

Help clean up the Cotswolds – and win!



Until **Sunday 30th April**, the Council is providing schools, community groups and other volunteers with branded sacks, high visibility jackets, gloves and litter pickers, and can also arrange for filled bags to be collected. The event is part of the [Great Cotswold Clean Up](#) competition. Even if you don't think you will win, it's still a great opportunity to clean up your corner of the Cotswolds.

What were the Cotswolds like 50 years ago when the area became an AONB?

Although much has been preserved, there has also been considerable change in the district. If you have photographs of the landscape, especially if they show noticeable changes over this period, please take them along to Notgrove Village Hall between 19:00 and 21:00 on **Wednesday 12th April** where the Cotswold Conservation Board will be collecting photographs of then and now.

Interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?



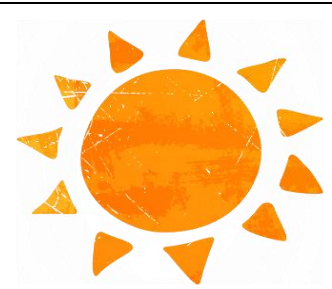
Applications are invited for a new Councillor for Temple Guiting Parish. Councillors have [powers and duties](#) which impact directly on the community. Elections will take place if 10 voters register their request for an election with The Returning Officer CDC by 13th April. Elections will then take place before 21st June. If insufficient requests are received the Council can co-opt a new Councillor.

Your chance to vote for our local CDC Councillor on 4th May 2017

Nigel Moor, Conservative, is standing for re-election on May 4 alongside Liberal Democrat, UKIP and Green Party [candidates](#).


To vote you will need a poll card. These were posted to electors on Friday 24 March. For anyone not already registered, the deadline for registrations is midnight on **Thursday 13th April**. The easiest way to register is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or contact CDC for a paper form. To vote by post or by proxy go to www.yourvotematters.co.uk or contact CDC for paper copies. Call the helpline on 01285 623002 or email elections@cotswold.gov.uk if you have any questions.

Green energy update



After a great deal of research, the first community solar energy generation project is beginning to take shape. The owners of Hitchins Farm plan to install solar panels on the barn roof. Barns are ideal for solar power generation especially if south facing and not shaded by trees. The objectives of the project are to generate sustainable local power, reduce energy costs and provide an income for investors (local investment will be encouraged) while also generating funds for the local community. More about the scheme as details become available.

Managing flood risk

	<p>Temple Guiting parish is one of many which have experienced flooding in the past. The Government has allocated £millions to flood defence and resilience and has invited representatives to a strategy discussion entitled 'Reducing the Risk and Impact of Flooding'. If you would like to represent Temple Guiting at this event please register online or call 0203 770 6580. It's in London on 27th April. Read the full agenda to find out more.</p>
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Cotswolds Farming Forum – April 27th

Cotswolds AONB has chosen the topic of 'Farming and the Cotswolds Landscape after Brexit' for this year's farming forum. It will be held at the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester from 6.30 to 8.45p.m. Register [here](#).


Temple Guiting's Extraordinary Jumble Sale - May 6th

The 'Extraordinary Jumble Sale' will take place between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday 6 May in the Village Hall. All proceeds go to Temple Guiting School. To donate items please call 01451 850554.

Save the date – Saturday July 8th

The village summer party will take place at 6pm on July 8th at Temple Guiting House by kind permission of Sue Finlator. Please bring your family and neighbours to support this key local community event. Highlights will include 'Street Food', live entertainment, children's games and bar. Tickets will go on sale in the village shop.

Free food waste caddies

	<p>You can collect a free food waste caddy – for indoor use only, don't put it out with the rest of your recycling – from Cotswold District Council offices at Moreton or Cirencester. They are designed to help people to recycle more in the area.</p>
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Do you have information about how World War I affected our villages?

Each Cotswold District Councillor will soon receive an allocation of £750 to fund activities marking the centenary of the end of the First World War. Villages can apply for funding for activities or events which commemorate the end of the conflict. Perhaps you have a family story, or know how the war affected your village, and would like help developing the idea. If so please do get in [touch](#).

Good news for drivers

The current 'free after 3 pm' parking scheme is being extended until the end of March 2018. Parking charges will also be frozen for another year. These local car parks are taking part: Rissington Road, Bourton-on-the-Water; Old Market Way, Moreton-in-Marsh; and Mangersbury Rd, Stow-on-the-Wold (the Fosse Way car park is already free).

Major grant support available

Two major grant providers are currently looking for projects to support in the Cotswolds:

Cotswold AONB is offering grants of up to £8,000 for sustainable ideas or projects which will improve the Cotswolds both now and in the future. To find out more about the Cotswolds AONB Sustainable Development Fund visit <http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/grants-and-projects/sdf/>

The **Cotswolds LEADER Rural Grant Programme** is offering grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 towards projects that create jobs and benefit the rural economy, but only until Brexit. Farmers, growers, foresters, other local rural businesses and rural organisations in the Cotswolds with up to 50 FTE employees, and turnover of less than €10m (about £7.9 million) are eligible. For more information and to apply visit www.cotswoldsleader.org.uk

Cotswold rural skills training available



If you would like to learn skills to help maintain the local landscape, the Cotswolds Conservation Board is offering courses in hedge laying, coppicing, carving, blacksmithing, dry stone walling, thatching, weaving and lime mortaring. The [website](#) provides more information.

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