

Devolution in Highway Services

Working with Volunteers, District, Town and Parish Councils

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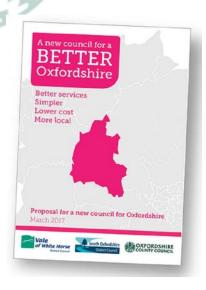
- 1. The drivers and opportunities for devolving services
- 2. Establishing successful engagement & partnerships with the local community
- 3. Devolution in practise in Oxfordshire County Council



Drivers







- Supporting and growing existing community initiatives
- Building on positive Unitary concepts Oxfordshire Growth Deal commitment
- Improved community relationships and delivery of local needs
- Local decision making and prioritisation
- Level of customer dissatisfaction
- Finance..?







Opportunities











Volunteer Drivers



Give your community a lift. help people with no access to

Museum Service



history alive - support our





Become a Community Safety Become a Junior Citizen Volunteer with Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Find

Day Centres



Give your time to support adults with physical

Library volunteers



Support the day-to-day running of Oxfordshire's

Get outdoors



on environmental, education and conservation projects.

Junior Citizen



volunteer. Find out what's

Governor Services



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Make a difference to young peoples' lives - help them get their voices heard.



by the Oxfordshire Youth

- Significant existing volunteer community
- Skills, knowledge and passion within local communities
- Community groups working on our streets already
- Parish Funding Community Infrastructure Levy / precept increases
- District Councils delivery of services and utilising expertise



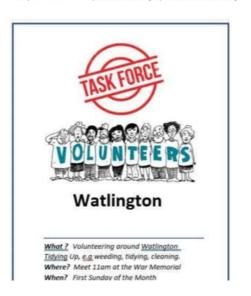


Local Community



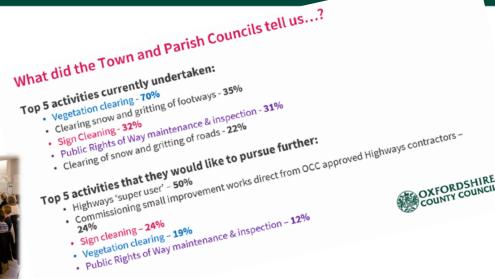
Can you spare on hour or two on Sunday? Watlington Volunteer Task Force meet on the first Sunday of every month to give the town a little TLC.

All welcome to help. Meet at 11am by the War Memorial on Sunday with any tools to sweep, weed and clean (we do have some we can share). Bin bags & Hi-Viz jackets will be provided. Any questions to Jenny







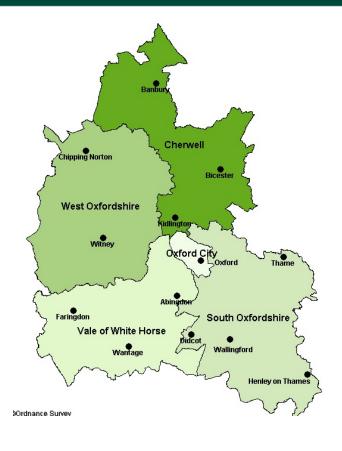


- Understand what's important / frustrating
- Get to know what's happening already (and embrace!)
- Do not force new initiatives
- Except and embrace diversity / inconsistency
- Keep bureaucracy / red tape to a minimum
- Good clear and easy to read information and guidance
- Don't be precious
- Co-Production



Councils

- Find common ground/focus
- Be as tight or loose with any partnership agreement as required
- Have an open mind do what make sense / is best for the customer
- Oxfordshire recently had more opportunities with formal partnering with Cherwell included shared Chief Executive.
- Use data, facts and figures to overcome any politics







Established

Oxfordshire Together

Giving communities control over local services

Parish Path Warden workshop

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- Dedicated resources within the Authority
- Devolved Services to District/City and Parishes through Agency Agreements
- Local Farmers (Hedges & Snow Clearance)
- Ramblers Association and other Society's
- Minor Works Agreements (s278 for parishes)
- Parish Path Wardens
- Snow Wardens
- Minor Civil "Parish" Gangs









 FixMyStreet 'SuperUsers' - tested, now being piloted

 Direct "DIY" repair for small potholes that would not be repaired by council – trial being undertaken

Trusted contractors

- Local opinion influencing maintenance programme happening, sustainable process being developed
- Community transport tested, now being Piloted
- Simplifying existing process & procedures







Thank you

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