

# Adderbury Parish Council

## Newsletter

Sharing with you, some of the news and exciting work the Parish Council is involved in for the whole community

**The Parish Council wishes all Adderbury residents a Happy New Year**

### **Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan Site Consultation**

A reminder that the consultation period runs from January 19th to February 16th and there are two face to face consultations available on 4th (6-8pm) and 7<sup>th</sup> (2-3pm) February at Church House. For more details see previous Contact and the PC Website. Don't miss out, have your say !

**Update on Flooding in Adderbury** - The PC is pleased to report a number of actions to mitigate the potential effects of flooding have now been achieved during the past few months, based on advice provided in the S19 Report produced by OCC as the Local Lead Flood Authority.

As reported in October, OCC Highways have cleared road drainage throughout the village but most importantly in those roads which badly flooded in 2024. In early December they attempted work on the collapsed chamber at Partridge Court but this needs further work. The PC is now waiting for their report on this. In December the OCC also completed a camera survey of the pipe under the Lucy Plackett Field (LPF) and were able to clear some debris and potential blockages. The PC also expects a report on this work and there may be some remedial work required under the LPF.

The Parish Council has also organised a camera survey of the pipe which takes water from the open ditch in the cemetery under Eridge House and into the road drainage system in Hornhill Road.

The contractor was able to clear most of the potential blockages but more work may be needed.

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Next PC Meeting Dates: 24<sup>th</sup> February and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026

All Parish council information can be found at <https://www.adderburypc.co.uk/>

As residents will remember a major area of flooding was caused when the main water courses, the Sor Brook and Mill stream, broke their banks in autumn 2024. The PC has been working with residents and the OCC as the Local Lead Flood Authority to achieve mitigation in these areas. A major cause of blockage was a fence along part of the brook, near the Mill. The PC organised this to be replaced in early November, with a post and wire fence which will not impede flood water by collecting debris as the previous one did. Also vegetation has been cleared from some areas of the brook.

**Local Government /Unitary Reorganisation** - As residents may be aware the Government is replacing the current two-tier system as we have (OCC/CDC) with one unitary council. CDC and OCC were required to submit proposals for this reorganisation by 28th November 2025. CDC has worked with other councils to develop a two unitary council option for Oxfordshire and West Berkshire. This proposed model would see all of the existing Cherwell, West Oxfordshire and Oxford City areas form one unitary Council in the north of the county (currently being called "Oxford and Shires Council"). This will complement the proposed model for South Oxfordshire which combines the existing Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire with the current West Berkshire Unitary Council.

There are also government proposals for Devolution, which means creating Mayoral Strategic Authorities. Further details on these changes are available at : <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/5/your-council/1307/local-government-reorganisation>

None of these changes structurally affect Parish Councils and they will remain. The government has stated it will work with Town and Parish Councils to improve their engagement with local authorities.

### **Lakes Management Group**

The Adderbury Lakes Management group are looking for new members. The group manage the lakes and any work needed and raise funds for large items. They meet regularly for about an hour. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk at [clerk@adderburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@adderburyparishcouncil.gov.uk).

### **Silent Soldier**

The Silent Soldier has been removed from the crescent, as he is starting to look very dilapidated. The PC will be reviewing this and possibly replacing him with a new version.