

1. INTRODUCTION

The Parish Council (PC) is a civil local authority and the first tier of local government. It is an elected corporate body, has tax raising powers via a precept included in the annual council tax and is responsible for the area known as the civil parish.

1.1 Deddington

The parish of Deddington is a community of some 2,150 people in north Oxfordshire. The principal settlement of Deddington lies on the A4260 5.5 miles (9km) south of Banbury and 16.5 (26.5) miles north of Oxford. The parish includes the two smaller villages of Hempton (population c.285) and Clifton (population c.240) connected west to east by the B4031. The parish is 4,246 acres (1,718 ha) in extent.

The landform of the parish is made up of undulating ironstone hills and valleys, including the Swere and Cherwell valleys along the northern and eastern boundaries. Each of the three villages is surrounded by open agricultural land.

There are two sites in the parish designated as Scheduled Ancient Monuments: Deddington Castle, a Norman motte-and-bailey castle and earthworks, is owned by the PC apart from the motte or mound where the castle once stood, which is owned by English Heritage; and the site of Ilbury Camp hillfort, dating from the Iron Age, lies near the western boundary of the parish.

On account of the special architectural or historic interest of many buildings and features in Deddington, including the castle earthworks, mediaeval street layout and vernacular building materials, a Conservation Area was designated in 1988 to preserve or enhance local character and appearance.



At the heart of the village is the Market Place, dominated by the parish church and its iconic Town Hall. Two small village greens are surrounded by shops, pubs and houses.



To the northwest of Deddington village, adjoining the Swere, there is a community wood known as Daeda's Wood, planted in 1996. This is managed by the Woodland Trust.

1.2 The Council

Deddington PC has 14 councillors, a Parish Clerk and two stewards. PC meetings are held either at the Windmill Community Centre or the Old School Room in Hempton, usually on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. An Annual Parish Meeting is held in May each year. Residents are encouraged to attend PC meetings and are invited to address the council on any issue relevant to the parish. Notices of meetings are placed on the PC's website and noticeboards throughout the parish.

The PC is responsible for complying with the governance and accountability requirements placed on local councils. Deddington PC operates under a number of controls including, *inter alia*, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, a Code of Conduct, a Risk Assessment, Complaint, Grievance and Disciplinary procedures, all of which are reviewed annually, together with internal and external audits.

1.3 Mission Statement

To enhance the quality of life for the community of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton, to preserve and expand recreational, sports and other facilities in the parish, to maintain the parish identity as it expands with new development, and to encourage a community spirit.

1.4 PC's duties and responsibilities:

(a) Parish Council Office

The PC office is in the Windmill Centre, Hempton Road, Deddington, OX15 0QH. The Clerk is the first point of contact for residents – by post to the parish office; by telephone: 01869 337447; or email deddingtonparishcouncil@googlemail.com



The Parish Clerk:

- Calls meetings of the councillors (by means of a summons) and publishes notices on the public noticeboards and the PC website
- Attends PC meetings and provides advice on local government law and protocol
- Processes emails, letters, proposals, complaints and reports of problems in the village, then passes these to working groups of the council and monitors work carried out to resolve them
- Receives consultation requests from outside bodies, including planning applications from Cherwell District Council
- Maintains PC documents and oversees the PC's website
- As Responsible Financial Officer keeps the council's accounts, collates the annual budget, handles the council's investments and liaises with the internal and external auditors
- Manages the Hempton Road cemetery
- Manages staff
- Oversees allotments

(b) Assets

- Ownership of the Windmill Community Centre, which is leased to a board of trustees and run by a management committee
- Ownership and management of sports pitches at the Windmill Centre, the MUGA and half-MUGA – and ownership and overall maintenance of the all-weather court (AWC). Bookings are handled by the Windmill Management Committee
- The management of allotments at Satin Lane, Deddington, and the ownership and management of Hempton’s Stone Pits allotments
- Ownership and maintenance of Deddington Castle Grounds, greatly assisted by the Friends of Castle Grounds and with financial support from English Heritage
- Ownership and maintenance of other parish green spaces including Goose Green, Welford’s Piece in Clifton, Gaveston Gardens green, a green area in Mill Close, and a sward of grass at the north end of Wimborn Close
- Ownership and maintenance of an Adventure Playground, Woodland Trail, a Pocket Park for younger children and a Fitness Trail on the playing fields at Windmill Park; a play area in Wimborn Close; and a play area in Welford’s Piece, Clifton



