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## Notes from the Chair

*By whatever measure, being Head of State for 70 years is quite an achievement, and only exceeded by Louis XIV. He did however have a bit of head start becoming King of France at the age of five.*

*The village is celebrating with a lunch on the green. This is a bring-your-own main course and pudding to share, and all are welcome. 12.30 on Friday 3rd June and RSVP to [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk) if you haven't already done so.*

*Traditionally when the House of Commons elects a new speaker he or she is forcibly dragged to the chair. It feels a bit like that in North Aston. I am honoured to have been proposed as the new chair of the Village Meeting and only hope I can do half as good a job as Lucinda. Thanks must go to her and Sue and Annie for looking after us all so well over the last few years.*

*I hope everyone has a joyful Jubilee*

*Christopher*

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Through the chronicles of history, people have gazed up and marvelled at the mysteries of the weather. Generations have tried to master the elements, and understand the magic of the skies.

Hayley's sunny, beloved dad was the nation's favourite weatherman. He could make a typhoon sound like a tickle. Hayley is now following in his footsteps, to join the ranks of the forecasting fraternity. Or at least, local shoestring teatime telly.

When the pressure drops and dark clouds gather, Hayley is melting faster than a lonely snowflake. She's seen the future's forecast, but will anyone listen?

Bring your anorak and your factor 50. Well, you never know ...

*Front cover: A purple celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with photos taken at this year's RHS Chelsea flower show, including an inset photo showing the Connected by EXANTE "Sanctuary Garden" built by Nicholsons of North Aston.*

## Planning

### Planning Applications

To view details of Planning Applications submitted to CDC. Visit <https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/> and keyword search "North Aston" for more information. To find a specific application, use the CDC reference number.

**Gate Cottage, Somerton Road, North Aston OX25 6HX.** Two *Discharge Of Conditions* notices relating to use of stone and zinc, doors and windows proposed for the planned extension to the rear of the cottage have been lodged. A decision is anticipated before the end of the month. Reference Nos: 22 / 01072 / DISC and 22 / 01073 / DISC

**North Aston Hall, St Mary's Walk, North Aston OX25 6AA.** The application to realign the existing southern driveway to The Hall and the construction of a new gateway from the Middle Aston Lane has now moved into the Consultation phase. A decision is expected in early June. Reference No: 22 / 01094 / F

**North Aston Hall, St Mary's Walk, North Aston OX25 6AA.** The application to permit the replacement of all sash windows in the Hall with double-glazed sash units remains at the consultation stage. Reference No: 22 / 00881 / LB

**Bradenstoke Barn, St Mary's Walk, North Aston OX25 6AA.** Almost all the conditional discharges relating to restoration and renovation of the Barn have now been resolved. Just two remain "under consultation". Reference No: 22 / 00881 / LB and others

**North Aston Hall, St Mary's Walk, North Aston OX25 6AA.** The decisions relating to applications to build an estate office and vehicle storage facility and replacement of an agricultural storage barn are now 3 months overdue. Reference Nos: 22 / 00276 / F and 22 / 00224 / F

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## North Aston Gardening Club

This year's Flower & Produce Show will be held on Saturday the 27th of August, which is the Bank Holiday Weekend, between 1 and 3 pm.

We are pleased that this year we will see the return of the cake, jams, pickles etc., as well as the usual flower and vegetable categories.

Some classes will once more be judged by those attending. There is still time to take part in the Spud-in-a-Tub competition, and tubs and potatoes can be collected from outside Norman's house.

This year's photographic competition theme will be *Red, White and Blue*. Get your cameras out!

Also, and new for this year, we will have a Hanging Basket Competition. Maximum diameter of the basket must be no more than 14 inches.

A full list of categories and Entry Forms will be distributed with the *North Aston News* closer to the Show, so please look out for more information nearer the time.

## Do you surrender?

Thames Valley Police has been appealing to the public to hand in any unwanted, unlicensed or illegal firearms and ammunition, staged as a special Surrender Fortnight in May. However, it's not too late, and it's still possible to surrender firearms anonymously and without prosecution. Many firearms are held in ignorance of their illegality, others are simply no longer required. Guns and ammunition can be surrendered at designated police stations, including Banbury and Oxford.

