



**Councillor
Andrew
Prosser**

BUILDING BACK BETTER IN WITNEY!

Local workforce needed to green retrofit West Oxfordshire homes

Green Party Town **Councillor Andrew Prosser** has welcomed the new national Green Homes Grant Scheme as a great opportunity to **create new jobs in Oxfordshire**, as well as a crucial step in upgrading homes to improve energy efficiency and help tackle the climate emergency. **Abingdon & Witney College** plans to expand future green skills training, but local TrustMark-accredited suppliers are needed *now*, to take advantage of this scheme.

Cllr Prosser is calling on local Councils and enterprise partnerships to speed up green skills investment and **create a fast-track route for local suppliers to get accredited**. "These are the types of skills that we know there is a market for, and **with the jobs situation post-Covid, it would be a failure if Witney households can't access local suppliers who can do this work.**"



Councillor Andrew Prosser is calling for investment in local green skills training

WRAP UP WARM FOR WINTER

Up to £5,000 green homes grant to pay for home insulation

Homeowners can get help to make their homes warmer and more energy efficient this Winter.

- The Green Homes Grant scheme can provide up to £5,000 (£10,000 in some cases) to help pay for improvements such as improving insulation and installing low-carbon heating.
- Cosy Homes Oxfordshire can help with planning and managing the work, including getting quotes from registered suppliers: cosyhomesoxfordshire.org.
- Beware of scammers! Only use TrustMark approved suppliers: simpleenergyadvice.org.uk

COVID-19 SUPPORT Sadly the coronavirus has not gone away and looks to be with us for the coming months. However, our strong community in Witney continues to care for one another. You can find support through oxfordshireallin.org or call WODC on **01993 861077**.

A MORE WELCOMING WITNEY

Creating a cleaner, healthier and more visitor-friendly town centre

Councillor Andrew Prosser presented his **petition for joined-up cycle and walking routes** in Witney to Oxfordshire County Council on 17 September. The next step is mapping out routes.

In the meantime, Andrew has helped to get **new bike racks installed** on the High Street, which has been closed to cars to



Example 'road open' signs

give more space for people visiting the town centre and reduce the spread of Covid-19. He has proposed **planters and "road open" signs** for a more welcoming feel.



Andrew pushed for the new bike racks in the town centre

MORE A40 TRAFFIC CHAOS?

Salt Cross: 2200 new homes on A40 by Eynsham



Cllr Andrew Prosser is demanding bus lanes

Together with new developments in East, West and North Witney, the planned Eynsham development will add to strain on West Oxfordshire's creaking infrastructure.

Councillor Andrew Prosser said, "**The new dual carriageway must include dedicated bus lanes for rapid transit**, joining the centres of Carterton, Witney, and Oxford. Otherwise even more cars will be stuck in traffic jams on the A40 and the clogged streets of Witney."

NEWS IN BRIEF

WITNEY COMMUNITY

FRIDGE: residents can collect **food for free** (and prevent it from going to waste) at the Luke Room behind the Methodist Church, 40 High Street. Mon, Tue, Thu & Sat (from mid Oct) 11am-12pm.

NORTH WITNEY ON

FACEBOOK: keep up-to-date on community news via the 'North Witney Community' Facebook group.

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