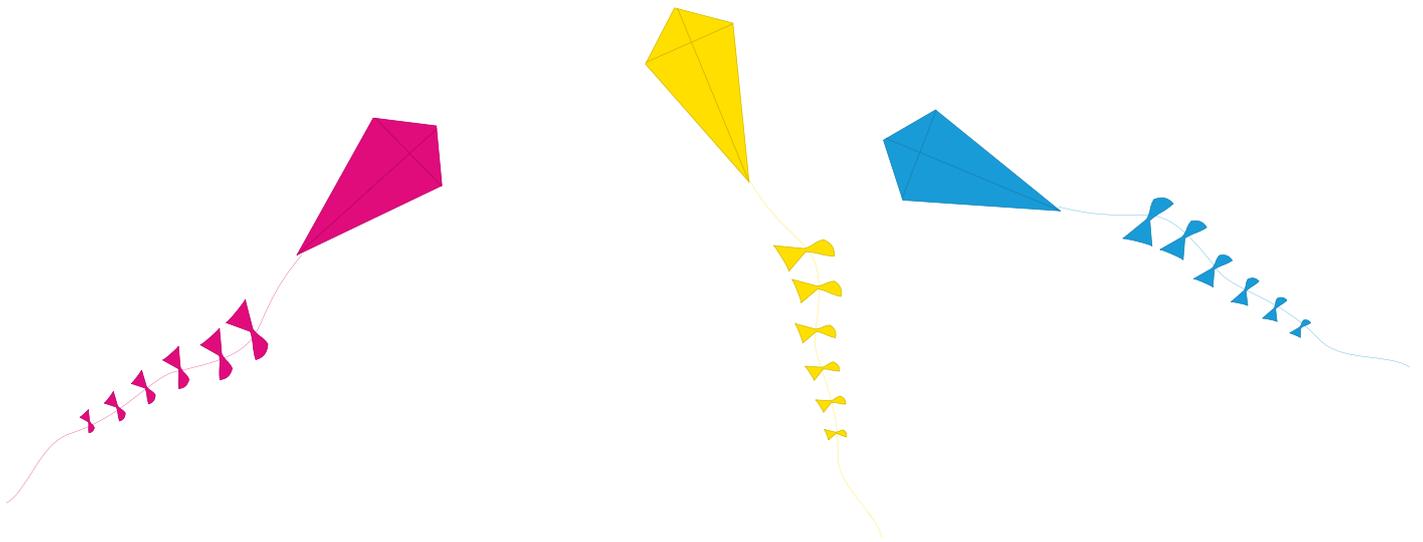


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Oxfordshire: A distinctive county

Oxfordshire is a county alive with enterprise, learning and history. It has become internationally renowned as a place of architectural and natural beauty, a centre of excellence for higher education, research and innovation and a designated European Centre of Culture.

The county includes three areas of outstanding natural beauty: the Cotswolds, the Chilterns and the North Wessex Downs and is crossed by the River Thames and its tributaries. The internationally famous city of Oxford is surrounded by numerous historic towns and villages set in beautiful countryside. Oxfordshire is at the north-western edge of the South East region and, with its central location in England, has strong links to London and the Midlands, as well as west to the Cotswolds and along the M4 corridor.

Economic prosperity and the quality of the environment make Oxfordshire an attractive place in which to live and work. People in Oxfordshire in general live long and healthy lives. However there are also localities where residents have lower wages and low skills, young people do not fulfil their potential at school and where older people have poorer health than in most of the county.

Oxfordshire 2030 identifies how we will respond to the challenges facing Oxfordshire over the next 20+ years. Our vision is an ambitious one:

“By 2030 we want Oxfordshire to be recognised for its economic success, outstanding environment and quality of life; to be a place where everyone can realise their potential, contribute to and benefit from economic prosperity and where people are actively involved in their local communities.”

The strategy has been developed by the Oxfordshire Partnership on behalf of the people living and working in Oxfordshire. The Partnership brings together people from Oxfordshire's most influential organisations and groups to tackle the issues that are important to local people.

We want to:

- Create a world class economy for Oxfordshire.
- Have healthy and thriving communities.
- Look after our environment and respond to the threat of climate change.
- Reduce inequalities and break the cycle of deprivation.

How we will do this?

In Oxfordshire there is a strong record of local organisations working well together and delivering real benefits to local people. We aim to continue this by committing to meet the challenges set out in Oxfordshire 2030.

Our strategy will be delivered through:

- Three year targets that are in our Local Area Agreement (LAA) – an agreement between the Government and partners in Oxfordshire which reflects some of the highest priority key targets.
- Key targets which are important locally but not in the Local Area Agreement.

Our progress will be monitored and reported regularly. Regular updates on performance will be available at www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk

A partnership approach:

There are six local strategic partnerships in Oxfordshire: Oxfordshire Partnership, South Oxfordshire, Cherwell, Vale of White Horse; West Oxfordshire and Oxford city. We are all working together to achieve the shared vision for the future. This approach means that we can make best use of our resources, joining up where necessary, whilst ensuring very local issues are also tackled.

