

Oxford City Council Thriving Communities Strategy 2023 to 2027



Easy read booklet

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Who we are and what we do



We are **Community Services**, part of Oxford City Council. We run some **public services** for people in Oxford.



This includes services like:

- **parks**
- **leisure centres**
- **community centres**
- **the Museum of Oxford**



We want to make Oxford a **better, healthier and fairer place** for people.

What this strategy is about



Making the most of our **community facilities** like parks, leisure and community centres.



Preventing people from **getting sick**.

Helping people to **lead healthy lives**.



Making everyone in Oxford **feel safe and part of the community**.



Making Oxford **fairer and reducing the gap between rich and poor**.

How we made the strategy



We started work on our **strategy** before Covid in 2020.

We restarted in 2022.



We **wrote our thoughts** in a paper for people to think about and we asked them for their views.



We **talked to:**

- many people in Oxford
- community groups
- other councils and healthcare providers

Important things we know



Some people are **less likely** to be **physically active**, such as:

- people living in **disadvantaged areas**
- people with **disabilities**



Money spent on community facilities and activities creates many benefits for people.



Oxford has many **community facilities** like parks and leisure centres, but **not everyone feels able to use them.**

What people told us is important



Building trust and working with all communities in Oxford.



Communicating clearly.



Making spaces welcoming.

Welcome

How we will work to make Oxford a better, healthier and fairer city



We will **communicate better**.

Live Well Oxfordshire

We will add **community and wellbeing activities** to the [Live Well Oxfordshire](#) website.



We will help people **to work together**.



We will make our **community facilities** easier for people to use.



We will do all we can to make it **easier** for people to be **active and live a healthy life**.

Words we have used (part 1)



Community facilities

- Places that are usually open to the public and include leisure centres, community centres and arts or culture venues.



Community and wellbeing activities

- Activities that support good physical or mental health and feeling part of a community.



Community Services

- This is a part of Oxford City Council that works to make sure people live happy and healthy lives.

Words we have used (part 2)



Physically active

- This means people moving their bodies and can include things like walking, cycling and other activities that get you moving.



Public services

- These are important services that may be run by councils and includes things like parks, leisure centres and community centres.



Strategy

- A plan that shows what we will do and how we will do it.

How to contact us for more information



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