



Oundle Town Council

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Community Grants

OTC has a substantial grants budget for community groups, aimed at groups or charitable organisations active in community support, the arts and sports within the parish of Oundle. **Please make use of it** - details are at <https://www.oundle.gov.uk/community-grants.html>. This financial year we've made these grants to organisations that support and enhance our community -

CHAT	£3,500	Literature Festival	£500
OATS	£1,000	Rotary	£350
Choral Society	£500	Transition Oundle	£1480
Creative Oundle	£1,800 including funds for a children's workshop	Football Club	£4,500 for matting to help with parking
Museum	£1250		

Estates

We've begun the process of looking for partners to redevelop the skatepark with (and thanks to all those users who have helped so far with the "consultation group" – if you'd like to join, please get in touch) and we're starting to enhance the Pocket Park with some inclusive play equipment.

Speed Sign and Transport Study

Some of you may have seen our new Speed Sign on West Street, and thanks to all who have suggested other locations around town. We'll work out a movement "rota" in the coming weeks. The sign should provide data we can add to our Transport Study – and you'll have seen activity around a number of sites recently as we start traffic counts, with an aim of presenting a draft report at the Town meeting on April 28th in the QVH.



Surgery

On January 31st, OTC meet with Mike Richardson, Chair of Lakeside to chat about OTC's recent letter raising resident's concerns about issues at Oundle surgery and how it will cope with expansion of town, with some focus on concern by two neighbouring CCGs commenting on Oundle's capacity for growth in the town. We hope further meetings can take place with our NNC ward councillors, NNC staff and perhaps our MP to further resolve the issues.

Key Feedback =

1. Oundle moves from Cambs + Peterborough CCG to Northants ICS on July 1st, aligning Oundle with the boundaries for health and social care inc those of NNC, which may work to our advantage. It seems likely that residents who use the surgery will get the same choices as they do now.
2. As all GPs are, Oundle is facing growing demands on its services and also competing to contract new GPs. As a response, it is shifting to digital solutions (inc more phone lines and Doctrin) and enhanced nursing solutions inc a specialist nurse with an interest in Care of the Elderly. Covid hasn't helped
3. Facilities are limited by space. Real concerns about how Surgery can cope with new housing developments. How can NNC mitigate?

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Planning

Thanks to those who attended the Planning meeting in QVH on Feb 7th to consider OTC's response to the recent Stoke Doyle Road application on, now <https://tinyurl.com/oundleplanning>.

Reserved matters on the Cotterstock/St Peters Road site was considered by NNC on Feb 21st – see <https://tinyurl.com/CotterstockRd> for the decision.

Snipe Meadow and March 20th planting of Jubilee Wood

It is becoming clear how important open space is to Oundle – and The Grocers' Company who owns a significant chunk of land down by the river, and lease part of it to the Rugby Club and Tennis Club is developing a project to plant 3,000 trees on some of this currently unused land to help increase biodiversity and preserve the wetland area. Grocers' Jubilee Wood, which will be open to all to walk through, will in turn contribute to the Queen's Green Canopy across the country to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. OTC hopes the path network will link up to Snipe Meadow boardwalk. More details, including video, mapping and timings will be made available soon – keep an eye on OTC website, social media and the electronic noticeboards.

Budget and precept for 2022-3 – a reminder

We've set a 5% rise in OTC's precept (after a 0% rise in 2021-2) BUT will fund

Jubilee celebrations	Ongoing repairs to the wall around St Peters churchyard	Cemetery wardens to help manage cemetery
A local "Green fund"	Rekindling the Hub space	Repairs at public toilets

Quarterly Police Survey

A reminder to complete this every 3 months as it sets Northants Police's priorities - is your chance to shape what the Police should prioritise.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NorthantsLocalPriorities>

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Climate Change

On Feb 15th, OTC committed to measure and reduce its carbon footprint, starting with the things we can impact most readily, especially our buildings – with a timescale 1-3 years. More broadly, we hope to embed these principles in all our decision making -



Two important dates approaching

• **Annual Town Meeting,**

QVH, April 28th

• **Platinum Jubilee**

June 3rd – Jubilee Sports Day @ town sports clubs.
Trophies presented on Sat. 4th at prize giving ceremony

June 4th - town centre market, music and prize-giving
then Fletton Field into the evening inc the Queens
Jubilee broadcast

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