiting the Campaign website will give advice on the best way to report different types of crimes and incidents.

101 is still available as a non emergency number and 999 for emergencies.

We all know that 999 is the phone number for emergencies, but what makes a situation an emergency?

There are two questions to ask yourself to determine whether or not your call is an emergency.
Is a life in danger?
Is a crime in progress?

[Visit the website](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

HOW SAFE IS YOUR **ELECTRIC BLANKET?**

ELECTRIC BLANKET CHECKS IN OXFORDSHIRE

FREE

Your safety is most important to us.

Due to Covid uncertainty we will test your blanket but you will not be able to visit the test venue.

We will collect your blanket from your house, take it to be tested and then return it to your house (we will post you a plastic bag and label prior to our collection).

TESTING IN OXFORDSHIRE
20-24 SEPTEMBER 2021
4-8 OCTOBER 2021

BOOKING INFORMATION:

To book your collection call 01865 895999 Option 1
Or email: communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk





Witney Play & Activity Day 2021

Thursday 5th August 2021,
11am – 3pm
Oxlease / Wadards Meadow,
Off Church Lane, Witney. OX28 3YU

FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES



**Orinoco Scrapstore / Go Kart Party / Body Zorbing / Smoothie Bike /
DIY Face Painting / Drumming / Fire Play / Bright Sparks Science /
Martial Arts / Giant Bubbles plus more!!**

**This is an open access event / NO childcare is provided / This event will be photographed /
Food and drinks will need to be purchased or please feel free to bring a picnic**

For further information please contact - ☎ 07436 270267 / 📧 martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk / 💻 www.oxonplay.org.uk



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WELCOME BACK!

We have missed you!

As COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed and removed we are looking forward to resuming a more or less normal service.

The Town Hall now has a new Reception and offices with an entrance on Market Square which you can find between Lily's Attic and Smarts Fish and Chip Shop. You can make enquiries about Town Council services there.

We are working to continue to protect vulnerable customers and staff by requesting that masks are worn in Reception whenever possible.



**From Monday 19th July our
normal Office hours are
9am to 5pm Mon, Tue and Thur
9:30am to 5pm Wed
and 9am to 4:30pm on Fri**

OUR CALENDAR OF MEETINGS



It's easy to keep up to date with our meetings and the agendas, minutes and reports that pertain to them.

You'll find information on our councillors, other important documents and information, and you can subscribe to updates here too.

[Click the image to visit the web page](#)