

Cholsey Parish Council Action Plan 2025

Strategic Objective	Initiative	Project	Project Sponsor	Timeline
Strategic Goal 1: To protect our environment by taking action against climate change and biodiversity loss				
1a: Increase active travel	Work to provide safer walking routes to school	Investigate and, if viable, construct recreation ground 'all-weather' path	Transport Committee	By Q4 2025
1a: Increase active travel	Work to provide safer walking routes to school	Check status of provision of lollipop crossing at the Church Road/Wallingford Road junction with OCC	Transport Committee	Q1 2025
1a: Increase active travel	Work to provide safer walking routes to school	Continue to explore ways to improve pedestrian safety on Bunk Line bridge with OCC	Transport Committee	2025
1a: Increase active travel	Work to make pavements and footpaths more accessible	Householder communication campaign to cut back hedges	Transport Committee	Q1 2025
1a: Increase active travel	Work to make pavements and footpaths more accessible	Identify areas where pavement surfacing is of poor quality and report to OCC (via Fix My Street)	Transport Committee	Ongoing
1a: Increase active travel	Work to make pavements and footpaths more accessible	Work with OCC and landowners to improve path accessibility in key areas inc, Wallingford Rd, Reading Rd	Transport Committee	Q1 2025
1a: Increase active travel	Increase use of cycles	Host an educational event to encourage residents onto bikes, including making simple repairs	Transport Committee	Q3 2025
1a: Increase active travel	Work to provide safer cycling routes to Wallingford	Work with OCC to scope Benson-Wallingford-Cholsey cycle path project	Transport Committee	2025
1a: Increase active travel	Increase secure cycle parking	Identify areas of need for cycle parking, and public bike repair point; ringfence funding for this infrastructure	Transport Committee	2025
1a: Increase active travel	Increase use of public transport	Develop case for GWR to improve platform accessibility and condition of Cholsey Station	Transport Committee	Case by Q2 2025
1a: Increase active travel	Increase use of public transport	Campaign for extended hours 136 bus service between Wallingford and Cholsey	Transport Committee	2025
1b: Save energy and reduce use of fossil fuels	Promote community renewable energy projects	Research examples of renewable energy initiatives, including external funding possibilities	CEE Working Group	2025
1b: Save energy and reduce use of fossil fuels	Promote community retrofitting projects	Investigate roll-out of Draughtbusters to Cholsey, learning from Wallingford and Wantage initiatives	CEE Working Group	By Q4 2025
1b: Save energy and reduce use of fossil fuels	Improved Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure	Participate in OCC's Community Microhub scheme (Cholsey Pavilion car park)	Transport Committee	2025
1b: Save energy and reduce use of fossil fuels	Reduce Parish Council carbon emissions	Complete carbon audit and review management of the Pavilion	CEE Working Group	2025
1c: Increase biodiversity	Protect and enhance spaces for nature	Produce Parish Council Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan in line with statutory duty (<i>Environment Act 2021 s102</i>)	Council	Q1 2025
1c: Increase biodiversity	Protect and enhance spaces for nature	Implement Recreation ground management plan (adopted Sept 2023) that considers people and biodiversity	Council	Ongoing
1c: Increase biodiversity	Protect and enhance spaces for nature	Produce and implement verge cutting plan that considers people and biodiversity	Council	Q1 2025
1c: Increase biodiversity	Protect and enhance spaces for nature	Support planting of 100 trees on Council-owned estate, in gardens and/or on permitted verges by 2026	CEE Working Group	2025
1c: Increase biodiversity	Protect and enhance spaces for nature	Agree plans for Forty wildlife meadow project after Summer 2025	CEE Working Group	Q4 2025
1c: Increase biodiversity	Protect and enhance spaces for nature	Support CHEC's BT Garden project	CEE Working Group	Ongoing
1c: Increase biodiversity	Protect and enhance spaces for nature	Explore alternative methods for management of Whitehead Meadow	Council	Q1 2025

1c: Increase biodiversity	Protect and enhance spaces for nature	Undertake Citizen Science and art project ('The Springline project'), funded by Mend The Gap	CEE Working Group	By Q4 2025
1d: Reduce waste	Promote food sharing and composting	Investigate ways to encourage and facilitate composting, e.g. within allotment communities	Council	2025
1d: Reduce waste	Promote upcycling, re-using, waste reduction	Continue to run twice yearly community clothes swaps	CEE Working Group	Ongoing
1d: Reduce waste	Promote upcycling, re-using, waste reduction	Investigate provision of bins with increased recycling capacity	Council	2025

