

WELCOME TO WEST OXFORDSHIRE



INFORMATION BOOKLET

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INTRODUCTION FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



I am pleased to welcome you to West Oxfordshire. As your Member of Parliament, I am committed to making your transition to life in the UK as smooth and successful as possible. We are fortunate to have a strong community here in West Oxfordshire and I am sure you will find everyone very welcoming. This community has stood in solidarity with those affected by the war in Ukraine. Over the last few months, it has been incredible to see the number of Ukrainian flags up in the constituency when out and about.

I hope this booklet will provide you and your host with the key information you need to settle into your new community. Here you will find the contact details of local organisations, charities and community groups who have a range of support to offer.

As your Member of Parliament, please know that I am on hand to help however I can. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any assistance and my team and I will do our best to help.

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Oxfordshire County Council provides a wide range of services, including education (schools, libraries and youth services), social services, public health, highway maintenance, waste disposal, emergency planning, waste and highways.

Address: County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND

Contact number: 01865 792422



WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

West Oxfordshire District Council is the local authority for the area and its services include waste collection and recycling, leisure centres, planning, car parking, housing, regeneration, environmental health, food safety, benefits and public toilets.

Address: 3 Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6JH

Contact number: 01993 861000

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire provides confidential, impartial advice on a wide range of topics including Money and Budgeting, housing, employment, consumer and Pension Guidance. They assist people with finding the right information to resolve their questions and issues, and can help with benefit claims and signposting or referring to other organisations when appropriate. They are based in Marlborough Lane, Witney.

Website: <https://citizensadvicewestoxon.org/>

Contact number: 0344 411 1444



VOLUNTEER LINK-UP

Witney-based charity Volunteer Link Up connects people who want to help others with those in their community who need some support. Volunteer Link Up work with 175 volunteers and more than 985 clients across West Oxfordshire. They offer three services for people of any age and ability living in West Oxfordshire. Their volunteers make such a difference to the local community: providing transport to essential medical appointments; shopping for vulnerable people, as well as collecting prescriptions; befriending visits to isolated people; and practical tasks such as gardening and small DIY projects. Volunteer Link Up also run the Good Neighbour Scheme Support Service in partnership with Age UK Oxfordshire.

Website: www.vlu.org.uk

Contact email: office@vlu.org.uk

Contact number: 01993 776277

WITNEY JOB CENTRE

Witney Job Centre Plus provides a wide range of information and services, like benefits, grants and help with finding a job. Call Jobcentre Plus to make a new claim for Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA).

Address: Jobcentre Plus, Unit A, Two Rivers Trading Est., Station Lane, Witney, OX28 4JA

Contact number: 0345 604 3719



HOME-START CHARITY

Home-Start is a local community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children through their challenging times. Home-Start are there for parents when they need them the most because childhood can't wait.

Contact email: admin@homestartoxford.org.uk

Contact number: 01869 322394



THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Local policing teams are groups of officers dedicated to serving the community. Teams are made up of officers based in the area, supported by additional officers from the wider area. Teams work closely with local authorities, organisations, partners and residents to decide policing priorities. This helps teams find long-term solutions to local problems.

Address: Welch Way, Witney, Oxon, OX28 6JN

Emergency contact number: 999

Non-emergency contact number: 101

LANGUAGES TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Languages Training & Development (LT&D) are a fun and dynamic training provider. LT&D was established in 1996. Since then they have been delivering English Language and Teacher Training programmes and a range of other Functional and Vocational Skills programmes from their centre in Witney, West Oxfordshire.

Address: Suite 1, Windrush Court, 56a High Street, Witney, OX28 6ET

Contact number: 07976 632267



ABINGDON & WITNEY COLLEGE

Helping to change lives and communities in Oxfordshire. Abingdon & Witney College specialises in courses for school leavers as well as part-time adult learning.

Address: Holloway Road, Witney, OX28 6NE

Contact email: enquiries@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

Contact number: 01235 555 585



GLL LEISURE CENTRES

GLL operate leisure centres (swimming pool, gym etc.) in Witney, Carterton & Chipping Norton. GLL are known for providing quality leisure and fitness facilities at affordable prices. GLL are offering a free 3-month membership scheme open to all Ukrainian refugees who have sought asylum in the UK.

