

## THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

In early December, with Littlemore Residents Association, we had a great Christmas tree event on the village green, attended by @ 100 residents. Thank you to all who braved the weather: we were all thankful for the break in the rain! **Thank you** to local artist Alex Singleton who designed & made the star for the tree, to residents who donated baubles with names of those they wished to remember, to Jubilee Brass Band who were simply wonderful, to Smarts Fish & Chip shop for supplying endless hot water for the hot chocolate, to Littlemore Co-op for the donation of mince pies that we all enjoyed, to everyone that pitched in to help the event be such a success: and thank you Littlemore for being a great community. The tree remained lit every evening until early January a reminder of our community spirit. Let's do it again next year!



*Cllrs Anne Stares & David Henwood*

## NEW TO THE WHAT'S ON PAGES

### Baby Massage Course at John Henry Newman Academy:

Thurs mornings: a 5-week course is offered each term: please register with Hannah Jamieson on 01865 772 495.

Find existing regular events in **What's On in Littlemore** on pp 7-13 in the longer electronic issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL

## OXFORD SUMMER SCHOOL OF ART, CRAFT & MUSIC

At The Oxford Academy: **Mon 4 - Sat 9 August**. The programme for Oxford Summer School is now live at <https://oxfordshireartandcraft.co.uk>. Classes include Etching, Batik, Basketry, Marbling, Glass Gilding, and Wood Carving.

## ELLISON INSTITUTE REACHES KEY MILESTONE



On January 8, Ellison Institute of Technology leadership and our growing clinic team gathered at our Campus in Littlemore to mark a construction milestone, laying the foundation of the EIT Oxford Clinic which will sit in the basement of the new campus. From now the building work will begin its ascent to ground level and above! Under the leadership of Medical Director Dr Lennard Lee, the >2000m<sup>2</sup> Clinic will serve as a hub for innovation, fostering partnerships with academia, healthcare organisations and industry, to establish a blueprint

for how medical research can be seamlessly integrated with clinical practice. It will have an initial focus on cancer treatment and disease prevention. *Susie Barber, Comms Manager EIT*

Photo: EIT Leadership on Campus Visit. Credit: John Cairns

LOOK OUT FOR MORE NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE PARK in the next issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL

## JOYOUS START TO CHRISTMAS WEEK

Some 70 residents welcomed Father Christmas when he visited Littlemore by bus, and took time to speak to excited children, parents and grand-parents, and give out sweets while his band played. **Our thanks to** City Sightseeing Oxford, Oxford Bus



Company, & Thames Travel who enabled Santa to hijack a bus, and to those who made sure he stopped at Dudgeon Drive by voting in Nicky Hewlett's online vote.

*Cllr Anne Stares*

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE: RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

ODS will collect real, bare Christmas trees, free from tinsel, decorations, & lights on your green/brown bin day up to & including 14 Feb, and/or from the Village Green. Collected trees will be taken to a composting site in Wallingford, and the compost will be used to enrich local farmland.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Sat 1 Feb: 2.30-4.30 Tea at the Village Hall:** coffee, conversation, cake. See flier p 13.
- **Sat 8 Feb: 1-3pm in the Village Hall: Taekwondo training** for teenage/young adult beginners (aged 13-30) by Team GB Olympic coach Torann Mazeroli (+ hear his life changing story). Free: spaces limited / to register your interest please contact: [Christopher.hughes@littlemorebaptist.org.uk](mailto:Christopher.hughes@littlemorebaptist.org.uk).
- **Weds 19 Feb: RHJYC Big Food Event** 12 'til 3 at Rose Hill Community Centre. Free hot lunch & food activities. All are welcome. Find more on our social media nearer the date.
- **Weds 19 Feb: Littlemore Local History Society talk** at LM Community Centre: 7 for 7:30pm: *A man & his shed, Herbert George Mullard & Cowley Concrete Co* by Martin Buckland.
- **Sat 22 Feb: 2-3.30pm: Creative Writing Workshop** @ SM&SN Church see flier p 12
- **Tue 25 Feb: 7pm: Trustees of the Village Hall: AGM at the Hall.** Open to all: go along & see if you have skills to offer!
- **Thurs 27 Feb: 12.30pm: free talk: Your posture & your health** at Magdalen Centre, Robert Robinson Ave, Littlemore, OX4 4GA. Speaker Dr Steven Hulme, chiropractor. Book at: [eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-health-talk-how-to-improve-your-posture-for-better-health-tickets-1124547514889?](https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-health-talk-how-to-improve-your-posture-for-better-health-tickets-1124547514889?)
- from **Thurs 27 Feb: 6-week music tech course for young people** at Youth Club, Community Centre: see back page.
- **Sat 1 Mar: 2-4pm: Littlemore litter pick.** Meet: at LM Community Centre. Finish at the Village Hall. This year we have street sign cleaning equipment, as well as hi viz vests, pickers & bags, and of course ... cake at the Village Hall.
- **Sat 1 Mar: 2.30-4.30 Tea at the Village Hall:** coffee, conversation, cake. See flier p 13.
- **Weds 19 Mar: Local History Society talk at LCC** (as 19 Feb): *The WW2 story of Penicillin & Oxford scientists* by M-L Kerr
- **Thurs 20 Mar: IFTAR event** from 5pm at the Oxford Academy: this is a community event and all are welcome.
- **Sat 29 Mar: 2-3.30pm: Rhythm Workshop** @ SM&SN Church see flier p 12

## WANT TO STOP SMOKING? Try Stop For Life

If you're registered with Donnington Medical Partnership, The Leys Health Centre or Temple Cowley Health Centre, you can get FREE support at the Practice: simply contact the Surgery to book your place at one of **Stop For Life Oxon's clinics**. With another Practice? You can get FREE support from home too. Call us on 0800 122 3790 or visit [www.stopforlifeoxon.org](http://www.stopforlifeoxon.org).

*Connor Jeffries*

## ARE YOU A COUNCIL TENANT?

### NEW: online tenancy portal for council tenants

The Tenant Portal enables tenants more easily to contact the Council, access information about their tenancy (including their rent account balance & payments), log the 25 most common repair requests, and arrange appointments when it suits them.

**How to sign up:** register at [myhome.oxford.gov.uk](http://myhome.oxford.gov.uk) or [www.oxford.gov.uk/council-housing/tenant-portal](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/council-housing/tenant-portal). You will need the email address you have registered with the Council, your tenancy reference number, and your date of birth. If you can't do this, phone the Council on 01865 249 811.

## THANK YOU from LITTLEMORE ACTION PARTNERSHIP

LAP is a local charity which works with Littlemore Community Partnership (a forum which brings to together about 20 local councils, schools, voluntary organisations and local people). The Trustees of the charity extend their heartfelt thanks to the generous donors who contributed to the Christmas appeal for funds to help local people who may be struggling with the cost of living. We received a total of £835 in donations: the money will be allocated at our next meeting at the end of January.

*Margreet Armitstead, Chair of Trustees*

## KEEPING FIT IN LITTLEMORE

Anyone who's looked at the **What's On pages** in the longer electronic issue will know that there's lots to do in Littlemore. Exercise classes for adults include: Aerial Arts, Age UK Strength & Balance classes, Dance for Wellbeing, LivingFit for 55+, Gym at TOA, Karate, Lacrosse, Pilates, and Zumba.

## HERE'S A FOCUS ON POP UP PILATES

### (other Pilates classes are available!)

Pop up Pilates are a group of physiotherapists who bring the physiotherapy clinic to you. With increasing NHS waiting lists they feel it's more important than ever to help people become experts in their own bodies. They've just doubled the number of their classes in Littlemore. Their new team member Amber is running classes on Thursdays at 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the Village Hall to add to the existing classes on Wednesdays at 5.30 and 6.30pm.

I have been going to the Wednesday Pop Up for over 5 years and they are the best sessions, and the best instructors of all the Pilates classes I have been to. The instructors are registered health care professionals, and they bring their care and skills to the classes which are well structured & focussed: the practices are clearly demonstrated and help is provided to perform them. Simply the best!

*Mark, Littlemore resident*



If you'd like to write in about a Littlemore class you enjoy... please do!

## YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

Littlemore Village Hall in Railway Lane has been providing a welcoming space for community activities for over one hundred years. If it is to continue, it will need your support. The hall is run entirely by volunteers, and there are not many of them! All the present members of the Management Committee have been involved for some years: we badly need more people to join us, to spread the load, and ultimately to provide a smooth succession when we retire. Together we form a charity called The Village Hall, Littlemore, and a number of Committee members are also Trustees of the charity.

**So what does it involve?** The Committee oversees both the administration of bookings & finances, and practical work (caretaking, gardening & maintenance). It meets every six to eight weeks to discuss the work needed, review finances & bookings, and arrange events such as our monthly Afternoon Teas. The work involved is shared between us, so members can take on whatever they feel would best suit them.

**How might you help?** On the admin side you might help with invoicing, look after our webpage, improve our social media presence, or even become Treasurer. If you prefer something more practical, you might help with caretaking or gardening, carry out small repairs or DIY jobs, or help with opening & closing the Hall for one-off bookings. We're currently planning some major projects to improve the Hall, so fundraising will be another big task – anyone with ideas or experience to contribute would be very welcome. We also need more Trustees to make sure that the Village Hall will continue to provide a welcoming space for the next hundred years.

**New Committee members and Trustees will be elected at the AGM**, which takes place at the Hall on Tues 25 Feb, at 7pm. Please join us there to help plan for the future.

*Claire Drinkwater, Chair of Trustees, The Village Hall, Littlemore*

## JANUARY TEA AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall hosts afternoon tea on the first Saturday of the month. On 4 January, one of the delicious home made cakes was dedicated to Pat Good as she celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. When Pat moved to Littlemore from London she quickly became involved in village life. Amongst her many activities during her years here, she became a Trustee of the Village Hall. She helped to resurrect the Littlemore Local History Society, & acting as its first Chair she become very interested in Littlemore's historical and archaeological past. She had always been an enthusiastic artist and she shared her skills by holding art classes for a small group who derived great pleasure from them. Many friends & neighbours came to the tea to celebrate with her and to enjoy the beautiful birthday cake. In her speech of thanks, she said her time in Littlemore had been the happiest in her life. Even at 95 years old she still wishes she could be of help to make Littlemore an even better place to live.

*Jan Pullen*



## LITTLEMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Working Group's amendments to the Plan in response to the second (& final) round of consultation should be completed in January. It must then be reviewed both by the City Council cabinet, & an independent examiner, who may require changes. We hope that the Plan can be put to residents at a referendum this May, but this will depend how quickly these processes are completed. For more detail, please see the Parish Council website or contact [nplan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:nplan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk).

