

# Charney Chatter

E114 November 2023

## Huge thanks to Village volunteers

On Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, work began on clearing some of the very overgrown vegetation along the ditch running alongside the Charney bridle path.

CHAFT has [riparian responsibility](#) for the part of the northern bank of the ditch which runs along the edge of the playing field. This means that CHAFT, along with other riparian owners, has to ensure that water can flow without obstruction.

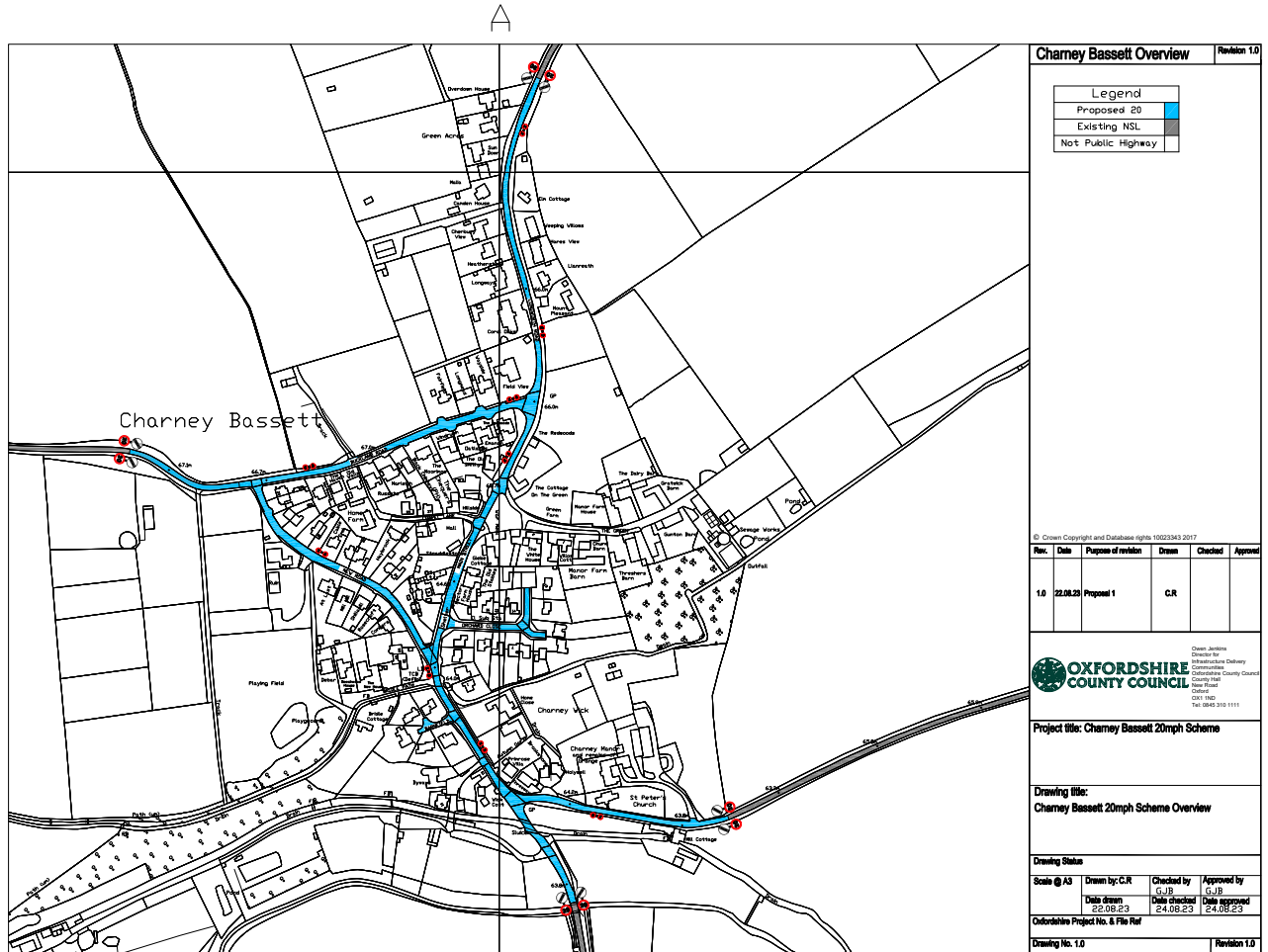
Armed with rakes, loppers and trimmers, ten volunteers set to removing vegetation which was growing into the ditch. The next stage will be to concentrate on clearing priority areas, establishing observation points along the bank to allow regular inspection of the ditch.





## 20mph – A Step Nearer

The County Council has published its draft proposals for the introduction of a reduced speed limit in the village. The new speed limit will apply to the current 30 mph zone, and will also extend a further 100 metres on Buckland Road.



