



# Oundle Town Council

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## **New Oundle Town Council**

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the 10 members of the new Oundle Town Council (OTC) met – in person, for the first time in over a year. Ian Clark was chosen as Mayor for an annual term and David Chapple as Deputy Mayor. The group also reported at the Annual Town meeting on Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> on ambitions to help Oundle recover from the pandemic; communicate better with our residents and our colleagues in our rural hinterland and the new North Northants Council; and keep a better eye on the environment.

## **Planning - Glaphorn + Cotterstock/St Peters Roads**

Much work has recently helped feed residents views to ongoing planning consultations on proposed development on the old Abbot House site, and between Cotterstock and St Peters Roads. Particular thanks to David Chapple for all his hard work.

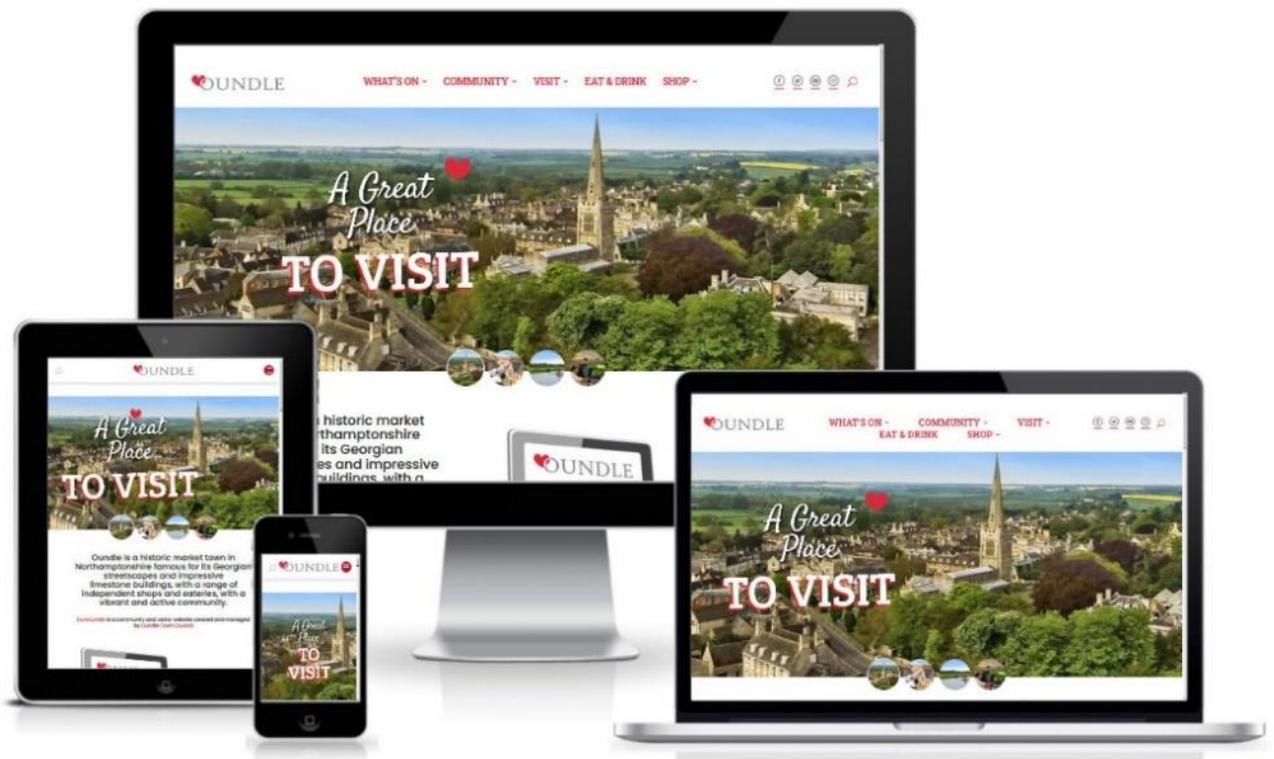
## **Wildflower Wardens**

Thanks to those who expressed an interest in helping OTC use wildflowers wisely around Oundle. We're going to

focus on two or three test sites around St Christopher's Drive and the Rec, each one about the size of the Bloomin' Oundle sites on the corner of Kings Road. Some keen seed experts are looking at the best mix of annuals/perennials for each site, and over the summer we'll mark the sites out and seed for next year. This experience will allow a fuller programme in 2022; and together with Bloomin Oundle's experience, help Highways be ambitious in wilding more verges.

## [loveOundle.org](http://loveOundle.org)

Huge thanks to the Oundle Business Association (and Ellie Wickes) for the brilliant new Oundle video – have a look at [loveOundle.org](http://loveOundle.org)



## **Glaphorn Road – closed for cycleway work**

It seems likely that NNC Highways will soon make a start on the cycle lane and crossing from the Creed Road area towards Oundle Primary School. Watch out on the OTC Twitter and Facebook feeds and the electronic noticeboards for details.

## **Policing in Oundle**

It appears policing in our area will soon be changing - Northants has been divided into 8 sectors and sub divided into 34 areas. There are a 184 constables and PCSOs to be divided within these areas, with more to come. David Fuller, the Police Local Representative on OTC, notes that this appears to be a real desire to change policing locally. More details are on [OTC's website](#) – and for reference, Oundle's two PCSOs (soon to be joined by 2 police constables) are:

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## **Friends of Barnwell Country Park need you**

Many Oundle residents will have relished being able to use Barnwell Country Park during the lockdowns. The important Friends of Barnwell Country Park urgently need a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, so if you want to help support the park please get involved.