- Public noticeboards (see Appendix 1)
- Bus shelters (see Appendix 2)
- Defibrillators (See Appendix 4)
- Other more minor assets are listed in Appendix 15

(c) Open Spaces

One of the main tasks – and expenses – of the PC is grass cutting and maintaining the open spaces in the parish. The parish stewards mow the Adventure Playground, the Pocket Park, the cemetery in Hempton Road and the village greens. The PC employs contractors to mow the remaining open spaces – see details below 3.3 b (see *also* No Mow May, section 3b).

(d) Cemetery

- The PC owns and is responsible for the Hempton Road cemetery. Burials and scattering of ashes can be arranged in conjunction with the Parish Clerk and a list of charges and regulations concerning interments, spreading of ashes and the maintenance of headstones is available at the parish office. The cemetery rules can be found in the Cemetery Policy document accessible on the PC website under the dropheading 'More' and then 'Policies'.
- In conjunction with the Clerk, the E&R working group oversees grass-cutting, tree management and hedge trimming
- Periodic topple tests on gravestones and health and safety inspections are carried out
- Cemetery records, showing who is buried where, who holds the Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave and their contact details, and which plots are reserved, are held at the Parish Office and are digitised



(e) Trees

The PC organises regular tree surveys on parish-owned land throughout the parish – including the Castle Grounds, the cemetery, and the copse and Woodland Trail at Windmill Park; it finances felling, pruning and replanting as necessary (for more detail, see section 3.3).

(f) Risk assessment

The PC carries out an annual risk assessment of the play areas, cemetery, Castle Grounds and other publicly used facilities. It also carries out individual assessments for events such as Remembrance Day.



(g) Parish footpaths

Keen walkers among the PC members regularly walk the footpaths throughout the parish to ensure, in liaison with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), that they are passable and that the correct signage is in place. Footpaths include Circular Walks connecting Deddington village with Clifton and Hempton in a figure of eight.

2. THE FORWARD PLAN 2024–27

2.1 Introduction

The Forward Plan is a statement of our vision for the parish and sets out the PC's purpose, objectives and key priorities for the three-year period. The Plan will be subject to an annual review in February each year and progress will be monitored periodically by the council and its working groups.

The Action Plan, including forward plans, will be published on the PC's website and other community channels – and will be available in printed format at the parish office.

Deddington PC will continue in its aim to be a professional and effective council which ensures sound financial management and stands open and accountable in everything it does. The annual governance statements show the PC has met and continues to meet these aims and objectives.

2.2 Overview

The PC has recently completed a number of major plans; others are underway or in prospect. These have been undertaken as a direct response to a Parish Survey carried out in 2014 in connection with the proposed Neighbourhood Plan. The results of the survey revealed a widespread demand within the parish for improvements, above all, to play areas, and for refurbishment and expansion at the Windmill Community Centre.

(a) Play areas

Windmill Adventure Playground and Woodland Trail:

More equipment is planned for the adventure playground. *Timeframe:* 2024–25

Both the Adventure Playground and Pocket Park continue to be very popular with children, families, parents and carer givers.

Wimborn Close play area:

Additional new equipment will be installed thanks to a S106 contribution from the Hempton Gate housing development alongside. *Timeframe:* 2024–25

Welford's Piece play area:

This will be upgraded and expanded using funds from the Clifton Gate housing development. *Timeframe:* 2024–25.

(b) Outdoor sports

The former play area near the tennis courts is being turned into two mini tennis courts to introduce children to tennis. A water supply to the tennis pavilion will be laid at the same time. *Timeframe:* 2024.



From this ...



... to this (June 2024, completion July)

(c) Windmill Community Centre

The Windmill Community Centre is run by a board of trustees and a management committee, both made up of volunteers (and registered as a charity). Fees from letting the rooms and facilities at the centre provide an income which the committee uses to cover insurance, make running repairs and implement improvements.

