

THE BIRDS, THE BEES AND THE BOXES



Bodicote Parish Council is committed to preserving and enhancing our local environment. Faced with the encroachment of more and more housing, we are working hard to retain our rural landscape and wildlife that is vital for our environment.

Swift numbers are declining rapidly, however, the good news is that the village of Bodicote is recognised by the RSPB as one of only 10 sites in Britain where the population of swifts is 'bucking' this rapid decline. The swifts were celebrated as a feature of the village back in the Millennium year 2000 and can be seen today on the village Millennium sign that stands proudly as you enter on Whitepost Road.

Thanks to the diligent work of our very own expert Reg Tipping and the Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project (CSCP) led by Chris Mason, our population of returning swifts is more stable than the national position.

There is much more that we need to do and the erection of Swift Boxes and Swift Bricks on your houses is just one of the measures we can all take. Swifts like to return to their traditional nesting sites where they feel welcome and safe. Did you know that there are swift nesting boxes on our Church of St John the Baptist that Reg has erected and regularly monitors? Please follow his excellent work and take Action for Swifts today.

Honey bees are another essential part of our ecosystem but sadly their numbers are threatened. Bodicote Parish Council is eager to 'do its bit' to help preserve and increase the local population of these precious insects.

By siting a fully managed and maintained hive in a small corner of the Cemetery, we will be doing our best to achieve this.

Eventually, we hope there will be opportunities for people to learn more about the life and work of the bees and how they make their honey.

It is planned to have the hive fully installed by September in time for our bee family to rest peacefully during the winter months before starting their hard work in the spring.



Parish Council Chair Joyce Washburn and Councillor Jeremy Sacha tend to the oak.

A KING'S TREE FOR THE KINGSFIELD!

To celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and his passion for the environment, a government fund was set up to enable local authorities to plant a tree in their community.

Bodicote Parish Council are proud to have planted a beautiful oak tree in the Kingsfield for everyone to enjoy for many generations to come.

BODICOTE HOUSE TREES



We have spoken to the Arboricultural Officer at CDC and she has confirmed that in the coming weeks they will be looking to serve a TPO on any trees at Bodicote House that merit retention.



Noticed something broken, dirty, damaged or dumped, something that needs fixing, cleaning or clearing, like graffiti, dog fouling, potholes or street lights that don't work? Unfortunately, as much as we'd love to, the Parish Council is unable to fix these problems. So what can we do?

The place to go is:

www.fixmystreet.com,

a nationwide app that forwards reports straight to the relevant council.

To make a report go to the homepage and enter your postcode. Put the pin in the map to show exactly where the problem is, and type in a description of the issue – it's helpful if you can add photographs – then send.

Check your email inbox for a confirmation mail, click on the link, and job done! You will receive a report and confirmation of any action undertaken in due course.

The Parish Council is active in reporting problems to [fixmystreet](http://www.fixmystreet.com) but can always do with help from you. Our community belongs to all of us and we can all take a part in keeping it as clean and tidy and functioning as well as we would like.

This has been a difficult year for gardeners and we are aware that the grass has not been maintained to the usual standard. Following a meeting the contractor has responded and promised a better finish. We will continue to monitor their performance.



DRIVE SAFELY TO RAISE A SMILE

Recently Oxfordshire County Council introduced a 20mph speed limit in villages and towns throughout Oxfordshire.

Statistics show that we are much safer if vehicles observe these speed limits. The risk of injury increases exponentially with impact speed. A crash at 30mph involves a lot more energy and destructive potential than a crash at 20mph. Driving within these limits is the only sensible thing to do especially near schools where children can't be relied on to 'look both ways'.

As a reminder to drive safely in Bodicote the Parish Council has installed two SAC's – Speed Activated Cameras – in the village, one in Broad Gap and another in Wykham Lane. Please observe the speed limit and raise a smile as you drive!



Every month residents and members of the Parish Council meet to discuss our environment and look at ways to improve and maintain these vital areas.

We encourage residents of all ages to join us. If you are concerned about your environment and its wildlife you are very welcome to come along, we'd love to see you! Bring your ideas and your enthusiasm and help us develop and nurture our thriving community environment.

For more information please contact:

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FANCY AN ALLOTMENT?

Interested in renting a plot on the site in Wykham Lane? Then please email your contact information to:

adderburyfeoffee@gmail.com

or download the form in the allotment section on our website:

www.adderburyfeoffee.co.uk

We will forward you all the information on the annual charges and update you on availability.

New plots will be available on the new site shortly. Any queries call us on **01295 981930**





Bodicote Parish Council is committed to maintaining, improving and enhancing our village. We are all volunteers and spend considerable time making sure that all our responsibilities are carried out to the best standard possible. Our rubbish bins, dog bins, benches, grass verges, trees and many other areas are managed by our Parish Councillors.

We are also pro-active in introducing new initiatives to enhance and benefit the village and its residents. As we become increasingly hemmed in by new development we consider it vital that we do everything we possibly can to protect our village, its community and its rural environment.

Sometimes things go wrong and sometimes we miss things and in these instances we rely on you to let us know. We also welcome new ideas for improvements and initiatives that you feel would be an asset to the village.

Of course you can contact us via our website but we would love you to

come along to our meetings!

Bodicote Parish Council meet on the third Wednesday of every month, apart from August, at 7.15pm in the Church House.

Members of the public are welcome and details of the agenda can be found in the noticeboards and on the website:

www.bodicoteparishcouncil.gov.uk

**YOUR OPINIONS MATTER TO US,
SO IF YOU CARE, LET US KNOW!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING
YOU TO OUR MEETINGS.**

NEW LEADER ELECTED

Congratulations to our own Parish Councillor David Hingley who has been elected leader of Cherwell District Council

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