

Gloucestershire County Parishes Report–Oct2025

County News

New electric vehicles launched to support the Gloucestershire Equipment Loan Service

Gloucestershire County Council has launched a new fleet of ten electric vehicles to help Gloucestershire Equipment Loan Service provide equipment to help adults with care and support needs to stay safe at home.

Councils unite to celebrate delivery of phase 1 of Standish multi-user path

Following a joint tour of the Standish multi-user path, representatives from Gloucestershire County Council, Stroud District Council and Standish Parish Council have come together to celebrate the successful delivery of phase 1 — a milestone in Gloucestershire's flagship cycle spine project.

Annual Parent Carer Survey to shape future SEND services

The SEND Local Area Partnership invites all parents and carers of children and young people aged 0–25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to take part in its Annual Parent Carer Survey.

Event showcases the support available from Family Hubs

Gloucestershire County Council recently held an event to showcase how its Family Hubs network will provide support across the county for children, young people and families.

County Council launches the Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund

Gloucestershire County Council is making available £1.1 million worth of grant money for community projects through its new Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund. See below for more information.

'Pass the Book' – Gloucester's library celebrates a historic day

Gloucestershire County Council is delighted to announce the successful completion of the 'Pass the Book' event, which marked the transition from the old library on Brunswick Road to the new Gloucester Library at the City Campus in King's Square.



Cllrs John Patient, Chloe Turner and Beki Hoyland
outside the old library on Brunswick Road



Passing the final books to their new home in King's

Local Government Reorganisation Update

The full LGR proposals have now been released. The proposals include one for a Single Unitary Authority covering the whole of Gloucestershire and another for Two Unitary Authorities, with one covering the West of the county (Gloucester, Forest of Dean, Stroud) and the other the East (Cheltenham, Cotswold, Tewkesbury). Gloucester City Council has also developed a separate proposal for a Greater Gloucester Unitary Council.

Councillors from across the county will now discuss the proposals and vote on their preferred option. At the County level, the debate and vote is scheduled for the next Full Council meeting on the 12th November. Cabinet will then decide on the final proposal to recommend to Government, by 28 November. Government will then begin its own consultation process before taking a final decision, expected in mid-2026.

More information and copies of all three proposals can be found on the dedicated LGR website: <https://futuregloucestershire.org.uk/>.

Neighbourhood Fund Launched

The new Neighbourhood Funds scheme to support grassroots initiative has now been launched. The scheme will deliver funding to community initiatives seeking to make a positive impact on health and wellbeing, access to nature, digital inclusion, community cohesion, and reducing inequalities.

The scheme will run for 18-months, and each Councillor will have £20,000 to support projects in their division. Groups eligible to apply include community and voluntary groups, registered charities, Community Interest Companies, Town and Parish Councils, sports groups, schools and academies and patient led groups. 'For profit' organisations are not eligible.

More information about the new scheme is available on the dedicated [webpage](#). Guidance for how to apply is available [here](#).

GCC Meetings

There were no Full Council or Cabinet meetings held during the month of October. The next Full Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday 12th November**.

However, there were meetings of the Fire and Rescue Committee, Commons and Rights of Way Committee, Constitution Committee, Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Full recordings of any meetings can be found [here](#).

Roads

Please continue to use and promote the use of [FixMyStreet](#) to report issues on the roads.

Greener Gloucestershire News

The Halloween costume swap is back for another year!

From 15 October - 3 November, you can swap an old Halloween costume for a new one. 😊 Just pop along to [any county library](#) and swap your costume.

Save energy this winter 💡

Much of the energy we use on a daily basis comes from fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas). These are non-renewable sources of energy. Burning fossil fuels pollutes the environment and impacts air quality, which can damage our health. It releases carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes towards global warming and climate change. There are now lots more sources of renewable energy, like wind farms and solar farms. These all take up space and need lots of resources to make them, so we still need to reduce the amount of energy we use.

We've put together some useful information about how you can save energy around the home, with no cost, low cost and some cost options depending on how much or little you'd like to do! We've also compiled a list of all the current grants and support that you may be able to access, depending on eligibility.

Take a look ➡ [Making your home more energy efficient | Gloucestershire County Council](#)