*Tony EAUDE*

## ST JOHN FISHER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas is always a special time in Catholic Schools, and 2024 saw a donkey return to St John Fisher's nativity performance, bringing Mary with him. It also saw our children performing carols in Mansfield College chapel to celebrate our partnership in a unique and intimate setting. On the Sports Field, St John Fisher won the Oxford City National Trust Trophy, defeating 30 schools across



Oxfordshire: we will now go on to represent Oxford City at a regional level – a phenomenal achievement for a school of our size. SJF also progress well in local competitions, after a 3-0 victory over John Henry Newman Academy

and a narrow defeat to Our Lady's Cowley. And, after decades of petitioning a zebra crossing will soon be in place outside our school, providing safety for the children of Littlemore for generations to come.

*Mr Higgins (photo permissions received)*



## JOHN HENRY NEWMAN SPORTS ROUND UP

### Cross-Country @ Oxford

**Spires Academy:** Reeya was 7th & Albie 10th

### Year 5/6 Girls: Football:

JHN 3, Our Lady's 1

JHN 7, Sandhills 0

Year 5/6 Girls @ Oxford City:

JHN were Quarter-Finalists

### Year 5/6 Boys Football:

JHN 0, St. John Fisher 3

JHN 0, Our Lady's 2

Year 5/6 Boys @ Oxford City:

JHN were Quarter-Finalists

### Year 3/4 Mixed Football:

JHN 5, Headington Rye 3



Photos © JHNA: permissions received. Above: X Country team, below Yr 3 / 4 Mixed football

*Mr Surman*

## LIBRARY NEWS: LITTLEMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Assalam-u-laikum Pryvit Ahlan Hola Ciao Cześć**

**Merhaba Bonjour and Hello ...** from Littlemore Library on

the Academy campus. New term, new ideas, new activities...

please check out what's on at the Library in the longer electronic issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL. If you have ideas for future events please let us know. We would love to see more of you! We're open: Monday 2-5pm | Tuesday 2-5pm | Thursday 9.30am-5pm | Friday and Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Contact Sharon Ingram: 01865 714 309,

[littlemore.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:littlemore.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk) .

## IF YOU CAN'T GET OUT, TRY THE HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

For more info or to register call 01865 810 259 or email:

[homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk) . See flier p 13.

## WE ARE NOW IN A SMOKE CONTROL AREA (SCA)

If you use a wood burner it must be included on the list of appliances for use in SCAs: see: [smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/appliances-php](http://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/appliances-php) .

If it's not on the list, or is an open fire, you must use a smokeless fuel, or an authorised fuel: see:

[smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/exempt-appliances/england](http://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/exempt-appliances/england) .

## ENGAGING THE YOUNG GENERATION

### Promoting Democracy at St John Fisher Primary School

Last term, as Deputy Lord Mayor of Oxford, I had the privilege of spending an inspiring session with the wonderful students at St John Fisher Catholic Primary School. The students had the opportunity to ask insightful questions about my role on the City Council and they offered bright suggestions to improve Littlemore and Oxford. We delved into the significance of democracy, and the power each voice holds in our society. Seeing these young minds actively engage with such pivotal topics reaffirms that our future is in good hands. They truly grasp the essence of shaping a democratic world! A huge thank you to Headteacher Mr. Paul Higgins for the kind invitation and for fostering such a thoughtful environment. We discussed how to engage more with the younger generation, and how we could collaborate with all the schools in our area to ensure education remains our priority. If any other school or youth group would like to engage with me on the theme of democracy, please contact me at [cllrcorais@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:cllrcorais@oxford.gov.uk) . I would be pleased to engage with the young generation.

*Tiago Corais, City Cllr for Littlemore, and Deputy Lord Mayor*

## ANGELMEAD EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

Happy 2025 from all of us at Angelmead Explorer scout unit.



Explorer Scouts: photo permissions received

We finished last term with the Explorers organising our Christmas dinner party: this entailed risk-assessment & planning, shopping, cleaning, cooking, serving, and providing decorations, and entertainment during the evening & night.

So, we offer

opportunities to develop life skills in a fun way! We are now looking forward to an exciting year focussing on leadership, navigation, first aid & more, and including trips to Fairport Festival, a leaderless camp, and a trip abroad to Malta (which will entail fundraising & budgeting). We meet at Scout HQ Fridays, 7-8.30pm and are open to anyone aged 13.5 to 18 years old wanting to learn and have fun.

*Camille Kalaja*

## KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Find advice at: [www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/How-can-CEOP-help-me-YP/How-can-CEOP-help-me-concerned-adult/](http://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/How-can-CEOP-help-me-YP/How-can-CEOP-help-me-concerned-adult/)

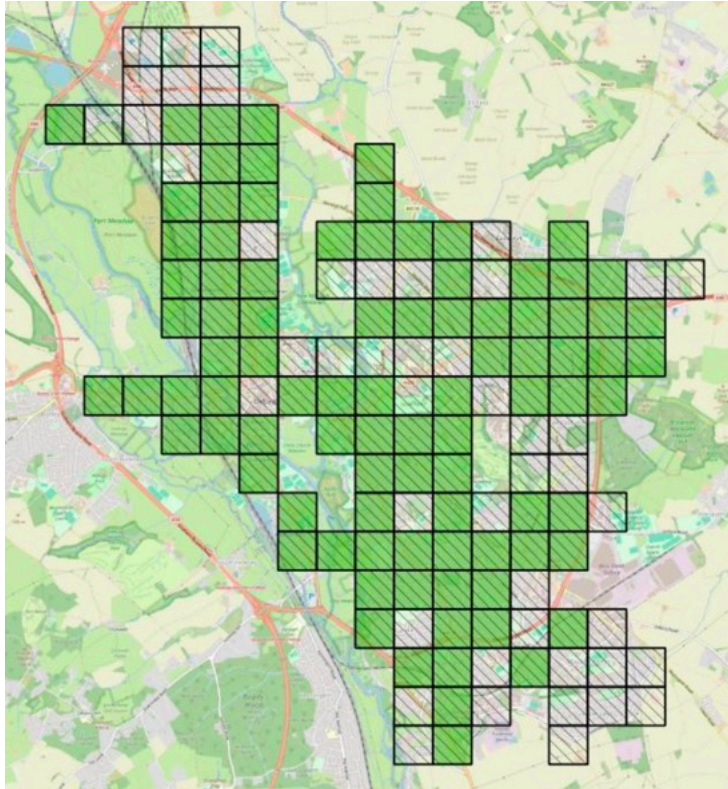
## WHERE TO GO FOR HELP, WARMTH AND ADVICE

If it's tough for you, you're not alone. There's help to be found:

- **If you're worried about money**, find local & national services at: [www.oxford.gov.uk/directory/11/advice-centres/category/12](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/directory/11/advice-centres/category/12) and at : [www.gov.uk/debt-advice](http://www.gov.uk/debt-advice) .
- **For free or low cost food** go to: [www.oxford.gov.uk/people-communities/free-low-cost-food-oxford](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/people-communities/free-low-cost-food-oxford) .
- **If you're cold and/or lonely**, go to <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/help-cost-living-crisis/warm-spaces-activities> for a network of warm spaces where you can be comfortable, meet others, and enjoy free or low-cost activities. Locally:
  - Rose Hill Community Café is open M-F, 11am-2pm
  - StM & StN Church runs social events most days.
  - The longer electronic version of LITTLEMORE LOCAL carries lots of info about what's on here, and links to Sandford, Rose Hill and Blackbird Leys newsletters.

## OXFORD SWIFT SURVEY

Every summer the number of swifts visiting the City are counted by volunteers living in or near a square on the map. It's not difficult, and you get instructions by video to help you. If you live in / near one of the unmapped, grey squares and would like to help, contact Colm Ó Caomhánaigh and Rachel Pearson, Oxford Swift City Group at [oxfordswiftcity@rspb.org.uk](mailto:oxfordswiftcity@rspb.org.uk).



## POSSIBLE MERGING OF CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILS

### A view from the City Council

Oxford City Council has written to the Government about its proposal for devolution and local government reorganisation in Oxfordshire.

### Background:

- The Government wants to create new mayors across regions of England which would have devolved powers and money to coordinate housing, transport and economic growth.
- It then wants to merge district and county councils within the mayoral regions to create 'unitary authorities' that would carry out the day-to-day work of existing councils.

Oxfordshire County Council has asked the Government to fast-track plans to merge Oxfordshire's councils, which could see the County Council's elections in May cancelled.

The City Council believes the boundaries of the new Thames Valley mayoral authority should be decided before any of the councils within the Thames Valley are merged.

They also think that people across Oxfordshire have a right to vote on the current administration's record, and that cancelling the County Council elections, with no realistic prospect of a successor authority being in place quickly, risks creating a democratic deficit.

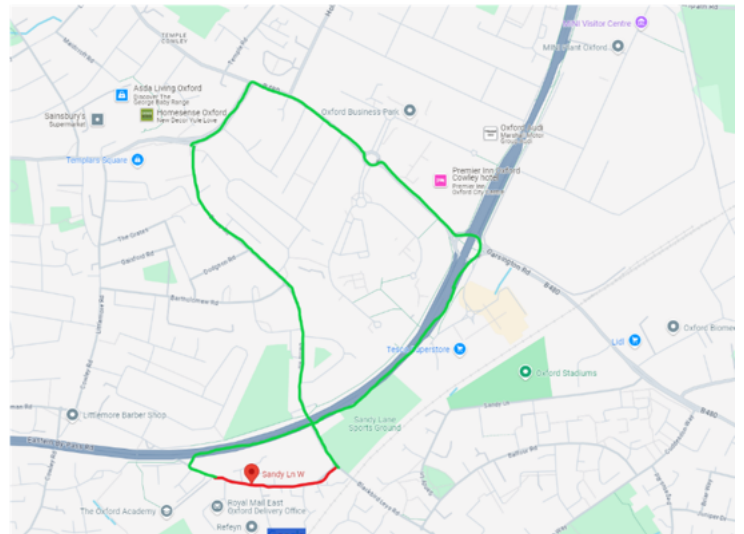
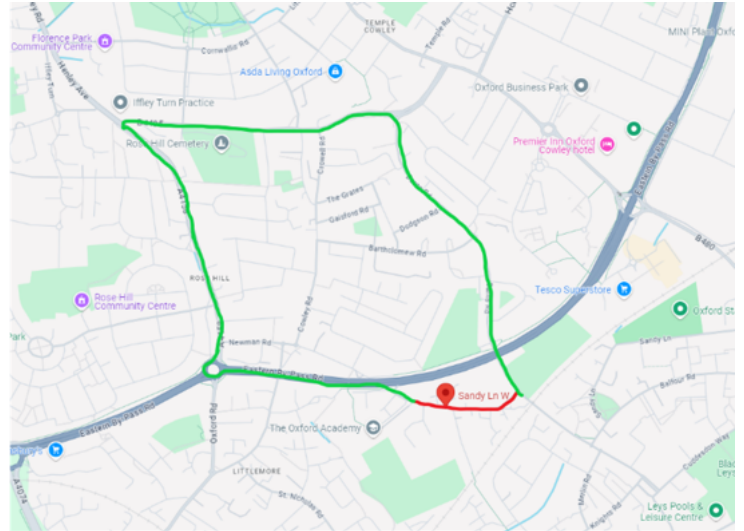
As the County Council ignored City's views at a Cabinet meeting on 9 January, City has written to the Government today to set them out.

