

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT FOR CHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 2019

HEALTH

We are now in the influenza season. To avoid this debilitating condition please arrange to get your Flu Jab from local chemists and GP surgeries.

The Consultation regarding health provision in the County is just concluding. 'Fit for the Future' provides many options for the way medical services in Gloucestershire can be delivered in the future. The Secretary of State has confirmed that the A&E provision at both Gloucester Royal and Cheltenham General Hospital will continue.

The merger between Gloucestershire Care Services and Together NHS Foundation Trust to make Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust has now got under way to deliver a transformation in health and medical care.

WELFARE

There is a need in the County for more Foster Parents, should you know anyone who is willing to foster, please ask them to contact the Children's Department at County Hall.

The County Council is investing £6m to extensively refurbish all nine of its care homes to substantially improve the environment for both residents and staff. Included in this programme is Paternoster House in Cirencester.

Over 300 Syrian refugees have been resettled in Gloucestershire over the last three years, comprising 77 families and there are five more due to arrive by the end of the year. The scheme is managed by the Fire and Rescue Service who support the families to build a new life in the county.

TRANSPORT

Work at both the Cross Keys roundabout and the link road to the M5 has now been completed increasing capacity at this busy junction, dual carriage work adjacent to Junction 13 linking the Motorway to Stroud is also going ahead where capacity will also be increased.

Work continues putting together the update to the Transport Policy with concentration on bus services, taxi services and cycle routes.

The Traffic Survey linked to the Valley Trading Planning application has been received and planners are ploughing through a high number of objections. It looks as though the earliest time for the application to be heard at County Planning will now be in the new year.

HIGHWAYS

The heavy rain over the past two weeks has caused roads to be flooded in several locations. Some are suffering from standing water due to blocked ditches and work to dig out blockages will take priority.

Major patching work will take place on London Road, Tetbury from the Audi roundabout to Trouble House on the 4th and 5th of November and the road will be closed between 9.30am and 3.30pm on both days. There are also 16 minor repair schemes in the November pipeline, including London Road, Tetbury with work due in several locations.

EDUCATION

A new special school costing £7.5m opening in 202 to help children reach their full potential is being developed in Brockworth providing 75 places for girls and boys aged 11 to 16 who currently have to travel out of county or to independent schools to meet their specific needs.

ECONOMY

The government have approved the formation of the Great Western Gateway to attract inward investment, development and growth which will drive forward major infrastructure projects in the County.