

REPORT TO SHIPLAKE PARISH COUNCIL **APRIL 2021**

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GENERAL OCC REPORT

PEOPLE REMINDED TO THINK 111 BEFORE ATTENDING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

NHS 111 is a national system that people should contact if they need clinical advice. People who need clinical advice but **aren't in a life-threatening emergency** are asked to contact NHS 111 first **before** attending their local Emergency Department (A&E). However, if it would be more appropriate for them to receive clinical advice elsewhere, they will be advised on:

- How to self-care if required
- Visiting their local pharmacy, dentist, optician, or their own GP for help
- Visiting a local minor injuries unit

Launched in Oxfordshire in November 2020, the programme plays an important part in managing patient flow in healthcare settings and reducing overcrowding.

STOP SMOKING SERVICE LAUNCHES IN OXFORDSHIRE

- Stop for Life Oxon launches in Oxfordshire from **1st April 2021**. Commissioned by Oxfordshire County Council, and operated by ICE Creates Ltd it has increased the range of support options to those people who are ready to quit and provides specialist stop smoking support and advice to increase people's chances of quitting. The service is driven to achieve the priority outcomes for tobacco as agreed by the [Oxfordshire Tobacco Control Strategy 2020-25](#): reducing smoking amongst adults, cutting the number of pregnant women who smoke and reducing the prevalence of smoking in workplaces where smoking rates are high. Oxfordshire residents will be able to use a range of tools and support to help them stop smoking, including an app 'Best-You'. A free and confidential service, Stop for Life Oxon recognises that different types of support work for different people and the service provides three levels of support for clients who are triaged by the expert team. Visit:
- www.stopforlifeoxon.org
- Email: info@stopforlife.co.uk
- Call: 0800 122 3790

MILLIONS OF POUNDS TO BE INVESTED IN HIGHWAY REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

More improvements are on the way for Oxfordshire's motorists, cyclists and pedestrians in the next 12 months as a result of investment in the network totalling £31.3 million. Roads, cycleways, bridges, drainage, pavements and streetlights will all benefit from the programme, which is part of Oxfordshire County Council's wider investment into highway infrastructure. The list of projects include resurfacing, embankment repairs, road edge strengthening, surface dressing to waterproof and extend the life of roads, and recycling schemes using new techniques that incorporate old road materials. Repairs are identified either through reports from the public or during the council's own routine inspections. People can report any defect found with the highways at any time using [Fix My Street](#). Between April 2020 and March 2021, Oxfordshire County Council treated just under 1.5 million square metres of highway at more than 220 sites, with works valued at just over £20m.

GRASS-ROOTS FUNDING MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE

Over 350 projects have benefited from Oxfordshire County Council's Councillor Priority Fund with each of the authority's 63 county councillors having £15,000 available to them to award in grants to projects within their area.

SPECIFIC OCC REPORT FOR SHIPLAKE

FURTHER EXTENSION OF FOOTPATH ON PLOUGH LANE

At the last meeting, the PC passed a motion it would fund this project up to a maximum of £15,000 and I undertook to get full costings from officers if it was likely the project could be completed within this budget. Officers have advised that due to the necessity of creating a retaining wall and having traffic management plans in place, the costs would be considerably higher. I have therefore not progressed the matter.

FMS ENQ21891402: 'WIG WAG' SIGN NEAR SHIPLAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The 'Wig-Wag' sign has yet again been demolished by a passing/turning lorry. This is the third time this has happened since I have been a councillor. The last time the sign was re-erected, both the PC and I requested re-positioning, but this was refused by Highways officers. The current sign has been in place for less than 18 months and I am pressing the case that it is futile to re-erect the sign in the same position.

FIXMYSTREET REF 2596449: SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO VERGES AT MILL ROAD

Subsequent to raising this matter with officers, I have received the following reply:

"Damage to verges is an ongoing problem across the County and many are now suffering due to the size and volume of vehicles using the rural network. I am afraid that we have not only limited resources to investigate and repair damage to edges of the carriageway but limited powers to enforce especially without specific evidence of who has driven over the verge."

I am continuing to press for further investigation.

STREETLIGHTS ON A4155

An informal poll on the village website indicated an overwhelming desire for the lights to be turned off until the site is occupied (there was only one resident who wanted them left on). Officers have discussed the matter with Taylor Wimpey and both parties are reluctant to turn off the lights for planning and safety reasons. I have asked for further clarification.

STEEL GATE POSTS ON MILL LANE (FERRY LANE) NEAR 'THE DEN'

OCC is in the process of taking enforcement action for the removal of the posts.

SPECIFIC SODC REPORT FOR SHIPLAKE

P20/S2808/DIS: THAMES FARM

Taylor Wimpey now propose to pipe the surface water towards Henley rather than into the Lashbrook. This might solve the problem for Shiplake but has provoked a backlash from Henley residents. No official application has been received by SODC.

THAMES FARM: FENCING

The moth-balled site has been shielded with close-clad fencing. This is temporary and not a replacement for tree replanting.

APPEAL REGARDING PROPOSED FLATS AND CAR PARK NEXT TO 'THE GABLES'

I have submitted my response to the Planning Inspectorate.