

PLEASE ALWAYS REPORT ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Parish Council has been made aware of alarming antisocial behaviour in a local park. It is super-important that incidents are reported to the police. Call 101 or use the webform at www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ (recommended).

To report crime anonymously phone 0800 555 111 or go to crimestoppers-uk.org.

If nothing is reported the authorities won't recognise our need for neighbourhood policing. *Cllr Anna Railton*

LITTLEMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We were aiming for the Neighbourhood Plan to be put to residents at a referendum in May 2025. Sadly, the process by which the City Council checks that it is ready has taken longer than we hoped. It will now be considered by the Cabinet in April. We hope that the referendum will soon follow, but we cannot yet give you a date. If you have queries, please contact me on nplan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Tony Eaude, Chair Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

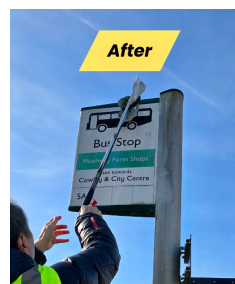


THE ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN AND LITTER PICK

Around 40 people turned up for the annual OxClean litter pick in early March. We picked up loads of litter and even cleaned up a few signs and removed graffiti along the way! **Thank you** to everyone who gave up their afternoon to help, and to the

volunteers at the Village Hall who put on a great spread for everyone at the end!

If you'd like to pick litter under your own steam, call Callum Dickerson at ODS 07561 601 896 to get your own grab and a supply of official bags to fill and leave by a street litter bin any weekday. *Cllr Anna Railton*



PARISH COUNCIL TREE PLANTING

We sorted the funding for the next round of planting, the trees were ordered (by the City) but the landowner (the County Council) has said there's not time to get them in the ground this planting season. So we're hoping to plant in winter 2025. If you have suggestions for extra sites please let me know. *Cllr Anna Railton*

anna.railton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sat 5 April **Local History Society Walk** from 1.30, and **Community Tea at the Village Hall** 2.30-4.30pm
- Sunday 13 April: **Fauré Requiem, & other music:** 6.30-7.30pm: with the choir at St Andrew's Church, Sandford
- Sunday 13 + Thurs 17 April: special sessions of OPT **Green space volunteering** at Heyford Meadow, Heyford Hill Lane: 9:30am-12:30pm. Contact 01865 242 918
- 3-26 May: **Oxfordshire Artweeks May Festival:** see pp 9&10 for local exhibitions and <https://www.artweeks.org>
- Sat 3 May: **Local History Society Walk** from 1.30, and **Community Tea at the Village Hall** 2.30-4.30
- Sun 25 May 11.30am: **World Poohsticks Championships** at Sandford Lock: please don't go by car! To take part get tickets at <https://poohsticks.uk>
- May or June (tbc): an opportunity to **Come & Sing Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** with Sandford Church Choir: children will be specially welcome: contact Christian Bradley: cwwbradley@gmail.com
- Sat 14 June: **Littlemore Parish Council Play Day:** 12noon-4pm, Oxford Road Recreation Ground. See p 2.
- Sat 28 June: **28th Oxford Scout Group Summer Fayre:** 1-4pm @ Scout HQ, Fairlie Rd: with Grand Raffle BBQ, games
- Sat 12 July: **Sandford Summer Festival:** 1-7pm, Sandford Recreation Ground
- Sun 25 Aug: **Littlemore Rugby Club Fun Day:** noon-5pm

Find more dates: Local History Society Walks and Talks on pp 5 & 18; Easter Church services on p 18; Woodturners meetings and the WI on pp 17 & 18.

WHY DISPOSE OF DOG POO SAFELY?



Dog fouling is a nuisance, & it's associated with various diseases including *Toxocara canis*. This parasite is very common in puppies, and less common in adult dogs who may have no symptoms. About 5% of adult dogs may be infected at any given

time. *T canis* can infect people who touch soil contaminated by infected faeces. Children & young people are especially vulnerable. In humans, the parasite can infect organs including the lungs, liver, and the back of the eye (which can result in blindness). So please dispose of your dog poo safely. You can buy bags for less than 1p each, clip a bag holder to your lead & dispose of dog waste in any local authority litter bin. Please note: bagging up dog faeces even in biodegradable poo bags doesn't make it OK to leave it lying around.

