



WITNEY'S NEW MAYOR

In May Councillor Owen Collins was elected as Witney's new Mayor.

He has certainly been busy since then spending time in the community, awarding prizes in primary schools, enjoying a cuppa at the Millers Grange Friendship Café; raising flags and attending events across town. He even got to open Witney Music Festival!

If you would like the Mayor to come along to an event you are holding you can <u>find out more about him along with a booking form on the Mayor's Page.</u>

Councillor Georgia Meadows was elected as Witney's Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ruth Smith as the Leader of the Council and Councillor Joy Aitman as the Deputy Leader.

SUMMER 2023



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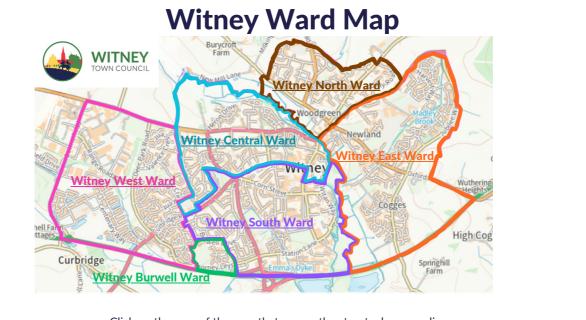
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Council Information

AUGUST 2023



Click on the area of the map that covers the street where you live.

You will find a list of Witney Town Councillors that represent your ward. You can click through for more information. Some have answered a typical social media question to offer a little insight to the person behind the Councillor title!



YOUR COUNCILLORS

There is a quick link button to information about all our councillors on the Home Page of our website.

You can find out which councillors represent your ward, which committee meetings they attend and how to contact them if you need to get in touch.



Councillors in the Café



1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

10 AM TO 12 NOON

STARTING 2ND SEPTEMBER

- Want to know what is happening in your community?
- Have a question for your local councillor or simply like to meet those representing you?
- Drop-in to talk to your councillors in the Corn Exchange 1863 café area.
- You don't need to make a purchase.

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As a Council we are absolutely committed to representing the whole town - including those demographics who have been historically underrepresented, or who have previously found barriers to their engagement.

We are seeking to engage with people from minority demographics and communities and those who may experience life in Witney differently, to share their ideas and experience with us.













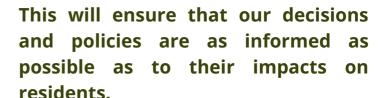












If you take a strong interest in our town or have ideas about changes you would like to see, then you have just what we are looking for.

To find out more about sharing your ideas and expertise please drop an email to info@witney-tc.gov.uk and we can put you in touch with members of the panel.





Judging time for Witney Horticultural Society Bed It's Your Neighbourhood Entry



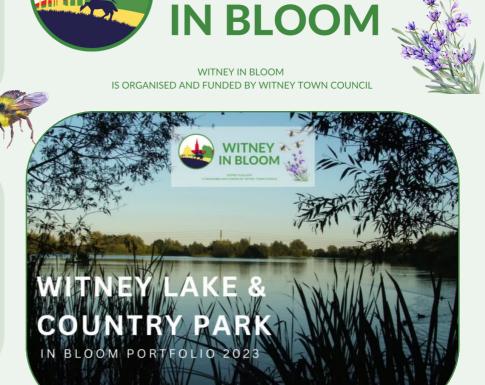
Judging time for Witney Edible Gardens Bed It's Your Neighbourhood Entry



The Judges selecting their winning barrow for Schools in Bloom



The In Bloom Judges on tour from the comfort of the off road vehicle - the Can-Am



WITNEY

You can see a whole year of work and the plans that exist for future maintenance and development of Witney Lake and Country Park in the portfolio (follow the link in the image above). This was presented to the judges to remind them of everything they had seen and talked about on their tour of the area with Carl, our Biodiversity and Green Spaces Officer.

Our dedicated In Bloom page has more about our Community Gardeners and Schools In Bloom challenge, plus a look at the criteria for judging and past results.

There is also a link to resources from the Royal Horticultural Society for those who may be interested in Community Gardening.

The results from our judging visit are due in September and are eagerly awaited.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WITNEY IN BLOOM



Each year we invite local primary schools to take part in the Schools In Bloom Challenge by planting a themed wheelbarrow.

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Find out More

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Prizes were awarded for the People's Choice, the Rotary Club Choice, the Mayor's Choice and the In Bloom Judges Choice.







Driving Positive Change

Witney Town Council is pleased to have signed up to the Community Safety Charter

We are proud to support the COMMUNITY SAFETY CHARTER



We pledge to:

PROMOTE

Promote a culture that does not tolerate antisocial behaviour, harassment, intimidation and hostility towards others

ENABLE

Enable others to identify and take an active stance against these crimes and incidents

REPORT

Actively encourage and support those who experience or witness these crimes and incidents to report them to the relevant authorities

SUPPORT

Support those affected and signpost those who need further support to agencies who can help them

ourwatch.org.uk/charter

#BETHECHANGE

leighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no: 1173349

Who can sign up to the Charter?

