

**New fire safety rules to protect residents needing extra support**

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) is preparing for new national fire safety regulations coming into force on 6 April 2026. The updated rules aim to improve evacuation procedures for residents who may require extra assistance to leave their homes safely during a fire.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/new-fire-safety-rules/>

**New countywide bus map launched for Gloucestershire**

A new comprehensive bus map has been published, showing all main routes operated by major providers across the county. The map aims to make public transport more accessible and easier to navigate.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/new-countywide-bus-map/>

**Music service continues through new community partnerships**

A music service previously run by Gloucestershire Libraries will continue thanks to new partnerships with local music organisations.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/music-service-continues-through-new-partnerships/>

**New sixth form block takes shape at Henley Bank School**

A new £2.6 million sixth form block is progressing well at Henley Bank School, funded by Gloucestershire County Council.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/new-sixth-form-block/>

**New climate funding launched as county emissions fall**

The council has released its sixth annual Climate Change Report and launched the Community Climate Change Fund.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/new-climate-funding/>

**Cabinet set to approve £3.6 million investment in new Best Start Strategy**

Cabinet will consider a £3.6 million investment supporting children aged 0–5 through the Best Start in Life Strategy.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/best-start-strategy/>

**County Council to support residents with £17.1 million Crisis and Resilience Fund**

The council is set to accept a £17.1 million government grant to help vulnerable residents.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/crisis-and-resilience-fund/>

**Multiagency emergency exercise delivered at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital**

A major multiagency emergency-services exercise took place on 28 February 2026.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/emergency-services-exercise/>

**Major investment planned to improve bus services**

Plans for substantial bus service improvements will be presented to Cabinet.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/bus-service-improvements/>

**County to begin rollout of 20mph speed limits**

The council will implement community-backed 20mph limits as part of a road-safety programme.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/20mph-speed-limits/>

**Growth Hub network saved following funding approval**

Funding has been approved to keep Gloucestershire's Growth Hub network open.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/growth-hub-network-saved/>

**Book free activities for children this spring holiday**

Bookings open 23 March for the spring Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/haf-spring-activities/>

**Pulhams launches electric buses after £8m investment**

Pulhams has launched 15 electric buses following an £8 million investment.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/electric-buses-launch/>

**County Council team recognised in national SEND awards**

A team supporting young people with SEND has been shortlisted for a national award.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gcc-news/news-march-2026/send-awards/>