IT'S ILLEGAL TO RIDE YOUR OWN E-SCOOTER IN PUBLIC

They are classed as motorised vehicles and you need a driving licence and insurance to ride them on public roads. Insurance is only available from the Voi hire scheme. It is always illegal to ride e-scooters on the pavement, and to carry a passenger.

FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

***Two E- Scooters were seized** after officers conducted an operation around Littlemore. Please be warned that we are no longer issuing warnings for riding them. If officers see you riding one in a public place it will be seized. ***Two Community Protection Warnings have been issued** to individuals seen begging outside shops in Rose Hill and Littlemore. If you witness this type of activity, and/or you see people on scrambler type bikes riding around local recreation grounds please call the police on 101 at the time it's happening.

PCSO 9715 Caroline Sampson

COUNTY NEWS: COWLEY ROAD, LITTLEMORE

Ring Road Bridge repair, safety improvements & art project

As county councillor for Rose Hill & Littlemore I am pleased to have secured with county officers the bridge repairs, lighting, CCTV, and an exciting new art project. The lighting and art project were funded by the Labour team and we worked with Littlemore Parish Council for the procurement of the permanent CCTV. The work came about because the bridge had been an area for anti-social behaviour, and residents had reported leaks. Though there was no urgency to complete bridge repairs, working together with the community and with county council officers has facilitated the much-needed improvements. Local artists Mani Manson-Reeves and Alex Singleton, and poet Steve Larkin have run workshops with children & teachers at John Henry Newman, and at the Oxford Academy. The children have designed a mural. The school art teachers tell us that the children have been enjoying this enormously and are looking forward to taking part in painting it - safely of course - at the end of April. Officers have said 'to ensure the safety of both students and the public we will be utilising traffic lights and barriers throughout the project'. With the lighting, CCTV and mural, it will be a much safer and cheerier place to be, and all involved can't wait to see it.

The Music Technology sessions which I funded at the Thursday youth club in Littlemore Community Centre continue to run. For more details contact TKhan2@oxford.gov.uk .

If you have concerns, and would like your councillors to address them to officers or either City or County Council, the routes are:

For County Council issues (see table, right) contact:

- Cllr Trish Elphinstone trish.elphinstone@oxfordshire.gov.uk

For City Issues (see table, right) contact:

- Cllr Tiago Corais cllrcorais@oxford.gov.uk
- Cllr Anne Stares cllrastares@oxford.gov.uk .

County Councillor Trish Elphinstone

CITY NEWS: INVESTING IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Did you know that each Oxford City Councillor has an annual Ward Member Budget of £1,500 to spend in their community? Mine has offered me an opportunity to support our younger generation. After all, the future belongs to them, and it's our responsibility to invest in creating an amazing world for them. I'm thrilled to announce that this year I've allocated £1,000 to the Littlemore Art Mural project led by Cllr Trish Elphinstone for Cowley Road Bridge. Additionally, I've supported the Littlemore Arts Hub, a grassroots group promoting local arts and crafts, which offers Saturday workshops. If you have projects involving young people that need funding, please reach out to me at cllrcorais@oxford.gov.uk. Let's work together to make Littlemore a vibrant and inspiring community!

City Councillor Tiago Corais

PARISH NEWS: LITTLEMORE PLAY DAY: might you help?

A Play Day is planned for 12noon to 4pm on Sat 14 June at Oxford Road Rec. It will feature a climbing wall, go-carts, soft play, a bike trail, street food, & other facilities. In addition to activities for children, the Parish Council would like to hear from Littlemore organisations who would like to showcase their work or provide a practical demonstration on the day.

In addition, volunteers will be needed to ensure that all visitors can enjoy the event safely. **Might you help** with setting up in the morning (10.00 – 12 noon), or as a steward during the afternoon (12noon-2pm or 2-4 pm), or with clearing the field after the event ends (4–5.30 pm)? To offer your support and/or ask for further information contact: *Parish Cllr Maggie Willis:* maggie.willis@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk .

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY: CITY & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Our City and County Councillors are empowered to work with officers of their respective councils. **If you have concerns**, and would like your councillors to address them to officers, here is how services in Oxford are split between Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council:

TIER ONE: responsibilities of Oxfordshire County Council

- Schools
- Social services
- Concessionary bus passes
- Adult Learning
- Major road maintenance
- Libraries
- Children and young people
- Fire and Rescue Service
- Waste recycling centres and waste disposal
- Trading standards
- Registration of births, deaths and marriages
- Street lighting
- Carers' support
- Transport planning
- Residents' parking permits
- On-street parking
- Youth offending service
- Music service

TIER THREE: Littlemore Parish Council

For more about the 3 levels of local government, and about LPC's powers and areas of responsibility see: <https://littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk/faqs> .