This leaflet is a summary of the key information within Oxfordshire 2030. For a copy of the whole document please visit the website www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk



Our priorities

Below is a snapshot of some of the key issues facing Oxfordshire and the pledges the partnership has committed to in order to make a difference:

World class economy

Oxfordshire is an economically vibrant area. Compared with the rest of the UK unemployment is low and the economy is prosperous. We have a lot to be proud of: the highest level of research and development in western Europe; a concentration of high-wage, high-tech industry; and of course, world-renowned universities. But global economic conditions and competition mean we have to work even harder to secure a world class economy for the county.

Some of the key issues include:

- Supporting and growing our mid and high technology businesses and increase high value employment.
- The need for Oxfordshire to continue to secure inward investment to help existing businesses to 'go global'.
- Improving infrastructure, in particular transport, to reduce congestion.
- Raising educational attainment.
- Increasing the supply of affordable housing.

The Partnership pledges to:

- ✓ Collaborate across public, business and voluntary sectors to build on Oxfordshire's economic success.
- ✓ Create the conditions for everyone to have access to jobs.
- ✓ Ensure that educational attainment and skill levels are amongst the very best in the country so we provide a well qualified, motivated workforce to meet the needs of business.
- ✓ Grow the economy whilst achieving a sustainable balance between jobs, housing and the environment.
- ✓ Tackle traffic congestion across Oxfordshire, particularly on trunk roads and around Oxford city and other hot spots.
- ✓ Reduce the gap between the best and worst off by targeting our work appropriately.

Healthy and thriving communities

People enjoy living in Oxfordshire. Surveys show us that over 90% of the people in Oxfordshire like living in their local communities. We are fortunate to have a population that is generally healthier than elsewhere, with longer than average life expectancy. However, there are pockets where life expectancy is lower in parts of the county. Levels of crime are generally lower than average. We want to ensure that everyone is safe from harm, able to live a healthy lifestyle and is valued in the community in which they live, work, grow up and grow old. We also want to ensure people have the ability to participate and contribute to their communities.

Some of the key issues include

- Maintaining local services in rural communities.
- Preventing ill-health in the ageing population.
- Regeneration of deprived communities.
- Involving more people in making decisions about their communities.
- Crime is relatively low but fear of crime and concern about anti-social behaviour – and particularly as a result of alcohol or drug abuse – is a growing concern for many people.
- Growing concerns about the effects of unhealthy lifestyles in some of our communities.

The Partnership pledges to:

- ✓ Work with local people including the voluntary, community and faith organisations and the military to sustain and build supportive, cohesive, resilient and well planned communities.
- ✓ Tackle crime and anti-social behaviour – particularly where the cause is the abuse of alcohol or other substance misuse.
- ✓ Work to prevent all forms of extremism that threaten the well-being of local people and communities.
- ✓ Support the people of Oxfordshire to achieve a healthy and positive old age, concentrating on the groups in greatest need.
- ✓ Ensure every child gets every opportunity for a good start in life.
- ✓ Improve support and opportunities for independent living.
- ✓ Promote healthy lifestyles including an increase in physical activity.
- ✓ Protect access to local services particularly in rural communities.
- ✓ Reduce the gap between the best and worst off by targeting our work appropriately.

Environment and climate change

Dreaming spires, rambling green spaces, buildings steeped in rich history: few could doubt that we enjoy an exceptional environment. Our challenge is to protect our areas of natural beauty while meeting the demands of a 21st century lifestyle and an expanding and ageing population. We recognise that the future of our environment is closely linked to the national and international response to the global challenge of climate change. We are committed to making our contribution.

Some of the key issues include:

- Reducing our carbon footprint and adapting to climate change.
- Preserving and enhancing the character of our city, our market towns and villages.
- Addressing flooding risks.
- Enhancing the quality of the natural environment.
- Reducing the landfill of waste.
- Protecting and enhancing biodiversity.

The Partnership pledges to:

- ✓ Reduce carbon emissions and improve energy and water efficiency by public sector organisations, and encourage residents and businesses to do the same.
- ✓ Reduce waste and increase re-use and recycling by households and businesses.
- ✓ Minimise the effects and risk of flooding.
- ✓ Ensure new development is built to high environmental standards.
- ✓ Support individuals, communities and businesses, to respond to climate change and to improve efficiency in their use of energy and water.
- ✓ Keep Oxfordshire clean and green.
- ✓ Protect and enhance the biodiversity of the county.
- ✓ Reduce the gap between the best and worst off by targeting our work appropriately.



Reducing inequalities and breaking the cycle of deprivation

Oxfordshire is an affluent county but there are pockets of deprivation. It is important to tackle these problems for economic reasons, to ensure we sustain a stable and cohesive society and to give individuals every chance to succeed.

Key issues include:

- Improving educational attainment and skills.
- Promoting healthy lifestyles.
- Working with local people to address local community concerns.
- Focusing attention on the localities in greatest need to make a real difference.

The Partnership pledges to:

- ✓ Reduce the gap between the best and worst off.
- ✓ Increase educational attainment and skills levels.
- ✓ Tackle crime and anti social behaviour hot spots.
- ✓ Regenerate deprived local communities.



