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**Just a very brief report for this month as you also have our annual report this evening.**

**Benson Weir**

The Environment Agency are at last starting work on a new improved repair to the weir and the path over it. Hopefully later this year people will be able to walk to Wallingford in more pleasant conditions again. Some of the Thames Path between Shillingford and Benson may be affected while the EA works are ongoing.

**Crowmarsh site**

SODC has submitted a temporary planning application to enable the continued use of the Crowmarsh site as a grounds maintenance depot for a limited time. We don’t yet have a new site for the grounds maintenance team to have a base and the results of the Joint Local Plan consultation exercise which included a question of the future use of the Crowmarsh site are still being analysed.

**Police and Crime Commissioner Election**

The Police and Crime Commissioner election takes place on Thursday 2 May. This is our chance to vote on the person whose role it will be to make sure Thames Valley Police is an efficient and effective force.

Key dates:

* To vote in this election, everyone needs to be registered at their current address by 16 April - visit [the national voter registration page - www.gov.uk/registertovote](https://southandvale.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=33bec1cf8b5523ad47c7183a0&id=d933a8338f&e=b961a0238f)
* To vote at a polling station people must bring photo ID with them - a wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports, driving licences and cards with a PASS Mark.
* Anyone who doesn’t have the accepted photo ID should apply NOW for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate. The deadline for this election is 5pm on 24 April – just visit [the Electoral Commission website.](https://southandvale.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=33bec1cf8b5523ad47c7183a0&id=12d8bf516b&e=b961a0238f)

To find out more, visit [our PCC election page for South Oxfordshire](https://southandvale.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=33bec1cf8b5523ad47c7183a0&id=30104ae1cf&e=b961a0238f) or [our PCC election page for the Vale of White Horse](https://southandvale.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=33bec1cf8b5523ad47c7183a0&id=5694d9e728&e=b961a0238f).

**Reminder on the Town and parish council survey on climate action**

A short survey has gone to all town and parish councils asking how the district council can help them to do the best for the climate and our natural environment.

SODC can offer town and parish councils help and have already:

* given funds and support to climate projects across the districts
* helped organisations save thousands in energy costs
* reduced carbon emissions
* had a positive impact on local nature recovery.

The survey for town and parish councils will close at 11:59pm on Thursday 18 April.

**NEW summer season at the Cornerstone, Didcot**

Explore an exciting array of new shows, classes, exhibitions, and workshops at Cornerstone Arts Centre this summer, now available for booking.

Discover recently added classes like Drawing with Pencil for Beginners or let your toddler's creativity flourish in Splat! Art Play For Tots. All classes commence at the end of April, and free taster sessions are open for booking throughout the term, allowing you to try before you commit.

This season's line up features music, comedy, family entertainment, and theatre, including the highly anticipated return of the Didcot Garden Party. For full details [visit the Cornerstone website.](https://southandvale.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=33bec1cf8b5523ad47c7183a0&id=a28037ba5b&e=b961a0238f)