

CLERKS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023

Public Toilets in Bibury – Cotswold District Council will be installed card payment option for the toilets by the middle of October 2023.

Filming – FCB London are planning to film a YouTube piece in partnership with Skoda, sometime in September.

“It will be a videographer with a pocket camera and me, producer. We will have three clients with us but hopefully they will keep their distance and let us capture in a low key, swift way and then we move on.

It's capturing content for a social channel rather than a big set up.”

Have your say on Gloucestershire's economy

Residents and businesses are being invited by Gloucestershire County Council to give their views on what priorities they would like to see included in a new economic strategy for Gloucestershire. The consultation ends on 15th September.

Please see link to take the survey -

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/economic-strategy-engagement>

GCC Adult Social Care Charging Policy Review - Opinions Invited

Gloucestershire County Council wants to hear the views and experiences of those who are affected by its Adult Social Care charging policy, which is under review. You can give your views using their online survey, which closes on 8th September.

Please see link to take the survey -

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/charging-policy-engagement>

Vehicle Watch Pilot Project Gloucestershire Constabulary

Seeking Community Members to Participate in a Commercial Vehicle Watch Pilot Project.

Gloucestershire Constabulary is currently delivering a project called Commercial Vehicle Watch which will run until the end of December 2023. Coordination of this is being conducted through the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership but the Project is led by Superintendent Paul Keasey who is the Director of Specialist Operations within Gloucestershire Constabulary.

This activity is part of the Department for Transport's national Roads Policing Review which is all about making road use safer, more efficient and more secure. The key

objective of the Commercial Vehicle Watch project is to explore the benefits of involving communities (i.e. yourselves) in providing information to help the agencies who are members of the Road Safety Partnership better understand your concerns around offending or inconsiderate commercial vehicle use.

By commercial vehicles, we mean lorries and vans clearly being used for commercial activities such as making deliveries or providing services (e.g. tradespersons). For the purpose of this project, this is not about privately owned vehicles.

By offending or inconsiderate commercial vehicle use, we mean things such as:

- Speeding.
- Inconsiderate parking (e.g. blocking pavements or road access).
- Vehicles contravening height, width, or weight restrictions.
- 'Fly tipping'.
- Dangerous, careless or inconsiderate driving.

As part of this project, early engagement with people such as yourselves indicates that there are concerns around these types of incident within your community. This is why your area has been selected for the pilot phase of the project.

We have built an App to create a straightforward and easy way to report such incidents via your mobile phone. Details of how to obtain the App and how it works are provided later in this document, but this is a free facility that will be available to anyone who lives in Gloucestershire and who wants to be part of this pilot. All you need to do to participate in the pilot is have a mobile phone (Apple or Android), understand what the pilot is seeking to achieve and be willing to participate.

For full details see link <https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/cvw-community-comms-july-2023.pdf?v=1693394828>

A417 MISSING LINK

A landscape-led highways scheme that will deliver a safe and resilient free-flowing road while conserving and enhancing the special character of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Our scheme will improve the connection between two dual carriageway sections of the A417 at Brockworth and Cowley.

Start date Early 2023 End date 2027 Cost £250 to £500 million

Details and Updates can be found https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-west/a417-missing-link/?mc_cid=3f8735d1f3&mc_eid=d01fbd2939

Volunteer Mentors Needed for Local Young People

It can be life-changing for a young person to have a trusted independent adult to talk to. This is especially true for those referred to Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme, a service that trains and supports volunteer mentors to fulfil this role. Demand for the service is high and the organisers are currently looking to expand their pool of volunteers – locals who are empowering young people in their communities to make positive changes and realise their potential. If you're interested and would like to find out more, the organisers would be pleased to see you at their online information event on 20th September, 7 – 8pm. You can sign up via the GMP website at www.gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk

Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme is run by a collaboration of trusted organisations and hosted by The Door. It supports 10 – 25 year old girls and young women whose life circumstances suggest they're at risk of becoming involved in crime. This can be because they've had Adverse Childhood Experiences or live in environments that are known to put them at risk, or because they've become linked to criminal activity, either as victims of crime or through relationships with offenders.

The Programme operates across Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire and offers these "at risk" young people the chance to form a long-lasting relationship with a trained volunteer mentor. This relationship with a trusted adult is something that's often been missing in the lives of such young people, and it can be transformational.

Anyone can become a mentor. You just need a heart for understanding and supporting young people and a little spare time (about an hour or so a week). Full training is provided. If you'd like to get on board straight away, please email [**info@gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk**](mailto:info@gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk)

Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme is offered free of charge, thanks to funding from CHK Foundation. For more information visit [**www.gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk**](http://www.gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk)

Harness the Power of Community for a Greener Future!

When: Wednesday, 21st September, 10:30am - 1:00pm

Where: The Cheltenham Pavilion, GL51 6PN

The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) & GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) are inviting Parish and Town Councils, Community Organisations, and Farmer Groups to a Climate Emergency Event that promises to enlighten and invigorate!

Join forces with like-minded individuals as you to come together to help understand how you can work collaboratively for a greater impact.

For more information - <https://www.gloucestershirefoodandfarmingpartnership.org/>



Residents in Cotswolds have a unique opportunity to move their bodies with Mr Motivator himself, as part of Cotswold District Council's Active Cotswold programme, bringing a live exercise and movement event to Cirencester on Sunday 1 October.

"Our Active Cotswold programme is all about providing residents with the support they need to keep fit and active. Our Community Wellbeing team has worked extremely hard to put this event together and I'm sure it'll be a great day!

"As well as the live event, there is also the opportunity to join Mr Motivator's Club, this is totally free of charge offering you even more live classes with Mr Motivator."

The LIVE Active Cotswold event is taking place on Sunday, October 1 at Bingham Hall in Cirencester, from 2pm to 5pm. The event is fun-filled with something for everyone, no matter what your age or abilities. Cotswold district and Mr Motivator believe that giving you a taste of different exercise disciplines will increase your knowledge, leaving you better able to determine what you like by way of exercise, and when this is all over you will go on to make lifestyle changes much better equipped.

Not only will there be a live workout with Mr Motivator, there will also be 'taster sessions' of a variety of activities, demonstrations of Physical Activity options such as Yoga, Zumba, Dance, and Chair Workouts, and will promote the value of

sustainable, community centred physical activity.

Sign up for the LIVE Active Cotswold event with Mr Motivator -
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/active-cotswold-live-event-with-mr-motivator-tickets-704524631137>

Mr Motivator said: “I am super excited to be working with Cotswold District Council to organise this event for you, the residents!

“We’ve been working hard to put this event together and it’s a chance for you to connect with your community, be inspired to move your body more for a healthier you, get fit and most importantly have fun!

“I’m really looking forward to seeing you all there, I hope you can make it! In the meantime, you can sign up for Mr Motivator’s Club and access new workout videos every week. What are you waiting for?! #SayYeah.”

At Cotswold District Council we want to support residents who are looking to become more active. Mr Motivator’s Club membership provides you with workout videos, eating advice and mental wellbeing tips. We will provide FREE premium membership to the Mr Motivator’s Club for those residents who are living with a long-term health condition, mental health conditions, GP exercise on referral or low income.

Sign up at <https://mrmotivatorsclub.com/> or speak to the Community Well-being team for more information. Their details can be found on our website.

Sign up for the FREE Wednesday night Mr Motivator’s Club -
<https://members.themr Motivator Club.com/register/free/>

