

SODC Councillor's Monthly Report to Chalgrove Ward (September 2024)

Reminder. Ward Councillors £5000 budget. Please be thinking about my budget of £5000 which all of you have benefitted from in the past. Could you get your bids in by end of September/early October for consideration. Details are on the SODC Website. The scheme ends mid-day on 29th November 2024, but please get them in as early as you can to avoid the overload on officers which happened last year.

Reminder. Over £600k available to help support communities in South Oxfordshire. A new round of the Revenue grant scheme is now open. The Revenue Grant Scheme, run by South Oxfordshire District Council, aims to help voluntary and community organisations build and support thriving communities and improve the quality of life of people across South Oxfordshire. The council offers in principle funding for two years and has a provisional budget of £667,992 to allocate. This is subject to annual approval by the council when setting its budget.

Cllr Georgina Heritage, Cabinet Member for Communities at South Oxfordshire District Council said: “The revenue grant is a helping hand to local organisations, allowing them to continue their vital work supporting our communities. It’s inspiring to see how the grant is impacting the lives of young people and contributing to our drive to help sustain our natural environment. We as a council recognise the invaluable work that community and voluntary organisations do across the district and the importance of being able to support them in providing key services to our residents.” “By helping organisations cover fundamental operational costs, they are able to focus on those that need their support and carry out the important day to day work that makes such a difference in our local community.” Organisations can apply for a minimum grant of £10,000 and a maximum grant of £125,000 per annum over the two-year period. The closing date for applications is mid-day 1st November 2024.

Report states continuing air quality improvement in the districts.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have published their joint Air Quality Annual Status Report, which shows a continuing trend in air quality improvement across both districts. Nitrogen dioxide levels decreased across most of the 133 monitoring sites. In addition, all six Air Quality Management Areas (Abingdon, Botley, Henley, Marcham, Wallingford and Watlington) reported levels well below the national nitrogen dioxide limits. There are many ways the public can get involved in helping to improve air quality by thinking about how they use their vehicles whether it's using them less, driving more efficiently or considering a cleaner vehicle when the time comes to replace it.

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