TIER TWO: responsibilities of Oxford City Council

- Planning
- Council housing
- Homelessness
- Houses in Multiple Occupation licensing
- Housing options advice
- Council Tax collection
- Council Tax Reduction and Housing Benefit
- Business Rates (NNDR) collection
- Environmental health
- Licensing
- Recycling and waste collection
- Leisure centres and facilities
- Building control
- Minor road maintenance
- Street cleaning
- Parks
- Community grants
- Community Response Team and Park Rangers
- Markets
- Community safety
- Electoral registration
- Cemeteries
- Car parks
- Community centres
- Public toilets

Ox PLACE UPGRADES LOCAL COUNCIL HOMES

Ox Place, the City Council's Housing Company has modernised 9 empty council houses to provide bigger, adaptable homes for large families and people with changing mobility needs. Two and three-bed homes were extended to create four and five-bed homes, and space was found for 4 additional new homes. One of the 9 existing homes is in Littlemore:

- By building rear & side extensions, ODS turned a 3-bed house in Kempson Crescent into a fully adaptable 5-bed home with level access and a ground floor bedroom and shower room.

NEW, free TEXTILES RECYCLING SERVICE

offered by the City Council+Recycling Solutions. [Request a textiles collection](#) or phone 01865 249 811 between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, or go to the collection point at Rose Hill Community Centre. See the p 7 of electronic version of LITTLEMORE LOCAL for details of suitable items.

NEIGHBOURING NEWSLETTERS

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

NEW: AT LITTLEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE

- The centre has recently won a grant for a defibrillator which soon will be mounted on the outside wall.
- We have launched a new Community Group. At a recent meeting we enjoyed a mid-day lunch while local players delivered cheerful music. PCSO Jonny Little dropped in to talk to residents. Future guests will deliver talks on local history, staying safe online, & much more. If you would like to join us, membership is free to all residents. We meet Fridays 11am to 1pm. Tea, cake, and a light lunch are provided.



David Henwood, Trustee, LCC

NEW: WELLBEING SESSIONS at LITTLEMORE ALLOTMENTS

Funding from Oxfordshire Community Foundation's [Thriving in Nature fund](#) allows Rose Hill Junior Youth Club to offer a wider range of free nature activities to anyone who lives locally. They include relaxed drop-in sessions for adults at our community allotment. You can meet new people, chat, enjoy refreshments, and try some low-maintenance gardening. To join, either meet Megan (Meg) Harcourt at 10am on Thursdays at Rose Hill Community Centre for a walk to the Thompson Terrace allotments, or meet us there any time from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Go to the Kempson Crescent gate and ring Meg to let you in. Contact Meg at: Megan@rhjyc.org or 07525 055 267.

NEW: FARMABILITY CO-FARMING PROGRAMME

FarmAbility run activity programmes on farms, in gardens, and in green spaces across Oxfordshire for adults with a learning disability, and for those who are autistic. Participants take part in real and meaningful tasks to improve their physical health and well-being. We are able to offer FREE spaces to qualifying residents of Littlemore and Rose Hill, and can also provide assistance with transport. Contact us on 07787 412 630 (weekdays, 9am-5pm), or email: info@farmability.org.uk. Find out more at www.farmability.org.uk.

NEW: HELP FOR THOSE AGE 18+ WITH A HIGH BMI: 28+ (or 27.5 for Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic people, or those with co-morbidities). <https://oxf.maximusuk.co.uk/> offers help via: *Adults Face to Face*, *Adults Online*, *Gutless Live for Men*, *Slimming World*, & *Weight Watchers* programmes. See more on p 12 of the online issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL.