### You can read the letter at:

<https://www.oxford.gov.uk/news/article/1616/oxford-city-council-writes-to-government-about-devolution-and-local-government-reorganisation-in-oxfordshire>

*Cllr Susan Brown, Leader Oxford City Council*

## DIVERSIONS DURING CLOSURE OF SANDY LANE WEST (see back page for more information and dates)



## NEW 'ROADMAP' FOR OXFORD'S REVISED LOCAL PLAN

Local Plans set out the vision and framework for future development: ie what is intended to happen in the area over the life of the plan; where and when this will occur and how it will be delivered.

The City Council submitted its LP2040 for examination by the Planning Inspectorate in 2024: they recommended its withdrawal. They said we did not cooperate with neighbouring councils on cross-boundary planning issues and found fault with our assessment of the number of homes Oxford needs. Our only viable option is to accept their recommendation and produce a revised plan. The Local Development Scheme 2025-2030 will outline the work for the revised Oxford Local Plan 2042 (LP2042). The previously adopted Local Plan 2036 is still valid and we will continue to use this in deciding planning applications.

Creating the LP2042 does not mean starting from scratch. Much of the work done for the LP2040 is still relevant and will inform the new plan. The 2042 plan will align with the new national planning policy framework issued by the government in December. Among other things, this framework reintroduced mandatory housing targets, and we will prepare our new plan in line with the higher assessment of housing needs now proposed nationally. We will hold two rounds of public consultation for the 2042 plan later this year. We aim to submit this for examination in April 2026. Public hearings could be held in late 2026 and the LP2042 adopted in spring 2027.

*Councillor Louise Upton, Cabinet Member for Planning*

## CITY COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR FOOD-GROWING SPACE

The City Council has teamed up with Good Food Oxfordshire to map food-growing spaces across the city, both existing growing spaces, and potential new sites for growing food. They're particularly interested in finding spaces in Littlemore, Rose Hill, Blackbird Leys, Barton, and Wood Farm.

**Have you spotted any underused or unloved spaces that could bloom into a potential food growing site?** Tell them about these areas by [completing a simple form](#).

If this link doesn't stay live here is the url:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=76jiZ6TJckGel3AILDdWDRyW3GQ1ISpAvJ9cz4mXCDtURUtSMkpPVzFLSEIORVpZRVkwSVRSNFNTVy4u&route=shorturl>

## MAP OF HIF 1 ROAD

This new trunk road will link the A34 at Milton, via a new bridge over the river, to the B4015 just north of Clifton Hampden.

The B4015 is the road which links Clifton Hampden & Notcutts / the Golden Balls roundabout on the A4074.

The new road will create by-passes at Didcot and Clifton Hampden, but it will bring more traffic through Nuneham Courtenay to the ring road at Sainsburys.

Building is expected to start in 2026 and take 2 years.

**INSPIRES TUITION**  
Newsletter

**Inspires Tuition Club Timetable**

Our age 7-11 Maths & English Tuition Club resumes on Wednesday 15th January @ 4pm

Our GCSE Maths revision Club resumes on Wednesday 8th January @ 4pm

Littlemore Village Hall, Railway Lane

**About Our Clubs**

We help children and young people be the best they can be, whether this is academically or socially & emotionally. We focus on the whole child and Inspires Clubs are fully inclusive & welcome neurodiversity

Contact: [Rose@inspiretuition.co.uk](mailto:Rose@inspiretuition.co.uk)  
Web: [inspiretuition.tutorbird.com](http://inspiretuition.tutorbird.com)



## NEW HEALTHWATCH SURVEY

**Emergency and Urgent Care in Oxfordshire**  
Tell us your views

**healthwatch** Oxfordshire

Fill in our survey



**Have you recently needed emergency health or medical care immediately or that day?**

Healthwatch Oxfordshire would like to hear from anyone who has needed urgent or emergency care or help in Oxfordshire in the last two years. This might include calling NHS 111 or your local GP practice, going to a hospital Accident and Emergency (A&E) department, or contacting a mental health crisis team.

We'd like to know what you understand about these health services, what information you used to find out about services, and your experience of getting the right help quickly.

Your feedback will help us understand and identify areas for improvement.

To tell us about your experiences, please complete our short online survey at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/UECservices/> or scan the QR code.

The survey is anonymous and will be open for comments until Monday 17 February 2025.

If you would rather talk to someone about your experience, or would like a paper copy, or a translated version of the survey, please contact Healthwatch Oxfordshire on **01865 520 520** or at [hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk](mailto:hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk).

To find out more about the work of Healthwatch Oxfordshire see [www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk).

**SOME RESULTS FROM THE 2024 RESERVES SURVEY**

Last year, BBOWT nature reserves provided shelter for numerous species in the face of changing weather patterns and extreme rain. It was a difficult year, but despite the difficulties, the surveys revealed many encouraging local wildlife successes.

**☑An unfamiliar fungus**

Penny Cullington from the Bucks Fungus Group collected what is commonly known as a 'small brown job', at Rushbeds Wood in July. DNA analysis confirmed it is a newly described species, *Pseudosperma maleolens*, and is new for the UK. This is the third new species to be found by the group at Rushbeds Wood!

**☑Wildfowl in the meadow**

BBOWT's Senior Ecologist, Colin Williams, described a recent bird transect survey: "I conducted a survey at Gallows Bridge Farm on the Upper Ray, when the site was in flood: the site was in perfect condition for wintering waders and wildfowl. I watched a very active peregrine falcon harassing a mixed flock of 1500 lapwing and 800 golden plover. As I continued on my way, numerous snipe were flushed from the wet grassland meadows. From the shelter of a dense hedgerow, I counted a vast raft of wildfowl loafing in the flooded meadow – 800 wigeon, 22 shoveler, 48 teal and 12 pintail. It was one of the most enjoyable and productive bird transect surveys I have undertaken in my 16 years at BBOWT."

**☑Travellers from afar**

BBOWT's reserves also played host to scarce migrant birds. The undoubted highlight was an unusual bird of prey, spotted associating with local red kites. The bird was provisionally identified as a dark morph Booted Eagle. It remained in the area, and possibly 300 visiting birders saw it. We hope this well-photographed individual will be accepted by the British Birds Rarities Committee, and be the first UK record.

**☑A new generation**

Though poor spring weather made a difficult breeding season for many of our birds, there were successes. After two blank years, two pairs of barn owls successfully fledged young at Chimney Meadows, and Dartford warblers continue to increase at Snelsmore Common where fledged young were noted for the first time in many years. Up to six territories of nightingale were mapped at Hosehill Lake, fledged young were observed, and 27 nightjar were recorded at Greenham and Snelsmore Commons on 21 June - the highest ever count for a single survey date. To top it off, a pair of oystercatchers adapted to the flooding at Duxford Old River by successfully nesting on top of a rotten fence post!



**☑Small mammals**

A survey of Moor Copse identified an impressive twelve different bat species, and eight species of small mammal, including hazel dormouse and water vole.

**THE RBOR PARTNERSHIP**

**RBOR = Reconnecting Bernwood, Otmoor & the River Ray.**

The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world, with 1 in 6 British species at risk of extinction\*. The area of Ox and Bucks which connects Bernwood, Otmoor and the River Ray is under intense pressure, but it has potential for recovery. BBOWT plans to reverse its decline, through a partnership with 11 organisations together called RBOR Partnership\*\*



As lead partner, BBOWT is thrilled to announce that they have been awarded £512,182 development funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. They hope there will be more to come!



National Lottery Heritage Fund grant applications over £250,000 are assessed in two rounds. RBOR's award is Round 1 funding: this will allow it to progress with its plans. Detailed proposals are then considered by the Fund at a second round, where a final decision will be made on a full funding award of more than £3.5 million.

A great reason to visit Otmoor in the winter months is the display put on when thousands of starlings roost at dusk. If you can't visit, see Robert Cadd's you tube video at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8B1Klabn0w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8B1Klabn0w)

\* according to the **State of Nature 2023** report

\*\* RBOR is a partnership between BBOWT, Butterfly Conservation, Community Impact Buckinghamshire, Design Historian Dr Helena Chance, Earthwatch Europe, Floodplain Meadows Partnership, Freshwater Habitats Trust, Ministry of Defence (Bicester Garrison), Newt Conservation Partnership, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), and Wild Oxfordshire. The project is also supported by the Ray Farmer Cluster, Bucks and Milton Keynes NEP, Oxfordshire LNP, OxCam Pan Regional Partnership, Natural England and the Environment Agency.

If you'd like to support BBOWT and the many species it looks out for, consider supporting the Nature Recovery Fund, the trust's £3 million appeal which will enable it to expand its reach even further. Visit [bbowt.org.uk/nature-recovery-fund](http://bbowt.org.uk/nature-recovery-fund) for more information.

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- Barn Owl Family by Russell Savory
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- Bernwood Meadows by Rhea Draguisly
- with inset: Curlew by Jon Hawkins
- Otmoor Starlings by Danny Chapman

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# WHAT'S ON: GROUPS, CLASSES ETC

## Regular Events: Feb - March 2025

### KEY: LOCATIONS IN and around LITTLEMORE

<b>ACF</b>	Army Cadet Force Building, OX4 6LD
<b>ATC</b>	Air Cadet Forces Centre, OX4 6LD
<b>BDB</b>	Blessed Dominic Barberi Hall, OX4 4JX
<b>EKH</b>	Edith Kempson Community Hall, OX4 4QB
<b>FSS</b>	Family Solutions Service: Ashhurst Way OX4 4UY
<b>IBC</b>	Indoor Bowls Club, OX4 6NA
<b>JHN</b>	John Henry Newman Academy, OX4 4LS
<b>LCC</b>	Littlemore Community Centre, OX4 4NL
<b>RHCC</b>	Rose Hill Community Centre, OX4 4HF
<b>RBL</b>	Royal British Legion Hall, OX4 4LZ
<b>RMHC</b>	Rose Hill Methodist Church: Rose Hill, OX4 4HS
<b>SAC</b>	St Andrew's Church: Sandford, OX4 4XZ
<b>SHQ</b>	Scout HQ, Fairlie Road, OX4 3SW
<b>SVH</b>	Sandford Village Hall, OX4 4YN
<b>SM+SN</b>	St Mary & St Nicholas Church, near OX4 4PB
<b>TOA</b>	The Oxford Academy, OX4 6JZ (except for Rugby Club which is via Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH)
<b>VHL</b>	The Village Hall, Littlemore, OX4 4PY

