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Pictured: Cllr Mike Every talks housing, climate,
and supporting young people - and urges
residents to help shape the district's next chapter



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Have YOUR say on the Local Plan update



“These proposals will affect every resident, business and community in the district – today and tomorrow. That’s why it’s vital as many people as possible make their voices heard.”

– Cllr Juliet Layton, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning

The news headlines shout it loud and clear: the UK needs more homes. To meet this growing demand, the Government last year committed to delivering 1.5 million new homes across the country.

That means big changes for the whole country but especially for us here in the Cotswold district. **Our housing target has more than doubled** and we’re now expected to plan for over 1,000 new homes every year, up from fewer than 500 previously.

Before the new targets were introduced, we could demonstrate a five-year supply of suitable land for housing, meeting national planning requirements, and had done so for the past decade. The change to the numbers means we can no longer do this, making it more difficult to protect areas of the district that are more sensitive to development. Developers are aware of this shift, and it increases the likelihood that applications for new homes will be approved – even in locations that might previously have been considered unsuitable.

This is why it is vital we update our Local Plan to decide where these new houses should go.

We know planning for these homes will be a challenge: over 80% of the land in our district is protected as part of the Cotswolds National Landscape.

Visit your.cotswold.gov.uk or scan here to have your say








Homes, landscape, livelihoods
– a legacy we build together.



However, we have no choice but to plan for development. **If we don’t take the lead, developers could end up making those choices for us.**

And it is important we hear from you – not just on where new homes could be built, but also on the infrastructure that should support them.

5 things about the Local Plan update:






-  We’re updating the Local Plan because the Government has **more than doubled** the number of homes that need to be planned for and delivered across the district.
-  We’re not telling you exactly where the homes should be built yet – but we are discussing options for delivering the government’s housing target and **our preferred approach**.
-  **The figures used in all the scenarios** – including our preferred option – **are indicative at this stage**. That means we don’t yet have detailed plans, but there will be further opportunities to have your say as the Local Plan progresses.
-  **We’re planning for more than just homes.** We also want to hear your views on infrastructure, transport, climate action, nature recovery, and support for the local economy.
-  The consultation will open on **Friday 14 November** and run until Friday 2 January. Make sure you have your say before then – scan the QR code on the left or follow us on social media to find out how.





Cllr Juliet Layton in South Cerney

5 good reasons to have your say:

-  **Influence** where new homes are built, making sure development meets our local needs and we get more from them than we would without a Local Plan.
-  **Protect what matters** - engaging gives you a say in how we ensure sustainable development and deliver affordable homes, while protecting green spaces, heritage and the environment.
-  **Improve infrastructure** - your input will help guide decisions around roads, public transport, schools and more.
-  **Help ensure residents have a stronger voice** in shaping the district's future than developers do.
-  **Plan for the long term:** your feedback will help shape a Local Plan which reflects not just the present but the future of the Cotswold district.

What happens next?

The consultation on preferred options will run until 2 January 2026. All comments made will be considered and used to inform the next draft of the plan. This next draft, published early next year, will look at what infrastructure (roads, schools, health services, utilities and more) is required to support proposed development. At that point, we'll ask for your views again, which will inform the final draft of the plan before it's sent off to be independently examined by the Planning Inspector. If it passes the legal and planning tests, it can then be officially adopted by the Council.



Follow us on social media, or subscribe to our e-newsletter to get updates and find out about any future consultations



Our in-person events: Come to one of the exhibitions below to chat to our planning team and ask questions.

Friday 28th November:
St George's Hall, Mickleton 2-7pm

Friday 5th December:

St David's Centre, Moreton 2-7pm

Thursday 11th December:
Fairford Community Centre (Farmor Room) 2-7pm

Thursday 18th December:
Corinium Museum (Winstone Room), Cirencester 2-7pm

Website: keep up to date with all the news about the Local Plan on the council's website.



Leading through change



Cllr Mike Evemy talks to students at Cirencester College

Cotswold District Council leader Mike Evemy has called the Cotswolds home for 22 years. He was first elected to the council in 2019 and this year assumed the top role - taking over at a time of significant change for the district.

As local government reorganisation looms and the district grapples with huge new housing targets, Cllr Evemy speaks here about the responsibilities of leading the council through these turbulent times and, in particular, his hopes for the young people of the district.

