

ERMIN WARD

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

JULY 2024

 @ErminWard

I post helpful information, including road closures for infrastructure repair etc., on my Ward Councillor Facebook page. Please could you mention this in your Parish News and Village Website. Underlined text is linked.

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[Recent Committee Meetings](#) (underlined texts are linked to calendars of meetings with Agendas including Report Packs & Webcasts).

Mon 3 June	4pm	<u>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</u>
Thurs 6 June	6pm	<u>Cabinet</u> cancelled due to the General Election
Wed 12 June	2pm	<u>Planning and Licensing Committee</u>
Wed 26 June	2pm	<u>Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee (Taxis, Private Hire</u>

There was no Full Council meeting in June.

CABINET DECISIONS

The June Cabinet meeting was cancelled due to the General Election.

ENFORCEMENT

A new Interim Enforcement Team Leader started mid-June.

FLY TIPPING GUARDIANS

Report a fly tip here: [REPORT FLY-TIPPING](#)

Would you like to be a fly tipping guardian? I consider myself one already!

Kev Lea, Enviro-Crimes Programmes Officer, says, "The role of a Guardian is to support our work in fly-tipping hotspots. Being a Guardian can take as much or as little of your time as suits you!"

Some villages are already lucky enough to have a fly tipping 'guardian', someone who keeps an eye out and helpfully reports breaches in a helpful and accurate way on the council's portal, and their work has been invaluable. However, to reduce fly-tipping further, more Guardians will help.

"If you care about protecting our environment and would like to support the Council in our fight against fly-tippers, please do get in touch!"

If you are interested in becoming a 'Fly-tipping Guardian', please email Kev at ERS@cotswold.gov.uk

FREE CAR PARKING IN CIRENCESTER

Did you know that on the weekends and on Bank Holidays, free parking is available at St James Place Headquarters on Old Tetbury Road (GL7 1FP)? This is the open air carpark on the Old Tetbury Road, on the left just before the Leisure Centre.

Also at weekends and Bank Holidays, there is free parking at the [CDC offices in Trinity Road](#), and at [Queen Street](#) (just off Victoria Road).

WHITEWAY CAR PARK - PERMIT CHANGE

Residents and local businesses in Cirencester have indicated that different types of permit would make the Whiteway Car Park easier for them to use. Customers are now able to buy a monthly permit for the Whiteway Car Park at £42 per month.

<https://cotswold.gov.uk/parking-travel-and-visitors/where-to-park/>

A417 MISSING LINK PROJECT UPDATE

The project is ahead of schedule, despite adverse weather conditions earlier this year. The road will be open by the end of 2026 but landscaping will continue throughout 2027.

The hours for earthworks activities have been extended
7am – 7pm Mondays to Fridays
7.30am – 4pm Saturdays

In June, piling work started at Stockwell Farm bridge and construction of the environmental bridge at Shab Valley. Drainage on the A436 has also been installed.

Cowley Roundabout contraflow

From Monday 1 July, a contraflow system was in place on the A417 at Cowley Roundabout. To prepare the Cowley junction, where the new section of the A417 will tie into the existing carriageway.

The road will look different, with traffic reduced to a single lane in both directions, and a temporary mandatory speed limit of 40mph. Cowley Roundabout will no longer be in use and traffic travelling south will not be able to exit towards Brimpsfield at this location.

Stockwell Lane closure - From Monday 1 July for approximately 18 months.

The lane will not be accessible during this time. This is to prepare for construction of the new road and bridge building at this location.

A46 Brockworth Junction to Air Balloon Roundabout

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 July – 9pm to 6am - full night closure for installing electrical infrastructure around Cold Slad. Access for residents and emergency vehicles will be in place.

Resident letters with notices of roadworks will no longer be issued. Details of all upcoming roadworks will be posted on the [A417 Missing Link website](#).

Access for residents and emergency vehicles will be maintained with diversion routes approved by Gloucestershire County Council. Please plan ahead and allow extra time for journeys.

All roadworks and planned road closures on motorways and major A roads, including the A417, are published on the Traffic England website: www.trafficengland.com. Road Closure Reports, which includes a seven day look ahead of planned road closures, are updated twice daily, Monday to Friday except for bank holidays: www.nationalhighways.co.uk/travel-updates/road-closure-report/.

To find the latest information about local road closures, please visit:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/roadworks/>.