Recently completed projects include:

- Kitchen refurbished with stainless steel fittings and appliances
- New and larger electrical distribution board
- Generator connector point added for use in an emergency

- New cricket nets
- Repainted hall, new door and stage curtains (the latter funded by Deddington Festival which has sadly decided not to continue)
- New doors throughout
- New carpet on the all-weather court



The programme of refurbishments in 2024–25 includes:

- Roof: work on the long-awaited over-roof was completed in May 2024



- Addition of acoustic panels in the Studio and Hall
- Improvements to the CCTV camera coverage
- Refurbishment of the upstairs kitchen and toilets is also on the wishlist

(c) Ongoing responsibilities

- Maintain relationship with trustees and the Windmill Management Committee (WMC) as laid out in the 100-year lease renewed in 2019
- Consider WMC's annual Budget and Business Plan
- Review and undertake capital projects/major repairs
- Maintain CCTV, wi-fi and EV charging points in conjunction with management committee
- Maintain sports pitches and play areas and comply with RoSPA inspection findings

3. WORKING GROUPS

Working groups deal with specific areas of responsibility of the PC in more detail and make recommendations to the full council at its monthly meetings. The groups have each considered their role in the Action Plan. The groups are:

- Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)
- Planning
- Environment & Recreation (E&R)
- Highways & Transport (H&T)
- Large-Scale Developments
- Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- Emergency & Winter Planning

3.1 Finance & General Purposes Working Group

New facilities provided or underway (as described above) will need upkeep and eventually replacement. F&GP is responsible for forward planning to ensure the necessary funding will be available to finance these from the precept and other funding sources, and that the Action Plan is properly resourced.

Other duties of F&GP include:

- Overseeing the PC's finances
- Receiving and responding to internal and external audits
- Reviewing the PC's assets
- Recommending to the PC how to invest its assets
- Managing the PC's grants scheme
- Seeking grants and S106 contributions to bring improvements to the parish
- Reviewing costs and fees of burials and memorials at the cemetery
- Advising the PC in December every year when the council sets the budget and precept for the next financial year
- Staff matters
- Updating PC documents and policies, including Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Risk Assessments



3.2 Planning Working Group

As a statutory consultee, Deddington PC reviews all planning applications and provides feedback where appropriate to Cherwell District Council (CDC), representing local views. The Planning Working Group has responsibility for keeping abreast of applications in the parish, visiting the relevant sites and making recommendations to the PC as to what its response should be. The PC does not have the power to approve or reject planning applications, but it can advise CDC, the local planning authority, and suggest conditions that might be attached to approvals. We will support, wherever possible, parishioners seeking to improve their property taking into consideration comments from the community when reviewing applications.



The Planning Working Group is also responsible for:

- Considering all matters relating to Listed Building Consents, Buildings of Special Architectural Interest, Historic Buildings and the Conservation Area
- Commenting on Tree Preservation Orders and seeking approval for further TPOs if deemed necessary

3.3 Environment & Recreation Working Group

The E&R group oversees and recommends to the PC the partial or total finance of grass cutting throughout the parish, tree management and dog bin emptying.

(a) Current projects

- Amended implementation of a 'No Mow May/June' grass-cutting scheme, in which grass in designated areas of the parish is left uncut to promote biodiversity and encourage wildflowers.
- Install two mini tennis courts on derelict land adjacent to the tennis courts, along with a water supply to the tennis pavilion.



