

Evenlode Parish Council Meeting 29th April 2024
Report from GCC Cllr. Mark MacKenzie-Charrington

- Local Road Closures:
Cutsdean, Oathill to Parks Farm lane, Highways w/b 29th April, date to be advised Moreton, A429 Spitfire development, traffic lights 22nd April to 10th June 2024 Stow to Bledington B4450, Highways for patching w/b 29th April, dates to be advised. Stow, Lower Park Street, Thames Water 30th April to 3rd May 2024
Upper Oddington, off Back Lane for Thames Water. 20th to 24th May 2024 Great Rissington, Rectory Lane – Gigaclear 9am – 4pm, 21st March to 22nd April 2024 Great Rissington, Sherborne Lane – Gigaclear 9am – 4pm, 5th March to 20th April 2024 • A new service by Via, a charity working with adults needing help over drug and alcohol use, will enter into an initial 5 year contract, with an optional further 4years on 1st April. A total investment of £52.2m or £5.8m per annum. Research shows that for every £1 spent on drug treatment, there is a social and economic benefit of £4.
- County Councillors have access to a further £10,000 in their Build Back Better funds, aimed at Levelling Up, targeting issues such as digital exclusion, cost of living, online harm and community transport. Additionally, £3,000 Youth Fund, specifically targeting such things as sport, recreation, leisure activities, wellbeing, mental health and digital innovation. Any unallocated funds for the year to 31st March 2024 can be rolled up into the new financial year
- 65 community projects have shared in £400,000 awards through the Thriving Communities Grant 2024. Organisations and groups are assisted in helping people to stay well and support them to live independently as long as possible. Since 2018 over 310 projects have received £2.4m of investment. Individual awards have ranged between £627 and £7,500.
- The county council has appointed Rethink Mental Illness to run the Mental Health Support & Advice Service. The charity will enter into a 5 year contract on 1st April working with people suffering mental illness. The investment over the contract period is £4.7m
- Gloucestershire continues to support Ukrainians fleeing the war. 254,900 visas have been issued nationally with 1,678 having arrived in Gloucestershire. Currently 242 guests are living with 63 families in the Cotswolds and 1,184 across the county. Additionally, many have moved into the private rented sector. Hosts housing guests are to receive £600pm over the next year, an uplift over the £350pm paid by central government.
- Gloucestershire Flood Guide – In light of the recent heavy rains the attached link shows you around what you can do in the event of flooding. <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/flood-risk-management/flooding-information/flood-guide/>
- The Robin bus service is being promoted in the North Cotswolds with a campaign starting from 4th March. Fares capped at £2 till 31st December 2024 and free concessionary passes to qualifying customers. Booking details are found at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/therobin or call 0345 2638139.
- ‘Your Circle’ is a website run by the GCC to help people by providing information, advice and support for people wanting to remain independent, safe and well. Amongst many things it provides details of local groups, societies, clubs and services offering care, support and wellbeing. Details can be found at: <https://www.yourcircle.org.uk/>