NEW: SINGLE SOURCE OF GUIDANCE FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS

Over the next few months, the County Council be launching a number of tools and services that provide support and advice for residents. The first is the **Oxfordshire Advice Navigator**. An easy-to-use online tool for advice on debt, benefits and support, it brings together a number of advice services to make it easy to access tailored, local information. Users are taken through questions one at a time, and then advice and support is delivered straight into inboxes. If residents need more guidance, one of the team will get in touch. See: oxfordshireadvicenavigator.org.uk. Phone: 01865 410 660.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

- **Laing O'Rourke seeks local residents to deliver leaflets** Laing O'Rourke (LOR), the main contractor for the development of the Ellison Institute of Technology, wish to hire up to 10 local residents to deliver leaflets to that part of the community most impacted by LOR's operations. These areas are along Sandford Road, in and around Armstrong Road, and around Minchery Road. They will be required on an ad hoc basis, with up to one week's notice before each distribution, and will be paid at Oxford minimum wage. Please see p 11 of the online issue for a map and more detail. If you are interested please contact Amanda Thompson at OxfordEIT@laingorourke.com.
- **Littlemore Parish Council is always pleased to have new volunteers** to add to its LITTLEMORE LOCAL delivery team. LITTLEMORE LOCAL is delivered to every home, ideally in the week before it is due out: ie the week before the first of Feb, April, June, August, October, and December. Your round can be as large or small as you wish. Contact Cllr Chris Smowton if you'd like to know more: chris.smowton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.
- **Share your memories of 28th Oxford Scouts:** the 28th Oxford Scout Group will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in June next year. In the run up to the celebrations they are looking for stories, photos & memories of the Group in Littlemore. If you can help, please call Ruth Lloyd, (Tictac) on 07736 831 038.
- **Help at Littlemore Play Day: Saturday 14 June.** Showcase your local work and/or help set up, or take down, or steward the event. See column 2 on page 2.

POETRY COLUMN

Counting Sheep
by Deborah Cadd

Got on the bus this morning
The driver, he was yawning
I said, 'A ticket into town,'
But he looked at me and frowned
and said, 'Look, I'm trying to sleep:
I'm busy counting sheep
So don't you bother me
Here's your ticket, here, you see
Now sit down - go find a seat'.
He took out a cake to eat.
And so, I sat there waiting
On the bus anticipating
But my journey didn't start
As he munched an apple tart.
Then I heard this awful snoring.
Not wanting to be boring
I marched up to the driver
Told him he was a conniver
Was he going to drive the bus?
He said 'Lady, what a fuss.
Can't you see I'm busy?
Counting sheep 'til I am dizzy
'Cos, I got to sleep last night
And I didn't finish quite
Counting all the sheep.
Now let me go to sleep
So I can finish counting
And catch that black one up the
mountain...'
There's another bus that's due,
But it's not 'till half past two!



NEW TO THE LISTINGS PAGES in the electronic issue

- A Little More Social Group at the Community Centre
- Wellbeing Sessions for adults at Thompson Terrace Allotments (detail see left)
- Weight loss sessions for those with a BMI over 28 (or 27.5 for some: detail see p 12)
- Northwood Chiropractic Clinic at the Oxford Science Park

also in the electronic issue:

- Schools news
- WI and LLHS page
- consultations
- Wildlife page
- Local Artweeks Venues
- news from the Ellison Institute
- City Council Business priorities
- LPC contact details

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY: SPORTS NEWS

Athletics: *Boys: 4th out of 6 (pictured)

*Girls: 5th out of 7



Girls' Football:

JHNA 3, John Hampden 0: our scorers: Priya x2 & Rakeila
JHNA 4, St. John Fisher 1: our scorers: Vicky x2, Annalise & OG
JHNA 0, St. John Fisher 5...oops



Boys' Football: **Thank you** to Mr. Thomas of TOA, and James Gilmore of Oxford City FC for allowing the Year 5/6 Boys' Team to be mascots in their 0-0 draw with Chester FC.



Hockey: JHNA 3, Emmanuel Christian 6: our scorers: Shashwat, Trey & Benicio



Mr Surman

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL NEWS

• Spring is in the air, and working in partnership with Earth Trust we have begun planting bulbs & seeds in our on-site allotment. We have been focusing on developing sustainability in school, and are planning to bring some chickens into our family this term. Through these projects we are working towards a CAFOD LiveSimply award, a scheme for Catholic communities to live simply & sustainably with creation, in solidarity with those living in poverty.

• Healthy bodies and healthy minds are key, and this was emphasised by the Nuffield Neurology Team who brought a giant pop-up brain and delivered workshops on the healthy brain to children across the school.