Any individual, community group, Neighbourhood Watch scheme, business, charity or other organisation in England and Wales can sign up for FREE, including schools and universities, community centres, taxi firms and public places (such as museums, libraries and leisure centres).





The Charter focuses on the role of active bystanders, empowering positive action at community level. Antisocial behaviour impacts the whole community and the Charter is a great tool for local businesses, organisations, groups and others.

It offers valuable downloadable resources on a variety of antisocial behaviours and issues.

These support greater understanding about how we identify and deal with community safety issues and support victims, by knowing where to get help, how and who to report to.



Driving Positive Change



In October 2022 Witney Town Council joined with many other Town and Parish Councils who signed a Civility and Respect Pledge to demonstrate that they are committed to standing up to poor behaviour across the local council sector and to driving through positive changes which support civil and respectful conduct.

Find out more



This is to certify that
Witney Town Council
has signed up to the Civility & Respect Pledge

Witney Town Council believes now is the time to put Civility and Respect at the Top of the Agenda and start a culture change for the local council sector.

Certificate number: 368.

Witney Town Council will:

- Treat all councillors, clerk and all employees, members of the public, representatives of partner
 organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their role.
- Put in place a training programme for councillors and staff.
- Sign up to Code of Conduct for councillors.
- Have in place good governance arrangements in place including, staff contracts, and Dignity at Work Policy.
- Commit to seek professional help at early stages should civility and respect issues arise.
- Commit to calling out bullying and harassment when if and when it happens.
- Continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model / champion council e.g., via Local Council Award Scheme.
- Support the continued lobbying for the change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect
 Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate.

Signed on behalf of the council by:

Chairperson/Mayor: Dunga

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Civility & Respect for the local council sector

- IS top of the agenda



A Civility & Respect Pledge Council

SUMMER ACTIVITIES WITNEY 2023

The next few pages have ideas for a few things to keep young people occupied over the summer holidays.

We have a handy list of things to do, some paid and some free. There is something for everyone from toddlers with their mums to young adults. Colour coding gives an indication of suitable age ranges.

Red = 0-9 years
Pink 10-17 years and
Green 18/Young Adult/Parent

Activities include sports, drama and performance, adventure camps and mental health support.

The summer holiday activity schedule is now into its third week.

Scan the QR code or click the header to visit a copy of the document with clickable links

There is also a water safety quiz and game of bingo to play in the park.







Schedule Week 3 7- 13 August

Mon 7	Tues 8	Wed 9	Thu 10	Fri 11
Oxfordshire Active age: 3-5, 6-9, 10-14 Summer Holiday Camp	Oxfordshire Active age: 3-5, 6-9, 10-14 Summer Holiday Camp	Oxfordshire Active age: 3-5, 6-9, 10-14 Summer Holiday Camp	Oxfordshire Active age: 3-5, 6-9, 10-14 Summer Holiday Camp	Oxfordshire Active age: 3-5, 6-9, 10-14 Summer Holiday Camp
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HomeStart Picnics Pirate Fun, Burwell Rec under 5 with Parent	APCAM	HomeStart Picnics Pirate Fun, Oxlease Rec under 5 with Parent		
	Mental Health Drop- In Corn Exchange 10-16, Parents			
Cokethorpe Camps Adventure Week Ages 8-14	Cokethorpe Camps Adventure Week Ages 8-14	Cokethorpe Camps Adventure Week Ages 8-14	Cokethorpe Camps Adventure Week Ages 8-14	Cokethorpe Camps Adventure Week Ages 8-14
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Mon 14	Tues 15	Wed 16	Thu 17	Fri 18
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HomeStart Picnics On the Beach, Burwell Rec under 5 with Parent		HomeStart Picnics On the Beach, Oxlease Rec under 5 with Parent		
Stagecoach Workshop You are Special/Matilda 8-18	Stagecoach Workshop You are Special/Matilda 8-18	Stagecoach Workshop You are Special/Matilda <u>8-18</u>	Stagecoach Workshop You are Special/Matilda <u>8-18</u>	Stagecoach Workshop You are Special/Matilda 8-18
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Schedule Week 5

21 - 27 August

Mon 21	Tues 22	Wed 23	Thu 24	Fri 25
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Schedule Week 6

28 August - 3 September

Mon 28	Tues 29	Wed 30	Thu 31	Fri 1
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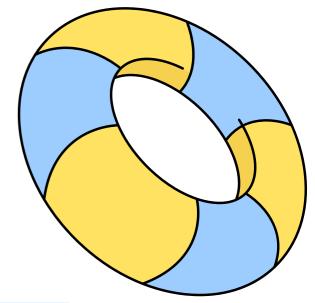
Witney Community Church

Witney Town Council



WATER SAFETY

Are you water wise?
Why not try ROSPA's water safety quiz
with your young people to test your
knowledge?



