

Update from Parish Councillor Tracey Burge to the Charney Bassett Parish Council ahead of the meeting on 08 July 2026

Bridlepath from Charney to Stanford

Following the piece about the bridlepath from Charney to Stanford and its maintenance in June's Charney Chatter, 10 people emailed to ask that work be expedited to clear the overgrown pathway, several offering help should a village working party be organised. Not only was the path very hard to navigate without getting stung by nettles, but the weeds were obscuring the many holes and raised roots, making it hazardous for walkers. Many thanks to Councillor Evans and Parish Councillor Kay Adamson for contacting Oxfordshire County Council to highlight the need for action. The initial cut took place before towards the end of June, but many of the overhanging weeds were not trimmed back, and thanks go to Stephen Burge for tackling these. Do OCC offer a second cut during the summer, or is this something we can ask the Charney Army tackle?

Pavements on New Road and along Main Street between the telephone box and the Chequers Inn

Although some work has taken place to trim several hedges that adjoin the pavement on New Road, there are still areas where plants growing out of the pavement itself and springing out of untrimmed hedges make the path very narrow and people have to walk in the road. As we have two babies due to be born to residents of New Road this summer, and there are likely to be people pushing prams down the road, please can you let me know who is responsible for keeping pavements clear? For example, can we pull out and trim back the plants ourselves, or would we need permission from the adjacent property owner? While largely clear, there are areas on the pavement between the telephone box and the Chequers Inn with a similar issue.