(b) Ongoing responsibilities

- Grass-cutting by contractor in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton; 3-year contracts were renewed in spring 2023
Verges (with approximately half the cost borne by OCC)
Gaveston Green; Mill Close green; Wimborn Close green; Welford's Piece
Castle Grounds (with contribution from English Heritage) Goose Green
- Sports pitches and surrounds at Windmill Park with large contribution and input from sports clubs. *Timeframe*: Eight cuts per year – more as requested and paid for by sports clubs
- Grass-cutting by parish stewards: village greens at Market Place; Hempton Road cemetery; Windmill Park Adventure Playground and Pocket Park. *Timeframe*: as needed
- Weed control: manage twice yearly by contractor
- Hedge management: manage 3-year contract 2024–27 with outside contractor, renewed spring 2023

- Tree management: the 3-yearly tree survey was completed in 2023, identifying dead, diseased or dangerous trees. The resulting maintenance work began in spring 2024. Felling trees beyond a certain size requires planning permission if the tree is within the Conservation Area or is the subject of a Tree Preservation Order. Potentially remove liquid amber trees on larger Market Place green as oak tree becomes established. The PC has a policy of replacing felled trees. Suitable locations for new planting are limited
- Deddington Environment Network (DEN) works in conjunction with the Parish Council to carry out twice yearly litter picks throughout the parish
- Empty litter bins and dog bins: stewards empty the parish litter bins; Cherwell District Council empty dog foul bins (see App I I for list of dog bins). *Timeframe:* weekly
- Review dog fouling: *Timeframe:* constantly
- Noticeboard maintenance: in conjunction with parish stewards (see App I for list of noticeboards)
- Market Place benches: maintain and replace as necessary

(c) Play areas

Overall aim: to maintain as safe, enjoyable open spaces for benefit of parishioners and other visitors

- Windmill Park Adventure Playground and Woodland Trail: Weekly, monthly and annual inspections. Repair and replace as necessary. Keep bark path topped up in Woodland Trail, clear brushwood and saplings
- Windmill Pocket Park: Inspect regularly, repair, replace
- Welford's Piece: Inspect regularly, repair, replace
- Wimborn Close, Welford's Piece and Windmill play areas: Additional play equipment. *Timeframe:* 2024–25
- Castle Grounds:
 - Maintain as safe open space for benefit of parish and wider public
 - Maintain property agreement with English Heritage which owns the motte mound
 - Cut grass throughout with financial contribution from English Heritage
 - Maintain partnership with Friends of Castle Grounds
 - Inspect paths, close and repair if unsafe
 - Manage trees



(d) All-weather court at Windmill Park

- Annual inspection
- Windmill Management Committee, which is responsible for bookings and day-to-day maintenance, has taken on responsibility for regular cleaning
- Regenerate surface as needed – potentially at 5-year intervals
- Repaint line markings as necessary

(e) MUGA and half-MUGA

Inspect, clean and repair as necessary



(f) Allotments



The allotments in Deddington village are situated at the end of Satin Lane which is a narrow track off St Thomas Street, on land rented from M&G (a global investment management company based in the City of London). There are around 48 allotments under cultivation and there is usually a waiting list of people requesting a plot. If you are interested in becoming an allotment holder, register your interest with the Parish Clerk, who can also provide copies of the allotment rules.

The allotments are managed by the Satin Lane Allotment Society (a member of The National Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Ltd) and the Clerk, with oversight by the PC's Environment and Recreation working group. The Allotment Society collects rents which are passed to the Parish Clerk with a 20% collection fee payable.

In the proposed Deddington Neighbourhood Plan the Satin Lane allotments are designated as Local Green Space which, if the NP is endorsed in the May 2024 referendum, would give them the same protection as Green Belt land.

The PC owns the Stone Pits allotments on the Duns Tew road at Hempton. The Clerk collects rents directly. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in taking on an allotment.



(g) Dog fouling

There has been an increase in the number of instances of dog fouling in the village. Parishioners are reminded that anyone allowing a dog in their charge to foul any area to which the public has access is committing an offence. The Council uses residents' money to provide bins across the parish for the use of dog owners so please use them as dog mess is a health hazard.



Cherwell District Council is responsible for monitoring dog fouling, the issue of fixed penalty notices and for initiating court proceedings against offenders. By law dog owners must pick up any mess made by their dogs. If owners do not clear up behind their dog and evidence is available Cherwell District Council will investigate and prosecute them. The penalty for not clearing up behind your dog is up to £1,000 if taken to court, but there is

also provision for a fixed penalty scheme with a fine of £50 in England. The dog warden will investigate any fouling allegations within the district.

