

District Councillor Report
Haseley Brook ward
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Cllr Georgina Heritage

My Meetings and Activity

While there may have been limited council business over the past few weeks, there has certainly been a great deal of General Election fever. Four South Oxfordshire district councillors stood as parliamentary candidates for their respective parties: Freddie van Mierlo for the Lib Dems, Jo Robb and Sam Casey-Rerhaye for the Green Party, and Mocky Khan for Labour.

As you're no doubt aware, Cllr Freddie van Mierlo has been elected as Henley & Thame's first non-Conservative MP since 1910, which he won with a 45% share of the votes. I couldn't be more delighted for both Freddie and the constituency. I have every confidence in his authenticity, sincerity and tenacity to trust he will be an excellent MP for Henley & Thame.

In terms of my own activity over the past month, as Cabinet member for Communities I've attended several public safety meetings and am pleased to have been involved in the proposal for a shared CCTV room for Oxfordshire, located in Abingdon police station. For several years there's been a collective desire between the five Oxfordshire districts and Thames Valley Police for a shared Oxfordshire CCTV control room. Bringing the current control rooms together will provide benefits for all partners. More CCTV operators in the control room will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the monitoring and provide a more resilient service with more 'real time' monitoring and no lone working, as well as future capital investment from Thames Valley Police.

Cabinet voted unanimously in favour of this proposal at our meeting in public on 27th June, and more information about this will be published soon.

I've also been involved in SODC's calendar of activities for children over the summer period, and include details of this herebb:

Summer Fun with Free and Low-cost Activities for Families

Girls' football, fun activity days, skateboarding and pickleball are just some of the free and low-cost activities available for children and their families to enjoy during the summer holidays.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are hosting activities and events at locations across the area from **19 July to 31 August**.

The councils' Active Communities team are providing a series of free Xplorer sessions, 'Born to Move' fitness and dance sessions and lots more for young children. Girls aged 5 to 11 have the chance to

get involved with football, make new friends and have fun during Girls' Football sessions. Families can come together to enjoy Fun Days, and skateboarding and scooter enthusiasts can enjoy competitions, games, prizes and more at the popular Summer of Skate skateboarding events which take place throughout the summer.

There will be lots more besides, and the activities are expected to be very popular so, where required, please book now to avoid disappointment.

For a full run down of what's on and details on how to book, visit southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Better Leisure Centres across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse, managed on behalf of the district councils by GLL, also have a range of family activities to get involved over the summer holidays. Details about what's available at each centre can be found on [the Better UK website](#) and the leisure centre Facebook pages. The outdoor pools in Abingdon and Wallingford will also be open for those of all ages to enjoy a swim in the sun.

As quoted in the recent press release, I'm thrilled to kick off the summer with some great activities for children and their families to enjoy. We want every family to be part of the fun so please share this information with anyone who might benefit. Do visit the website and book now to secure your spot.