# North Aston Nature Notes

## With Stephen Rees

I've been trying to remember all day what I need to let you know this month and, to be honest, I couldn't really think of anything much or different. Then, as I'm sat in our spare room waiting for Wendy's tablet to fire up, I heard a Cuckoo. Flipping heck! That's my first one here in the village this year, although I know lots of others have heard it, with Aunty Viv being the first, followed closely by James.



We have seen Swallows down in our corner, and Swifts too, but once again no House Martin's so far this year.

We had a few days biking over Dartmoor just recently, and heard a good few Cuckoo down there. Wendy also spotted a proper big Grass Snake, sunning

itself along a branch and we got some good pics of it.

As usual Norman has got his Song Thrush on his front lawn. Every year without fail, he spends spring and summer on Norman's lawn. He's not shy or worried about people at all, and apparently it's His Lawn!

Meanwhile, a family of baby Squirrels has moved in to our garden. They're very brave, and have been stealing food from our Bantams.



### Bird of the Month ~ The Song Thrush

Traditionally the May bird of the month is the Nightingale, but I've decided to change it this time to Norman's Song Thrush.

This lovely spotted bird is steeped in myths and legends. The Irish fairies always make their homes under a Song Thrush nest. Apparently many people believe that the Thrush is completely deaf, which helps to explain why he always sings his song twice to try to help his prospective mate hear him!

I think I've mentioned this before but, at the risk of repeating myself .... Mr Thrush uses a stone to smash snails against, and it's called the Thrush's Anvil. Folklore has it that a good one can be handed down through lots of generations.

Then ... if a Thrush flies into your window there will be a death in the house that very night. Really?

And probably best of all ... Thrushes change their legs every ten years and can live longer than people can.

I do love the Thrush though, and there are so many more mediaeval stories about him.

Think that's it then for this month. *Regards, Steve & Wendy*

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# North Aston Village Meeting

Thursday 3rd May 2021 ~ The Minutes

**Officers present:** Chair Lucinda Fuoco (LF), Treasurer Sue Hatzigeorgiou (SH).

**Those present:** Dave Hanna (DH), Annabel Bevan (AB), Niel Nicholson (NN), Liz Nicholson (LN), Mark Stay (MS), Ginny Stay (GS), Nick Miller (NM), James Taylor (JT), Chloe Woodhead (CW), Christopher Woodhead (ChW), Kildare Bourke-Burrows (KBB), Trudy Busby (TB), Clive Busby (CB), Jeremy Taylor (JmT), Mary Healy (MH), Julie Al-Nugaidi (JA).

**Apologies for Absence:** Secretary Annie Savage (AS), Marcus Potts (MP).

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## Village Meeting

### 1. Welcome and Structure of Meeting

LF welcomed everyone to the meeting. She explained that as Annie was unable to attend, she proposed that SH should take the Minutes, and this was approved.

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 7th January 2022, had been published in the *North Aston News* and copies were available in the meeting. GS proposed that the minutes should be approved; this was seconded by CW. This was agreed by the Meeting. The Minutes were therefore signed as a correct record.

### 3. Annual Governance Accountability Return and Accounts 2021/22

The following papers were tabled:

- Annual Governance Statement 2021/22
- Accounting Statements for 2021/22
- Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2021/22 Form 2PM
- Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/22

SH reported that income of £300 had been received; expenditure had been £235 and an internal audit of the accounts had been carried out. She explained that as expenditure had been less than £25,000 the Meeting could certify itself as exempt from having to submit an *Annual Governance and Accountability Return* to the external auditor.

NN proposed that the *Certificate of Exemption*, the *Accounting Statements* and *Annual Governance Statement* should be approved; this was seconded by ChW. These were all then approved.

### 4. Insurance and Risk Register

SH reported that the insurance would need to be renewed in June and that AS had said that she would look into this as a new insurer was required. She reported that the officers had reviewed the Risk Register during the year as part of the Annual Governance Review procedures.