Not many people step into a role knowing that a key part of the job is preparing for the moment it may no longer exist. But that's exactly what Cllr Evemy did when he became leader of Cotswold District Council in May, fully aware that plans to change the way local government works mean the council will likely disappear in a few years' time.

So aware is he of the importance of what he'll leave behind, his cabinet agreed a specific new priority for their strategic plan called Preparing for the Future.

But in setting his goals for the years ahead, Cllr Evemy wanted to embed the theme of legacy across every priority - leaving the district in the best possible shape for what comes next.

On a visit to Cirencester College, Cllr Evemy chats cheerfully with students as they show him the art of being a barista, and how to make specialty coffee from bean to cup. The new Coffee Cabin, partly funded by Cotswold District Council, helps students gain experience in hospitality and small business skills.

It's skills like these that will help to support the next generation stay in the district. Yet without more affordable homes, this will remain a pipe dream for many - regardless of their job or income. Young people like these college students are at the forefront of Cllr Evemy's mind as he talks about the importance of updating the Local Plan - a blueprint for where new homes and accompanying infrastructure should go in the district.

To find out more about the Coffee Cabin and how Cotswold District Council helped with funding, turn to page 12

Our priorities



Preparing for the Future



Delivering Good Services



Responding to the Climate Emergency



Delivering Housing



Supporting Communities



Supporting the Economy



Last year, the Government revised the district's housing target, increasing it from fewer than 500 homes a year to over 1,000. Cllr Evemy is adamant that as the council works through the huge challenges of meeting this goal, a keen focus must be on delivering the affordable housing the district so urgently needs.

“My vision is that we have places for young people to live”

“When young people get to 18, too many of them struggle to build an independent life because of the high cost of housing here,” he said. “It really isn't good for our communities if our young people leave. So my vision is that we do have places for them to live.

“This is why, as a council, we're very passionate about what's called social housing - rented at a level people on regular incomes can afford - because even what's called affordable housing here isn't affordable for a lot of people.”

One of the biggest challenges in planning for new homes is that 80% of the district is protected as part of the Cotswold National Landscape. Cllr Evemy recognises that this landscape is central to what makes the Cotswolds so special, but also presents a complex challenge for planners.

“People know this area as a place of outstanding natural beauty. So I know it's not going to be easy, because people are going to be asked to consider some quite significant developments in parts of the district where perhaps there isn't much development at the moment.

“If we don't plan this development in a structured way, we risk handing control to developers. Instead of a coordinated approach that delivers the infrastructure our communities need, we'll end up with a patchwork of piecemeal developments - without the roads, schools, or services to support them.”

At this stage, he is encouraging residents to engage with the upcoming consultation and share their views.

“We've been told how much new housing we have to plan for, and it's a lot more than ever planned for before. I completely understand why people might be anxious about that,” he said. “All I ask is for people to give us their considered views - tell us what infrastructure they need, what would make their communities strong.”

Another priority Cllr Evemy is determined to get right is tackling climate change, an issue he knows ranks high among the concerns of people across the district.

“Our climate will continue to change”

“I don't think any responsible public body or any business should be ignoring climate change because it's happening now and it will continue to happen,” he said. “Our climate will continue to change and it's having an effect on all of us already.

“We believe as an authority that it is our responsibility, on behalf of our 90,000 residents, to do what we can to make our beautiful Cotswolds resilient to the change that's coming. We must do what we can to reduce and ultimately end our contribution to it.”

As Cllr Mike Evemy says goodbye to the college students, handing back the barista's apron they've given him to help look the part, he knows he'll be returning to a busy inbox. But he also knows he needs to keep tackling the challenges on his ever-long list with determination.

“We may not be here in a few years' time, but the impact of our decisions will be,” he said. “So we're doing everything we can to make sure the district is in good shape - ready for the future, and ready for the next generation to thrive.”



Visit <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/our-priorities/> or scan here to read more about our priorities

Cllr Mike Evemy is shown how to make a cappuccino by a Cirencester College student



Your councils in Gloucestershire are changing: what does it mean for you?



Jane Portman, Chief Executive Officer, Cotswold District Council

You might be hearing a lot about Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) at the moment: politicians discussing it on the news or posts popping up on your social feed. This is because LGR in Gloucestershire has gained momentum recently. The county is finalising proposals for government to decide whether there are one or two unitary councils to replace Gloucestershire's seven county and district councils.

But what exactly is LGR, why do our councils need reorganising – and what does all of this mean for you? Jane Portman, Chief Executive Officer, Cotswold District Council, joined the council in July having already led councils in Dorset and Somerset through the process. Now she is part of the team guiding Gloucestershire towards its new structure, and helping us make sense of what lies ahead.