- **Acrobatics, Parkour, Aerial & Stunts:** Director: Oliver Ward 03302 233 995 or [info@ukcfacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@ukcfacademy.co.uk) . Booking: <http://www.ukcfaction.co.uk>
  - **UKCF Academy®:** **TOA:** Parkour park, Tumble track & Stunts: trapezes, silks, hoops, handstand canes & more. Sundays: \*10am-6pm: age 11-17 years
  - **UKCF Action Holiday Stunt Camps:** **TOA:** Book online for camps offering Stunts, Acrobatics, Aerial, Trampoline & Parkour. Easter camp 7-10 April. Summer camp 18-21 August. 8 hours each day. See flier p 14
- **Advice Centre:** Pre Booked Sessions are offered at **SM+SN:** on Thursdays between 10-11.30am. To pre-book call 01865 438 634.
- **Aerial Arts Academy:** **TOA:** Aerials & Pole Dance. Fun weekday & weekend dance & fitness classes for all abilities. Use code OAA1STFREE for your first class free when you book online at [aerialartsacademy.co.uk](http://aerialartsacademy.co.uk) . Or book at: <https://goteamup.com/p/3353560-aerial-arts-academy-oxfor/c/schedule> . Contact: Nicola Ghalmi 07909 974 256, [info@aerialartsacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@aerialartsacademy.co.uk)
- **Afternoon Tea at VHL:** Tea, coffee & delicious home-made cakes, and an opportunity to meet some of your Parish Councillors: first Saturday: 2.30-4.30pm (not August). Contact Claire Drinkwater 01865 718 580
- **Age UK Oxfordshire:** we offer a range of services apart from local events listed below: for our support call 0345 450 1276, visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire) or email [contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk)
  - **Drop in & meet our local Age UK Ox Rep:** Valerie Hunt at **SM+SN** Coffee Morning 10.30-12noon last Mon of month
  - **Stay Strong & Steady: Falls prevention programme:** **LCC:** with Sarah Wheatley: to register for the next course please contact [active@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:active@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk) or 01235 849 403

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- **Strength & Balance Classes: LCC\* and online via Zoom:** with Sarah Wheatley, Tuesdays 10.15-11.15am: \*the face-to-face class is currently full: to join wait list and/or the online class please email [active@Ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:active@Ageukoxfordshire.org.uk) or call 01235 849 403
- **Art & Craft Courses:** Oxford Summer School @ **TOA:** yearly. [www.oxfordshireartandcraft](http://www.oxfordshireartandcraft) or insta [oxford\\_summer\\_school](https://www.instagram.com/oxford_summer_school)
- **Art Exhibitions: SM&SN:** Regular events showing work of local artists: see [littlemorechurch.org/the\\_arts](http://littlemorechurch.org/the_arts)
- **Air Cadets: ATC:** see [www.aircadets.tv/2210](http://www.aircadets.tv/2210) . 2210 (Cowley) Sqn parade Mon & Wed from 7.30-9.30pm. Please send enquiries to me, Flt Lt O'Riordan, [oc.2210@rafac.mod.gov.uk](mailto:oc.2210@rafac.mod.gov.uk)
- **Allotments** are available to Littlemore residents at:
  - \*Thomson Terrace: see our website [www.ttacic.org](http://www.ttacic.org) . Email Kathleen O'Donnell [Secretary@ttacic.org](mailto:Secretary@ttacic.org) , or phone Field Secretary Tom Dyra 07867 931 487. \*Minchery Farm (see City Council website) \*Elder Stubbs (see Restore or City Council websites) & \*Denny Gardens (see [www.odfaa.com/contact](http://www.odfaa.com/contact) )
- **Angling Society: Extensive local still, & flowing waters:** [www.littlemoreanglingsociety.co.uk](http://www.littlemoreanglingsociety.co.uk) . For fixtures: see p 11. Contact Alan Campbell, 07789 334 710, [alancampbell0811@gmail.com](mailto:alancampbell0811@gmail.com) .
- **Army Cadets: ACF:** If you're over 12 and under 18, and are interested in learning new skills & making new friends, the Army Cadets is for you. We parade 7.30-9.30pm on Thursdays. See [www.armycadets.com/county/oxfordshire-acf/Oxfordshire](http://www.armycadets.com/county/oxfordshire-acf/Oxfordshire) . Detachment Commander: AUO Kyle-Davidson, [8204kyleda@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:8204kyleda@armymail.mod.uk)
- **Baby Massage: see Children's & Babies Events at JHN**
- **Bingo: RBL:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday: 7pm for eyes down at 8. For more info and additional dates contact Katie Tutty 01865 778 869 or [littlemoretbl@gmail.com](mailto:littlemoretbl@gmail.com)
- **Bowls (Indoor): IBC:** Sandy Lane West OX4 6NA: see [www.oxbowls.co.uk](http://www.oxbowls.co.uk)
- **Childcare: Littlemore Preschool: LCC:** open Monday to Friday 8.45 till 3pm: term-times: for pre-school children from 2-4 yrs. We have space in the afternoons, please pop in, or email for an application form. Manager: Hayley Cox: when we are open phone 01865 396 449, or email [littlemoreplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:littlemoreplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk)
- **Childcare: Little People Nursery: TOA** Northfield Close entrance: 8am to 5.30pm, 48 weeks a year. Manager: Lindsey Hart: 01865 397 972, [littlepeepelnursery@peeples.org.uk](mailto:littlepeepelnursery@peeples.org.uk)
- **Childcare: The Old Station Nursery:** Heatley Road, OX4 4GE: **Oxford Science Park:** open all year for children aged 3 months-5 years. Please contact Charlotte Dagg: 01865 777 167 or [osp@tosn.co.uk](mailto:osp@tosn.co.uk)
- **Children's & Babies' Events at JHN:** term times only.
  - **Stay & Play for 0-5s & parents/carers:** Mon & Tues 9-10.15am. Join us for toys, a run around, & fun. No need to have a sibling at the school. For details call Hannah Jamieson on 01865 772 495
  - **Baby Massage Course:** Thurs mornings: a 5-week course is offered each term: please register with Hannah (as above)

## • Children's Groups: Growing Minds: 0-4s

- **Growing Minds Project:** if you live in Littlemore and have a little one aged 0-4yrs, do get in touch to find out more about the Growing Minds project, and about receiving free books. Email [families@peeples.org.uk](mailto:families@peeples.org.uk) or call Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278
- **Growing Minds Stay & Play: VHL:** Thursdays 10-11.30am. For further information, please contact Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278, [camille.kalaja@peeples.org.uk](mailto:camille.kalaja@peeples.org.uk)
- **Growing Minds Peep group: at the Peeples Cabins: TOA Northfield Close entrance:** Tuesdays 1.30-2.30pm: for all Littlemore parents/carers with babies under 12 months old. For more information call Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278, [camille.kalaja@peeples.org.uk](mailto:camille.kalaja@peeples.org.uk)
- **Growing Minds 1-2s Peep group: at the Peeples Cabins: TOA Northfield Close entrance:** Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am: for Littlemore parents/carers & their children. For more information call or text Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278, [camille.kalaja@peeples.org.uk](mailto:camille.kalaja@peeples.org.uk)
- **Children's Groups: Peep Groups:** Please contact [families@peeples.org.uk](mailto:families@peeples.org.uk) or phone Lisse Honeyman on 07780 716 098: see [www.peeples.org.uk/peep-groups-oxfordshire](http://www.peeples.org.uk/peep-groups-oxfordshire)
- **Singing, stories, & time to talk to practitioners: various locations:** for babies, 1- & 2-yr-olds
- **Growing Minds SEND Peep Group for 0-4s: FSS:** (Rosehill Family Solutions Service, Ashhurst Way, OX4 4UY): 9.30-11am Tuesdays: for Littlemore Families with children with an additional need: no formal diagnoses needed: please book in advance: contact Lisse, as above
- **Children's Groups: Sing & Sign for 0-2 year olds & their parents/carers: VHL:** Mondays 9.45am, 11am and 12.15pm: learn baby signing the fun way in our fun-filled music classes. For more info, and to book contact 07795 005 832 or [oxford@singandsign.co.uk](mailto:oxford@singandsign.co.uk). Lead: Emily Percy
- **Children's Groups: Stay & Play:**
  - **Little Chuggers: SHQ:** Friday 1-3pm term time drop-in: in- & out-door Stay & Play for children 0-4yrs, their parents & carers: If you'd like to help: please contact Ruth Lloyd, 07736 831 038, [littlechuggers@gmail.com](mailto:littlechuggers@gmail.com). Find updates on our Fb page: [LittleChuggersStayandPlay](https://www.facebook.com/LittleChuggersStayandPlay)
  - **Stay & Play at the Library** (see Library)
  - **Stay & Play at VHL** (see under Growing Minds)
  - **Stay & Play at JHN** (see under Children's Groups at JHN)
- **Choirs: see under Singing**
- **Churches: see separate Faith Groups listing pp 11-12**
- **Coffee morning & Sing-along: SM+SN:** Mondays 10am-noon: drop in for coffee, cake, conversation & song: contact: contact Eve McWilliam [admin@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:admin@littlemorechurch.org)
- **Coffee morning: SM+SN:** Wednesdays 10am-noon: drop in for coffee, cake, conversation: contact Eve McWilliam [admin@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:admin@littlemorechurch.org) or see [www.littlemorechurch.org](http://www.littlemorechurch.org)
- **Coffee Morning: Parent Power @ TOA: TOA Library:** Weds'days 9.10-10.30am: with Karrisa Lawrence, Oxford Hub parent support worker: [karrisa@oxfordhub.org](mailto:karrisa@oxfordhub.org), 07903 174 415

