

Focus on Faringdon

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Happy new year to you all, and welcome to the first county report for 2026. I am aware that there are several parish meetings this month. Please let me know of any concerns that you would like me to follow up.

Faringdon Town News

- **London Road/A420 Intersection Improvements:** This work is now complete, including the introduction of a traffic island to prevent overtaking and by the addition of red coloured surfacing, solar road studs and improved road markings to increase awareness of the junction.
- **Pedestrianising the Town Centre:** We met with officers to discuss options after December's FATAC; we will be meeting with a consultant in January to discuss initial plans. This is a long-term project.
- **Adult Social Care (ASC) S106 Contribution:** I am continuing to pursue this matter with officers from Adult Social Care to investigate the best options for its spend.
- **Community Space Above the Library:** I received a request from Faringdon Historical Society to be granted further space above the library; officers are looking into this.
- **The Hobble:** This appears to have been cut back, but I still need to follow up with officers.
- **Councillor Priority Fund:** This is currently open, and applications are coming in.

Quick Updates

- Parking Review – to be actioned in the new year; [details of the decision meeting](#)
- Park Road Pothole – repaired within 24 hours of reporting
- Bus Lane ANPR – to review in the new year
- School Crossing Signage on Park Road – installed but needs clearance
- Traffic Lights at the Great Coxwell Junction – no further updates
- Lighting on Coxwell Road – update pending
- Wall Repairs & Clearance on Southampton Street Footpath – in progress
- Issues affecting adoption of the Belmont Estate – in progress
- Supporting Bromsgrove Day Centre – in progress
- Wicklesham Quarry Application – update pending
- Speed Reduction on the A420 – in progress
- Coxwell Road and Park Road Roundabouts – update pending

Parish News

- **Consultation on the A417 Speed Limit Review:** This consultation is currently open, until January 16th and details circulated to local residents; I have responded supporting changes to the limits, mindful of the wishes of parishes. You still have time to contribute, closing on January 16th; the link is available in the consultations section below.
- **B4109 Resurfacing at Badbury Hill:** I have followed this up as it is a continual concern to residents. While work with adjacent landowners continues, and full resurfacing is a long way off, it is inspected monthly, and anything that meets the intervention level is picked up during these routine inspections; there is already a fix due by the 7th of January for a pothole in that area.
- **Drainage on the Holloway, Great Coxwell:** After chasing this up, I have had a report that the gully in this location was due to be cleaned by the 31st of December.
- **Repairs to the A4017, Eaton Hastings:** Reports on a large pothole on the A417 have been actioned and should now be rectified or programmed for works.
- **Old Hayes Solar Farm Application, Coleshill:** Submitted a response objecting to the development.

Consultations

- [Lechlade to Moulsoford: A417 Corridor - proposed speed limits](#)
- [Consultation on proposals to improve Oxfordshire's Fire and Rescue Service](#)
- [National Highways and Transport \(NHT\) Network 2025](#)
- [School admissions consultation 2027/28](#)

Grants

- **Councillor Priority Fund:** There has been a lot of interest in the fund so far; applications can be made on the website: [Councillor Priority Fund](#)
- **Warm Homes:** [Grant funding for Retrofitting Homes to Reduce Energy Bills](#)

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