

Tewkesbury Road - Severn Trent works

Severn Trent Water are currently carrying out work to construct a new sewage pumping station near the proposed new housing development off Longford Lane.

This work will continue until February 2014, the stated completion date. They are also building a new pumping main, to transfer flows from the new development to the existing sewerage system in Gloucester. Although they are trying to use mainly minor roads for the route of the pumping main, some works are necessary in Tewkesbury Road, resulting in road closures and diversions.

Your Liberal Democrat councilors will monitor these works closely to ensure they finish on time. Affected

residents can find more information, updates and contact details for the site management team at

<https://sites.google.com/a/northmid.co.uk/longford-and-innsworth-rising-main/>

Sebastian Field said: "Severn Trent Water are investing millions in the sewerage and water systems in Kingsholm & Wotton.

"The traffic diversions and inconvenience from these works will be worth it in the long-term as services in the area are improved, and the risk of flooding in the future is further reduced.

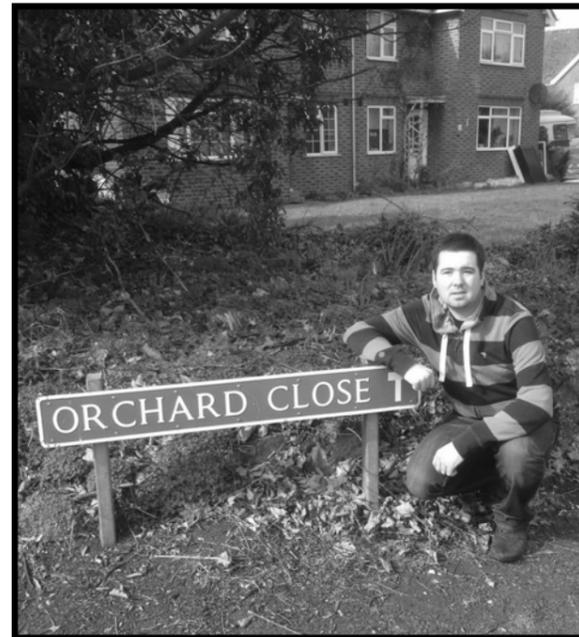
"We all remember the devastating floods of 2007 and do not want to see them repeated."

Poor road surface at Orchard Close

Orchard Close is a private road and not a public highway. The road surface is not in good condition. In order for it to be maintained by Gloucestershire County Council the road would have to be brought up to 'adoptable' standards.

Sebastian Field has been trying to get Orchard Close adopted but so far to no avail.

He said: "This needs an innovative solution. Both Jeremy and I shall meet with residents of Orchard Close and see what their views are. After many years of neglect we need to see if there is a solution that will ensure that the road is maintained to the same standard as other roads in the city."



Allstone granted planning permission

Despite the objections of local councillors, Allstone have been granted planning permission to continue crushing gravel on their site.

They were originally granted permission to crush stone for a two-year period, but this temporary permission was extended by the planning committee.

Sebastian Field said: "We are disappointed that the council have ignored the pleas of local residents. Stone crushing is noisy and causes dust which settles on surfaces and can lead to respiratory problems for residents."

"We would like to see the operations of Allstone moved to a more suitable site so the land off Myers Road could be developed for housing and an extension to Armscroft Park," confirmed Jeremy Hilton.

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Kwik Save - a 'no go' regeneration project!



Planning permission to build 119 flats with four ground floor retail units on the former Kwik Save site along Northgate Street and Black Dog Way was agreed three years ago. In the last three years no work has taken place to start construction of this regeneration project.

Kingsholm & Wotton councillors Sebastian Field and Jeremy Hilton have written to the leader of the council seeking a meeting with the developers about why this new homes project has not started.

Sebastian Field said: "We need new homes in Gloucester and this is a brown field site with permission for 119 residential apartments. I urge the developers to start construction work."

Jeremy Hilton agreed: "It is now three years since planning permission for 119 apartments was granted and eight years since a previous permission for 88 units was approved. This site is an eyesore in the centre of Gloucester. Construction must start soon before the planning permission expires."

Wotton Pitch now safer for pedestrians

The pedestrian phase to the traffic lights at Wotton Pitch has been changed to give people more time to cross London Road.

Signal timing previously gave pedestrians just a couple of seconds to cross the road before the lights changed.

Jeremy Hilton said: "I contacted Gloucestershire Highways to ask them to increase the pedestrian phase, which has now been done. This should make the crossing safer for people to use."



Mary Silmon & Jeremy Hilton at the improved traffic lights

Liberal Democrats working all year round

Wooden posts to be replaced at Sebert Street Rec



As long ago as the beginning of the year Jeremy Hilton asked the city council to replace the missing and rotten wooden posts along the perimeter of Sebert Street Rec. Initially the council said no.

After some negotiation, the council agreed that they needed replacing and have asked the Probation Service's community payback scheme to do the work to put in new bollards.

The work will start at the end of October and take about five days.

Jeremy Hilton said: "The wooden posts were originally put in to stop cars being parked on the Rec, especially during match days at GRFC. I am pleased that at last the posts will be replaced."

