

OCC (Sonning Common & Henley South) councillor's report

Shiplake – 8th June 2026

Quiet Lanes

OCC are launching a “quiet Lanes” initiative. Quiet Lanes are ones with limited traffic, alternative vehicular routes and benefits for cyclists, walkers and horse-riders.

Proposals for such lanes must come from the local communities – and must be supported by the local parish (or town) council and the local county councillor.

Such lanes are likely to be closed-off at one end to vehicles. They will of course remain open to vehicular access for any residents or farm access to fields etc. They will be clearly signed.

Ideally such lanes might help support a modest network of green lanes for cycling and active travel – including horse-riding.

More details are here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/local-transport-and-connectivity-plan/active-travel/quiet-lanes-programme>

Cabinet at OCC

From 20th May 2026 onwards Tim Bearder has become the new Leader of OCC and the new cabinet is as follows **overleaf**. There have been some thoughtful changes in the way that responsibilities have been grouped. The Environment and Economy are consciously grouped together and there is a particular focus on Highway repairs and construction.

Leigh Rawlins

County Councillor (Sonning Common & Henley South)

Oxfordshire County Council

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- Devolution
- Strategy and Delivery



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- Governance and legal
- IT operations
- Communications
- Library service and cultural services



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- SEND
- Education
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- Public transport and rail
- Parking and traffic management
- Roads policy and network management
- Low emission and local transport plans



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- Finance and corporate financial management
- Corporate transformation
- Digital and customer experience
- Procurement and property
- S106 release



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- Highways maintenance and repairs
- Major road schemes and bridges
- Streetworks and streetlighting
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- Highways communications and contracts



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- Adult social care
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- Voluntary and community sector
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Emergency planning and trading standards



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and Human Resources

- Local government reorganisation
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- Human resources



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- Economy and community wealth building
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