• The Oxfordshire Active Travel Fund has also provided a grant to run cycling workshops with our Nursery and Reception children, using our new track markings.

• As 2025 is the Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church, we have become 'Pilgrims of Hope' with children taking part in their own mini-pilgrimages to all of the Catholic Churches in the city!

• We have also celebrated World Book Day in school, sharing a hot 'Bookie Breakfast' with our children and families, in a vast array of wonderful costumes, and, as always with St John Fisher, there has been more sporting success.



Mr Higgins, Head

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SANDFORD ON THAMES WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

April 2025 marks the beginning of our 9th year, though Sandford has had WI groups before. When we were founded, we were the third WI to be established in Sandford in a century. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday each month except August, at 7.30pm in the village hall. During the year we arrange social events for members and on occasions for family and friends. Meetings in December and January are for members only.

Visitors may attend February to November meetings: on your second visit a contribution of £5 will be appreciated, or of course you may pay membership. You don't need to live in Sandford to join! Subscription for 2025-2026 is due on 1 April or paid at the April meeting and is £51. Sight of the local WI magazine is available at meetings, and all members receive the National *WI Life* once their membership is paid, and national HQ have been notified.

Communication to members is vital, and is done through WhatsApp, emails, phone calls, & visits. You are not alone. Here's the remaining programme for 2025.

- 10 April: Talk by Carol MacKay Preparing for Emergencies in Oxfordshire. The work of the Emergency Planning Dept
- 8 May: Creative Upcycling
- 12 June: Talk by a volunteer from the charity Medical Detection Dogs
- 10 July: Preparation for Sandford on Thames Fair + social
- 11 September: Talk by Liz Woolley (subject to be confirmed)
- 9 October: Brush Painting
- 13 November: Christmas cake decorating
- 11 December: Christmas celebrations (members only)

We should like to thank Prue Sykes and Judith Godsland for all their efforts in compiling our local newsletters: *The Link* and **LITTLEMORE LOCAL**.

Jill Love: please find our contact details in the listings p18

2210 (Cowley) Squadron AIR CADETS: NEWS

Though preoccupied with getting our building ready for a refurbishment, we participated in the Littlemore Litter pick organised by Parish councillor Anna Railton. Cake and drinks at the end were a most welcome reward!

We took the opportunity to clean up outside the unit as well...



please note the 'pace stick litter picker pose' 😎.

*Flight Lieutenant TJC O'Riordan, OC 2210 (Cowley) Sqn
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WHY NOT JOIN LITTLEMORE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY?

LHS is a lively group: perhaps our new programme of summer walks will tempt you to join. All but the June walk are led by Julia Brocklesby.

Saturday April 5 LLHS Walk: meet 1.30pm at Littlemore Church gate to go down Spring Lane, across railway to Falcon Close, and to see developments taking place around Spindleberry Nature Reserve and the Kassam stadium. We visit the site of a possible future Science Park railway station, then come back to the Village Hall through Minchery Farm estate for optional tea and cake. The walk is free and all are welcome

Saturday May 3 LLHS Walk: meet 1.30pm at Littlemore Church gate. We will explore further the Trees and Preservation orders along Sandford Road, and hopefully we will be able to visit Armstrong Road developments. It may also be possible to visit the new housing developments in Farriers Way (behind the George Pub) and Youngs Way via Medhurst Way. And then to the Village Hall for tea. The walk is free and all are welcome

Saturday June 7 LLHS Walk led by Maggie Willis to view the development of artisan housing in Littlemore. Please book your place on this walk, which may be repeated if >12 sign up.

Wednesday June 18 for LLHS members and visitors. An evening circular walk: meet 6pm at Sainsbury's exit to the bypass, to walk to Iffley via the cycle track and towpath to see the nesting swifts, the new river access from Iffley churchyard, and the site of the recent discovery of domestic Roman occupation. Then along old pathways which still exist through the estate back to Sainsbury's.

Saturday July 5 LLHS Orchid Walk via Heyford Hill Lane, and then to Village Hall for tea. Some may like to use the 3A bus. Details nearer the date.

Members are warmly encouraged to let us know of other places they would like to visit. We might for example take the X40 to within 100 metres of Reading Museum (free) to see the 19th century copy of the Bayeux Tapestry, and archaeological finds from the Iron Age & the Roman town of Silchester. The museum has an excellent café serving drinks, cake and light lunches, though we could picnic in the gardens and ruins of Reading Abbey next door.

