

CLERKS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024

Defibrillators – I conduct monthly inspections of the defibrillators at Rack Island and the Football Club. Each location follows a different reporting procedure, with Rack Island requiring two separate reports. The defibrillator at the Football Club requires new pads, as they have a shelf life of two years and the current ones are nearing expiration. I have placed an order for two replacement sets to ensure continued readiness.

Please be advised of the following closure:

- **3/146 Saltway Farm to Village Street Ablington, Bibury**

This road will be closed (as per the attached plan) from 23/10/24 to 25/10/24 to allow for water pipe repair work by Thames Water.

Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained.

If you should require further information please email streetworks@gloucestershire.gov.uk



Grants of up to £7,500 now available: "Thriving Communities"

This fund is managed by Gloucestershire County Council and applicable to projects within the county of Gloucestershire.

Up to £7,500 is now available for projects that meet at least one of the below criteria:

- **Helping adults to stay well and supporting them to live independently**
- **Developing community connections/social networks and building resilience**
- **Promoting inclusive independence and wellbeing in adults**
- **Providing place-based activities (activities in residential communities) e.g. community hubs**

That are conducted by one of the following types of organisation:

- Parish and town councils
- Community or voluntary groups
- Registered charities
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Art, music, performance, nature-based and sports groups

The grant cannot be used for:

- Building and planning works
- Consultancy costs
- Activities that focus on children and young people
- Schools and academies
- Activities outside of Gloucestershire

What to know more? The Thriving Communities team will be running some online webinars via MS teams for organisations to hear more about the scheme and ask any questions:

- Wednesday 11 September 12:00-13:00
- Tuesday 17 September 16:00-17:00
- Tuesday 1 October 12.30-13:30

Please email thrivingcommunities@gloucestershire.gov.uk for an MS Teams invitation for your preferred session.

Deadline for applications: 13th October



Do you have a new or current community project in your local area of the Cotswold District that you want to raise money for?

Spacehive, the community fundraising platform, can help you crowdfund for the money you need to bring your idea to life. You could get up to £10,000 towards your fundraising total.

Crowdfund Cotswold has been set up to support Cotswold community projects, including those run by town/parish councils, that:

- Improve the mental and physical health and wellbeing the community
- Directly address climate change
- Enhance lives through events and activities
- Support young people's ideas and ambitions
- Help to tackle barriers and challenges, such as poverty, ill health, distance from services and social isolation/loneliness
- Cultivate food equity
- Protect and enhance our natural and built environment
- Invest in and maintain the facilities we rely on for these activities to take place

Want to know more? You can find out how you can start a crowdfunding campaign at the free project creator workshop online on 17th September.

Gloucestershire County Council – Strategic Planning Consultation

We are writing to you to remind you that the consultation on Gloucestershire County Council's Local Development Guide (LDG) closes on **29th September 2024**.

If you wish to make representations to the Council on this document, you can find the relevant details on our consultation page using this link <https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk/engagementhq.com/local-development-guide-consultation>

The purpose of the LDG is to provide information to local planning authorities, developers, and all stakeholders on the types of infrastructure where Gloucestershire County Council may seek funding to mitigate the impacts of the proposed development; to make it acceptable in planning terms

The LDG needs to be periodically reviewed to ensure it reflects the latest published national and local guidance. The existing LDG was adopted in March 2021.

The public consultation is open from Monday 8 July until Sunday 29 September, at 5pm.

Subject to any material changes required in response to the representations received through this consultation period, a second consultation may be required to conclude the review process.

If a second public consultation is required, this will commence in November 2024 for a period of 4 weeks.

The aim is for an updated LDG to be adopted by Gloucestershire County Council's Cabinet in March 2025.

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Planning Changes - The government has announced plans to overhaul the planning system and increase housebuilding. Plans include introducing mandatory planning targets to deliver 1.5 million new homes over the next five years, updating the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to bring back mandatory housing targets, ensuring every area has a local plan and building the next generation of new towns. Among the proposals in the [eight week consultation on the NPPF](#) are restoring mandatory housing targets and updating the method used to calculate them, not implementing the Infrastructure Levy as introduced in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023, introducing the concept of grey belt into green belt considerations, changing affordable housing and mix policy, refocusing design policy on good design rather than 'beauty', and no changes to neighbourhood planning. We will be responding to the NPPF consultation as well as seeking engagement with the [New Towns Taskforce](#).

Thrive Renewables Community Benefit Programme



Bringing people together to transform our energy system and tackle the climate emergency

<https://www.cse.org.uk/my-community/community-projects/thrive-renewables-community-benefit-programme/>

Don't lose your vote – residents in the Cotswolds urged to check voter registration details





<https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/photo-competition/>

Don't miss your chance to enter our 2024 photo competition and win £100!

Our theme this year is "A Rural View," and we encourage you to interpret it in your own unique way...

Whether it's capturing the beauty of farmland, the intricacies of wildlife, the charm of nature up close, or people enjoying or working in the countryside - we want to see your photos!

We have two categories: one for budding enthusiasts (under 18) and another for more experienced photographers (over-18). Each category winner will receive a cash prize of £100!

Entry is free, and you can submit up to 3 photographs.

Closing date for entries: 31st September 2024