Contact email: supported.membership@gll.org

Contact number: 020 8317 5000

STAGECOACH

Stagecoach provide local bus services linking West Oxfordshire with Oxford City and beyond, as well as the Oxford Tube coach service between Oxford and London. Fun fact: Stagecoach are one of the largest bus operators in the UK. Since 1980, they have run express and local bus services across the country, and continue to play an important role in helping people access work, education, health, shopping and leisure.

Timetable information: www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables

Contact number: 0345 241 800



WEST OXFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

WOCT is a community-owned co-operative, running six bus routes across the district and providing vital transport links for the local community.

Timetable information: www.woct.org.uk/routesandtimetables/

Contact number: 01993 630124



OURBUS BARTONS

OurBus Bartons run bus services from Middle Barton to Deddington, Steeple Aston, Chipping Norton, Kidlington, Oxford Parkway, North Aston Parish and Bicester throughout the week, serving local surgeries, supermarkets and other shopping destinations.

Timetable information: <https://ourbusbartons-org-uk.stackstaging.com/>

Contact number: 01869 699 699

TUMBLETOTS NORTH COTSWOLDS

Tumble Tots was established in 1979 by Bill Cosgrave, coach for the British Olympic Gymnastics team of 1968. Since then, they have been one of the UK's leading structured physical play programme for children from 6 months to 7-year-olds.

Classes are run in Witney on a Monday and Friday, in Banbury on Tuesdays and near Shipston-on-Stour on a Thursday.

Contact email: northcotswolds@tumbletots.com

Contact number: 07305097029



BLLENHEIM PALACE

Blenheim began as a legacy from a legendary victory, an estate gifted by Queen Anne to Sir John Churchill for leading a historic defeat of the French armies in 1704. The magnificent Palace he built, the Park which surrounds it, and the wider Estate are now a World Heritage Site, an attraction for local and global visitors and central to the everyday lives and livelihoods of the neighbouring communities.

Continuing this legacy for the last three centuries brings with it a responsibility to keep Blenheim's unique value and values for the benefit of people for many centuries to come. That legacy now has a much bigger dimension - for the sake of future generations we must protect not just this magnificent place, we must reduce and ultimately remove the impact we have made on the planet.

Contact email: estate@blenheimpalace.com

Contact number: 01993 810530

LOCAL GP SURGERIES

Bampton Surgery: Landells, Bampton, OX18 2LJ - 01993 850257

Broadshires Health Centre: Broadshires Way, Carterton, OX18 1JA - 01993 845600

Burford Surgery: 59 Sheep Street, Burford, Oxon, OX18 3NX - 01993 822176

Charlbury Medical Centre: Enstone Road, Charlbury, OX7 3PQ - 01608 811680

Chipping Norton Health Centre: Russell Way, Chipping Norton, OX7 5FA - 01608 642529

Cogges Surgery: 12 Cogges Hill Road, Witney, OX28 3FS - 01993 700505

Eynsham Medical Centre: Conduit Lane, Eynsham, OX29 4QB - 01865 88120

Long Hanborough Surgery: Willis Court, Long Hanborough, OX29 8FQ - 01993 881330

Nuffield Health Centre: Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6JQ - 01993 703641

Windrush Health Centre: Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6JS - 01993 702911

Woodstock Surgery: Park Lane, Woodstock, OX20 1UD - 01993 811452

Wychwood Surgery: Meadow Lane, Shipton-under-Wychwood, OX7 6BW - 01993 831061



OTHER KEY CONTACTS

NHS: Emergency - 999 | Non-Emergency - 111

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue: Emergency - 999 | Non-Emergency - 01865 842999

Environment Agency: General - 08708 506 506 | Flooding Helpline - 0845 988 1188 | Incident Reporting - 0800 80 70 60

Thames Water: 24 hour hotline - 08459 200 800

RSPCA: 0300 1234 999

Power Cuts: 105

Childline: 0800 11 11

Money Advice Line: 0800 138 7777

HMRC: 0300 200 3300

National Rail: 03457 48 49 50