Strategic Goal 2: To support and improve the health, wellbeing and safety of Cholsey residents

2a: Improve health	Work to establish local health and wellbeing services	Continue to campaign for improved GP services in our area	Council	2025
2a: Improve health	Reduce pollution	Conduct an Anti-idling campaign	Transport Committee	2024
2a: Improve health	Reduce pollution and improve road safety by reducing traffic in the centre of the village	Investigate Public Realm proposal with OCC	Transport Committee	2025
2a: Improve health and 2b: Increase wellbeing	Support exercise opportunities e.g. green gym, sports clubs etc	Investigate opportunities for green gym projects on Council estate	Council	2025
2a: Improve health and 2b: Increase wellbeing	Improve access to Council-managed spaces	Investigate and, if viable, construct recreation ground 'all-weather' path	Transport Committee	By Q4 2025
2a: Improve health and 2b: Increase wellbeing	Improve access to Council-managed spaces	Improve accessibility of Section 5 of the Burial Grounds	Council	By Q4 2025
2a: Improve health and 2b: Increase wellbeing	Support gardening, vegetable and fruit growing projects	Continue to develop and support allotment holders and community orchards	Council	Ongoing
2a: Improve health and 2b: Increase wellbeing	Promote the availability of fresh, locally grown healthy food	Investigate provision of community food hut for food sharing	CEE Working Group	By Q3 2025
2b: Increase wellbeing	Improve play and leisure facilities at Cholsey recreation, and in other areas of the village	Support provision of additional play facilities at Cholsey Meadows, e.g. goal posts, table tennis, with CCDT and CMMC	Council	Ongoing
2b: Increase wellbeing	Support community activities that reduce isolation and increase inclusion	Continue to run CHEC events including community litterpicks; swap shops; apple day	Council	Ongoing
2b: Increase wellbeing	Support community activities that reduce isolation and increase inclusion	Explore funding for a friendship and reflection bench on The Forty	Council	2025
2b: Increase wellbeing	Support local entertainment e.g. music festivals, community events	Continue to consider grant applications for community events and initiatives	Council	Ongoing
2c: Increase safety	Consult on adoption of 20mph community speed limit	Support Oxfordshire County Council to communicate the 20mph consultation to the Cholsey community	Transport Committee	2024
2c: Increase safety	Reduce speeding	Support Community Speedwatch initiative	Transport Committee	2025
2c: Increase safety	Work to address parking issues	Support Oxfordshire County Council to implement parking changes agreed Jan 2024; review post-implementation	Transport Committee	2024
2c: Increase safety	Adopt safe road crossings	Continue to campaign for OCC to install pedestrian crossing on A329 Reading Road close to Ferry Lane/Papist Way junction	Transport Committee	2025

Strategic Goal 3: To help build a more resilient community

3a: Develop robust community plans	Maintain an up to date Cholsey Neighbourhood Plan based on the wellbeing of present and future generations	Produce next iteration of Cholsey Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Plan Working Group	By Q4 2026
3a: Develop robust community plans	Maintain an up to date Cholsey Neighbourhood Plan based on the wellbeing of present and future generations	Undertake Rural Housing Needs survey (if eligible)	Neighbourhood Plan Working Group	By Q3 2025
3a: Develop robust community plans	Produce a Community Emergency Plan on behalf of Cholsey	Produce a Community Emergency Plan on behalf of Cholsey	Council	By Q3 2025
3a: Develop robust community plans	Assess risks and implement actions to help mitigate the impact of extreme weather events	Pavilion car park renovation project to mitigate for heavy rain	Council	By Q3 2025

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3b: Maintain strong, inclusive, caring communities	Develop a new residents welcome pack	Collaborate with other community organisations to develop a new residents welcome resource	Council	2025
3b: Maintain strong, inclusive, caring communities	Support the development of community growing initiatives; encourage allotment communities	Establish a Community allotment on Ilges Lane site	Council	2025
3b: Maintain strong, inclusive, caring communities	Actively source goods and services from local businesses	Actively source goods and services from local businesses	Council	Ongoing

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