What is Local Government Reorganisation? And what is the difference between that and devolution?

The government wants to simplify local government and give more power to communities. This involves reorganising the current complex system of councils - including district and county councils - into a more streamlined structure. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) is part of this plan, but it is distinct from devolution, which focuses on transferring powers and funding from national to local authorities.

Why is LGR happening?

In Gloucestershire, we have several layers of authorities dealing with issues that matter to residents. This includes Gloucestershire County Council which looks after things such as highways, adult and children's social care, education, and waste disposal. Under that we have six district councils – including Cotswold District Council – dealing with issues like planning, revenues and benefits, housing, licensing and waste collection. And then there are town and parish councils which are responsible for very local services and facilities. The main goal of LGR is to make the structure simpler and more efficient – and improve accountability.

What could LGR look like in Gloucestershire?

At the moment there is a two-tier local government model in Gloucestershire, comprising one county and six city, district or borough councils. There are also hundreds of town and parish councils or meetings. The plan is to create either one or two unitary councils, replacing the existing county and district, borough, city councils. This larger council or councils will provide all the same services but with greater efficiency. Town and parish councils will remain.

There are three proposals on the table for how Gloucestershire might look after LGR. This includes: one unitary authority; two unitaries with an east (Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Cotswold) and west (Gloucester, Forest of Dean and Stroud) split; and two unitaries with an enlarged Gloucester city as one and the rest of the county as the other. All proposals are currently on the table and we don't yet know which one will be chosen.



Proposals for Gloucestershire

One unitary for the whole county.



Two unitaries, with an east (Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Cotswold) and west (Gloucester, Forest of Dean and Stroud) split.



Two unitaries, one being an enlarged Gloucester city (referred to as 'Greater Gloucester') and one being the remainder of the county.



What have we done so far?

After the Government published its English Devolution White Paper in December last year, the Local Government minister invited Gloucestershire's seven councils to submit proposals for reorganisation. An outline of all three were submitted in March and then the hard work really began: the councils formed workstreams and a political leadership board to develop options collaboratively.

In the summer, we carried out a period of public engagement to hear the views of residents across all council areas to understand how they feel about local government currently, and what they expect moving forward. Now, proposals have been developed and all councils are in the process of agreeing which options they prefer.

What is the timeline for LGR in Gloucestershire?

Gloucestershire councils will submit their preferred proposals and plan for a new structure to the Government at the end of November. The Government will review those preferred proposals ahead of a public consultation on the viable options early next year. A final decision on the future of local government in Gloucestershire is expected in mid-2026. The proposed date for what is known as "vesting day" - the official date when any new council or councils legally come into existence and the old councils are formally replaced - is 1st April 2028.

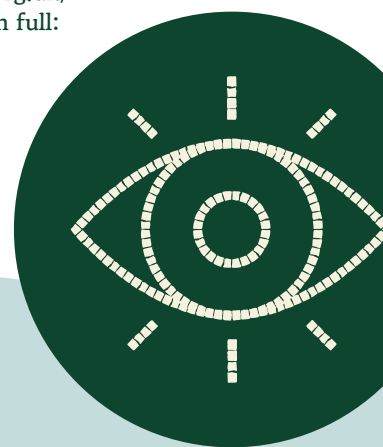
What will LGR mean for me?

I want to reassure residents that while we continue to deliver important services now, there is a team, which I am part of, working to ensure the transition from our current structure to the new one is as seamless for residents as possible. The objective from our perspective is that you won't even notice it's happened.

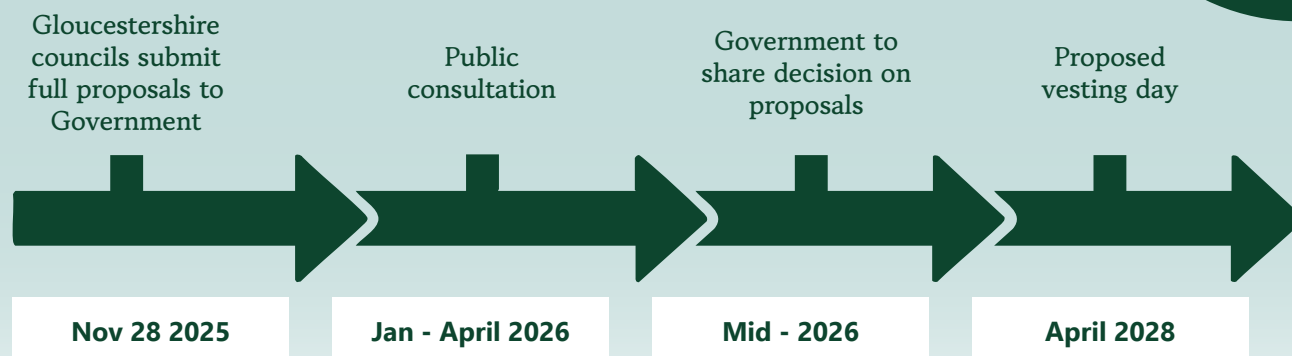
How can residents get involved?