How can I get involved?

The Oxfordshire Partnership wants as many local people and organisations as possible to know about what we do, how we are performing and how people can get involved in our work. There are lots of ways you can get involved. You can receive newsletters, help promote our activities, attend meetings and events, take part in consultations, and discuss issues with your local councillors.

Subscribe to our newsletter

Newsletters are available by email and include updates about the work of the Partnership. To subscribe email **oxfordshirepartnership@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

Attend meetings

Anyone is welcome to attend Oxfordshire Partnership meetings where strategic countywide issues are discussed. Information about meeting dates is available at: **www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk**

If you would like to attend a meeting of your district local strategic partnership please contact them directly.

- Oxfordshire Partnership - 01865 323967
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- Cherwell Community Planning Partnership - 01295 221751
community.planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk
- Oxford Partnership: Oxford City Council - 01865 249811
info@oxfordpartnership.org.uk
- South Oxfordshire Partnership: South Oxfordshire District Council - 01491 824033
partnerships@southoxon.gov.uk
- Vale Strategic Partnership: Vale of White Horse District Council - 01235 520202
comments@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
- West Oxfordshire Strategic Partnership: West Oxfordshire District Council - 01993 861000

Talk to your councillor

You and your community are represented by county and district councillors who will be happy to talk to you about any issues you would like to raise. For example you might want to talk to them about improvements you would like to see in your area. You can check who

your councillors are at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/councillors. You can also talk to your parish council, town council or area committee representatives to highlight local concerns. Read more about town and parish council at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk Oxford city residents can find out more about area committees at www.oxford.gov.uk

Find out more about your Local Strategic Partnership

The six Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) in Oxfordshire have all produced community strategies relevant to their local areas, which reflect their own ambitions, aims and objectives. The local ambitions of the five district LSPs have fed into and helped to identify the countywide priorities set out in this document. You can find out more about each of them on the following websites:

Oxfordshire Partnership: www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk



Cherwell Community Planning Partnership: www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk



Oxford Partnership: www.oxfordpartnership.org.uk



South Oxfordshire Partnership: www.southoxon.gov.uk



Vale Partnership: www.thevalepartnership.org.uk

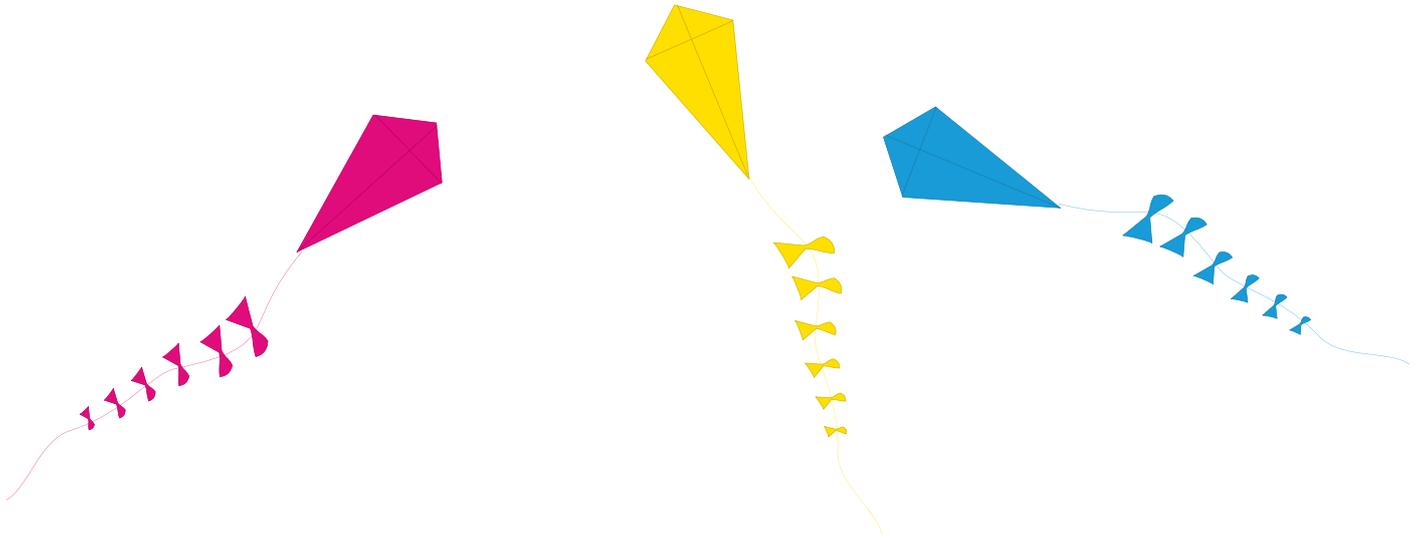


West Oxfordshire Partnership: www.westoxon.gov.uk



Feedback

We welcome your comments about the work of Oxfordshire Partnership. Please contact the Partnership team with your comments: oxfordshirepartnership@oxfordshire.gov.uk or telephone 01865 323967.



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