Labour backs Tory for 4 year term

Labour and Conservative councillors voted together to secure a four year term for Tory councillor Mark Hawthorne to remain the leader of Gloucestershire County Council.

During a debate at the constitution committee Liberal Democrats argued that the leader of the council should be subject to re-election every year at the AGM, as is the chairperson of the authority.

Jeremy Hilton said: "Having the leader elected every year would keep him on his toes. It would lead to better co-operation throughout the year and better co-operation would lead to better services.

"The more members of all groups are listened to by the leadership the better it would be."

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Rugby World Cup comes to Kingsholm

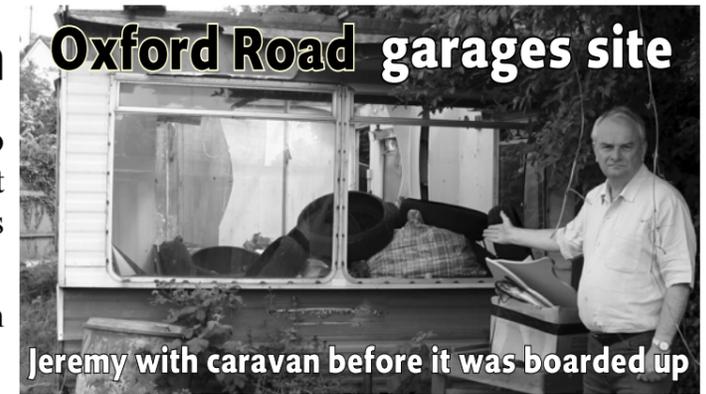
The 2015 Rugby World Cup is coming to Kingsholm. There will be four matches held at the stadium, which is the home of Gloucester's Cherry & Whites.

Group matches will be held on these dates with kick off times still to be confirmed.

- September 19 - Tonga v Europe 1
- September 23 - Scotland v Asia 1
- September 25 - Argentina v Europe 1
- October 11 - America 2 v Asia 1

www.rugbyworldcup.com

Oxford Road garages site



Jeremy with caravan before it was boarded up

The untidy land behind homes in Oxford Road has been tidied up. There are several garages there and some were used to store rubbish and were a fire hazard as was the derelict caravan.

The garages and the caravan have now been boarded up following a request made by Jeremy Hilton. Your councillors will endeavour to have the site kept tidy!

When will work start on the replacement for Cherry Tree Cottage?



Former Cherry Tree Cottage

Sebastian Field is trying to find out when construction will start of a new house on the former site of Cherry Tree Cottage at the end of Stamp's Meadow, Tewkesbury Road. Permission was granted to build a replacement property in March 2011.

He said: "Construction of the new house must start by March 2016. Cherry Tree Cottage, which was subject to flooding, was demolished some time ago.

"The replacement property will be raised slightly to remove the threat of flooding. No outbuildings can be built on the site because of flood risk.

"The site is fenced off with overgrown vegetation. I do encourage the owners to implement the planning permission ASAP."

At last - Denmark Road is resurfaced

Denmark Road from Lansdown Road to Alexandra Road has been resurfaced. Gloucestershire Highways did the work during the school holidays.



Cllr. Jeremy Hilton said: "I am delighted that at last Denmark Road has been resurfaced. This is an important road within a conservation area in Kingsholm and Wotton and was in desperate need of repair.

"The drainage work that was carried out by Severn Trent delayed the resurfacing. Local residents have been extremely patient while waiting for this work to take place."

Engineers make progress on designing new England's Glory pedestrian crossing

£10,000 has been set aside to improve the safety of the pedestrian crossing outside the England's Glory pub in London Road.

County council highway engineers are preparing the plans for a changed crossing. This includes widening the footpath outside the pub and removing the island in the middle of the crossing. The current island is offset providing a narrow carriageway on the pub side making it hazardous for pedestrians to wait here and for cyclists to use, when a bus or lorry approaches the crossing.

A safety audit of the new layout is being carried out before any changes are made.

News in Brief

Sebastian Field has reported three local problems to the council and asked for them to be resolved.

- Potholes in Claremont Road
- Loose kerb outside bus depot on London Road
- Overgrown hedge Royal Lane

Following on from a request made by Jeremy Hilton non-safety patching work to the road surface has been carried out along Edwy Parade and Malvern Road.

Litter problem in Alvin Street

Litter is a problem in Alvin Street, as the street is a 'wind tunnel', blowing rubbish from London Road down the street.

Sebastian Field has met with concerned residents, and is urging the council to take action. He said: "We don't need two bins on one side of the road at Wellington Parade, and none on the other side - I have asked for one to be moved to outside Sedoo's Stop or nearby.

"I am also pressing the council to increase the frequency with which the street is cleaned, and to provide equipment to those residents who want to help keep the area clean themselves."

Jeremy Hilton added: "The city council has to make one million pound's worth of savings from the streetcare contract - Liberal Democrats think this will be difficult to achieve and that services might suffer."

Tell us what you think - does your street need a clean?