

GREAT BEDWYN PARISH COUNCIL

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR 8th Jan 2026 FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Item 6. Polly from Shalbourne Growers.

To advise and discuss how to make better use of the allotment site.

Orchard tree pruning and improvements and communal compost bin.

There are allotment funds available in the budget to do some work.

Item 7. Grant request – Bedwyn Footpath Group

Please see the email sent to all Cllrs on 19th Dec 10.33am. £1000 requested.

Item 8. Bank rec since last council meeting

The report will be emailed to all Cllrs on 8th Jan (Pending)

Item 13. EV Charging points

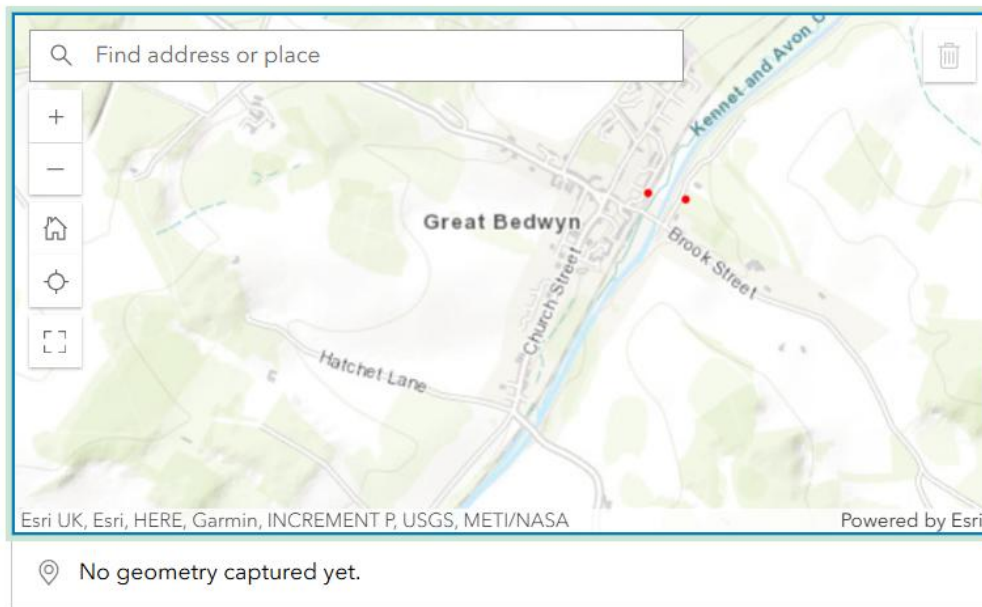
[Home charging - Wiltshire Council](#) includes how to suggest a public charging point and grants and funding.

Grant deadline is 31st March 2026 for many of the grants available.

Gov grants available from [Office for Zero Emission Vehicles - GOV.UK](#) (Need to check if PC's can apply)

The map below shows the previous requested locations for an EV point made to WCC.

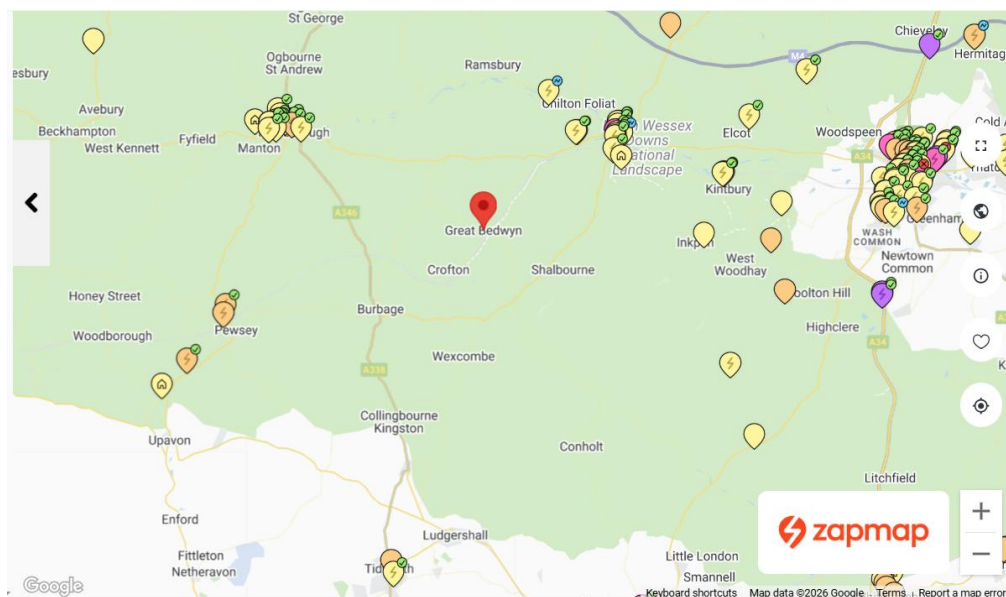
Pinpoint a location for a public electric vehicle chargepoint*



Legend

- Wiltshire Boundary
- Existing public EV chargepoints (*Data sourced from Energy Systems Catapult 2025*)
- Previous respondents suggested EV chargepoint locations

The map below shows the nearest public EV charging points:



The public can suggest a new public EV charging point on the survey in this link:

[Suggest a public electric vehicle chargepoint location - Wiltshire Council](#)

I can't see any information for PC's on the WCC website so I have emailed the team to ask what the best way is for a PC to arrange for an EV charger in the parish.

