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**Subject:** Communities Town & Parish Council Survey

Dear Town / Parish Councillor(s),

 Firstly, many thanks to those who have been able to complete and return the questionnaire we circulated to help us develop our approach to community-led highway services through the [Oxfordshire Together (OXTOG)](https://www2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/sites/default/files/folders/documents/communityandliving/ourworkwithcommunities/TransitionalOfferofHighwayServices.pdf) initiative. If you have not completed the questions but wish to, then it is still open and we will review updated results in June 2019. Please complete and send the attached to Rose.Sutton@Oxfordshire.gov.uk. Also, if there are ideas you would like to explore / ask us directly about them please do so.

A summary of the information what you have told us so far:

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| **You Told Us…**  | **We will…**  |
| * Vegetation clearing, Sign Cleaning andPublic Rights of Way maintenance & inspection were the top activities communities were interested in undertaking.
 | * Target these activities with support, through Oxfordshire Together
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| * 50% of TPCs surveyed were interested in having a Highways ‘super user’ – a trained volunteer who can inspect potholes and order works directly from OCC’s highways contractor
 | * Follow up with all interested TPCs with further information and the option of training
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| * 25% of TPCs were interested in commissioning small improvement works direct from OCC approved Highways contractors.
 | * Develop a pilot scheme to enable TPCs to commission minor improvement works
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| * The biggest concern raised, was lack of funding available to carry out any additional activities on the highway.
 | * Provide information and support on how communities can access additional resources
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I would like to remind you this survey is to enable us to get a better understanding your community aspirations in influencing or enhancing the services we already provide as a Highway Authority.

  If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

  Kind regards

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