## • Conservation Work Parties:

- **Berks Bucks & Oxford Wildlife Trust. Based in Littlemore:** we have nature reserves which offer days out, and outdoor opportunities to volunteer. Contact: [info@bbowt.org.uk](mailto:info@bbowt.org.uk) or see [www.bbowt.org.uk](http://www.bbowt.org.uk)
- **Oxford Preservation Trust:** Green space volunteering at **Heyford Meadow, Heyford Hill Lane:** 9:30am-12:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday every month. All welcome, no experience necessary, instructions & tools are provided. Contact 01865 242 918 or [info@oxfordpreservation.org.uk](mailto:info@oxfordpreservation.org.uk). For more opportunities & events see [www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk](http://www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk)
- **Crafting for children + carers: Saturdays: see Library**
- **Dance for Wellbeing: LCC:** Thursdays 12-1pm. Provided free by Sport in Mind for everyone 17+ experiencing isolation, loneliness, low mood, or a mental health condition. Fun, casual drop-in Dance session with Nuria Franchy Afonso. This session is for all abilities, just give it a go! See: [www.sportinmind.org/oxfordshire](http://www.sportinmind.org/oxfordshire)
- **Fitness: LivingFit for 55+: LVH:** Mondays 5.30-6.30pm: strength, balance, mobility: we provide weights, steps & more. Reduced cost per session for monthly package. Carl Davis: 01865 920 460, [www.livinginfitness.co.uk](http://www.livinginfitness.co.uk)
- **Food banks, larders, free & low cost food etc:**
  - **Community Emergency Food Bank: EKH:** Thursday 10 am to 11.30 am. See [www.ceford.co.uk](http://www.ceford.co.uk) for details about how to be referred
  - [www.oxford.gov.uk/people-communities/free-low-cost-food-oxford](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/people-communities/free-low-cost-food-oxford)
- **Football Coaching:** offered by Oxford United in the Community:
  - **Skills Centre at our Training Ground, Horspath, OX4 2RR:** for girls & boys age 5-11 years: Wednesday evenings: \*5-6pm age 5-8 \*6-7pm age 9-11: contact Alex Blane at [community@oufc.co.uk](mailto:community@oufc.co.uk)
  - **Football Holiday Camps at TOA 3G Dome:** for girls & boys age 5-13 years: week-long or day places available during Feb half term: contact Kerrie Bates [community@oufc.co.uk](mailto:community@oufc.co.uk)
- **Friendship Group: SM&SN:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at 10am in church. For more info, contact Benjamin Johnson [benjamin@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:benjamin@littlemorechurch.org)
- **Gardening Group: VHL:** The Village Hall gardening group meets Thurs 2-4pm, to maintain & improve the grounds of the Village Hall in Railway Lane. All welcome – no experience needed. If you'd like to join please send an advance email to Claire Drinkwater: [c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com](mailto:c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com)
- **Gym: TOA:** weekdays 5pm-10pm, weekends 9am-9pm. We have Cardio machines, free weights, & assisted weight machines. For more see: [toaleisure.schoolbookings.co.uk](http://toaleisure.schoolbookings.co.uk). To arrange your monthly membership: either pop in at reception during gym opening hours or contact us on [toaleisure@theoxfordacademy.org](mailto:toaleisure@theoxfordacademy.org)
- **Halls for Hire:** see separate listing p 11
- **Karate:** Thursdays: at **JHN:** \*age 4-6yrs Thursdays 3.30-4pm \*age 7-14yrs Thursdays 4-5pm. Chris Wilmott, 07880 636 123 or [chriswilmott2000@yahoo.com](mailto:chriswilmott2000@yahoo.com)

- **Kickboxing:** Oxfordshire Freestyle Kickboxing Academy:  
**LCC:** full: text Mal McKeon: 0771 345 9337 to express interest
- **Knitting Group: SM&SN: all levels: other crafts welcome:**  
Tues 11am-1pm. Contact: Eve McWilliam  
[admin@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:admin@littlemorechurch.org)
- **Lacrosse: TOA:** Mondays 7-9pm: all ages & abilities welcome  
- no experience needed. Message Annabel Campbell:  
[OxfordCityLacrosse@hotmail.com](mailto:OxfordCityLacrosse@hotmail.com) for details. Follow us on  
Instagram #OxfordCityLacrosse or FB OXLAX
- **Library: Home Library Service: Home Pick Up & Delivery.**  
Contact Kevin Salway, 01865 810 259:  
[homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk)
- **Library: Littlemore Public Library: TOA:** Monday 2-5pm |  
Tuesday 2-5pm | Thursday 9.30am-5pm | Friday and Saturday  
9.30am-12.30pm. Contact Sharon Ingram: 01865 714 309,  
[littlemore.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:littlemore.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk)  
**Regular free events at the Library:**
  - **Book Group:** monthly: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 2pm: for adults to  
discuss what they've read over tea and biscuits
  - **Rhymetime and Storytime:** for Under 5s & their carers: Tues  
2.15-2.45pm
  - **Stay & Play** for Under 5s & their carers: Thurs 10am-12  
noon: with toys for under 5s to play while their parents/  
carers relax and chat
  - **Friendly Friday Social event for adults:** refreshments,  
games, crafting, chat: weekly: Friday 10.30am-12noon
  - **Saturday Craft: for children & carers:** weekly 9.30-12noon:  
a chance for kids of all ages to be creative
- **Littlemore Local History Society: LCC:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7 for  
7.30pm, except summer months when we do local walks. See  
table (p 11) for next meetings. Contact Buffy McClelland,  
[history.littlemore@gmail.com](mailto:history.littlemore@gmail.com), or see  
[littlemorelocalhistorysociety.wordpress.com](http://littlemorelocalhistorysociety.wordpress.com)
- **Maths & English Tuition for children:**
  - **Explore Learning Oxford: upstairs at Sainsbury's .** Maths  
& English tuition for 4-16 year olds: now includes GCSE  
classes:. Contact: Paul Drake & Kate George, 01865 595  
509. See: [explorellearning.co.uk/oxford](http://explorellearning.co.uk/oxford)
  - **Inspires Tuition: VHL:** Maths & English Tuition run by  
safeguarding trained, DBS-checked, qualified teachers.  
See: [inspirestuition.tutorbird.com](http://inspirestuition.tutorbird.com) . Contact & book: Rose  
Carter 07908 537 862, or [roseinspirestuition.co.uk](http://roseinspirestuition.co.uk) .
    - **KS2 Tuition Club:** Weds 4pm: Maths & English for 7-11s
    - **GCSE Maths Revision** for yr 11s: Weds 4pm
    - **Half-term Booster Clubs** for GCSE & SATS.
- **Meditation day retreats: LVH:** start again on 12 April 2025
- **Men's Breakfast: SM+SN:** monthly: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat (except August)  
9-10am. A space for men to meet, chat and enjoy a full  
English! Suggested donation £5. Booking required, please  
email Julian Armitstead: [churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org)
- **Music: Cowley Orchestra: TOA:** Weds 7-9pm term times.  
New members are always welcome, aged 18-98+ : there are  
no auditions, we just play for fun! Please contact us via  
[www.cowleyorchestra.weebly.com](http://www.cowleyorchestra.weebly.com)
- **Music: Concerts at SM+SN:** occasional concerts: free though  
voluntary donations are welcome. To stage a concert contact:  
Eve McWilliam: [admin@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:admin@littlemorechurch.org)
- **Music: Jubilee Brass:** a friendly brass band, all players are  
welcome. We rehearse Monday & Friday evenings at  
Grace Church, Cowley, OX4 2ES. Please contact Cliff Sadler:  
[jubileebrassoxford@gmail.com](mailto:jubileebrassoxford@gmail.com) for details.
- **Music: Jubilate Band: SM+SN:** for budding or experienced  
musicians: the Band plays in the monthly Jubilate Church  
Service at SM+SN church: contact Malcolm Atkins  
[malcolm.atkins1@ntlworld.com](mailto:malcolm.atkins1@ntlworld.com)
- **Music: Oxford Village Band: VHL:** Weds 8-9.30pm termly.  
For over 18s only: Folk Music in Harmony in the style of  
English village bands of Thomas Hardy's time. Suitable for  
most squeeze-box, woodwind, brass, fiddle, viola, cello  
& double bass players. Contact Dave Townsend:  
[dtmellstock@aol.com](mailto:dtmellstock@aol.com) or 01865 714 778
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** work in partnership with local police  
to reduce & prevent crime, and build resilience in your  
neighbourhood. To join as a member or to start a scheme in  
your road see: [www.ourwatch.org.uk/joinNW](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/joinNW) . All enquiries  
to [onw.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:onw.enquiries@gmail.com) : Maggie Lewis
- **Ozone Centre: Grenoble Road OX4 4XP** [https://  
www.thekassamstadium.com/the-kassam-leisure-complex](https://www.thekassamstadium.com/the-kassam-leisure-complex)
  - **City Mazes:** Escape rooms for teens & adults include an  
upside down escape room, and Bunker Blowout a World  
War II bunker themed room. Check Facebook for special  
offers. Venue available for exclusive hire for meetings, team  
building & corporate events. Contact 01865 920 900. Web:  
<https://citymazes.com/location-oxford>
  - **Gravitee Golf:** Adventure Golf Course, Augmented Reality  
Darts, Shuffleboard, Table Tennis & more: 01865 952 646,  
[www.graviteegolf.com](http://www.graviteegolf.com)
  - **Laser Combat:** Children's Amusement Centre: 01865 788  
380 <https://lasercombat.co.uk/oxford>
  - **Partyman World Of Play:** Children's Amusement Centre:  
with dedicated sessions for those with special educational  
needs, and with autism: 01865 788 380  
[www.partymanworld.co.uk/location/oxford](http://www.partymanworld.co.uk/location/oxford).
  - **Vue Cinema Oxford:** Multiplex cinema with latest films:  
0345 308 4620, [www.myvue.com](http://www.myvue.com)
  - **Various eateries: dine in and take-away, and other  
entertainments:** see [www.thekassamstadium.com/the-  
kassam-leisure-complex](http://www.thekassamstadium.com/the-kassam-leisure-complex)
  - **Bray Associates Sunday Boot Fair:** [https://bray-  
markets.com / our boot fairs](https://bray-markets.com/our-boot-fairs)
- **Pilates: Littlemore & Iffley:** physiotherapy-led classes &  
individual sessions. Three class formats now offered: face to  
face, live online via Zoom & a pre-recorded class (available for  
repeat use). For more info see: [www.clevermovement.co.uk](http://www.clevermovement.co.uk) .  
Contact Jane Callaway: [janecallawaypilates@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janecallawaypilates@hotmail.co.uk)
- **Pop-Up Pilates: VHL:** Physiotherapist-led classes on Weds at  
5.30pm & 6.30pm, and on Thurs at 6.30pm & 7.30pm.  
Online sessions also available: contact Lauren McLeod 07731  
321 991, [info@pop-up-pilates.com](mailto:info@pop-up-pilates.com) or see [www.pop-up-  
pilates.com](http://www.pop-up-pilates.com)
- **Reading Group for adults: see Library**
- **Restore Shop & Café at Littlemore Hospital:** Shop open  
10am-2.30pm, Café open 10am-1.30pm, Monday to Friday,  
for coffee, snacks & lunches. We are currently recruiting

