

GloucestershireCounty Parishes Report–Dec2025

County News

Fair Funding Review Update

On Wednesday, 17 December, councils received the outcome of the fair funding review with the publishing of a three-year financial settlement for Local Government. The outcome for Gloucestershire is less favourable than hoped, however this year's settlement is more complex due to a new formula and the fact that it includes many, previously separate, grants. Officers are currently working through the numbers to ensure we thoroughly understand the implications.

Gloucestershire County Council launches new strategy to tackle domestic abuse

On Monday 8 December, Gloucestershire County Council launched its new three-year strategy to tackle domestic abuse and make the county a place where everyone can live free from abuse and harm.

County Council shows solidarity with Ukraine

Gloucestershire County Council has signed an agreement with a region of Ukraine to provide support and share the expertise the county has in a number of areas.

Gloucestershire County Council celebrates top national endorsement for active travel ambitions

Gloucestershire County Council has been awarded the Level 3 rating by Active Travel England (ATE), recognising the county as one of England's highest performing authorities for active travel. It is the only predominantly rural council to achieve this milestone.

Have your say on Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service's Community Risk Management Plan

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) is asking residents to help shape its future by sharing views on its new draft Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP).

Important message for bird keepers

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 was confirmed in a large commercial poultry flock near Brockworth, Gloucestershire on 18 December 2025 by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund

The recently launched Grassroots Neighbourhood Fundscheme is continuing to seek applications from eligible groups. The scheme delivers funding to community initiatives seeking to make a positive impact on health and wellbeing, access to nature, digital inclusion, community cohesion, and reducing inequalities. Each Councillor is allocated £20,000 to support projects in their division.

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

Budget

At the end of November, the administration released the draft County Council budget. The budget is currently out for public consultation. The consultation can be viewed [here](#) and will run until 9th January. Over the last few months, the Green Group have been consulting with officers and members on possible amendments, which will be debated and voted upon in February's Full Council meeting.

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GCC Meetings

There was no Full Council meeting held in December. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 18th February** during which the budget will be debated.

There was a meeting of Cabinet held on the 3rd December, during which the draft budget document was approved for consultation and scrutiny. Other decisions taken included:

- Approval of Finance, Risk and Monitoring Report;
- Acceptance of a grant from the Department for Education and procurement of a contract for the continued supply and delivery of the Holiday Activity and Food programme.
- To delegate extension of Household Recycling Centre contract and procurement of minor frameworks for servicing, maintenance, repair and capital works to relevant officers
- Agreement of extensions to purchasing arrangements for the provision of residential care for children and young people and to the existing South West Fostering Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) agreement for the provision of foster care for children and young people.
- Approval of the continued use of Wheatridge Court for the provision of short-term accommodation-based housing related support to refugees granted Leave to Remain.

In addition, meetings were held of the Commons and Rights of Way Committee, Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Pension Committee.

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

Roads

A find and fix gang worked on Mill Lane as well as installing a small bund to divert spring water into the drains rather than onto the road.

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

Greener Gloucestershire News

Meet the most wasted gang 🍷

Christmas is a time for celebration, but festive feasts can put extra strain on waste and household budgets.

Every year UK households throw away 4.4 million tonnes of edible food worth £17bn 🍷 - with Christmas staples like potatoes, poultry and carrots among the most wasted. But your hard-earned festive feast doesn't need to end up in the bin.

Meet the most wasted gang, a group of quirky cowboys rounding up leftovers and recycling food waste this festive season! 🍷

Don't forget to ask the Waste Wizard 🧙♂️ 🔮

Christmas usually creates a lot of waste and items to dispose of. If you're not sure if something can be recycled, or what the best way to dispose of it is, use our [waste wizard tool](#). The wizard will search to find the most sustainable way for you to repair, reuse, recycle or dispose of your household items.

Get composting for 2026 🌱

Considering making your own compost for your New Year's resolution? Make the most of our discounted compost bins! 🌱

Composting at home can help you save money, reduce your carbon emissions, learn about nature and reduce the amount of waste you produce. There is nothing more satisfying than using your home made compost to grow your own vegetables and flowers. See recycling in action in your own garden or home 🌱 🍷 🗑️

Gloucestershire residents are able to get £15 off any compost bin [on the Get Composting website](#).

Future-proof your skills - join local experts at our free heat pump demo 💧

Do you install heating or plumbing? Find out more about installing heat pumps from our panel of experts on **Wednesday 4 February 2026**.

- Join us from 4pm for talks from our heat pump experts. There will then be a chance to talk to our experts and grab a drink from the brewery.
- See a working heat pump and talk to an installer about the business
- Hear from NESTA about a free heat pump for your own home [Start at home for newly trained heat pump installers | Nesta](#)

🔗 For full details, [visit our webpage](#).

Please note this event is for tradespeople only, please email glosclimate@gloucestershire.gov.uk if you are unsure if you are eligible to attend.

SGS College are pleased to be running the following course at the end of January

This in-demand qualification is designed to equip experienced electricians with the knowledge and skills needed to install, commission, maintain, and inspect solar PV systems.

🔗 [LCL Awards Installation and Maintenance of Small Scale Solar PV Systems \(Level 3 Installation of Small Scale Solar PV Systems - LCL Awards\)](#).

Taking place at SGS GREEN on 28-30 January 2026, the course provides a mixture of theory and practical to give learners the knowledge, skills and confidence to install and maintain small scale solar PV systems.

Learners must hold the required qualifications to be eligible, and there are funding options available. **Please help us spread the word 📢**