### 5. Election of Officers

LF reminded the meeting that she, AS and SH were all standing down so new officers were required as follows:

- **Chair.** LN nominated ChW; this was seconded by CW. ChW confirmed that he was happy to stand. There were no other nominations and ChW was duly elected.
- **Secretary.** NN reported that Eve Rodgers (ER) had said that she would be happy to stand as Secretary and nominated her for the post. This was seconded by GS. There were no other nominations and ER was duly elected.
- **Treasurer.** CW proposed NN; this was seconded by JT. NN confirmed that he was happy to stand. There were no further nominations and NN was duly elected.

LF thanked all the new Officers for agreeing to take on these roles and the outgoing Officers were thanked for all they had done during their terms of office.

There being no further business the Village Meeting closed.

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## Village Forum

### 1. Traffic Committee update

KBB said that he was happy to take the lead on the Traffic Committee. This was agreed. It was noted that other members were CB, LF, MP, Les Parry and Bev Merry. It was agreed that the

Committee would provide an update to the next Meeting.

### 2. Speed Monitor

CB reported that there were still ongoing problems with the speed monitor. He was liaising with the German company to try and resolve this. It was noted that the technology had moved on since the original speed monitor had been bought but that a new monitor would be £3.5k. CB was thanked for all his work on this.

### 3. SRFI Consultation

It was agreed that it would be up to the new committee to take forward discussions on the Strategic Rail Freight Interchange. In the meantime it was noted that all households had received the consultation on this and therefore each household could comment individually.

### 4. Jubilee Celebrations & Village Fête

Celebrations to mark the Queen's Jubilee were discussed and it was agreed that a Big Lunch would be held on the Green on Friday 2nd June, to start at 12.30pm. This would be a "bring and share" event, with a welcome drink. Tables would be set up on the road across the Green. AB agreed to co-ordinate this (with help!). In case the weather was not good enough for an outdoor event, LN said that the Orchard Barn at Nicholsons could be used instead. A budget of up to £250 was approved for expenses. The possibility of holding a Fête was also discussed but it was felt that it was now a bit late to organise this. Instead, maybe some of the village games could be available at the Jubilee Celebrations and possibly Aunt Sally.

It anticipated that the Flower & Produce Show would be held as usual at the end of the Summer.

It was noted that the Church had usually been a recipient of half the profits from the village fête and concern was expressed about whether the Church would be relying on this this year. CB confirmed that the Church did need money and that it needed to demonstrate community support, but there were other sources of funding available in the short term. It was agreed therefore that there would be collection boxes available at the Jubilee Celebrations for anyone who wished to make a donation to the church.

It was hoped that information about the proposed Jubilee Celebrations could be included in the hard copy of the next newsletter and that MP should be asked to circulate this by email. The possibility of planting a tree for the Jubilee on the Green was also discussed and agreed that this should be done in November.

### 5. Pre-Loved Sale

JA thanked everyone for help and support with the Pre-Loved sale, which had raised £510. It was agreed that this had been a great event and JA was thanked for having organising it.

### 6. BoB Group

It was noted that this was a really good way of providing "light touch" engagement within the community. It was agreed that the minutes would be published in the *North Aston News*.

### 7. Dog Bins

As requested, Annie had researched the cost of dog bins as follows: 25 litre bin, wall mounted: £120; 50 litre bin £316 to £450 depending on fixings; £130 per annum weekly emptying. It was agreed not to pursue any of these options and that dog owners should be encouraged to "stick and flick" rather than use poo bags.

### 8. Mikron Theatre

This has been booked for Friday 24th June

### 9. Aunt Sally

This would be resuming on 11th May on the Village Green.

## 10. Fountain Water Tap

CB has reported that there were ongoing problems with the tap on the fountain and that there was a crack in the water trough. He would keep an eye on this and report to the meeting if necessary.

## 11. Tug of War

MS reported that Duns Tew had been in touch to ask if North Aston would take part in the Tug-of-War at their village fête on 3rd July. This was agreed. It was suggested that a "return match" could be held during the Flower & Produce Show.

