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| **Local Elections 2019**We held a local election on Thursday 2 May for residents in our district to vote on who'd they'd like to represent them in their parish and district councils.  Visit [our website](https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=28&e=148&o=9492&url=http%3A%2F%2Fdemocratic.southoxon.gov.uk%2FmgMemberIndex.aspx%3Fbcr%3D1&a=0) to see who your district councillors are for your own and other areas. |

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| **OVO Energy Women’s Tour professional cycling race** |

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| On 12 June, around 100 elite women cyclists will be making their way through our region.  Starting at 10.30am from Henley the race will come into our district throughout the morning.  You should expect to see the rolling road closures prior to the cyclists coming at these approximate times and locations:* 10.30am at Henley
* 10.54am at Watlington
* 11.40am at Goring
* 11.55am at Crowmarsh
* 11.57am at Wallingford
* 12.10pm at Didcot

For the full route and more details please see [the OVO Energy Women's Tour website](https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=28&e=148&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.womenstour.co.uk%2F&a=0).Thousands of cycling fans are expected to visit our area to watch the race, generating lots of unique opportunities for local businesses to get involved and also to become a race sponsor.  Tell your local restaurants, bars, hotels, B&Bs and shops along the route, our website has lots of information on how independent business can increase visiting customers. Take a look at the [SO Business website](https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=28&e=148&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.so-business.co.uk%2Fis-your-business-ready-for-the-ovo-energy-womens-tour%2F&a=0) for more ideas and sponsorship packages available. |

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| **Extra garden waste week**If you've signed up for our brown bin collections, you can put out extra garden waste on the week commencing 20 May.  During this week, you can leave extra garden waste in bin liners or non-trade waste sacks next to your full brown bin on your usual collection day.Our garden waste is taken to a recycling plant in the county, where it's used to make compost that goes to local farmers, allotment holders and an annual compost giveaway.  You can find out more details on our brown bins in our [FAQ page here](https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=28&e=148&o=9492&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.southoxon.gov.uk%2Fservices-and-advice%2Frecycling-rubbish-and-waste%2Fgarden-waste%2Fgarden-waste-faq&a=0). |

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| **Bank Holiday Bins**It's another Bank Holiday - so as well as an extra day off, this means that we will be emptying your bins on a different day following the Spring Bank Holiday on Monday 27 May.  For details about the changes to waste and collections over the May Bank Holiday please see our [Bank Holiday collections page](https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=28&e=148&o=9492&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.southoxon.gov.uk%2Fservices-and-advice%2Frecycling-rubbish-and-waste%2Fyour-recycling-and-waste-collections%2Fbank-holiday-co&a=0).  |

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| **Litter pick success in Thame**Nearly 100 volunteers turned up to help tidy up Thame, Moreton and Tetsworth recently on a litter pick-up.The event was held as part of Keep Britain Tidy's Spring Clean and the volunteers gathered so much litter from streets, walkways and paths in all the three locations, they managed to fill a large skip with the rubbish they collected.If you and your community would like to organise your own spring clean, we can help provide litter picking equipment such as high-vis waistcoats, gloves, picking sticks and rubbish and recycling bags.Contact our waste team or fill in the online form on [our website](https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=28&e=148&o=9492&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.southoxon.gov.uk%2Fservices-and-advice%2Fenvironment-and-neighbourhood-issues%2Fstreet-cleaning-and-fly-tipping%2Fneed-help-c&a=0) to find out more.   |

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