Please use the use dog bins which are located throughout the parish. In 2022 the PC paid Cherwell over £2,500 of taxpayers' money to empty these, so please put them to good use.

Anyone witnessing an incident of dog fouling can report it by contacting CDC Environmental Services on 01295 227007 or via the [CDC website](#).

(h) Combatting Climate Change

The PC works actively with the Deddington Environment Network on projects like:

- Providing more EV charging points in the parish in addition to the two at the Windmill Centre
- No Mow May/June
- Tree management
- Litter picks
- Welford's Piece orchard and wildflower patch
- Wildflowers in the Pocket Park and Adventure Playground
- Bat and swift boxes

3.4 Highways and Transport Working Group (H&TWG)

Deddington PC's objective is to improve road safety for residents on roads and footpaths throughout the parish. This is the main priority of the Highways and Transport Working Group. Speeding and traffic management are known to be a major concern of residents.

Oxfordshire County Council is responsible for the roads in the parish and, despite financial constraints, where possible funds safety improvements considered necessary by parishioners. S106 and S278 contributions from developers can also be helpful. Where no outside funds are available, the PC considers financing projects itself from the precept in extreme circumstances.

In 2023 a 20mph speed limit was introduced across the parish on all roads which previously carried a 30mph limit. The speed limit on the road between Deddington and Clifton, and Deddington and Hempton was reduced to. 50mph. It is anticipated three replacement VASs (Vehicle Activated Signs) corresponding with the new 20mph limit will be installed by OCC.



The Highways group's Action Plan for the next three years includes:

- Liaising with OCC on the installation of electric vehicle charging points in Deddington
- Maintaining 'pothole tsars' and pursuing training offered by OCC with a view to identifying potholes and ensuring they are repaired speedily
- Maintaining and monitoring the Civils list – a list of repairs to roads, pavements and road signs carried out by a team of OCC workers
- Encouraging parishioners to make use of OCC's 'Fix My Street' online facility
- Identify highways requirements for S106 and S278 monies, e.g. traffic calming measures

- Making site visits whenever necessary to understand and respond to issues raised by parishioners
- Maintaining the current good relationship with OCC and encourage them to include the PC as stakeholders and consultees when disabled bays are to be installed
- Overseeing the footpath for Earl's Lane to be provided on the back of a new housing development on the Clifton Road
- Disseminating information about and be proactive in applying for grants for electric vehicle charging points across the parish and ensure that these are suitably located
- Members of the Highways group to participate in appropriate OALC training
- The group's transport representative attends the Oxfordshire Parish Transport Representatives' periodic meetings; where possible encourages the use of S106 contributions to improve bus services; updates the council about the Comet service and other community bus projects; and assists the Parish Clerk to liaise with Stagecoach concerning route diversions of the S4 bus

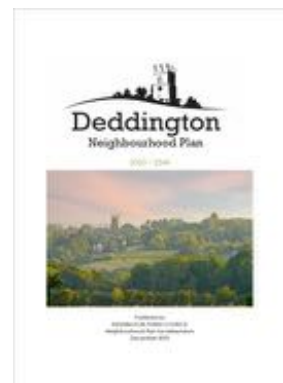
3.5 Large-Scale Developments Working Group

This working group

- Reports on and investigates planning applications for major developments within the parish and monitors what community benefits might be obtained if consent were granted by CDC
- Maintains and updates a list of desired improvements to the parish's amenities, public services and highways which may be fundable from time to time through S106 and S278 agreements or other forms of planning gain related to proposed developments affecting the Parish
- Aims to protect the interest of future residents on new estates concerning responsibility for play areas, drainage and attenuation ponds, estate roads and rubbish collection

3.6 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The group created a consultation document on the Neighbourhood Plan for new housing development in the parish which balances national and local planning requirements with the aspirations and needs of Deddington parishioners. The informal document was circulated to all householders in June 2022. Responses from parishioners were assessed, posted on the Neighbourhood Plan website and, together with a Housing Needs Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment carried out by independent consultants, formed the basis of the draft neighbourhood plan.