Are You Water Wise?



 Why is open water so dangerous to swim in? Give at least three reasons.

2. What do the signs below mean?







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Why is it safer to go to a swimming pool than to swim in open water? Give at least three reasons.

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4. How can cold water affect your swimming ability?

Why is diving into shallow water dange	ous?	
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6. How can people doing water sports stay safe?

Check your answers at

https://www.rospa.com/water-wise-quiz



7.	What	could	you t	throw	to so	meor	ne in	the	water
	to hel	p then	n floa	t? Giv	e thi	ree thi	ngs.		

8. Why is it a bad idea to jump in to try to save someone?

9. How can you get help in an emergency?	9.	How	can	you	get	help	in an	emergency?
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10. How could vandalism lead to someone being in danger in open water?



The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

Accessible Questions

- 1. Why is open water so dangerous to swim in? Give at least three reasons.
- 2. What do the signs in the picture mean?
- 3. Why is it safer to go to a swimming pool than to swim in open water? Give at least three reasons.
- 4. How can cold water affect your swimming ability?
- 5. Why is diving into shallow water dangerous?
- 6. How can people doing water sports stay safe?
- 7. What could you throw to someone in the water to help them float? Give three things.
- 8. Why is it a bad idea to jump in to try to save someone?
- 9. How can you get help in an emergency?
- 10. How could vandalism lead to someone being in danger in open water?



Print and Play

PARK BINGO

Can you spot all these things in your local park?

Tick the box as you find each item.









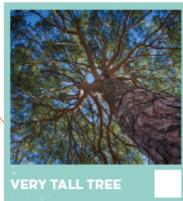
















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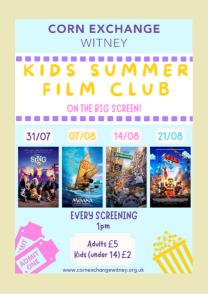


We discovered this as part of our Love Parks Week promotion. We think it's a handy thing to take on a walk or a visit to the park.





A selection of entertainment coming up in the Corn Exchange. For more information click the logo or individual images below





Corn Exchange Film Club – The Searchers (1956)

22nd August 2023: 19:30



SOUNDBITE UK
PRESENTS: Witney Laugh
Out Loud Comedy Club

26th August 2023: 20:00



Buttercross Theatre Productions presents: 9 to 5 The Musical

7th September 2023 - 9th September 2023



SOUNDBITE UK Presents: Jeff Dayton – An evening of Glen Campbell and Country Classics

22nd September 2023: 20:00



The Denotones 60's Experience

23rd September 2023: 20:00



SOUNDBITE UK PRESENTS - A Tribute to George Michael

30th September 2023: 20:00



Witney Dramatic Society – The Monkey's Paw & The 39 Steps

26th October 2023 - 28th October 2023: 19:30





Follow the Corn Exchange on Facebook: facebook.com/cornexchangewitney

or at their website: www.cornexchangewitney.org.uk



STAYING HEALTHY AND WELL IN OXFORDSHIRE Tell us your views!

What helps you stay healthy and well?

What makes this hard?

Your views will shape the county's new health and wellbeing strategy

Complete our anonymous survey at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/yourhealthandwellbeing or scan the QR code below

Survey closes 31st August!





Your voice on health and care services

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BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Oxfordshire County Council will be seeking your views to help shape the designs for enhancements to Witney High Street and Market Square.

*Plus In Person Events

WITNEY HIGH STREET & MARKET SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS

Oxfordshire County Council

has been awarded £1.98m from the Government's Active Travel Fund for the design and delivery of street improvements that support and maintain the new traffic arrangements in Witney High Street and Market Square.

The improvements aim to:

- Enhance public spaces while protecting the town's history and character
- Support local businesses and the market
- Make it easier and more enjoyable to walk, wheel and cycle
- Upgrade access to public transport
- Improve safety for all users

Witney Town Council has created a web page to help keep residents informed and we will update with information, significant dates and links as these are released.

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TOWN COUNCIL



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, important documents and information, and you can also subscribe to updates here.

CLICK THE IMAGE

If you are one of our partner organisations, or receive grant funding from Witney Town Council and would like to submit an article about your organisation, please contact communications@witney-tc.gov.uk.

Our Spring edition is always tight on space as it is a paper version and contains information about how the Town Council spends money as well as a Residents' Satisfaction Survey, but we can offer space in other issues. The Newsletter is currently issued quarterly.



SIGN UP TO THE NEWSLETTER

You can sign up to receive digital issues of our newsletter. Drop an email to communications@witney-tc.gov.uk with the subject line - Newsletter sign up.

NEXT TIME

Our next issue is due in the Autumn. Let us know what you would like to see more of.