Full details of the scheme are on the County Council website (click [here](#)) where a short on-line form allows you to make comment or add your support if you wish. An earlier survey conducted through Charney Chatter found general support for the scheme and it has already been supported by the Parish Council.

Responses must be submitted by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. If the County Council receives objections, they will be considered by its Cabinet Member for Highways early in the New Year. Otherwise, we should expect the scheme to be approved and implemented sooner.

The County Council says it will try and answer simple queries, but more complex questions will be assessed as part of the consultation process. The [Parish Clerk](#) is also familiar with the scheme and will be more than happy to try to help if need be.

## Some Serene Moments



Sunset on The Ock



A Great Tit  
on a  
sunflower  
in a  
Charney  
garden



## Fun for all the family this October half-term

A range of free and low-cost fun activities are available for children and their families during the October half-term across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse.

Provided by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils, sessions include fun outdoor orienteering and events inside such as dance, sports, theatre and much more. Here's a full run down of what's on:

- *Get out and about with the Xplorer Halloween Family Fun Challenge*  
A free family friendly fun orienteering challenge that is suitable for all ages.  
Visit [southoxon.gov.uk/HolidayActivities](https://southoxon.gov.uk/HolidayActivities) or [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/HolidayActivities](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/HolidayActivities)
- *It's a Multi-Sport Party!*  
Come along and join in with free parachute and tag games, ball games, obstacle courses and more!  
Booking essential – to reserve a place, visit [southoxon.gov.uk/HolidayActivities](https://southoxon.gov.uk/HolidayActivities)
- *Community Fun Day at Old Kiln Lakes*  
Family nature walks, fun fitness, lawn games, adult community walks, outdoor gym equipment session, tree wrapping removal and more.  
To find out more, visit [southoxon.gov.uk/HolidayActivities](https://southoxon.gov.uk/HolidayActivities)
- *Free family yoga and games*  
For children aged 3 to 10 to do with their parents/guardians.  
Booking required – for details, visit [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/HolidayActivities](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/HolidayActivities)
- *'There's a Monster in your Show' at The Beacon*  
This high-energy 50-minute adventure is part of the Wantage Literary Festival and features lively original music and lots of playful fun for your littlest ones.  
To book tickets visit [beaconwantage.co.uk](https://beaconwantage.co.uk) or call the box office on 01235 763456.
- *Half-term fun at Cornerstone Arts Centre*
  - Spectrum Youth Theatre (SYT) Residency  
A free puppetry focused theatre workshop for neurodiverse young people.
  - Make your own Halloween Monster  
Become Dr Frankenstein and create your very own scary (or silly) monsters.
  - Riddle and Rhyme Time  
A fun and interactive session for babies and tots featuring soothing music, riddles and rhyming.For more information and to book tickets go to [cornerstone-arts.org](https://cornerstone-arts.org) or call the box office on 01235 515144.

For more information about activities co-ordinated by the councils' Active Communities team go to

[southoxon.gov.uk/activecommunities](https://southoxon.gov.uk/activecommunities) and [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/activecommunities](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/activecommunities)

### Halloween Waste

For those who enjoy celebrating Halloween and are looking for inspiration about how to use left over pumpkin, or the best way to dispose of them, then check this out on the [VoWH District Council website](https://www.vowh.gov.uk) (the Love Food Hate Waste link that you'll find on this page has some interesting looking recipes).

## Dates For Your Diary

SEW & SOCIAL SESSIONS (all welcome)  
– Thursdays, 10.00 am – Noon, Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –  
Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm,  
Village Hall

## What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [20 mph speed limit consultation](#)

## Defibrillator Training Update

The Parish Council are pleased to confirm that a Defibrillator Awareness Training session has been arranged for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The session will start promptly at 7.30pm and anyone wishing to attend should contact the [parish clerk](#) so that we have an idea of numbers.

## Extra Garden Waste

It's that time of year again. Residents subscribed to the garden waste collection service will be happy to hear that they can put extra out for collection on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - up to four standard sized (60L) sacks worth per brown bin subscription, or in boxes/containers equivalent to a full bin – NO rubble or builders' bags please. More information available on the [garden waste website page](#).

## Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the October draw are:

£25 No 90 Rachel Davis. £10 No 32 Karen and Tony Rapley. Kindly drawn by Gina Campbell.

## Wantage Community Hospital – Survey

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Wantage Town Council and the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and West Berkshire Integrated Care Board have launched a survey and series of events to gather views and feedback which could shape potential services at Wantage Community Hospital. Click [here](#) for event information, or go straight to the survey [here](#). **Survey Closes Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

## Charney Bassett Parish Council

Agenda and minutes of meetings can be found online at [charneybassett.org.uk](http://charneybassett.org.uk) including the full draft minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> September meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held at the village hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm Trevor Brown (Parish Clerk) can be contacted at [parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk).

## A Big Thank you!

to Neil Dobson,  
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