

# Temple Guiting Parish Council

Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Report from GCC Cllr. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington

- **Future Local Road Closures Include:**
  - Footpath closure Moreton FP HHM14, Fosseway Av to Allotment Gdns,
  - Evenlode County Boundary to Adlestrop Park Lodge – 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Nov
  - Little Rissington – Wyck Beacon to Little Rissington – 29<sup>th</sup> Nov to 6<sup>th</sup> Dec
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  - A Cost-of-living “Support Hub” is launched by the GCC alongside a county warm bank offer. Following county wide consultation the Hub will focus on five key areas – money, food, energy, warm spaces and protecting health & wellbeing – all of which is available on-line and shortly in printed format.
  - “Warm and Welcome’ spaces will be located in libraries and offer:

Warm places to relax, Hot drinks, Free access to the internet & Wi-Fi, Access to computers, Charging points, Advice for further support, Free activities such as homework support, Knit & Natter and Library Clubs

- Waste Wizard. A new webtool has been launched by the Gloucestershire Resources & Waste Partnership to help households recycle sustainably. By typing in the item, you want to get rid of and your postcode it will tell you how and where it can be collected/ deposited and recycled. This will assist in what goes into what bin and whether it can be recycled or even given to charity. People are asked to crush cans, plastic bottles, cardboard boxes etc to more will be able to fit into the collection vehicles, this reducing the number of journeys.
- Recycle your food to cut waste & carbon. A new initiative between the GCC and the 6 District Councils to show how we can substantially reduce the 55,000 tons of food waste and the 137500 tonnes of CO2 created producing and transporting food. Roughly the same amount of CO2 by taking 12% of Gloucestershire’s cars off the road. For information: [www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/food](http://www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/food)
- Increased support for Ukrainian guests and sponsors in response to cost-of- living increases. From Nov – Jan 2023 a payment £125 towards fuel cost increases. ‘Hosts’ who extend their welcome over and above the initial 6 months will receive a further £100pm on top of the standard £350 monthly payment.

Currently the numbers are:

UK Applications Issued 198,100, with 143,100 people arriving. 1,533 issued in the county and 1,274 having arrived. In the Cotswolds we have 320 issued and 268 people having arrived and staying within 135 family homes. Across the county 367 children have been placed in schools near to their new homes.

- New Electric Vehicle Charge Points. The GCC will install vehicle charge points within council owned land including Quayside car park by Shire Hall and up to 37 sites such as fire stations, libraries & highway depots.  
The Edge of Care team will replace their vehicles with Nissan Leaf electric vehicles as part of the councils plan to improve our sustainability to net zero by 2045 and reduce emissions by 80% by 2030.
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- I continue to work with the Quarry Working Party and the Minerals Planning Authority to try and achieve acceptance that new applications should be considered as part of the cluster surrounding Ford and adjoining villages. There is common agreement with the Cotswold and Tewkesbury District councils.
- Fire & Rescue working closer with the Police. It has been agreed that Newent and Winchcombe fire stations are suitable for the police to establish additional operating bases. It's hoped that this collaboration will greatly help more of a local presence as well as encourage Specials and volunteer Community Support Officers. Other fire stations are being reviewed for the same arrangement.
- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has commenced an 18-month review of the GCC's division boundaries owing to the growth of population. Any changes will take effect as of the May 2025 County Council elections. Full consultation will take place with input from local stakeholders, Parish, District and County Council.
- The County Council is working on being allowed to establish two Investment Zones. One being Central Gloucestershire City Region (Golden Valley, creating 2,424 homes & 45 hectares of mixed employment. Elm Park for 6,373 new homes & 10 hectare business park, Tewkesbury Garden Town for 10,195 homes & 100 hectares for employment and Gloucester Airport for 650 homes & 21 hectares for employment). The other zone being the Berkeley Alternative Energy Park.
- Gloucestershire's Armed Forces Covenant Partnership is inviting the local Armed Forces community to have their say on a new community hub to provide information and support. The partnership comprises over 50 organisations, including the county council, police, district councils, health service and charities. The partnership is looking to get feedback from those in the community who have personal or family knowledge of the Armed Services.
- Stagecoach is to cancel as many as 300,000 journeys from their timetable owing to ongoing staffing shortages. This could well have a severe effect on getting to school, work, medical appointments and leisure activities. This will have a big impact on isolated rural communities. The County Council who subsidizes bus operators to the tune of £10m a year is retendering the affected services
- Levelling up Together - £1.5m grant scheme. 10 of the most deprived communities, mainly in and around Gloucester and Cheltenham, and across the county are eligible to apply for grants towards making life better for children and adults by offering opportunities in wellbeing, skills and employability.
- Rollout of Rural Minibus Service. – The Robin has commenced an 'on demand' service to residents in the north Cotswolds – A40 north - serving remote communities without any bus service. It will take people, at a cost of £2.50 to local transport hub or train station. Booking will be by either an App or telephone running between 7am & 7pm except Bank Holidays. Booking and other information: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/travel/TheRobin](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/travel/TheRobin)
- Our Libraries have received a £750k funding award from the Arts Council, payable over 3 years. This is alongside the Innovation Lab rollout across the county where IT sections are being opened within the libraries. The most recent being in Chipping Campden on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- Despite likely cut-backs we are assured that the 'missing link' on the A417, a £460m project to radically improve the Air Balloon junction will go ahead next year.
- Do remember my annual Highway Fund that can contribute to minor transport related works in and around our communities.