## 12. Village Defibrillator

MS said that new pads were needed for the village defibrillator as the existing ones were now out of date. This was approved and MS agreed to source these. LN added that there was also a defibrillator at Nicholson's.

## 13. Welcome Pack for Newcomers to the Village

KBB suggested that it would be nice to have a Welcome Pack which could be given to new arrivals to the village. This was agreed and KBB agreed to put this together.

## 14. Thank you

LF thanked CB and Hal Busby for all their work in mowing the Green; MP for producing the newsletter and NN and LN for all that they and Nicholson's do for the Village.

SH reported that, because there had not been a Village Meeting before Christmas, the usual donations of £250 to MP and CB had not been paid last year. She therefore proposed that these should be paid retrospectively for the year ended, and also for the current year. After discussion, CW proposed that this should be increased to £300 for the current year. This was seconded by NN and agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

The defibrillator is located in the porch at 4 Somerton Road. CPR & Defibrillator training sessions are arranged from time to time. For more information or to book a session, please contact Mark: 347806



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## Mikron Returns!

The fabulous Mikron Theatre Company will be back on the Green this month, with one of their new productions entitled "Red Sky at Night" - see advert on Page 2. Amazingly, this will mark ten years since Mikron first performed in North Aston.

The cast this year sees the return of James Mclean, who's been a member of the crew aboard *Tyseley* for six years now. He's joined by Alice McKenna, Hannah Bainbridge and Thomas Cotran (*Photo by Liz Baker*)



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# From the FIRE STATION

With April being exceptionally dry, fires in the open were high on our call-out list, with 17 shouts in total – alarms, stand bys and RTCs also in the mix. Several nights we found ourselves being called out to two or three incidents in a row, leading to some weary mornings on the red eye. All in the life of an on-call fire fighter!

Representatives of Deddington Fire Station were invited to Blenheim Palace to receive the *Oxfordshire Fire Station of the Year* award, which is now proudly displayed at the station. We have also been busy with charity events promoting the Fire Fighter Charity, which benefits current and former fire fighters and their families that have found the need for extra support in life for whatever reason.



Deddington crew attended and ran a raffle and awareness stall at a local vintage tractor ploughing match and put on a carwash event supported by Deputy Chief Fire Officer Bowcock, Group Manager Swadling and Area Manager Adcock. The sun shone down on both events which managed to raise in excess of £1000 for the charity – and we still have the Four Farms Challenge to come!

We have also had *Water Awareness Week*, so please be aware of the dangers of entering rivers and playing near canals as the weather turns warmer. *Motorcycle Safety Week* is also due, and promotes *Ride Safe* and the benefits of further training for rider skills and mental awareness. And on the theme of two wheels, drivers of motor vehicles should always leave sufficient space when passing cyclists.

James Greenwood FFD james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk

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## Top Job Clive!



A glorious springtime view across the valley, with Clive and his vintage yellow tractor "topping" the weeds. Thanks to Kildare for the photo. Topical pictures are always welcome! High-resolution please.

## Date for your Diary

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## Important Notices

### Heyford Park Pantry URGENT

With austerity really starting to be felt very deeply by some, Heyford Park Pantry has put out an urgent request. The food bank is running out of supplies and is struggling to support local families. People are going hungry which, with the Jubilee weekend dominating the news, is hard to understand.

Please please please can we as a village dig deep and donate as much as we possibly can to help support near neighbours. The boxes will be out (in the Nicholsons bus shelter and outside Middle Cottage on St Mary's Walk) from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

Anything you can give will be hugely appreciated - tinned or dried goods (in date), washing or cleaning products, personal hygiene items. All are needed.

*Thanks to you all, Annie*

### Duns Tew throws down the gauntlet!

After a pause of two years, our local Tug-of-War competition is back. The first bout will be at The Dun's Tew Fête on Sunday 3rd July, with hopefully Somerton also joining in.