Bryan McClelland

KEY SOURCES OF AIR POLLUTION IN OXFORD:

DATA FROM 2022

The [Oxford Source Apportionment report](#), focuses on nitrogen oxides (NO_x – a combination of nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide) and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀).

Key findings of the report:

- **Road transport** is the largest contributor to NO_x pollution - accounting for 32% of total NO_x emissions, with diesel vehicles dominating emissions. Cars (petrol and diesel) account for 48% of total road transport NO_x emissions.
- **Domestic combustion** accounts for 26% of NO_x emissions.
- **Point sources** (emissions from sources at a known location that can be directly mapped such as industry or commercial buildings) contribute 20% of total NO_x emissions.
- **Other road transport** (including boats, and military aircraft) accounts for 9% of total NO_x emissions.
- **Other emissions** (including rail & aircrafts, non-road mobile machinery, industry, waste, solvents, agriculture, & production processes) accounts for 13% of NO_x emissions.
- **Domestic wood burning** is the highest contributor to PM_{2.5} pollution, accounting for 24% of total PM_{2.5} emissions.
- **Buses** contribute 4% to total NO_x emissions, reflecting a significant (28%) reduction since the previous source apportionment study, due to Oxford's transition to electric buses.

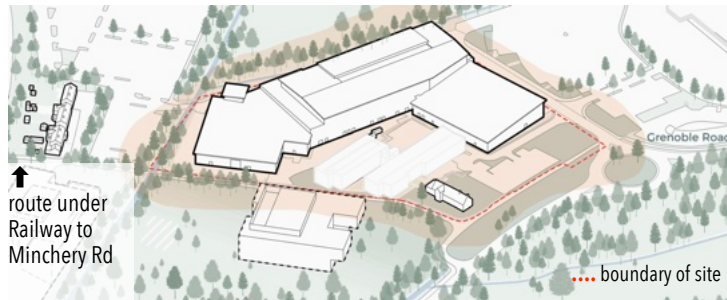
CONSULTATIONS WHICH ARE CLOSING SOON

OZONE LEISURE PARK REIMAGINED

Thursday 20 March: 2-8pm: inside the entrance to Vue Cinema at Ozone Leisure Centre: a chance to share your ideas about the future use of the site

See: www.ozonereimagined.com

Contact: consultation@ozonereimagined.com



This is the first of two rounds of public workshops:

Round 1: March 2025: consultation

Round 2: revised designs based on feedback: Planned for April 2025 (to be confirmed). If you miss them, or can't attend, you may contact the consultation team on consultation@ozonereimagined.com.

CONSULTATION: TRAFFIC CALMING, IFFLEY ROAD

Your response should be completed and returned by 5pm on Friday 28 March 2025.

The County Council is asking for your views on the proposals to construct new side road entry treatments (generally 85mm high platforms with 1:10 ramp gradients) at the following junctions along the Iffley Road: Radcliffe Road, Iffley Turn, Westbury Crescent, Courtland Road (North & South), Cornwallis Road (design to take into account existing bus route).

The treatments will provide continuous footways across the junction, providing improvements for both pedestrians and cyclists (improvements to some existing central traffic islands are also proposed which will help further aid safe crossing). See:

https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxford_a4165a4158_sret2025

Further information about how they plan to make the road safer can be found at:

[https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/roadworks/future-transport-projects/safer-rows-oxford](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/roadworks/future-transport-projects/safer-roads-oxford)

CONSULTATION: NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PRIORITIES

If you wish to complete the survey please do so by the end of March 2025.



Survey to help shape local policing and our priorities for the coming months. ONLY FOR Rose Hill, Littlemore, Iffley, Blackbird Leys, & Greater Leys residents.

To help us receive more responses, you are also welcome to share the survey with friends, family and neighbours **in your area**.

We are committed to giving communities a say in the future of local policing. Please fill out our survey via the QR code or at:

<https://orlo.uk/711iv>

TO VOTE IN MAY, YOU MUST REGISTER BY 11 APRIL

Are you ready for the County Council Elections?

If you are voting for the first time or have recently moved house you will need to register to vote by 11 April.

Elections are on Thursday 1 May 2025.