Ultimately, the government will decide on whether there is one or two councils in Gloucestershire. But once proposals have been submitted at the end of November, the government will review the options presented and consult on those it thinks are viable early next year. At that stage, you can share your views - keep an eye out on our social channels or website to find out more about this next year.

Visit <https://futuregloucestershire.org.uk/> or scan here to read the proposals in full:



Proposed timeline to LGR for Gloucestershire



Talking affordable homes: insights from an expert

We often hear the term 'affordable homes' - but what does it actually mean? And why are these homes such a vital part of the planning conversation here in the Cotswold district?

We spoke to Dave Grinter, a Neighbourhood and Community Operations Manager at Bromford Housing, one of the UK's largest housing associations. Bromford has been working in the Cotswolds for many years and has a strong relationship with the Council. As well as managing social housing across the district, they work closely with the council on everything from community projects to making sure new developments work for local people.

What is an "affordable home" and what is the difference between that and social housing?

"Affordable housing" is the umbrella term for homes let or offered for sale at below market rates. Social housing sits within that. Then there's shared ownership, where you buy part of your home (maybe 25% or 50%) and pay rent on the rest - which can be a stepping stone for people who can't quite afford to buy outright but want to get on the ladder. Other buying schemes such as First Homes or Discounted Homes offer discounts of around 20% - 50% of the market value.

Who are affordable homes for?

There are eligibility conditions for both renting and buying; however affordable housing aims to meet the needs of people who cannot afford to rent or buy from the private market. Affordable rented housing gives people stability through long-term tenancies, not shorter fixed term contracts.

How do you ensure that affordable homes are built to the same quality and standards as other homes on the development?

They're built to exactly the same standard because they have to be - building regulations apply to everyone. When developers build mixed estates, the affordable homes are identical to the private ones. You literally can't tell the difference.

"This house has been a springboard for me - I've now started a new job which has helped me enormously"

Anonymous quote from Bromford client

How is it decided what proportion of homes in a development are affordable?

The council sets this out in their Local Plan based on what the area needs. Right now in the Cotswolds, any development of 11 homes or more has to include affordable housing: 30% if it's on brownfield land (previously developed sites), or 40% if it's on greenfield sites. That's the rule developers have to follow. So if someone's building 20 new homes, at least 6-8 of them will be affordable.

RENT

Example of monthly rent for 2-bed in the Cotswolds

Private rent on the open market	£1,200	100%
Affordable rent	£950	80%
Social rent	£600 - £700	50 - 60%

What are the main challenges you face delivering the right homes for people in the district?

The main challenge is land. About 80% of the district is Cotswold National Landscape, which makes finding sites to build really difficult. You've then got infrastructure challenges - rural areas need decent transport links, GP surgeries, schools - and that all has to grow alongside housing.

The other big one is skills. Construction has a massive shortage of tradespeople right now, which slows everything down and pushes costs up. We're trying to tackle that by bringing apprentices through and training people locally. Added to that, if young people can't find affordable homes and can't find decent work opportunities, they leave the area. So we're trying to address several issues at once.

"If young people can't find affordable homes and can't find decent work opportunities, they leave the area."

David Grinter, Bromford Housing





Peter David, HomeseekerPlus coordinator

For more information visit
<https://www.homeseekerplus.co.uk/>
or scan here

HomeseekerPlus:

A gateway to social housing








Peter David is the HomeseekerPlus Co-ordinator for Gloucestershire and West Oxfordshire. He works closely with councils and housing providers to help ensure that those in greatest need can access safe, affordable homes.