North Aston are the reigning champions and it would be great if we could retain the cup (yes, there is actual silverware!). Each village will field a mixed team of 8. If you would like to be in the team and are resident in North Aston, please give me a call on 347806.

*Mark Stay*

### Local Election Results, Thursday May 5th

Results from last month's district elections were as follows:

#### **Cherwell DC, Deddington Ward.**

■ Eddie Reeves (Conservative)	1416
■ Annette Murphy (Labour)	690
■ James Henry Dean Hartley (Liberal Democrats)	640
■ Aaron James Bliss (The Green Party)	339

The turnout was 42%. 22 ballot papers were rejected. Eddie Reeves has duly been elected as the new Cherwell District Councillor for the Deddington Ward.

### Steeple Aston Pre-School Seeks New Manager!

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# CHURCH MATTERS



## All good things ...

So it's time for me to say farewell. I am enormously grateful to have been Rector here for the past nine years - it has been a genuine joy. It has been wonderful to be able to write occasional words of hope and to pass on information of things that have been going on in church life via these pages, and as I look back - I do think there has been quite a bit of hope and quite a lot of stuff going on!

Quite apart from all the weddings and christenings we have celebrated together, as well as those we have loved and trusted into God's tender keeping, we've had a new organ in North Aston and windows renovated; a new pathway to the church and cottages built in the village at Tackley (thanks to Bob Clow, whose gift has made the church more financially secure than for a very long time); we've celebrated all kinds of community events and concerts in Steeple Aston, had a new bell in the tower, and although we haven't seen out plans for the church project come to fruition, we've done an enormous amount of fantastic work that is ready to be taken forward at the right time.



It's invidious to pull out specific events, but perhaps I may be allowed to comment on the most recent, our Concert for Ukraine? To me it spoke of the best that we offer as the church in our benefice - providing a focal gathering place for a whole community, doing something very concrete to help people in need. So far the musicians, singers, schoolchildren, readers and all under Nick Cleobury's phenomenal guidance have raised over £6,000 for UNICEF and the British Red Cross appeals. Thank you to everyone!

I've had a couple of visitors recently who have spent time in our church buildings, and who have commented on the care that is so obviously taken over these places. They haven't begun to see the half of it. People who put flowers out, or who take time to polish brass, or who mow the grass, or who tend graves of loved ones, or who provide music, or ring bells, or sort hymn books, or who provide things for children to do, or who unlock the doors, or who dust and clean, or who come in to pray, or who take time with occasional visitors, or who help when school classes visit, or who are simply ready to do whatever needs doing. Our churches are communities. And it has been my joy to be a part of these communities for nearly a decade.

**But now:** June begins with the Jubilee weekend, and our services on June 5th will mark this wonderful event. North Aston has a traditional prayer book communion at 9.30am, Tackley is at 11am for a village Celebration Service, and Steeple at 6pm for a Coronation Songs of Praise with a choir and lots of music to join in. Come to any or all! And June 12th at 11am sees my final service - a United Service for the whole Benefice held at Steeple Aston. Everyone from all our villages is welcome. Please join us - I'd love to see you there as I take my leave as Rector.

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### And then?

God is good. I'm looking forward to my move to be chaplain at Worcester College. And I have a sneaky suspicion that someone lovely will be coming here before too long, someone wonderfully kind, who will be just perfect for our three villages. You might spare a prayer for them as they start to sense a call to be your next Rector! Every blessing,

*Revd Marcus Green*



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## Church Services in June 2022

N. ASTON	S. ASTON	TACKLEY
<b>Sunday 5th June - Pentecost - Jubilee Weekend</b>		
9:30 am Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> Revd Marcus Green	6:00 pm Coronation Songs of Praise Revd Marcus Green	11:00 am Jubilee Celebration Service Revd Marcus Green
<b>Sunday 12th June - Trinity Sunday</b>		
No Service	11:00 am United Benefice Communion Revd Marcus Green Rector's Farewell Service	No Service
<b>Sunday 19th June</b>		
9:30 am Holy Communion Revd Andrea Russell	11:00 am Holy Communion Revd Andrea Russell	5:30 pm Evensong Richard Bailey
<b>Sunday 26th June</b>		
9:30 am Morning Prayer	11:00 am Morning Prayer	9:30 am Family Communion Revd Andrew Bunch

You can also contact members of the PCC:  
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Richard Bailey (LLM, ex officio), Vicky Taylor (secretary), Jeremy Taylor, Ginny Stay, Jane Jana, Les Parry, Beryl Greenwood.

