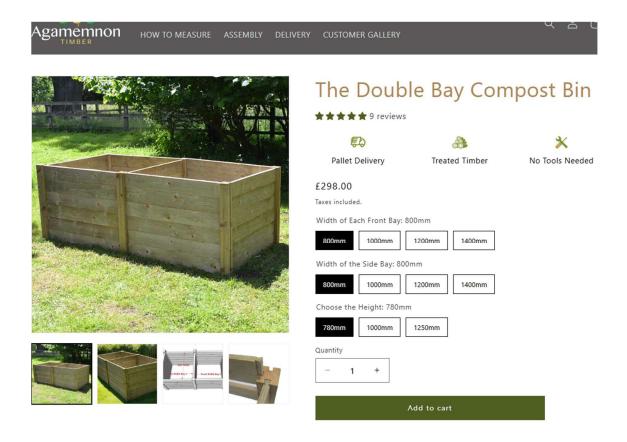
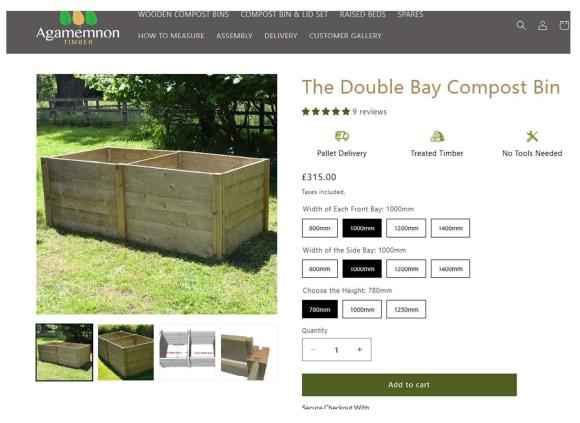
Clerks Report 18.4

The GGC&BC request approval for the Council to purchase these bins and permission to place in the SW corner of the "bowling green" enclosure, approximately 1m in from the flagpole.



Clerks Report 18.5

Goring in Bloom have requested a contribution of £250 towards the purchase of this compost him



From GiB: This is the double bay wooden compost bin that we have selected as being fit for purpose and also sturdy. The timber is treated against rot. This style has boards that can be removed at the front making easy access to the contents.

https://agamemnon-timber.co.uk/products/the-double-bay-compost-bin?variant=44431402238248

There are various permutations of size, as you can see on the web page. The one that comes within budget, once the VAT has been taken off is: $800 \times 800 \times 780$ mm per bay at £298 inclusive of tax but if possible we would like to have the $1000 \times 1000 \times 780$ mm per bay model at £315 inclusive of VAT as this will have a bigger capacity. Goring on Thames in Bloom is prepared to pay the extra cost.

I hope that one of these models is acceptable for purchase by the Council.

Clerks Note: HMRC rules are strict about reclaiming VAT on behalf of others. We would have to purchase the bin then accept a donation from GiB. In addition, the Compost bin would be our property, placed on our land and added to the asset register

Clerks Report: 18.6

Christmas Trees

At the last meeting the Council resolved to discontinue the avenue of tree lights and just have the trees.

Rectory Garden: The Christmas Tree Barn is the best value and offers the following sizes in Norway Spruce- last year we had the 400-450cm,

400/450cm	14'	£170.00
450/500cm	15'/16'	£225.00
500/600cm	17'/19'	£295.00

We could purchase more lights but they do require PAT testing prior to installation, the last set cost £150 and lasted two years so I believe it is better value for money just to hire them, as we have to have them installed anyway..

2024 costs : Festival Vision Light hire £44 plus £250 installation and £75 insurance (costs extrapolated from the invoice that covered the avenue lighting aswell)

M&C erect the tree FOC

High Street Trees:

Fire Brigade place them FOC

2024 cost: 14 tx 3' trees @£9 each total £126 – price unchanged in 2025

Plus batteries from Goring Hardware circa £50

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Proposed direction sign to the Catholic Church

Father Kenneth Macnab has requested the Council's agreement to attaching a sign on the lamp post at the junction of Manor Road and Station Road (at the top end of Ferry Lane) directing to the Catholic Church in Ferry Lane. The lamp post currently has a sign directing to the Wheel Orchard Carpark, a 20mph speed restriction sign and a dog waste bin attached to it.

Father Macnab makes the following points in support of his request:

- the Church of Our Lady and St John in Ferry Lane cannot be seen from the main roads through the village;
- services such as funerals and weddings often draw people who do not know the village;
- the parish covers 30 square miles and 16 Oxfordshire villages, not just Goring, so people also travel a distance to regular services;
- visitors to the church and village frequently confuse the far more visible St Thomas's Anglican parish church with the Catholic church. On two occasions recently people attending funerals found themselves in St Thomas's by mistake;
- the church and its new building are used by a range of community groups; in recent years there has been a number of concerts and other events; it was used as a venue for the last Goring Gap festival and will be again in 2026;
- the junction of Ferry Lane, Manor Road and Station Road is a dangerous one with tricky sight-lines; some drivers take the bend too fast, some slow to a halt trying to read street names; a road sign to the church would improve Health and Safety for drivers, other road users and pedestrians as the pavements narrow at that junction.

Two options are suggested:

Option A: A Highways sign matching the sign to the carpark



Option B: A finger post



Option A is an official highways sign and would be have to be provided by OCC Highways.

In Option B alternative Colours e.g. white lettering on green or brown would be possible. Suggested dimensions are 150/200mm X 400/450mm.

The cost of Option B and necessary fixings would be met by the Church.

The Council is only asked to agree to the attachment of a sign to the lamppost and, if so, to its size and design. Father Macnab has contacted OCC Highways to see if they have any objection to a sign in that location but has not had a response.