HomeseekerPlus started in 2016 and since then there have been more than 1,800 applications in the Cotswold district. Social housing is mainly for people who cannot afford to rent or buy privately who also may be homeless, living in unsuitable or overcrowded accommodation, or have specific needs due to disability or other vulnerabilities.

“I love my job – there is something really satisfying about helping people find somewhere to live when they are in need. But there are frustrations as well – we have too many people in need and not enough of the right homes in the district, something I hope is going to improve in the years ahead.”

– Peter David, HomeseekerPlus coordinator

-  **What is it?** HomeseekerPlus is a partnership between seven local councils and 32 housing providers, offering a fair and transparent way to apply for social and affordable housing across Gloucestershire and West Oxfordshire.
-  **How does it work?** Eligible applicants register online and can bid for available homes that suit their needs. Properties are advertised weekly, and priority is based on housing need.
-  **Who can apply?** UK residents (or others who are not subject to immigration rules that would otherwise exclude them) with a local connection to one of the partner areas may be eligible. Some exclusions apply (e.g. recent rehousing, rent arrears, or home ownership).
-  **Support available:** Help is offered for those with specific needs, including large print, translations, audio formats, and one-to-one assistance from housing staff.
-  **Why it matters:** Social housing provides secure, affordable homes for those who need them most - helping improve wellbeing, stability, and community resilience.

 **HomeseekerPlus**



Plugging into the future

Electric Vehicles (EVs) are no longer just a passing trend – they're part of every day life and they're here to stay. Knowing this, we're keeping ahead of the curve by installing chargers across the district to help residents top up, and have now opened a total of 49.

The rollout of the chargers are part of the council's wider commitment to tackling the climate emergency. Cabinet member for Climate Change Cllr Mike McKeown has been at the heart of this action.

"We've embedded climate action into everything we do, and the results are showing," he said. "Installing new EV charging points is a practical way to help residents and visitors make the switch to cleaner, more affordable transport."

"If you build them, they will come"

But he added that many people feel there's no point in switching to an electric car until there are enough places to charge them. "This can be a Catch-22 but we want to change that," he said. "As the saying goes, 'if you build them, they will come' so that's what we're doing."

Despite this, Mike is well aware that many people remain sceptical about electric vehicles. That's why he wants to debunk some of the most common myths surrounding them. Here are a few widespread misconceptions about EVs - along with Mike's responses to set the record straight.

Myth-busting with Mike

Myth No 1: I won't be able to find a charger when I need one:

The charging network is growing rapidly across the country, including here in the Cotswold district. There are already 85,000 public charge points in the country, with more than 1,000 being added every month – including a further 100,000 as a result of the government's local EV Infrastructure Fund. So don't worry, there's always a charger just around the corner.

Myth No 2: I have range anxiety – I don't want to run out of charge in the middle of nowhere.

Many people would be surprised to hear that the average range of an electric car is 236 miles – three times the average distance driven in a week. And with all those new chargers popping up, you're never far from a re-charge if you need it.

Myth No 3: How can I claim to be environmentally conscious when electric vehicles still contribute to lifetime emissions?

From the raw extraction of materials and emissions generated during production, to the replacement of parts such as tyres and engine

components during the vehicle's life, EV's have 73% lower lifetime emissions than petrol or diesel cars even when you count making the battery. And while the greenest option might be to avoid driving altogether, that's not always a practical choice, especially for those living in rural areas like the Cotswolds.

Myth No 4: EV's are expensive to buy and expensive to run.

EVs can be pricier upfront, but once you own one, they're like a piggy bank on wheels. This includes lower running costs, fewer repairs, and of course no need to fill up with eye-wateringly expensive petrol or diesel.

Myth 5: Is it true that EV batteries don't last long - and can't be recycled? EV batteries are marathon runners, not sprinters and most last as long as petrol or diesel cars. Data shows that battery degradation tends to be slow, with one survey of 3,500 EV owners finding that even after seven years the average battery range had only dropped by about seven percent. And when you have finished with them, EV batteries aren't going to landfill - they're getting recycled.