The Submission Neighbourhood Plan was delivered to Cherwell District Council (CDC) in May 2023 (Regulation 15). CDC began a six-week consultation in June 2023 (Regulation 16); 18 responses were received. In August the plan was forwarded to a government examiner. He approved the plan in December but required a few minor amendments which were incorporated into the plan.

The amended Neighbourhood Plan was approved by CDC's executive committee at its February 2024 meeting. A referendum on the final plan, in which all electors in Deddington parish were eligible to vote, was held on 2 May 2024. The result was 791 yes and 58 no, a

resounding approval. Turnout was on 46.8%, by far the highest of any of the elections in Cherwell on that day. The Plan was 'made' by Cherwell District Council at a meeting of the full council on 22 May 2024.

The Neighbourhood Plan has endeavoured to identify the parish's wishes concerning where future housing and businesses should be located, environmental priorities and improvements to local facilities and services, providing guidance to CDC and the PC.

3.7 Emergency and Winter Planning Group

Emergency: The group keeps current the parish's Emergency Plan, which lists the cascade of individuals and services to be alerted in the event of an emergency such as major fire, explosion, flooding, road blockage, or epidemic; identifies places of refuge, etc.



Snow: The group monitors the salt bins and maintains a list of volunteer snow wardens who can help clear paths and access routes for the elderly and vulnerable in the event of snowfall or icy conditions.

As the 2020 Covid pandemic demonstrated, Deddington is fortunate to have a large number of community-minded people who step in to help their neighbours and the parish at large in an emergency. The PC honours and supports them.

4. OUTSIDE BODIES

Parish Councillors are nominated each year to sit on a number of outside bodies which include the following:

- Board of governors of Deddington Primary School
- Board of trustees of Deddington Charity Estates (two Councillors nominated as trustees)
- Friends of Castle Grounds
- Friends of Deddington Library
- Windmill Centre
- Deddington Environment Network
- Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (when a councillor is available)
- Thames Valley Police Rural Community Forum
- The PC is currently the freeholder and custodian trustee of the Holly Tree Club

5. FINANCE

Expenditure: Deddington PC's budget for the year 2024–25 was set at its January 2024 meeting at **£97,299**

Income: The precept received from Cherwell District Council for 2024–25 will be **£72,678**

Additional income will be received from:

- Solar panels at the Windmill Centre

- Cemetery fees
- Allotment fees
- Interest from investments
- Grass cutting contributions from OCC and English Heritage
- Fees from cricket and football clubs for use of Windmill sports pitches
- S106 contributions from developments in the parish
- As of 31 March 2024, the PC held the following reserves:
 - **Capital Reserve: £312,056** (which can be spent only on capital projects, some of which have already been earmarked, see above)
 - **Revenue Reserve: £208,887**, much of which is earmarked for refurbishments, installations and grants or is held in reserve for specific projects. In addition, the PC is obliged to hold the equivalent of 6–12 months' precept in reserve. Part of the revenue reserve can also be used as the basis of a sinking fund; this can eventually be called on to replace, at end of life, the new play areas and other facilities and assets now being installed in the parish.

This Action Plan will be reviewed annually as part of the PC's annual review of policies.

Appendix: List of Assets

The parish has a number of minor assets (most but not all owned by the PC), including the following:

1. Noticeboards

- In the undercroft of the Town Hall (2)
- Outside Deddington Primary School in Earl's Lane
- In the bus shelter in Main Street, Clifton (2)
- Hempton village centre
- On the wall of the Holly Tree Club, Horsefair
- Outside wall of the Windmill Centre
- Entrance to Castle Grounds
- Pedestrian entrance to The Grange
- Hempton allotments



2. Bus shelters

- Market Place
- A4260, east and west, near the Grange
- Hempton Road, south side
- Main Street, Clifton
- Hempton, opposite St John's Way

3. Bus stops without shelters

- Outside the Holly Tree Club
- Outside the Town Hall (although the undercroft is currently available as a shelter)
- New Street, opposite and alongside Deddington Manor

4. Defibrillators

- Co-op in Market Place
- Windmill Centre
- The Duke at Clifton
- The Old Schoolroom in Hempton



5. Village signs and planters

Nine village signs, seven with raised stone flower beds located at the entrances to Deddington and adjacent villages. Some maintained by sponsors or residents.