See: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

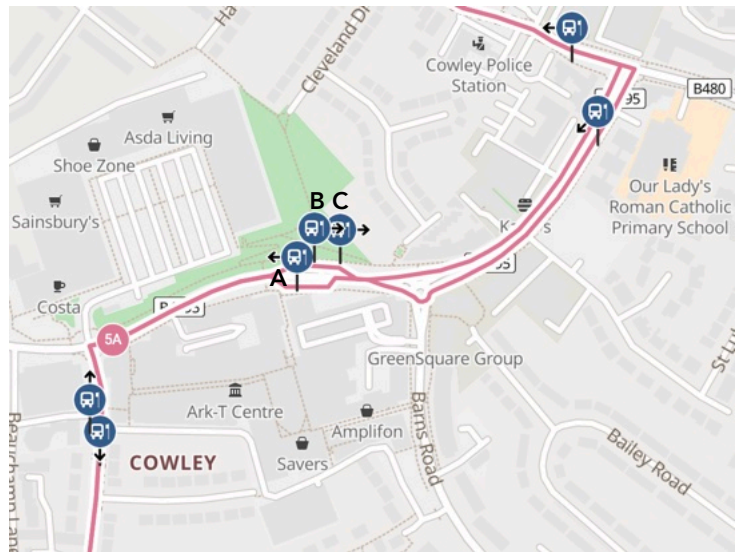
CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES

3A The operator has adjusted its 3 and 3A services along Iffley Road to provide a more frequent service.

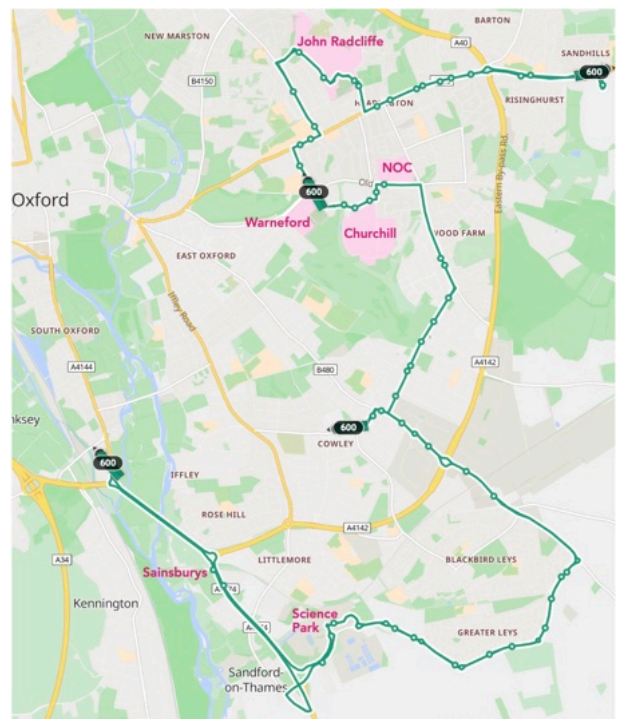
- **Weekdays:** 3A now operates every 15 minutes, rather than every half hour on weekdays between Oxford and Kassam Stadium.
- **On Saturdays,** the 3A runs every 20 minutes.
- **On Sundays,** the 3A runs every 30 minutes.
- The 3A will continue to extend beyond the Kassam Stadium to serve Greater Leys & Cowley Centre every 30 minutes on Mondays to Saturdays, and hourly on Sundays.

Service X40 will continue to operate along Iffley Road.

5A buses now approach Cowley Centre via the Crowell Road bus gate instead of via Bartholomew Road. There are stops outside and opposite the ArkT centre, just before the bus turns right into Between Towns Road. Change at Stops B & C for 3A, 10, 11, 45, 46, and 600. Change at stop A for 3A, 11, 45, 46.



The **600** links Redbridge and Thornhill P&R sites via Heyford Hill Roundabout, the Science Park, BBL, Cowley, and the Hospitals. The service is active between about 6am and midnight: the whole journey takes about 1.5 hours each way. See map.



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL: Early Engagement Survey about Local Plan 2042

Residents, businesses and other organisations are invited to respond to a survey: <https://consultation.oxford.gov.uk/planning-services/localplan2042-earlyengagement> .

