



**Councillor
Andrew
Prosser**

WITNEY HIT BY FLOODING AGAIN

Again and again – we need action!

Councillor Andrew Prosser was out shifting sandbags and helping with the emergency caused by the flooding over Christmas and January.

“Sandbags are not enough,” Andrew says. **“We need joined-up action to protect homes in Witney from flooding again.”**

He is looking at local solutions to improve the flow, including better **clearance under the bridge**, as well as more effective emergency planning. Andrew has also called for a halt to any new development which increases the risk of surface water flooding.

But he points out that the real answers lie upstream: **trees, better planting and other natural solutions** can soak up water, reducing the threat of flooding in Witney, while benefiting wildlife. As town councillor, Andrew has called for **community control over management of the river** and is pushing for coordinated action from Thames Water and the Environment Agency.



**Cllr Prosser was supporting
flooded residents over Christmas**

COVID-19

Support for people in lockdown or shielding or isolating

We owe it to the memory of all those who have lost their lives, and to those who have lost loved ones, to continue to find ways of supporting our community, whilst keeping everyone safe.

West Oxfordshire District Council Covid support: if you need urgent support phone 01993 861077 or email community.support@westoxon.gov.uk, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Outside of these times please call 0151 34 32 945

Oxfordshire Mind oxfordshiremind.org.uk 01865 247788

Samaritans samaritans.org Call 116 123

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PATHS AND PIPING FIRST IN EAST WITNEY DEVELOPMENT

Action needed to prevent worsening traffic, air quality and flooding

Green Party Town Councillor Andrew Prosser is calling for **transport links, wastewater treatment and other vital services** to be put in place **before new housing is built in East Witney.**

As Witney Town Council considers the East Witney development proposals, there are significant concerns about the infrastructure needed to support the 495 new homes planned.

Andrew said, “**Air pollution and congestion** on Bridge Street is already unacceptable, and the potential for increased **surface water run-off** from the development needs to be minimised.”

Timing is important. “New cycle and public transport links to the development and the Shores Green A40 link road could actually improve the current situation but only if they are put in place before construction starts.”



Cllr Andrew Prosser is calling for new links to be put in first in East Witney development

2021: A BIG YEAR FOR THE CLIMATE

Progress must go faster and further



Local councils declared a climate emergency in 2019

Witney Town Council is calling on our MP to support the principles in the **Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill**, following a Motion from Andrew in December. The Bill calls for the UK to reduce our real fair share of climate emissions, including from overseas production of goods we consume.

NEWS IN BRIEF



QUARRY RD PLAYGROUND: new play equipment will be installed this year after Andrew pushed for improvements to the playground on Quarry Road.

ANDREW WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

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How can we help? If you have a comment or query about our area, or to get involved, please get in touch.

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ANDREW PROSSER: WORKING HARD FOR WITNEY