- volunteers for our Littlemore shop and café, which has recently reopened after 4 years. Shifts available throughout the week, 9am-2pm. Contact Christie Roberts for more information or to get involved: call 08165 455 822 or email [volunteer@restore.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@restore.org.uk)
- **Rhythmic Gymnastics Club:** for girls from the age of 3 years: **TOA:** Tues 5-6pm & 6-7pm | Thurs 5:30-6:30pm & 6:30-7:30pm | Sat 9-9:45am & 10-11am: contact: Zuzana Gergelova [info@oxfordgymnastics.co.uk](mailto:info@oxfordgymnastics.co.uk), see: [www.oxfordgymnastics.co.uk](http://www.oxfordgymnastics.co.uk)
  - **Royal British Legion Club:** **RBL:** see Bingo, and Halls for Hire Listings: contact Katie Tutty 01865 778 869 or [littlemorerbl@gmail.com](mailto:littlemorerbl@gmail.com)
  - **Rugby Training (Littlemore Rugby Club Senior):** **TOA:** Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH: Tuesdays & Thursdays 7-8pm (Oct-March: Thurs only, 7-9pm). Info updated daily @ fb: [RFC-Littlemore Rugby Club](https://www.facebook.com/RFC-Littlemore-Rugby-Club), contact [info@littlemorerfc.org](mailto:info@littlemorerfc.org) Find fixtures p 11
  - **Rugby Training Littlemore Rugby Club Mini & Junior: 5-14 yrs,** all abilities welcome: **TOA:** Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH: training Sundays 9.45-11am: with hot snacks & drinks. Please contact John Perry 07766 954 922 or [minis@littlemorerfc.org](mailto:minis@littlemorerfc.org) for more information.
  - **School Uniform Swap Shop:** **TOA:** Term time: Tuesdays 3-3.45pm. To donate a preloved uniform please bring it to Reception in a labelled bag. To sponsor a new one, contact Susy Brouard [susanna.brouard@theoxfordacademy.org](mailto:susanna.brouard@theoxfordacademy.org)
  - **Scriptural Reasoning Group:** **SM&SN:** monthly, Mondays 7-8pm: see Faith Group listing: for more info visit [www.littlemorechurch.org/what's on/scriptural reasoning](http://www.littlemorechurch.org/what's_on/scriptural_reasoning)
  - **Singing: St Andrew's Church Choir:** **SAC:** We're always happy to accept new members. Choir Practice is 7.30pm Wednesday evening except August. There's no need to be a regular church goer: contact Christian Bradley [cwwbradley@gmail.com](mailto:cwwbradley@gmail.com)
  - **Singing: Sing & Sign:** **VHL:** see under Children's Groups
  - **Social Groups:** see: Afternoon tea at VHL, Coffee morning +sing-along, Coffee Morning, Mens' Breakfast, Women's Institute, the Library listings, Drop-In, Knitting Group
  - **Women's Institute:** **SVH:** meets at 7.30pm on 2nd Thursday in each month usually in Sandford Village Hall. Contact: Jill Love 01865 716 557, [jpappslove@hotmail.com](mailto:jpappslove@hotmail.com) or Carole Tasker [caroletasker27@gmail.com](mailto:caroletasker27@gmail.com) or 01865 748 300 / 07876 701 151, or message our Fb page Sandford-on-Thames Women's Institute. For programme see p 11
  - **Woodturners Club:** at **VHL:** 7pm start: Club nights are 1st Tuesday each month except December (club AGM). Newcomers are very welcome, no matter what level of experience: entry is free for your first 2 sessions. Contact [owc\\_secretary@yahoo.com](mailto:owc_secretary@yahoo.com) for up to date information or see [www.oxonwoodturners.com](http://www.oxonwoodturners.com)
  - **Young People:** Education, Employment and Training support plus Activities & Information, visit Oxfordshire County Council's dedicated webpage: [www.oxme.info](http://www.oxme.info)

## • Youth Ambition and other Youth Clubs

- **Youth Ambition: Littlemore Youth Club:** **LCC:** Thursdays 4-6pm: term-times. The session is free of charge and is for young people aged 11-19. Each week, we cook a meal, have activities, and the option to complete an AQA activity to gain an accreditation. Come along to find out more or get involved!
- Local young people are welcome to attend **other nearby Youth Clubs and Sports sessions** listed on the Youth Ambition webpage, Instagram and Facebook
- Over all Manager: Leonard Sackley. Contact 01865 335 884 [YouthAmbition@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:YouthAmbition@oxford.gov.uk) .
- **Rose Hill Junior Youth club:** Director Chris Chaundy
  - **RHCC: term time:** free after school youth clubs. Safe, fun & positive space with lots of activities + a hot meal at every session. **Wednesdays:** \*3:15-5:15pm, School Years 1-3 \*5:30pm-7pm, Senior boys club, ages 11+ **Thursdays:** \*3:15-5:15pm, School Years 4-6 \*5:30pm-7pm, Senior girls club, ages 11+ . Sign up on the day or visit: [rhjyc.org](http://rhjyc.org) . Follow: [www.facebook.com/RoseHillJYC](https://www.facebook.com/RoseHillJYC)
- **Youth Groups:**
  - **Air Cadets, and Army Cadets:** see under 'A' above
  - **Beavers (age 6-8):** see website
  - **Cubs (age 8-10½ )** see website
  - **Scouts (age 10½-14):** see website
  - **Explorers (age 14-18):** **SHQ:** Fridays, 7-8.30pm: see: [www.oxfordspires.org.uk](http://www.oxfordspires.org.uk) . Just turn up, or contact group leader Shane Clark [shane@teemclark.org.uk](mailto:shane@teemclark.org.uk) or Camille Kalaja [camille.scout.kalaja@gmail.com](mailto:camille.scout.kalaja@gmail.com)
- **Zumba:** **TOA:** Mondays 7-8pm. My classes are high energy, good fun and burn over 500 calories! All ages (14+) and abilities welcome. Pre-booking required via: [www.zumba-steffi.co.uk](http://www.zumba-steffi.co.uk) or email me [steffihalldance@gmail.com](mailto:steffihalldance@gmail.com)
- **Zumba:** **LCC:** \*Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm Zumba & Toning. All are welcome: fun classes suitable for all fitness levels. No need to book: £7 per class (concession if attending several classes a month). For more info please contact me: Pat Meade 07957 491 868 or [patsimeade63@gmail.com](mailto:patsimeade63@gmail.com)

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## COMMUNITY GROUPS open to residents to join

- **A Littlemore Community:** a group of residents with an interest in planning. They are currently working with the Parish Council on the Neighbourhood Plan: contact: Tony Eade: [tony@edperspectives.org.uk](mailto:tony@edperspectives.org.uk)
- **Littlemore Partnership:** a Network of representatives from various local organisations, supported by interested members of the community. Its aim is to improve communication between residents and service providers, and campaign for improved services Chair: Katie Sreaton, JHN Academy. To find out more, contact: [finance@jhnacademy.co.uk](mailto:finance@jhnacademy.co.uk)
  - **The Health & Wellbeing sub group.** If you are interested in joining please contact the Chair: Rev Margreet Armitstead: [vicar@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:vicar@littlemorechurch.org)
- **The Trustees of the Village Hall:** run the Village Hall which provides buildings, facilities and open space for Littlemore residents to use. They welcome new help: their Chair is Claire Drinkwater: [c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com](mailto:c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com)

## LITTLEMORE HALLS FOR HIRE

- **The Newman Meeting Place:** various flexible spaces including a kitchen able to cater for 100: suitable for meetings, conferences, exhibitions, groups, concerts etc: at St Mary & St Nicholas Church, Sandford Road, near OX4 4PB. See [www.littlemorechurch.org/venue-hire.html](http://www.littlemorechurch.org/venue-hire.html). Contact Julian Armitstead: [churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org)
- **The Oxford Academy:** Beecroft Theatre, Bistro Hall, Events Rooms, Sports Hall, 3G Full size floodlit pitch, 3G Dome, Astro turf pitches, Grass pitches, Dance Studio, Fitness Suite, Drama studio and Classrooms: at TOA, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, OX4 6JZ. See: <https://toaleisure.schoolbookings.co.uk> Contact TOA Leisure: 01865 783 238 or [toaleisure@theoxfordacademy.org](mailto:toaleisure@theoxfordacademy.org)
- **The Royal British Legion Littlemore:** Functions rooms, Games room with snooker tables, darts boards and Bar: at Lakefield Road, Littlemore, OX4 4LZ. Now also available for hire on Sunday evenings. Contact Katie Tutty 01865 778 869 or [littlemorerbl@gmail.com](mailto:littlemorerbl@gmail.com)
- **The Village Hall, Littlemore:** Hall with wifi, kitchen, stage & garden: at Railway Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4PY. Available to hire for occasional or regular organised classes, meetings, training sessions, worship, & family gatherings. See: [www.littlemorevillagehall.org](http://www.littlemorevillagehall.org). Preferred route of contact: [littlemorevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:littlemorevillagehall@gmail.com) Mobile: 07894 268 490

## LITTLEMORE FAITH GROUPS

- **Blessed Dominic Barberi Roman Catholic Church,** Cowley Road, OX4 4JX. See: [www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk](http://www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk)
- **God and People Centre (GAPC):** meets at the Community Centre, Giles Road, OX4 4PL every Sunday 11am-1pm Refreshments are served after the service. Everyone is welcome for Bible Study, Prayer, & Fellowship: contact Mrs Stone: [Jstone@cogop.org.uk](mailto:Jstone@cogop.org.uk)
- **Littlemore Baptist Church:** Sunday worship is at 10.30am at Edith Kempson House, Chapel Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4QB: [www.littlemorebaptist.org.uk](http://www.littlemorebaptist.org.uk)
- **Maranatha Christian Church:** meets at the Community Centre, Giles Road, OX4 4PL.
- **New Life Church:** Sunday services at 11am in Nepali, at **VHL:** see: [www.nccuk.org/site/church/new-life-church](http://www.nccuk.org/site/church/new-life-church)
- **Church of England Benefice of Littlemore & Sandford on Thames:** Priest in Charge: Rev Margreet Armitstead [vicar@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:vicar@littlemorechurch.org) The benefice comprises:
  - ❖ **St Mary and St Nicholas C of E Church,** Sandford Road, near OX4 4PB: website: [www.littlemorechurch.org](http://www.littlemorechurch.org). Vicar: Rev Margreet Armitstead [vicar@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:vicar@littlemorechurch.org) General enquiries: [admin@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:admin@littlemorechurch.org)
  - ❖ **St Andrew's Church,** Church Road, Sandford on Thames, OX4 4XZ : website: [sandfordchurch.org.uk](http://sandfordchurch.org.uk) Vicar: Rev John Findon 01865 434 256 or Rev Bob Morgan 01865 748 848

Find Events at St Mary and St Nicholas on the next page

LITTLEMORE ANGLING SOCIETY FIXTURES			
Fixture	Venue	Competition	Draw : Fish
<b>February</b>			
9	APC Challenge/Blind prs	Tunnel Barn Farm (Club)	Prior Cup 5 D 8 : F 10-4*
23	RC Smith Cup	Sandford	Points 11/Winter League D 7.30 : F 9-2
<b>March</b>			
2	Steve Trotter Cup	Sandford	Prior Cup 6 D 7.30 : F 9-2
9	Canal Cup	Oxford Canal TBC	Points 12/Winter League D 7.30 : F 9-2+
Updates are in red			
* Depending on Fishery Rules, match could be Draw 9 : Fish 11-4			
<a href="http://www.littlemoreanglingociety.co.uk">www.littlemoreanglingociety.co.uk</a>		Alan Campbell	

