

# NEW SAFETY DRIVE

In what is described as a proactive step to help keep Bodicote residents safe, the Parish Council has joined other villages across Oxfordshire in introducing a new 20mph speed limit throughout the village.

This move comes after a full consultation process with Oxfordshire County Council that first started in 2022. Few objections to the plan were raised. With new signage and road markings in place, the new limit was introduced in July.

A spokesman for the Parish Council said: *“For years, motorists have used Wykham Lane, White Post Road and Broad Gap as a rat run. A recent survey showed traffic numbers in the village had increased and so had the speed at which vehicles are travelling. Speeds up to 65mph have been recorded.”*

New housing developments mean there are more vehicles and more people in the surrounding area that use the local school and other facilities, and this increases the problem.

Parking is becoming a problem in the village with drivers ignoring road signs and markings to leave vehicles in prohibited areas. This is particularly evident at peak times when children are being delivered to or collected from the village school.

The Parish Council is informing those complaining that it is monitoring the situation but has no jurisdiction in the matter. People are being urged to raise the issue with Oxfordshire County Council which is responsible for highway matters.



## PLEASE KEEP PATHS SAFE

Bodicote Parish Council is calling on village residents to ensure that trees and shrubs growing in gardens close to pathways are kept under control.

There have been reports of people having to step into the road to avoid obstructions and the council is keen that pedestrians are able to access all parts of the village without difficulty or danger.



## NEW LIFESAVER

A new defibrillator has been provided for the village by the Parish Council. This potential lifesaver has been installed on the outside wall of the Church House.

It is the third of these machines to be provided in Bodicote, the others being sited at the village shop and the village hall at Kingsfield.

Anyone needing to use these machines can obtain operating instructions by phoning the police on the 999-emergency service.

You need no training to use a defibrillator, the machine will talk you through the process, however the Parish Council is arranging a course in the New Year for those who would like to know more.

## DRUGS WARNING



Packets used for the distribution of drugs (pictured above) have been found discarded in Kings Field and other parts of the village.

The Parish Council is concerned about the dangers posed by the sale and use of drugs in the village. The packets are similar in style to some containing sweets, so posing a potential threat to young children.

A call has come from the police for residents finding packets like these to contact them by calling 999. The more information the police receive gives them a greater chance of tackling the problem. All calls will be treated anonymously.

## USE IT OR LOSE IT



Bodicote is fortunate to have access to a good recycling facility within the village and residents are urged to make full use of the service provided.

Bins are sited on the car park at the District Council offices at Bodicote House for the disposal of paper, glass and used batteries. There is also a facility for the disposal of unwanted items of clothing.

Cherwell District Council is also offering another recycling initiative – **Podback** is a nationwide, not-for-profit, coffee pod recycling service working in partnership with the big coffee pod systems.

If you would like to recycle your coffee pods go to the [Cherwell.gov.uk](http://Cherwell.gov.uk) website and click on 'Rubbish and Recycling'. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find more information and to sign up and order your FREE recycling bags. Follow the online instructions to create your personal Podback account.

Podback will send you two rolls of

recycling bags, along with an instruction leaflet and you will be asked what brand of pod you use. Each roll contains 13 bags for recycling your aluminium or plastic pods (for tea, coffee, hot chocolate or milk). Bags are sent by Royal Mail and should arrive within 7 to 10 working days. Once you have your bags, fill them as instructed.

Put the bag(s) out on top of your refuse or recycling bin by 7am on your normal collection day.

When you need to top up your supply of recycling bags you can log into your Podback account to reorder.

Large and bulky items of household waste such as sofas are difficult to dispose of. For a small charge Cherwell District Council will collect this type of waste from your home on a pre-arranged date. There is a list on the website of the items they will recycle. Go to 'Rubbish and Recycling' to book a date and pay for the collection from your kerbside.

## FUNDING FOR LOCAL GROUPS

Are you involved with a volunteer group in Bodicote? Do you have plans for a communal initiative that could benefit from additional funding?

Each year the Parish Council sets aside funds to support and enable community development within the Parish of Bodicote. This includes organisations with long term commitments to sport, education or culture and activities and events which benefit the local community and require substantial costs.

Applications are welcome from local organisations, the local groups of national organisations or a new group committed to providing activities which benefit both the group and the local community.

If you are interested in applying you will need to provide some details which should include the aims and purpose of your organisation together with a detailed proposal of the project and the benefits it will bring to Bodicote.

If your application is approved and funds are awarded the Parish Council will publicise the activity on its website.

The 2023/24 funding round is now active and all applications need to be filed with the Clerk by 31st January 2024.

Written applications (by letter or form) should be submitted to:

Mrs Christine Coles, Parish Clerk, 55 Gillett Road, Banbury, Oxon OX16 0DR or via email to:

**[clerk@bodicoteparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bodicoteparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

Full details and application forms are available from the website.

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