EV chargers

1. **Beeches Road, Cirencester**
– 7KW & 50 KW chargers
2. **Trinity Road, Cirencester**
– 7 KW chargers
3. **The Brewery, Cirencester**
– 7 KW chargers
4. **Old Market Way, Moreton in Marsh**
– 7KW & 50 KW chargers
5. **Rissington Road, Bourton on the Water**
– 7 KW chargers
6. **West Street, Tetbury**
– 7 KW chargers
7. **Maugersbury Road, Stow on the Wold**
– 7 KW chargers



More than 350,000 new EVs have been registered in 2025, with rapid growth – while petrol and diesel sales have declined



As of August 2025 there were 1.6 million fully electric cars in the UK – a fourfold increase since 2021. That's nearly 5% of all cars on UK roads



Sales of new EV's are expected to pass non EV cars by 2028



Cut carbon, cut costs: home energy support

Cotswold District Council is committed to helping residents make their homes more energy-efficient, comfortable, and climate-friendly. Whether you're interested in generating your own clean energy or improving your home's insulation and heating, here are two great ways to get started.

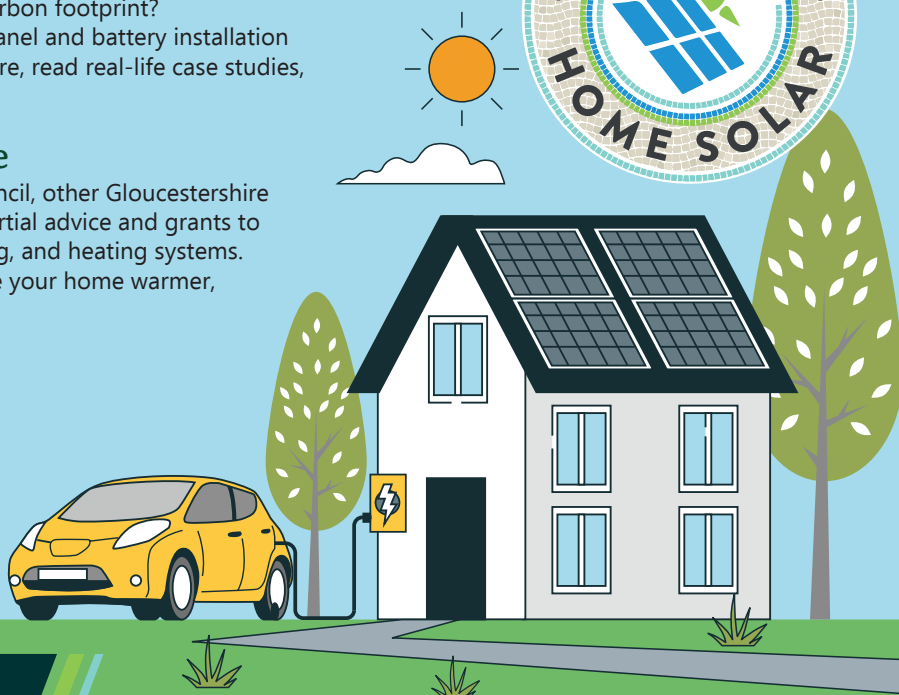
Make your home greener and more efficient

Looking to cut your electricity bills and reduce your carbon footprint? Cotswold Home Solar makes it easy to explore solar panel and battery installation for your home. Visit Cotswold Home Solar to learn more, read real-life case studies, and get a personalised quote.

Enjoy a warmer, low-carbon home

Through a partnership between Cotswold District Council, other Gloucestershire councils, and Furbnow, residents can now access impartial advice and grants to improve home insulation, ventilation, draught-proofing, and heating systems. Visit Furbnow Gloucestershire to find out how to make your home warmer, more comfortable, and energy-efficient.

Find out about these initiatives and other climate action taken by the council here



Investing in the Cotswolds

Cllr Tristan Wilkinson, Cabinet Member for Economy and Council Transformation: "These funding programmes are helping us deliver real improvements across the Cotswolds - supporting local businesses, enhancing community spaces, and creating opportunities for residents."



From thriving local businesses to grassroots community projects, we're proud to be backing the Cotswold district through two key funding programmes: the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF).

Whether it's supporting a new footpath in Fairford or helping fit out the Community Hall in Tetbury, the two funds between them have injected more than £2.3 million pounds into the local economy over the past three years including this year's allocation.

What are the UKSPF and REPF?

The **UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)** is a government initiative aimed at boosting local communities across the UK, giving local councils control over how the money is spent. The fund focuses on improving places, supporting local businesses, and helping people gain skills and access jobs.

The **Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF)** is a companion fund to the UKSPF, specifically designed for rural areas. It provides capital grants to help small rural businesses and communities grow, diversify, and become more sustainable.

The Coffee Cabin

Opened last year, the Coffee Cabin at Cirencester College was funded by the UKSPF. The investment is helping young people develop valuable skills that will give them a head start as they enter the workforce.