LITTLEMORE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY	
<b>19 Feb</b>	A man & his shed, Herbert George Mullard & the Cowley Concrete Co. Speaker: Martin Bucklan
<b>19 Mar</b>	Penicillin: the WW2 story of Penicillin by Oxford scientists. Speaker: Marie-Louise Kerr
<b>16 Apr</b>	Geology of Oxfordshire, the very early history of Littlemore! Speaker: Philip Powell
<b>21 May</b>	Littlemore Priory. Speaker: Katie Hambrook
Wednesday: 7 for 7.30pm at the Community Centre: £15 yearly membership, visitors £5 a meeting: contact <i>Bryan &amp; Buffy McClelland</i> , <a href="mailto:history.littlemore@gmail.com">history.littlemore@gmail.com</a>	

LITTLEMORE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	
	
<b>Sun 24 Aug 2025 LITTLEMORE RUGBY CLUB FUN DAY</b>	
<b>FIXTURES</b> COUNTIES 4 TRIBUTE BERKS BUCKS & OXON N	
<b>1 Feb</b>	<b>v Reading III KO 2pm: home</b>
<b>15 Feb</b>	<b>v Chinnor IV KO: 2pm away</b>
<b>FRIENDLIES</b>	
<b>22 Feb</b>	<b>v Abingdon II KO: 2pm: home</b>
<b>1 March</b>	<b>v Gosford All Blacks II KO: 2pm: away</b>
Keep up to date @ fb: Littlemore RFC-Littlemore Rugby Club	
We're at The Oxford Academy: (Northfield Close Entrance). Our clubhouse has a fully licensed bar with live sports on a big screen. <i>John Perry</i>	

Sandford-On-Thames Women's Institute	
Meetings are held in Sandford Village Hall at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of the month.	
<b>Feb 13</b>	Paper flower making
<b>Mar 13</b>	AGM followed by an evening of entertainment
Contact: Jill Love 01865 716 557, <a href="mailto:jpappslove@hotmail.com">jpappslove@hotmail.com</a> , Carole Tasker 07876 701 151, or <a href="mailto:caroletasker27@gmail.com">caroletasker27@gmail.com</a> , or message us on Fb: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Sandford-on-Thames-Womens-Institute/">Sandford-on-Thames Women's Institute</a>	

OXON WOODTURNERS	
We meet in Littlemore Village Hall, 7pm, 1st Tuesday	
<b>4 Feb</b>	Hands on theme: Honey dipper
<b>4 March</b>	Demonstration: by Gregory Moreton
<b>1 April</b>	Hands on themes: Fruit + sharpening
<a href="http://www.oxonwoodturners.com">www.oxonwoodturners.com</a>	

## EVENTS AT ST MARY & ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

### ❖ SPECIAL EVENTS & SERVICES

- Tuesday 4 March: 3.30-4.30pm: **Pancake Party**
- Wednesday 5 March: 7pm: **Ash Wednesday Service**
- Sunday 30 March: 10am: **Mothering Sunday Service**

### ❖ REGULAR EVENTS: THE WEEK at the Church

#### Sundays

- Eucharist Service at 10am in church or Zoom (Meeting ID: 853 9014 0153, Passcode: Eucharist), with Junior Church provision for children. The First Sunday of each month is an all-ages Jubilate Service.

#### Mondays:

- Silent Prayer: 8am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- Coffee & Singalong: 10am-12noon
- Scriptural Reasoning Group: 7-8pm monthly: meet people of other faiths & explore scriptures together. If you'd like to come please email [oxford@dialoguesociety.org](mailto:oxford@dialoguesociety.org) . For more info visit the website: <http://www.littlemorechurch.org/scriptural-reasoning.html>

#### Tuesdays

- Silent Prayer: 8am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- Knitting Group (other crafts welcome!) 11-1pm

#### Wednesdays

- Silent Prayer: 8am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- Church coffee morning for all, 10am-12noon

#### Thursdays

- Silent Prayer: 8am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre Sessions: weekly from 10-11.30am: drop in or pre-book: to pre-book call 01865 438 634
- Littlemore Friendship Group, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at 10am in church. For more info, contact [benjamin@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:benjamin@littlemorechurch.org)

#### Saturdays

- Men's Breakfast 9-10am: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month: a full English Breakfast & time to talk. Suggested donation is only £5: if you'd like to come please contact Julian Armitstead [churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org)

### ❖ ARTS EVENTS: see: [www.littlemorechurch.org/the-arts](http://www.littlemorechurch.org/the-arts)

- **Concerts:** see our noticeboard and our website. If you wish to hold a concert in our church please contact [vicar@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:vicar@littlemorechurch.org)
- **Exhibitions:** We regularly hold exhibitions of local artists' work. If you would like to exhibit please contact [churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org)
- **Annual Harvest of Talents:** check website for information: [www.littlemorechurch.org/the-arts/exhibitions](http://www.littlemorechurch.org/the-arts/exhibitions)
- **Jubilate Band:** are you a budding or experienced musician? Join our informal group which plays in the monthly Jubilate Church Service: to join contact Malcolm Atkins [malcolm.atkins1@ntlworld.com](mailto:malcolm.atkins1@ntlworld.com)
- **Arts Hub:** a collective of local DBS-checked artists and writers who offer monthly workshops at the Church: to sign up for their newsletter go to their fb site: see fliers (right)
  - 22 Feb: 2-3.30pm: Creative Writing Workshop
  - 29 Mar 2-3.30pm: Rhythm Workshop

### ❖ BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS: Please contact Rev Margreet Armitstead [vicar@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:vicar@littlemorechurch.org) or phone 01865 748 003



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2-3.30PM

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- more litter picking!
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## NEIGHBOURING NEWSLETTERS

- **Blackbird Leys:** Sign up for the Community Group Newsletter at [www.facebook.com/groups/656236718050193](http://www.facebook.com/groups/656236718050193)
- **Rose Hill:** find the latest Newsletter at: [rosehillnewsonline.com/editions](http://rosehillnewsonline.com/editions) or follow their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/RoseHillNews](http://www.facebook.com/RoseHillNews) . To get in touch, email Aimee Winkfield at [aimee-rosehillnews@hotmail.com](mailto:aimee-rosehillnews@hotmail.com)
- **Sandford on Thames:** find The Sandford Link at <https://sandford-on-thames-pc.gov.uk/the-sandford-link/>

## LITTLEMORE SCHOOLS

- Emmanuel Christian School:** [www.ecschool.co.uk](http://www.ecschool.co.uk), email: [admin@ecschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@ecschool.org.uk)  
**John Henry Newman Academy:** [www.jhnacademy.co.uk](http://www.jhnacademy.co.uk)  
**Mabel Prichard Secondary School:** [www.mabelprichard.org](http://www.mabelprichard.org)  
**The Oxford Academy:** [www.theoxfordacademy.org.uk](http://www.theoxfordacademy.org.uk)  
**St John Fisher Catholic Primary School:** [www.st-john-fisher.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-john-fisher.oxon.sch.uk)

## GENERAL PRACTICES

There are no Primary Medical or Dental services in Littlemore: the following GP surgeries cover Littlemore area:

- Donnington Medical Partnership:** 01865 771 313  
1 Henley Ave, OX4 4DH
- Cowley Road Medical Practice:** 01865 791 850  
Manzil Way, Cowley, OX4 1XD
- Hollow Way Medical Centre:** 01865 777 495  
18 Ivy Close, Cowley, OX4 2NB
- The Leys Health Centre:** 01865 778 244  
Dunnock Way, OX4 7EX  
[www.theleyshealthcentre.nhs.uk](http://www.theleyshealthcentre.nhs.uk)
- St Bartholomew's Medical Centre:** 01865 242 334  
Manzil Way, Cowley Rd, Cowley, OX4 1XB
- Temple Cowley Health Centre:** 01865 777 024,  
Temple Rd, Cowley, OX4 2HL

## LOCAL PHARMACIES

- Rose Hill: **The Leys Pharmacy:** 6a Courtland Rd, OX4 4HZ: 01865 777836: offers emergency contraception
- Cowley Centre: **Superdrug Pharmacy:** Templars Square, OX4 3UZ: 01865 779 299
- Late Night: **Boots:** Oxford Retail Park, OX4 6XJ: 01865 717699: open 'til midnight M-F, and 'til 10pm Saturday: offers emergency contraception & blister-pack recycling.

## OUR LOCAL MP: Anneliese Dodds

- Address: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
- Oxford address: Unit A Bishops Mews, Transport Way, OX4 6HD
- email: [anneliese.dodds.casework@parliament.uk](mailto:anneliese.dodds.casework@parliament.uk) .
- telephone: 01865 595 790 (9am to 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday).

## COUNTY and CITY COUNCILLORS for Littlemore

**For County Council issues:** eg Education, Social Care, Transport, Highways: contact:

- Cllr Trish Elphinstone [trish.elphinstone@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:trish.elphinstone@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

**For City Issues:** eg Housing, Antisocial behaviour, Flytipping contact:

- Cllr Tiago Corais [cllrtcorais@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:cllrtcorais@oxford.gov.uk)
- Cllr Anne Stares [cllrastares@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:cllrastares@oxford.gov.uk)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February** <sup>2025</sup>

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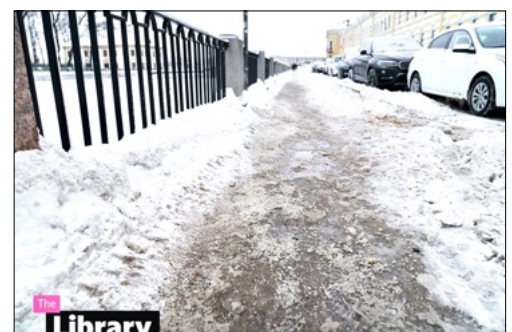


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**Find us:** in the **Rose Hill Community Centre**, Carole's Way, off Ashhurst Way, Rose Hill, OX4 4HF

- Mon: \*am:9.30-12:30 (Drop in) \*pm: 1.30-4 (Appointments)
- Tues: \*am 9.30-12.30 (Appointments) \*pm 1.30-4 (Drop in)
- Weds: \*am 9.30-12:30pm (Drop in) \*pm: closed
- Thurs: \*am 9.30-12.30 (Appointments) \*pm: 1.30-4 (Drop in)

**Find us:** in **SM&SN Church**: Thurs am 10-11.30 (Appointments)

**Contact us:**

online at [rhdadvice.org](http://rhdadvice.org) email: [admin@rhdadvice.org](mailto:admin@rhdadvice.org)  
freephone 0800 170 0156 or 01865 438 634 . Phones are manned Mon/Tue/Thurs: 9am to 4.30pm & Wed 9-1.

*Sarah Meziu, Manager*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk)

Rose Hill Community Centre, Carole's Way, OX4 4HF

**Contact the team:**

- Ring 101 for non emergency calls, or 999 for emergencies
- email [RosehillTeam@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:RosehillTeam@thamesvalley.police.uk) .