Webpage: www.nationalhighways.co.uk/a417-missing-link/

Email: A417MissingLink@nationalhighways.co.uk

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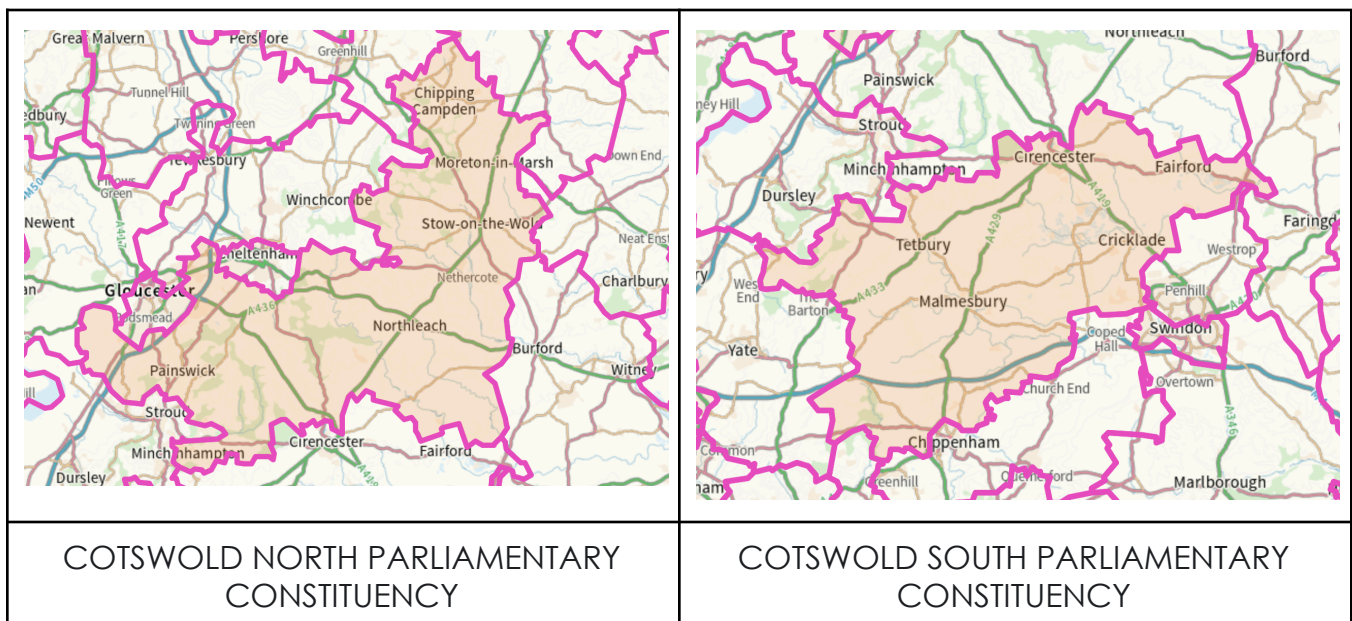
GENERAL ELECTION - 4 JULY

Ermin Ward is in the Parliamentary Constituency North Cotswolds. I am delighted that Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown has been re-elected as our MP. He liaises with us local councillors regularly, keeping us abreast of what is happening in Westminster, especially about issues which affect us and you, and we keep him updated about our local concerns. He has always been there for me when I have asked for his help and support. I value his knowledge and understanding about rural issues and planning in the countryside and especially the Cotswolds, and this experience will be invaluable to us all going forward.

Election of a Member of Parliament for North Cotswolds Thursday 4 July 2024

I, Robert Weaver, being the Acting Returning Officer at the North Cotswolds election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BLACKBEARD, Jean Annlyne Misseys	Independent	448
CLIFTON-BROWN, Geoffrey Robert	Conservative Party Candidate	17,426
HODGKINSON, Paul Richard	Liberal Democrats	14,069
MAINWARING, Anna	Labour Party	8,593
PREECE, Jason Kester	Reform UK	6,502
TURNER, Chloe Isobel	Green Party	3,191



WASTE COLLECTIONS

- [CHECK YOUR BIN DAY](#)
- [REPORT A MISSED COLLECTION](#)

From Monday 24 June, Cotswold District Council made changes to waste collections, 60% of households now receive their collections on a different day and/or on a different week. This is intended to improve the efficiency of the waste and recycling service it delivers to residents.

Many of you have been in touch to tell me that this has not gone according to plan and many waste collections have been missed and reporting has been ineffective. I have written to the Cabinet Member for Waste, Cllr Mike Evely, so the Council are aware there are teething issues, especially for outlying properties.

PLEASE keep me informed if your waste is not being collected so that I can feed this back to the officers responsible for establishing reliable collection rounds. In order to report back efficiently, it would be helpful to have good information, including:

- Your address (this would only be used to feed back to Ubico, it will NOT be used for other data collection)
- Date of your expected waste collection
- What type of waste has not been collected
- Dates of reporting

Civic Year 2024/25

Councillor Nikki Ind elected as Chair of Council
Councillor Mark Harris appointed as Vice-Chair of Council

Cabinet appointments:

Leader - Joe Harris

Coordination of executive functions
Policy framework including the corporate plan
Publica
Council communications
Democratic services
Housing and homelessness
Clean and green campaign and street cleaning
Town and parish council liaison

Deputy Leader and Finance - Mike Every

Financial strategy and management
Property and assets
Waste and recycling
Revenues and benefits
Grants
Public toilets
UBICO

Climate Change and Sustainability - Mike McKeown

Climate and biodiversity emergency response
Community energy
Sustainable transport
Retrofit
Council sustainability

Economy and Council Transformation - Tony Dale

Business transformation
Local Enterprise Partnership and county-wide partnerships
Economic development
Tourism and visitor information centres
Chamber of Commerce liaison
Customer experience and channel shift

Planning and Regulatory Services - Juliet Layton

Development management
Forward planning and the local plan
Heritage and design management
Environmental and regulatory services
Cotswold Water Park

Health, Leisure and Parking - Paul Hodgkinson

Public and mental health
Car parking operations and strategy
Leisure and culture
Museums
Culture
Young people

Communities and Public Safety - Lisa Spivey

Improving social mobility and social isolation
Flooding and sewage
Safeguarding
Domestic abuse

Police liaison and crime
Refugees
Crowdfund Cotswold
Member Development

Cost of Living and Inclusion - Claire Bloomer
Cost of living support
Liaison with 3rd sector
Diversity and inclusion
Supporting women and minorities

[Forthcoming Committee Meetings](#) (underlined texts are linked)

PLEASE NOTE, SOME SCHEDULED MEETING DATES HAVE CHANGED

Wed 10 July	2pm	<u>Planning and Licensing Committee</u>
Mon 22 July	4pm	<u>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</u>
Tues 23 July	4pm	<u>Audit & Governance</u>
Thurs 25 July	2pm	<u>Licensing Sub-Committee (Taxis, Private Hire</u>
Thurs 25 July	6pm	<u>Cabinet</u>
Wed 31 July	6pm	<u>Council</u>