[Local Authority Support | Believ](#) this company say they assist with a zero cost model but I don't know if they are reputable. It was a "sales" email.

Funding and Procurement

With a plethora of new funding models reliant on both private and public funding, it's no wonder local authorities find it challenging to navigate through the various options to identify the right solution for them. We believe delivering a reliable, high quality and inclusive public EV charging network should cost you nothing. Our zero-cost privately funded model offers a future-proofed solution to local authorities. However, we can also support local authorities in applying for LEVI funding if that's a route they also wish to pursue.

The Believ team are experienced in writing successful applications so are perfectly placed to support your bidding and funding processes. We work together to find the right funding solution to suit your local authority.

Making sure everyone submits a location via the WCC website may be the best starting point, and also opening up a dialog with WCC to show our interest. Would need to talk to local landowners – the Village Hall committee for example?

Item 14. PiP.

From the November minutes:

The issues of overgrown hedges as a safety issue were discussed. It was suggested the PC could write a friendly letter to homeowners encouraging them to cut back their hedges. If no action was taken, then an official GBPC letter would be sent. If no action, then the issue would be reported to Wiltshire Council for action.

A general write up about this will be included in the Bedwyn News.

Cllr Angus will draft an article. This is to include how we don't want residents with pushchairs or wheelchairs to be forced into the road as hedges are encroaching on the pavements. If hedges are overgrown it also means that vehicles cannot park near kerbs so park further onto roads causing more traffic issues.

The Clerk will arrange for plants, soil and bulbs to be purchased for the planters at Jockey Green, Forest Hill and Church St to be planted up for winter by the handyman.

The Clerk will contact the resident who has looked after the tubs at the chains to ask about adding new ones.

The Clerk is to ask a resident about re-painting faded street signs. Will be a low priority for Wilts Council.

The Clerk will update Cllrs on completed jobs by the handyman so they can monitor progress.

A proposal was made to approve all of the above items with the Clerk having delegated power to order the materials for the planters. The proposal was seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.

Item 15. Bus Stop improvements using WCC funds.

From the Nov minutes:

This item will be moved to the January agenda.

Cllr Thompson can help Cllr Angus with the inspection if needs be.

To ask whether a bench can go at the bus stop at the Three Tunns.

The Clerk is to look at the details of what the WCC fund will cover. If WCC will not add a bench GBPC to consider adding a bench.

From the December Clerks/WCC meeting:

Bus shelter review programme - Rebecca Lockwood Norris

bus.stops@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council's bus shelter review programme, led by Rebecca Lockwood Norris with support from Tania McCarthy and Laura Jones, aims to upgrade and maintain bus stop infrastructure across the county using up to £8 million of DfT funding over five years. The programme will address a backlog of over 500 requests and covers bus tops and shelters across the council, there will be consideration for shelters maintained by town/parish councils through service delegation, and the team are working out how the programme can also support town and parish councils with shelters in their ownership. Cleaning will be included under the new contract, and we wish to coordinate any cleaning schedule with local arrangements to avoid duplication. Ownership details are critical for planning, and local input will help prioritise improvements. A dedicated mailbox has been set up for all queries and reports: bus.stops@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Action: *Town and parish councils to email bus.stops@wiltshire.gov.uk with ownership information for bus shelters and bus stops, any repair or maintenance requests, and details of existing cleaning schedules and to liaise to avoid any duplication.*

If we can create a list of WCC owned bus stops with the work that needs doing on them, including the request for a new bench at the Three Tuns (Or permission for GBPC to add a bench) then I can email it to WCC as they have requested.

Item 16. Cllr D Cooper Network Rail update

To receive any updates. Request to NR to improve parking at the train station.

Item 17. Modification of Bridle Way - WCC

Please see the email from Judy Haynes sent to all Cllrs by the Clerk on 19th Dec 10.51am.

Item 22. Business and Group letters

No more letters sent over the Xmas period. A brief review of the existing responses have the following highlights:

Help promote low fossil fuel use

Promote rain runoff projects

Community orchard/woodland

Still support PCAP

Encourage responsible maintenance of PROWs etc by landowners

Help improve parking

Create clinics/surgeries for the PC with local businesses

Encourage positive countryside usage

Support diversification of farm businesses.

The full list of responses is attached to this email

Item 31. Drs feedback forms. None at 7.1.26

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