Karen Fraser, Vice Principal, Student Experience and External Relations at Cirencester College: "The Shared Prosperity Funding has enabled the College to provide a bespoke training environment for young people to develop barista skills. Such skills make our young people more attractive to employers looking for part-time employees in the local visitor economy as well as when they are looking for work alongside university."

"Our Business Foundation course also looks at wider small business skills which, combined with the Coffee Cabin experience, can help them see the potential for starting their own business. The College offers training as work experience or an enrichment activity in the Coffee Cabin and, more experienced students have been offered flexible work contracts."



To find out more about UKSPF and REPF visit <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/funding/>



Karen Fraser, Vice Principal at Cirencester College



Crowdfund Cotswold

Another way we help communities across the district is through Crowdfund Cotswold – a community-focused crowdfund initiative launched in 2021. The scheme aims to support hyper-local projects which improve life in the Cotswold district, whether through enhancing local spaces, promoting wellbeing or fostering community connections.

Hosted on the Spacehive platform, people and communities can create pages for their projects to gather public support. Since its launch, the scheme has backed more than one million pounds worth of projects, including playparks, community sheds, festivals and more.

Workshops are held regularly to help applicants understand the process.
Visit <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/funding/> or scan here for more.



Beaver Bus

The Beaver Bus was originally a second-hand horse-box before it was repurposed by Cotswold Lakes Trust. The bus cost £15,000 to create and was made possible thanks to support from Crowdfund Cotswold and others.

Since its launch in 2023, the Trust's Nature Engagement Officer has taken the Beaver Bus around the Cotswold Lakes and to local schools, helping to explain the importance and principles of nature recovery to all age groups.

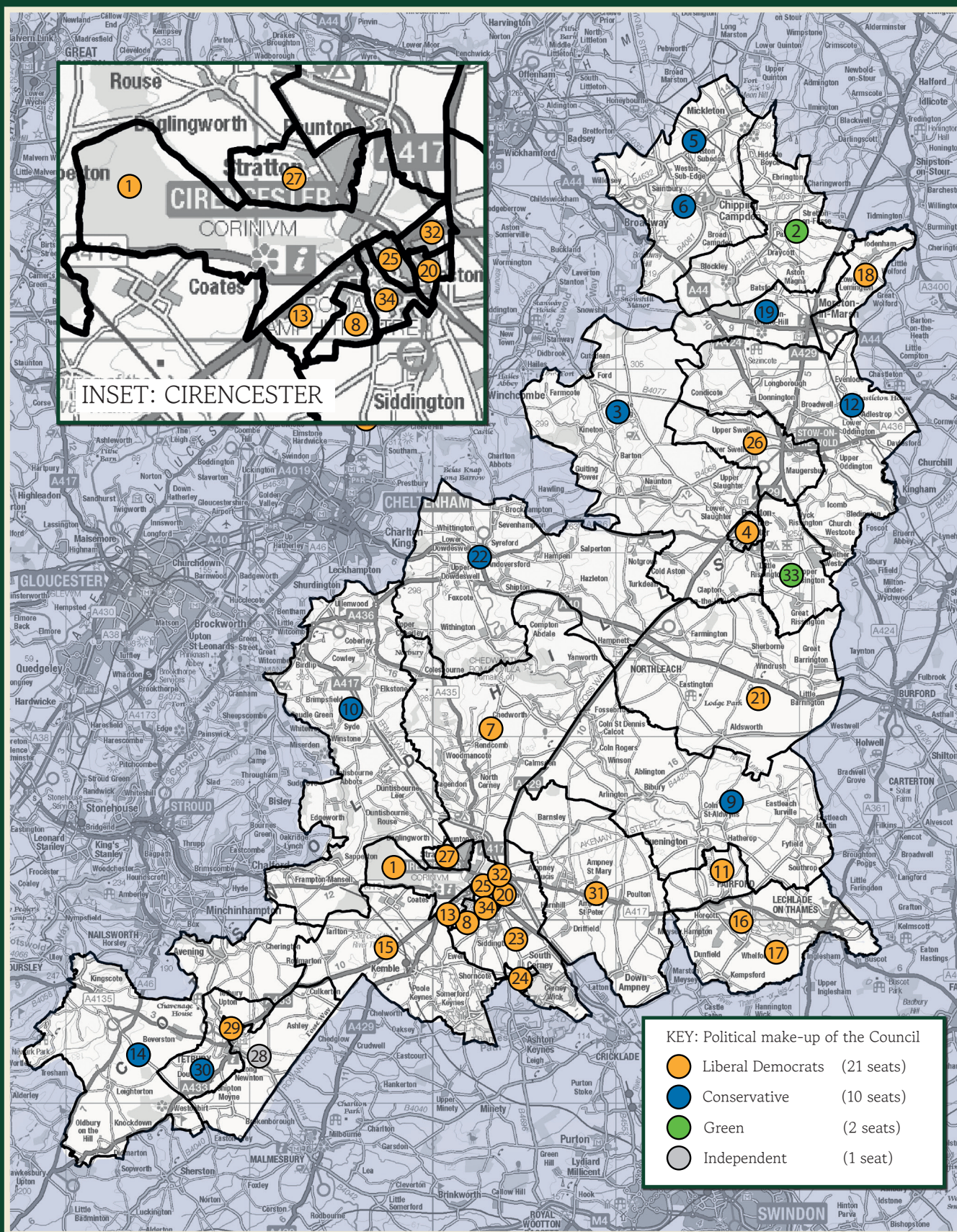
Ben Welbourn, Conservation and Estates Director, Cotswold Lakes Trust:

"We applied to Crowdfund Cotswold because we wanted to take our conservation message directly into communities. The funding enabled us to turn an old horse box into the Beaver Bus, a creative, mobile education space that sparks curiosity and conversation. The process was very supportive and collaborative; it helped us connect with local supporters and gave the project real momentum. Crowdfund Cotswold enabled this idea to come to life."

CASE STUDY



Your local District Councillors 2



1. ABBEY



5. CAMPDEN



9. COLN VALLEY



13. FOUR ACRES



17. LECHLADE, KEMPSTON



21. NORTHLEACH



25. ST MICHAEL'S



29. TETBURY



Your District Council has 34 councillors who represent you on local matters. These councillors are elected by you, usually for a term of four years, with the next election due in May 2027. Following the most recent election in May 2023, and subsequent by-elections, here are your local District Councillors.



Scan here for full councillor details

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2. BLOCKLEY

Cllr Clare Turner (G)
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3. BOURTON VALE

Cllr Len Wilkins (C)
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4. BOURTON VILLAGE

Cllr Jon Wareing (LD)
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5. BOURTON & VALE (1)

Cllr Gina Blomefield (C)
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6. CAMPDEN & VALE (2)

Cllr Tom Stowe (C)
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7. CHEDWORTH & CHURN VALLEY

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson (LD)
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8. CHESTERTON

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9. CHEDWORTH

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10. ERMIN

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Our guide to council services and contact information

It can be a bit confusing working out which council does what, but as we've set out on page 6, one of the key objectives of Local Government Reorganisation is to simplify this model. In the meantime however, we've put together this useful guide to put on your fridge or notice board so you always know who to contact in the first instance. Our town and parish councils across the Cotswolds vary in size and have many different responsibilities depending on where you are. Here are some common duties of the councils in our area. To find out who your local councillors are check the relevant council website.



COTSWOLD
District Council

Abandoned vehicles
Animal control and welfare
Council tax and housing benefits
Refuse and recycling collections
Car parks
Cemeteries
Community safety
Council tax
Elections and voting
Emergency response
Environmental health
Housing
Leisure
Licensing and permits
Littering and fly-tipping
Noise and other nuisance
Planning and building control
Public toilets
Street cleaning
Tree preservation orders

Cotswold District Council
Council Offices
Trinity Road
Cirencester
GL7 1PX
Main switchboard: 01285 623000
Emergency Out of Hours: 01285 623000
Telephone payments: 01285 623666
E: customer.services@cotswold.gov.uk
W: www.cotswold.gov.uk
Monday to Friday 8.45am to 2pm



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Archaeology
Archives
Births, deaths and marriages
Health and social care
Highways and transport including blue badge scheme and bus passes
Libraries
Recycling centres
Education and learning
Rights of way
Roads and on-street parking
Planning and environment

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Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm

Town and parish councils

Christmas lights
Allotments
Bus shelters
CCTV and community safety
Civic events
Closed church yard
Community response
Environmental improvements, floral tubs and grass cutting
Grant aid
Charter, farmers and speciality markets
Neighbourhood planning
Open space, play park and recreational facilities
Planning and licensing consultation
Special events

You can search online for your local town or parish council contact details. Your council tax bill will tell you which parish council covers your home.

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