

Dear Residents,

Spring is in the air, and we have witnessed blue skies which always brings enthusiasm and hope for the future. As we look forward the Parish Council are continuing with work on green spaces, planning for a Park Hill update, and discussions on the future of Exeter Hall, and we look forward to further understanding what our residents want to see in the community. As the third tier of local government, we have no powers over pot-holes, schooling and bin collections, but we have some power to maintain our local areas and the community buildings within our ownership.

Our lighting scheme to celebrate special calendar days swung into action for Valentines Day and was very well received. A full listing of lighting days will be provided in our Annual Parish Newsletter, and we also welcome your thoughts on any particular event or celebration you would like commemorated in the community.

The Coronation Garden is going from strength to strength and volunteers can be found working on the garden on Saturday mornings, if you would like to get involved, please do make contact or visit the website for more information.

As many of you will be aware the planning application for The Triangle is likely to come forward later this year. I have written a set of open letters to key stakeholders to request clarity on the pressing issues and unanswered questions that matter most to our community. The key questions are principally around travel and transport, parking, flood mitigation, and the impact of the proposed road closures, we have received responses to these and they can be found on our website [here](#).

The Four Parishes Area Oversight Group will be meeting later this month, to focus on identifying where infrastructure or regeneration is needed. The AOG will work collaboratively with residents, councillors, community groups, and partners to facilitate delivery improvements for the entire area, this co-ordinated approach is particularly vital as our community grows to meet Oxford's unmet housing needs. It promises to prioritise local voices and ensure development truly benefits our residents. If you run a community group, please do get in touch to ensure you are involved.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation can seem like distant issues. Whilst we do not believe this currently affects Parish Councils, we believe that Oxford City are putting forward a proposal to Government which involves changing the area boundaries to absorb the wider Kidlington area into Oxford City, we are watching this closely and will keep you updated.

We have been informed that Airbus is hosting an event on Sunday 11th May called 'Cars & Copters' which could mean an increase in both flights and traffic.

Your thoughts, ideas and questions on our wonderful village are always welcome, and I thank you for taking the time to read this month's update. Together, we can ensure Kidlington continues to thrive as a vibrant and resilient community.

Warm regards,
Lesley McLean

Chair, Kidlington Parish Council