Some refurbishment and replanting are needed. *Timeframe: 2024*

6. Public benches



At various locations in Clifton, Hempton, and Deddington including Market Place, New Street, Castle Grounds, Windmill Park, Chapman's Lane and Cosy Lane. Some are memorial benches, though the PC is responsible for maintenance of all.

7. Bike racks

At the bus shelter on larger village green and at the Windmill Centre.

8. Millennium Maps

The six-panel board hangs on the wall of the Town Hall undercroft. The Windmill Centre boards were removed from the Hempton Lounge as they were fading in the light, and copies are in the Parish Archive Room. The Primary School also has copies. The originals are securely housed in the PC storeroom. The map of Clifton 2000 hangs outside Manor Farmhouse.



9. Public litter bins

There are over 30 litter bins around the parish (28 in Deddington, two in Clifton and one in Hempton). Several of them in and around Market Place, at the Windmill Centre and at the Castle Grounds are emptied by the stewards. A programme of replacement was carried out in 2023 thanks to sponsorship by local businesses and organisations.

10. Wheelie bins (240 litre)

- Hempton Road cemetery – two green and three brown bins
- Castle Grounds – four green bins
- Windmill Park Adventure Playground
- Clifton – one green bin by bus stop
- Potential future storage: Bin and salt compound at the Windmill. *Timeframe: 2024*

11. Dog foul bins

Deddington:

- Church Street
- Cosy Lane
- Earl's Lane by the old Vicarage
- Corner of New St/Hudson St
- South end of New St
- Hempton Road north-side verge near Gaveston Green
- Hempton Road south side verge near village nursery

- Hempton Road cemetery
- Windmill Centre (by cricket nets)
- Windmill Centre (by half MUGA)
- Windmill Centre (west side of playing field)
- Castle Grounds – 5 (2 on fence, 1 in entrance, 1 on field, 1 by Betty’s bench)
- Jerusalem Lane

Hempton

- On green and by St John’s Way bus stop

Clifton

- Welford’s Piece and green opposite Duke at Clifton

The dog bins are emptied by CDC; the annual charge April 2023–2024 was approx. £3,000.

12. Salt Bins

Clifton

- On main road by bus stop

Hempton

- Opposite Duns Tew Road
- By bus stop opposite St John’s Way
- Old School Room

Deddington

- Hempton Road, outside the village nursery
- Mill Close
- The Grove
- High Street, at the junction with Hudson Street
- Market Place by Town Hall
- Bullring by Castle House
- Outside Featherton House
- Goose Green
- Windmill Centre
- The Grange
- Salt stand – Holly Tree Club and at Windmill Centre

Private bins

- Fire station
- Health Centre
- Primary School

13. Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

- Deddington – New Street at junction with St Thomas Street
- Hempton – main road entering from west
- Clifton – main road entering from west
- To be replaced now that the 20mph scheme is implemented. *Timeframe: 2024–25*

14. Hempton Road cemetery items

- Small noticeboard for cemetery users
- Outdoor work area and bin store
- (Three x green bins, two brown bins as listed previously)
- Standpipe

- Wheelbarrow
- Two watering cans

15. Other items

- Christmas tree stand and manhole
- Coat of Arms on Town Hall
- Grant of Arms in church
- Tank under village green
- Ladders on church kitchen roof
- Ladders in Windmill Centre
- Six cones stored in the Church
- 500 space blankets for use in an emergency
- Three wheelchairs (Windmill Centre/ Deddington parish church/ Hempton church)
- Time capsule in the Town Hall undercroft floor (1996)
- Standpipe in Hempton
- Stewards' shed at the Holly Tree Club (shared with Royal British Legion)
- Windmill Centre container
- Satin Lane allotments – shed and watering troughs
- Mowers, strimmer and leaf blower
- Water fountain at Windmill Adventure Playground
- Boards displaying names and dates of PC chairs
- Original letter from J.R.R. Tolkien to Deddington Library 1956



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