

County Councillor Report for September 2026

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County News

Gloucestershire's Annual Report for Adult Social Care 2025-2026 was published at the end of July. The report highlights some positive elements such as

- 86% of care homes rated Good or Outstanding by the Care Quality Commission
- 76% of people aged 65 and over who received reablement after leaving hospital were still living at home 12 weeks later
- 66% of people aged 65 and over receiving support are living at home or with family. This means more people are staying independent at home for longer.
- 82% of adults with a learning disability aged 18-64 live at home or with family, an improvement on previous years.

However, the review also presents evidence of a reported decline in quality of life. Metrics linked to people's experience, including quality of life, social contact and control are all below where they should be.

The full report can be read or downloaded here:

[Gloucestershire's Annual Report for Adult Social Care 2025-26 | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

[Community Reablement care providers have been appointed.](#)

The decision to move to this new service was approved by Gloucestershire County Council's Cabinet in July 2025 but the appointment of three new providers prompted the threat of industrial action.

Planned industrial action was withdrawn following constructive discussions, see

[Planned industrial action withdrawn following constructive discussions | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

[Forest Road closure extended to complete additional safety works](#)

Gloucestershire County Council has extended the road closure on the B4234 Forest Road between Whitecroft and Lydney to allow additional essential ground stabilisation works to be completed. The closure is now expected to remain in place until summer 2027, subject to ground conditions and construction progress.

[Positive progress on flood resilience reported](#)

The County Council continues to work with partners to deliver flood risk management schemes and deliver a wider programme of work to mitigate flood risk. Recent heavy rain after a prolonged dry spell

caused some localised flooding in late August and communities are urged to consider their flood preparedness ahead of the winter: more information can be found at:

[Flood guide | Gloucestershire County Council.](#)

[Fridge and Freezer disposal: suspension of some services](#)

A national issue affecting the collection and processing of fridges and freezers means Gloucestershire County Council has temporarily stopped accepting these items at its household recycling centres (HRCs) since Saturday 8 August. The cabinet member for Nature, Climate and Waste Reduction has written to the Environment Minister calling for urgent action to address the national backlog in fridge and freezer disposal. Retailer take-back schemes and District/Borough bulky waste collections are potential disposal routes available to residents in the meantime.

[New Housing Commission to help shape better housing outcomes for Gloucestershire residents](#)

Gloucestershire's seven local authorities have come together to launch Gloucestershire Housing Commission, which will provide an evidence-based assessment of the county's housing challenges and opportunities and develop practical recommendations to help ensure future housing policies, investment and services better meet the needs of residents and communities across Gloucestershire. The project will run until summer 2027.

[Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service lead Bleed Kit Partnership](#)

People across Gloucestershire are being encouraged to learn about emergency bleed kits and how they can help save lives as part of the Gloucestershire Bleed Kit Partnership.

[Successful transfer of the council-funded Occupational Therapy service into Gloucestershire County Council.](#)

From 3 August 2026, responsibility for delivering adult social care Occupational Therapy services transferred from Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (GHC) to Gloucestershire County Council. The move follows the successful transfer of the Mental Health Social Work service in June and is the latest step in the council's wider programme to strengthen adult social care services.

GCC Meetings

There were no Full Council, Cabinet or Scrutiny Committee meetings held in August. The next Full Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 16th September. The dates of September meetings can be found here: [Monthly meetings calendar - September 2026](#)

Greener Gloucestershire

Community Climate Adaptation Fund now open

The Community Climate Adaptation Fund helps Gloucestershire communities adapt to climate change impacts. This is a pilot project, and at this first launch there is a total of £20,000 available to community projects. Applications should be for between £2,000 and £4,999. The application window is open for six weeks between Monday 17th August 2026 and Wednesday 30th September at 5pm. Eligible groups don't have to be climate experts to apply; communities who are starting their journey to take action and adapt to our changing climate are most welcome to submit an application.

This fund is separate from the Community Climate Change Fund, which only funds carbon reduction projects. Find out more and apply here:

[The Community Climate Adaptation Fund | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Cycle September

Cycle September is a fun, free, and friendly biking challenge that residents can participate in alongside friends and co-workers. For those who get involved, there is a chance to win some fantastic prizes. Everything you need to know about riding towards a healthier, greener future this September can be found here:

[Cycle September | Gloucestershire County Council](#)