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South Capital grant scheme goes live this July

Voluntary and community organisations in South Oxfordshire will soon be able to apply for up to £75,000 in funding for projects that help improve people's quality of life – as we prepare to launch the new 2024/25 round of the Capital Grant scheme in July.

We have a total budget available of £320,000 to award for capital projects that:

- improve economic and community well-being
- provide infrastructure that meets local need
- protect and restore our natural world
- take action on the climate emergency

Organisations can request a minimum of £5,000 and a maximum of £75,000 but no more than 50 per cent of their total project costs – with a total project value of at least £10,000. Please do help share our social media messages and this information with your voluntary sector and community contacts. Details on timings and application information will be on [our grants web page](#).

CCTV reports published

The latest half-yearly CCTV reports have been published, showing the vital role the service plays in keeping our communities safe.

The reports, published every six months and using information provided by the District Councils' CCTV monitoring suite based in Abingdon, illustrate how all of our 86 CCTV cameras are used proactively to monitor a wide range of incidents; from helping the police find vulnerable missing people to locating shop lifters. They also contain case studies where our CCTV made a significant impact in helping to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour to keep people safe.

You can download and read the [South Oxfordshire](#) report on our website.

Thames Water reservoir consultation

Thames Water has launched a 12-week consultation on the proposed South East Strategic Reservoir Option (SESRO). The consultation is available here: <https://thames-wrmp.co.uk/sesro> and runs until 28 August 2024.

Thames Water is also running a series of consultation events across the District during this period, including at

- Didcot Civic Hall - 9 July: 2 – 8pm.

Youth Activities Open Day

Cornerstone Arts Centre is opening its doors for a Youth Activities Open Day on Saturday 6 July from 10am to 3pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for children (ages 2-12) to try out new creative skills, meet the centre's experienced tutors, and find out more about what goes on at the centre, all for the reduced price of £2 per session. There are lots of classes to choose from including drama, art, and street dance, as well as art play and Storytime sessions for younger children.

Plus, if you sign up to one of the classes for the autumn season on the day, you'll be able to get 10% off! You can find more details on the [Cornerstone website](#), and bookings for the taster sessions are open now. Please do share and help us spread the word, if you know somewhere near you which could put up a poster [please download one via this link](#).

Recent Cabinet Decisions

At its meeting on 27th June, SODC Cabinet took decisions to:

- Implement a new car park order with specific changes to fees in Goldsmiths' Lane car park, Wallingford, and to introduce a permit scheme in Wheatley;
- Enter the Thames Valley CCTV Partnership and the creation of an Oxfordshire CCTV Hub for the future provision of public space CCTV;
- Accept a grant from DLUHC for £840k towards the purchase of four homes under the Local Authorities Housing Fund programme, to be supplemented by up to £1.8m from the Council's capital reserve;
- Endorse the Oxfordshire Councils Charter and to become a signatory.