## Announcements

### Deddington Farmers' Market

This month's market is scheduled for Saturday 25th June, starting around 9 am and open through until 12:30. The market won the Oxfordshire Prestige Award *Farmers' Market of the Year* in both 2020 and 2021. Hoping now for a hat-trick! Please park at the school if possible, and take your own bags and containers to save on single-use plastics. For further information and the latest news, visit the website: [www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk)

### Wednesday Fish & Chips: 7:25 pm to 7:40 pm

Van 99 continues to call at the corner of the Green on a Wednesday evening, from 7:25 pm to 7:40 pm. Now, with Aunt Sally also happening every fortnight, what better way to enjoy the summer? Fish & Chips on The Green and a game of throwing sticks! Please support both! You can pre-order from Howe's by sending an email to [van99orders@gmail.com](mailto:van99orders@gmail.com) or calling 07484 360719. You can also track the van's progress on [bit.ly/findvan99](http://bit.ly/findvan99)

### Birthday Greetings!

Happy Birthday to our gorgeous Sebastian! Have a super duper day darling, we love you to the furthest star and back. Lots of love Mummy, Daddy, William and Evelyn xxxxx

### Baby Sitting Service

Susie Taylor is available for babysitting on Friday or Saturday nights, or weeknights during school holidays. She has plenty of experience with looking after younger children. If you'd like to book her services, call Vicky on 07483 291277.

### Dog Walking Service

Evelyn's Dog Walking Service is now available evenings and weekends, just £5 per hour. Message or call Lucinda (aka 'Mumager') on 07869 282227

### Temporary Road Closure - Reminder & Update

Water Lane through Somerton will be closed for resurfacing and repairs from 16 June 2022 up to and including 22 June 2022. This will operate between 07:00 and 19:00 week days only. This is several days earlier than originally published. There will be limited access only. Please use alternative routes.



**NORTH ASTON**  
**100 CLUB**  
**May 2022**

This month's winners were:  
**1st Prize (£10): Dierdre Oakley (#39)**  
**2nd Prize (£5): Tom Godwin (#103)**

Congratulations! Renewal time again soon. For more info, call Bev on 347434 or email [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk).

**You've got to be in it to win it!**

## June Birthdays

Andy Brown  
Adam Busby  
Sebastian Fuoco  
Connie & Archie Honess  
Rourdon Jolly  
Sue Hatzigeorgiou  
Elizabeth Harvey-Lee  
Alex Hatzigeorgiou



Many Happy Returns to all the North Aston residents who celebrate birthdays this month. If you're not listed, or know someone who should be, please let us know.



### Aunt Sally is Back!

The Green will be a little busier every second Wednesday, with June dates for Aunt Sally being 1st, 15th and 29th, from 7 pm.

Bring along your own bottle of beer or a glass of wine, and make an evening of it, with a portion of Fish & Chips from Van 99!

### The CPRE Needs Volunteers

The CPRE, formerly the *Council for the Preservation of Rural England*, and now simply *The Countryside Charity*, is looking for volunteers from Bicester and surrounding villages.

The role involves being aware of factors affecting the countryside or green spaces in the area and helping the CPRE to suggest solutions and improvements through the planning system. You'll keep an eye on local planning applications and developments and alert the CPRE. You'll also help to investigate them further to gather the facts so that an appropriate response can be made.

Training and support is provided, and the successful candidates will gain valuable skills and experience in the planning process. Visit the website for more information: [www.cpreoxon.org.uk](http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk) or get in touch with Helen Marshall, Director of CPRE Oxfordshire: call 07791 376365 or email [director@cpreoxon.org.uk](mailto:director@cpreoxon.org.uk)

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