

Title	District Councillor's Report
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The **Berinsfield Garden Village Grant Scheme closes for entries at midday on 17 June.**

If you intend to apply for financial support towards projects or services that will benefit the Berinsfield community, we encourage you to complete your application as soon as possible.

For more information and to apply for the scheme before the deadline, please visit <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/berinsfield-garden-village-grant-scheme/>.

Note- I recently met SODC officers with the parish council chair and planning consultant Neil Homer on whether the village neighbourhood plan could potentially be funded or part-funded from the scheme and, after a positive discussion, we are due to meet again with officers before the deadline. We discussed how this could work alongside the Garden Village scheme and how to avoid duplication and overlap of work.

EV Chargers in Council Car Parks

The first of a series of 62 EV chargers which have been installed in council-run car parks across South Oxfordshire are now up and running.

The chargers – which have been installed as part of the county-wide Park and Charge scheme – are ready to use by EV owners in the council-run car park in Cattlemarket, Wallingford.

In total 12 chargers are now available with the remaining 50 due to come online in the next few weeks at other council-run car parks in Greys Road and Kings Road in Henley, Goldsmith's Lane, Wallingford and Southern Road, Thame.

The chargers will work from 7kW up to 22kW depending on the vehicle, time of day and the EV hub take-up. You will also be able to reserve charging bays so EV drivers can be assured of being able to charge on arrival.

More information about the chargers can be found here parkandchargeoxfordshire.co.uk.

Women's Tour coming - 11 June

It'll soon be time to line the streets of our district when The Women's Tour cycle race takes place on Saturday 11 June. See website for route - www.womenstour.co.uk/stages/stage-6/

We expect rolling road closures to take place along the route at these locations at the following times:

- Didcot – from 1.50pm (roads closed from 1.35pm)
- Wallingford – from 2.00pm (roads closed from 1.45pm)
- Abingdon – from 2.35pm (roads closed from 2.20pm)

Joint local plan (for South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse districts)

Tackling the climate emergency, sustainable transport, affordable housing, high-tech jobs, and the future of our town centres are among the topics up for discussion as South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Councils embark on the creation of a new Joint Local Plan. Find the consultation at

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/local-plan-2041/>