



Good Practice - Event

Objective

<p>Quarterly report to Parish Councils</p>	<p>To improve communication links with parish councils. Part of a strategy to engage with parish councils who are not currently involved in the process.</p>
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Detail

The reports are designed by Cherwell District Council and managed by [Oxfordshire Rural Community Council](#) via Rural Housing Enablers. Where schemes are reaching more advanced stages a more detailed report is provided by the developing Registered Provider.

Reports are supplemented by regular parish meetings where needed.

Reports help manage lack of knowledge/ support amongst parish councils via regular updates. These often act as a prompt for them to follow up and progress things. This could be, for example, an agreement to progress onto the next stage of the process.

There has been positive feedback from PCs regarding the reports.

Outcomes

A Parish Council commented *'Many thanks for the excellent progress report – great help'*

Initial reports sparked renewed interest and agreement to progress a scheme from five Parish Councils including two Parishes where schemes had broken down due to communication issues.

Update - 2012 We continue to provide quarterly reports to the Parish Councils and frequently find that they provoke a response where communication has slowed. We are supplementing them with a twice yearly e-news letter to report on successes through the Oxfordshire Rural Housing Partnership, which will act as an encouragement to get involved and show case the high quality build we're able to achieve.

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