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- Online: [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)
- Phone: 0800 555 111

## COMMUNITY WATCH

**GO TO** [oxford.gov.uk/report](http://oxford.gov.uk/report) or [fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

- **to report environmental problems** like Dog Fouling, Noise, Fly Tipping, and / or ...
- **to report lost, or stray dogs**, and / or ...
- **to report things that need clearing** like fly-tipping, fly-posting, needles, sharps, offensive graffiti, or graffiti on public buildings, council properties and in parks, cemeteries and bus shelters, and / or
- **to report concerns about houses & property**, like cuckooing, illegal subletting, unlicensed HMOs, breaches of Planning control, empty or dangerous structures

**GO TO The Police on 101 (999 if it's an emergency)**

- **to report Anti-Social Behaviour**, including drug dealing, and criminal damage, say by dogs biting park play equipment

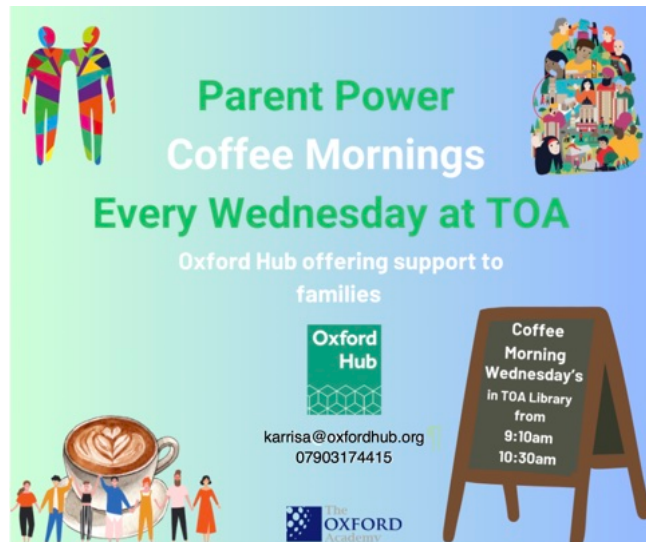
**GO TO** <https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/reportparkedvehicle>

- **to report Illegal parking**
- **If a road or pavement is obstructed, call the police on 101**

**GO TO** [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) .

- **to join your local Neighbourhood Watch Group or form a new one**

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYTHING ELSE  
THAT SHOULD BE LISTED**  
please contact the editor at  
[editor@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:editor@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk)



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## LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

**2024-5: Council Chair: Cllr Peter George Vice Chair: Cllr Sadiea Mustafa-Awan**

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*There are 16 seats: the seats are distributed: Littlemore ward (13 seats), Bodley Road ward (2 seats), Sandy Lane West ward (1 seat).  
 Cllrs Aldridge and Hancock represent Bodley ward Cllr Evans represents Sandy Lane West ward All others represent Littlemore ward*

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR FULL COUNCIL

**Clerk:** Morgan James: [clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk). Telephone: 07377 682 216.  
**Write to the whole Parish Council via the Clerk:** 25 Lambert Walk, Thame, Oxon, OX9 3DT.

### COMMITTEES

KEY: (P) = public member, who is not a parish councillor

Finance & General Purposes	Parks/Recreation Grounds/ Environment	Planning	Transport	Personnel & Standards
<b>Chair:</b> Chris Smowton	<b>Chair:</b> Jan Pullen	<b>Chair:</b> Jan Pullen	<b>Chair:</b> Sadiea Mustafa-Awan	<b>Chair:</b> Susie Aldridge
<b>Members</b> Susie Aldridge Michael Evans Dorian Hancock Sadiea Mustafa-Awan Erdem Pulcu Maggie Willis	<b>Members</b> Ruth Corrigan (P) Chloe Edwards (P) Peter George David Henwood Sorcha Lanham Anna Railton Gabriele Santi Chris Smowton Maggie Willis	<b>Members</b> Michael Evans Sadiea Mustafa-Awan Gabriele Santi Chris Smowton	<b>Members</b> Lynne Davies Michael Evans Dorian Hancock Erdem Pulcu (P) Gabriele Santi Anne Stares	<b>Members</b> Lynne Davies Peter George Dorian Hancock Sadiea Mustafa-Awan Anne Stares

### WORKING GROUPS

Membership of all working groups is open to the public; please contact the working group chair to express your interest.  
 KEY: (L) = Lead (P) = public member, who is not a parish councillor.

#### Littlemore Play Day 2025

David Henwood  
Sadiea Mustafa-Awan  
Maggie Willis

#### Neighbourhood Plan

Ruth Corrigan (P) Lynne Davies Laura Davis (P) Tony Eade (L) (P)  
 Matt Elliott (P) Frank Gargent (P) Peter George David Henwood  
 Ruth McNamara (P) Jan Pullen Chris Smowton Maggie Willis

### OTHER PROJECT GROUPS

**Iffley Charities Representatives:** Susie Aldridge, Dorian Hancock  
**Littlemore Community Association Representatives:** Michael Evans, Dorian Hancock  
**Littlemore Partners & Communities Meeting Representatives:** Jan Pullen, Anne Stares

### FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council Meetings are held at Littlemore Village Hall, Railway Lane, OX4 4PY,  
 from 7-9pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month except August.  
 Members of the public are welcome to attend. For news about the meetings, and for minutes of meetings,  
 please check the Parish Council website: [www.littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk).



## LOOK OUT FOR NEW DRIVING & PARKING RESTRICTIONS

\*\*\*Approved plans may be implemented soon

### • Controlled Parking Zone Littlemore North

Find maps and details of the proposals at: [https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxford\\_littlemorenorth\\_cpz2024](https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxford_littlemorenorth_cpz2024)

- a) Controlled Parking Zone Mon to Sun 8am – 6.30pm permit holders or 2 hours for non-permit holders: **Decision deferred**
- b) Double yellow lines as advertised. **Decision: approved**

### • Westbury Crescent Highway Improvements Scheme

Find maps & details at: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/westbury-crescent-traffic-improvements>

- a) One-way traffic restriction (exemptions for people cycling) with eastbound traffic using the northern leg, and westbound traffic using the southern leg.
- b) Traffic calming features (planters) placed on the highway at various points to narrow the road slightly, with the exception of proposed planters outside 36 and 31 Westbury Crescent which are recommended not to be taken forward.
- c) Double yellow lines at various locations to support the traffic calming features though not by Nos 36 and 31 which (subject to 'b') would not be required **Decision: all approved**

### • Armstrong Road, Oxford: Waiting Restrictions

Find maps & details at: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/search?query=armstrong+road>

- a) Double yellow lines on Armstrong Road as advertised.
- b) The introduction of raised tables on sections of Armstrong Road as advertised. **Decision: both Approved**

## TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS SANDY LANE WEST

While changes are made to facilitate a safer route to school.

- **No Waiting:** 27 Jan - 28 Mar: BB Leys Rd to Bampton Close.
- **Road Closure:** 17-21 Feb: between junctions with Blackbird Leys Road & Ledgers Close to facilitate works. Access will be maintained for businesses and residents.
- **Road Closure with No Vehicle Access:** 24-28 March, 7pm - 6am, with access maintained for businesses and residents.
- **Night time closures** 7pm - 6am to facilitate construction of speed reduction humps in Sandy Lane West: **with no vehicle access** to (i) Broadfields 25 March, (ii) Spring Lane 26 March, and (iii) Broadfields 27 March.

**Pedestrians** will be able to use the footway.

**Cyclists** will be asked to dismount and use the footway.

**For maps of diversions**, see p 4 of the longer electronic version of LITTLEMORE LOCAL.

## LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE: CCTV CAMERA and other security measures: Cowley Road, Littlemore

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that a permanent CCTV camera is now in commission near the Cowley Road shops. Special thanks go to Sandy Douglas, Trish Elphinstone and Tiago Corais who in 2023 were the local councillors who secured funding from the Anti-social Behaviour team for a temporary camera for the pilot project.

The permanent camera is largely funded by a grant from Thames Valley Police & the Crime Commissioner's Community Fund (see the last issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL), with additional monies provided by Oxford City Council, and Cllr Trish Elphinstone's Priority Fund. Thank you to all concerned. Please see Cllr Elphinstone's report (right) for an update on our project to improve lighting under the bridge.

## COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

### Cowley Road: Lighting under the Road Bridge, & Repairs

Some lighting has been placed at the NE side close to the bridge pillar. The walkway nearer the cars is now lit from both sides: this hopefully encourages pedestrians to use that section of pathway. Structural & servicing constraints make it tricky to light the rear footpaths, but investigations are ongoing to improve the lighting as the next step. Some remedial repairs to the bridge are expected to be carried out in April.

### Highways Update for Bodley Road and Herschel Crescent

Bore holes have been made to determine the makeup and condition of the substructure supporting the pavement layers (results awaited), and camera surveys of the highway drainage have been done. Drainage issues were identified and will be addressed once funding is in place. There will not be any 5A buses until the drainage / carriageway issues have been resolved, but Cllr Elphinstone is working to get a nipper bus back on the original Herschel Crescent Route.

### New 600 Service to Hospitals: starting in February

This Stagecoach service will link Redbridge and Thornhill Park & Ride sites with the Oxford Science Park, BMW, ARC Oxford, Cowley Centre, Nuffield Hospital, Churchill Hospital, John Radcliffe Hospital and Headington. It will run every 30 minutes M-Sat day times, and hourly in the evenings and at weekends Local stops: \*on the A4074 by Mogridge Drive, \*at Magdalen Centre on the Science Park, and \*the Kassam Stadium.

### Music Course and Mural Art in Littlemore

Trish has initiated two exciting projects for young people.

- A six-week music technology course, facilitated by the Youth Club: at Littlemore Community Centre from 27 February. Contact Leonard Sackey [LSackey@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:LSackey@oxford.gov.uk)
- The provision of a mural to brighten the space under the Cowley Road Bridge. This project will be run by local artists. There will be workshops within John Henry Newman Academy and the Oxford Academy before the mural is made in April. Cllr Trish Elphinstone, [Trish.Elphinstone@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Trish.Elphinstone@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### HIF 1 TRUNK ROAD IS APPROVED

It is an upgrade of existing roads with some new stretches, and a new bridge across the Thames. It will link the A34 at Milton to the B4015 just north of Clifton Camden. (The B4015 is the road which links Clifton Hampden and Notcutts Garden Centre / the Golden Balls roundabout on the A4074.) The new road will by-pass Didcot & Clifton Hampden, but bring more traffic via Nuneham Courtenay to the ring road at Sainsburys. Building is expected to start in 2026 and take 2years. Find a map of the road on p 5 of the electronic issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL.

### POETRY CORNER

Garden Of The Soul by *Deborah Cadd*

Destroy a thing of beauty  
And you destroy something of your soul:  
Nurture a thing of beauty  
And a garden will bloom within  
With sweet roses, violets, and more  
To bloom forever more.  
It will sustain you on your journey  
And it will bloom in darkness  
When your path seems unsurmountable.  
Go open the gate of your heart, go sit  
Inside your garden, it is always bright  
A spiritual haven, of infinite light.



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