



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Social media rules and guidance

We are using social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook to connect with local residents, businesses and visitors.

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[@WestOxElections](#) local elections news

[@WodcWill](#) for local business news and networking

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[West Oxfordshire](#) for the latest Council news

[The Oxfordshire Cotswolds](#) for visitor information

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Rules and guidelines

Most online communities have their own rules and guidelines, which we will always follow. We reserve the right to remove any contributions that break the rules or guidelines of the relevant community, or any of the following:

- Be civil, tasteful and relevant.
- Do not post messages that are unlawful, libellous, harassing, defamatory, abusive, threatening, harmful, obscene, profane, sexually oriented or racially offensive.
- Do not swear.
- Do not post content copied from elsewhere, for which you do not own the copyright.
- Do not post the same message, or very similar messages, more than once (also called "spamming").
- Do not publicise your, or anyone else's, personal information, such as contact details.
- Do not advertise products or services.
- Do not impersonate someone else.

Our social media pages are managed by council officers to provide information, answer your questions and listen to your views. We cannot express political opinion or be drawn into a political debate but we can forward your views to elected council members.

Connecting with a social media account (liking on Facebook or following on Twitter) does not mean that West Oxfordshire District Council endorses or recommends their goods or services. West Oxfordshire District Council is not responsible for the quality or reliability of the product or services offered.

Libel

Please take care not to make libellous statements. In law this means a statement that lowers the reputation of a person or organisation in the eyes of a reasonable person. By publishing such a statement we can both get into serious trouble. We will therefore take down any statement that could be deemed to be libellous.

Pre-election publicity rules

In the six week run up to an election - local, general or European - councils have to very careful not to do or say anything that could seen in any way to support any political party or candidate. We will continue to publish important service announcements using social media but may have to remove responses if they are overtly party political.

For further information contact the [Council online](#) or call communications on 01993 861615.