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Thanks for the Christmas Market

A huge thanks to all those who worked at, attended or sold at the 2021 Christmas Market.

It seemed to flow and go well; and thanks to all for being so careful, and patiently adhering to the one way traffic system.

We'll take lessons learnt into the planning for next year and the Jubilee.

Special thanks for all her hard work must of course go to Lisa.



Climate Change Working Party

Further to our accepting a “climate emergency” in September, (see <https://tinyurl.com/climateemergency24sept2021>) we are setting up a Climate Change working party. The Working Party will suggest, facilitate and approve concepts and generate ideas to help OTC shift itself towards a carbon neutral stance, and help Oundle’s whole community engage with the same, and hopes to work with Transition Oundle and our local schools amongst others.

We’ve already -

- started wildflower planting some of our open spaces (see signs);
- planned to plant trees as part of the 2022 Jubilee Queens Green Canopy;

- have invited the Woodland Trust to the market on January 13th;
 - encouraged NNC's on-street EV charging facilities;
- started working with NNC to improve Oundle's recycling rates including a pilot mixed recycling public bin scheme in Oundle;
- worked with the local Wildlife Trust on better management of Snipe Meadow, and hope to team up with the River Nene Regional Park teams;
 - attended NNC's "Climate 21" online conference;
 - started reaching out to NNC's Greenway team;
- kept communicating with Stagecoach on the X4 serving our needs better.

New Year's resolutions

If you're looking for one, you might look no further than comparing an estimate of each of an average Oundle household's carbon footprint to that of England's average household below. It's only an estimate but takes data from a huge range of sources, including transport, and maybe gives us all food for thought – what can we do as a household, and as a community?



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Policing News

As promised, we've now had our local PCs name confirmed –

Andrew Walker.

It seems we can all contact him and his team directly via

Neighbourhoodteameasnorthants@northants.pnn.police.uk.

though the inbox is not monitored 24/7, so please don't report crimes this way - for all crime, anti-social behaviour and suspicious circumstances use 999 in an emergency OR 101/online reporting for non-emergencies.

We were also informed via a recent online meeting with Police and Fire Commission Stephen Mold and Chief Constable Adderley of their view that "neighbourhood policing" is the way forward, and of an extension of the ANPR number plate recognition system onto local A-roads. They are also looking to improve "road policing" inc speeding, HGVs in the wrong places, untaxed vehicles etc.

If you have a chance in the next few months to fill in a Northants Police online priority survey please do – it will really shape their quarterly aims, we're told.

Farmers Market "chat" in December

Thanks to all residents who stopped for a chat with us at the Farmers Market in December. Conversations roamed widely but touched heavily on footpaths and traffic, much of which we have passed on to NNC. Don't forget to keep reporting road and path issues via

<https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/>.

Thanks too to Councilors Arnold, Desbois and Holland for volunteering even more of their free time at a busy end of year.

Diary dates for 2022

• **Annual Town Meeting April 28th**

• **Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 3rd-4th**

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