



Oxfordshire County Council has asked two local charities, Healthwatch Oxfordshire and Community First Oxfordshire to hear from residents about what it's like living in one of the following rural areas in Oxfordshire.

- **Cropredy, Heyford, Yarnton, Chipping Norton, Charlbury, Long Hanborough, Freeland** (to be led by Community First Oxfordshire)
- **Deddington, Chalgrove, Sonning Common, Faringdon, Stanford in the Vale, Shrivenham, Watchfield** (to be led by Healthwatch Oxfordshire)

We want to learn about people's views about living in these communities and some of the assets, barriers and opportunities faced. What helps people stay healthy and well, and what makes this difficult?

We will be running an online and paper survey open until 1 April 2026. We will also be focus groups for up to 12 selected participants in each of the 14 communities.

You can fill this survey in online at this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/rurallivingpublic/>



For more information or help filling in the survey, or alternative formats and language, please contact Healthwatch Oxfordshire, Office F20, Elmfield House, New Yatt Road, Witney, OX28 1PB.

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What is it for?

This work is part of Oxfordshire's coordinated focus on understanding the barriers and opportunities to health and care in rural areas, and the wider building blocks of health. These communities have been selected on the basis of 'population health data' which indicates that they have pockets of inequalities in health. This is part of Oxfordshire Marmot focus on health inequalities and tackling the underlying causes (See here for more information: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/social-and-health-care/public-health-and-wellbeing/oxfordshire-marmot-place/marmot-place-programme>).

The final report will be used by Oxfordshire County Council and others to help plan services and understand more about the needs of these rural communities.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire is an independent charity for people who use health and care services. <https://healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/>

Community First Oxfordshire is a community development and placemaking charity. <https://communityfirstoxon.org/>

We can provide surveys in printed format, easy read and other languages on request. For more information contact:

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