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MP Lee Dillon lays a wreath

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Gathering at the war memorial

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Town centre Public Space Protection Order extended for further three years

THE Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which is intended to prevent antisocial behaviour in Thatcham town centre has been extended for three years after a public consultation.

The extended order came in place on Tuesday and was introduced by Thames Valley Police to tackle persistent anti-social behaviour and protect businesses in the town centre.

It will remain in effect until November 2028, after a public consultation saw 98 per cent of respondents support the proposal.

The PSPO includes powers for authorised officers to direct individuals causing nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress to leave the restricted area and not return for up to 24 hours.

Those who fail to comply may face a fixed penalty notice of up to £100, or prosecution with fines up to £1,000.

The decision follows a public consultation held between August 18 and September 29, 2025, during which residents and stakeholders were asked for their views on the future of the PSPO.

West Berkshire Council's executive portfolio member for public safety and community engagement Tom McCann (Lib Dem, Thatcham North East) said: "Since its implementation, the PSPO has been an effective preventative tool in tackling anti-social behaviour.

"The extension ensures that we continue to protect our community and maintain a welcoming environment for all who live, work and visit Thatcham town centre."

Town marks Armistice Day

Two-minute's silence observed before public service at Thatcham War Memorial



Remembering the sacrifice

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THATCHAM remembered those who gave their lives for the freedoms of others on Armistice Day.

Thatcham hosted a service led by the Royal British Legion at the War Memorial on Tuesday.

Many attendees joined the service, which took place after the two-minute's silence at 11am.

Newbury MP Lee Dillon was in attendance with Thatcham mayor Petra Pemberton and councillor Justin Pemberton.

Each year during Remembrance, crosses are laid on the 11 war graves in Thatcham's London Road Cemetery.

After the service, residents gathered for refreshments at Thatcham Memorial Foundation Hall.

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Armistice Day in Thatcham



Service at the memorial

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Many joined the service

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Wooden crosses were placed by the public

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Residents to have say on road changes

A PUBLIC consultation has opened to allow residents to give their thoughts on proposed road changes in town.

It will run until Thursday, November 27, at midnight.

Thatcham Town Council is looking to revise its Principal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), meaning that, if successful, parking restrictions will apply in certain areas.

The proposed changes in Thatcham are for five different spots along the Bath Road (A4).

Between Henwick Lane and Thatcham Garden Centre, as well as between Beverley Close and Brownsfield Road, unrestricted parking will be removed and an introduction will be made of no waiting at any time restriction to prevent obstruction of on-carriageway cycle lane.

Between No 95-109, Northfield Road and Faircross Court, there will be an introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions to prevent obstruction at junctions.

Between the western junction of St Johns Road and the junction of Green Lane, Rope Walk, daytime parking restrictions will be removed and an introduction will be made of no waiting at any time restriction to prevent obstruction of on-carriageway cycle lane.