The purpose of this early engagement is to ensure that the Council drafts policies in step with views on the following key issues:

- prioritising the delivery of homes, especially social and key worker housing
- allowing homes to be built on land now used for employment
- addressing climate change & flood risk, protecting new buildings from impact
- requiring low-carbon and environmentally-friendly buildings with standards going beyond national requirements
- prioritising the preservation of Oxford's heritage, its cultural events and community and entertainment venues
- promoting good design of new buildings

The Council will hold two rounds of statutory public consultation later this year as it finalises the plan before examination by the Planning Inspectorate in 2026.

NEW: IMPROVED BULKY WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

The City Council and ODS will:

- increase collections to 4 days-a week
- optimise collection routes by using heat maps to create smaller, more efficient geographic collection zones
- increase daily collections from 30 to 35 items per day
- contact current customers to offer earlier collection slots
- offer all new bookings a collection slot within one week.

NEW, free TEXTILES RECYCLING SERVICE

offered by the City Council in partnership with Recycling Solutions (RS). To [Request a textiles collection](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/xfp/form/258) complete our online form: <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/xfp/form/258>. If you don't use the internet, phone 01865 249 811 between 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and the help desk will submit one for you. Either way, RS will tell you when you are to leave your bagged textiles out. If you prefer, you can take your textiles to the new recycling bank, open 24 hours a day at Rose Hill Community Centre. **Suitable items include:** clean & dry clothing, shoes, sheets, linen, curtains, duvets, pillows, cushions, blankets, sleeping bags, towels, handbags, soft bags, and Wellington boots. **Unsuitable items include:** Upholstered furniture, beanbags, rugs, and mats.

NEW: IMPROVE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF YOUR HOME

Oxford City Council, Low Carbon Hub, and Cosy Homes Oxfordshire have launched a new web resource that features, as examples, 12 real-life homes from across Oxford. The case studies show the different ways that people could improve the energy efficiency of similar homes. The guide covers a range of different property types including a 1900s mid-terrace in Littlemore, various semi's built in the '30s '40s & '50s and a 1990s top floor flat. See: <https://www.lowcarbonhub.org/p/programmes/a-house-like-mine> .

NEW SUPPORT FOR ANYONE WITH MEMORY CONCERNS

Anyone who is worried about their memory can now access expert support and advice through a new memory support service from Dementia Oxfordshire. [Read more](https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/new-service-provides-support-for-anyone-with-memory-concerns) at <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/new-service-provides-support-for-anyone-with-memory-concerns> .

HELP TO BUY HEALTHY FOOD & MILK

...for those more than 10 weeks pregnant, or with a child under 4: see: www.healthystart.nhs.uk .

FREE CYCLE TRAINING FOR KIDS aged 9+

BikeAbility training is delivered through schools, so ask there to find out more.

ENHANCED SEND LEARNING PATHWAYS

Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are to benefit from additional bespoke education, known as enhanced pathways. [Read more](https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/enhanced-learning-pathways-for-children-with-send-approved) at <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/enhanced-learning-pathways-for-children-with-send-approved> .

LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE?

If you find yourself throwing away food, check out this website for recipes and other advice: <https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com> .

Don't know where to turn?

Navigate your way to **FREE** tailored advice on

- debt management
- benefits
- support services

and much more – one question at a time.

Local support from local advice teams

01865 410 660 [oxfordshireadvisenavigator.org.uk](https://www.oxfordshireadvisenavigator.org.uk)

Oxfordshire advice Navigator

Free level 1 and 2 training

for ages 9+

Give your child a skill they will never forget and get them cycling confidently.

New Skills

For more information visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cycletraining or contact Bikeability@oxfordshire.gov.uk

OXFORDSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATES at:

<https://oxfordshire.us1.list-manage.com/subscribe> .

BBOWT'S HAIRSTREAK BUTTERFLY EGG COUNT

The rare brown hairstreak butterfly is found in select areas across the south of Britain. As habitat is lost, numbers are declining so it is designated *Vulnerable* on the Butterfly Red List.

It can be found in blackthorn hedgerows at some of BBOWT's nature reserves, and every winter BBOWT volunteers and staff monitor them by counting their 1mm diameter eggs.

The brown hairstreak specifically needs new areas of blackthorn growth to lay its eggs, as the caterpillars feed on its leaves once they've hatched. Each year BBOWT cut a section of blackthorn across the reserve to ensure that they have new growth in the hedgerows. This also helps them to narrow down the area of search.

This year's count at Asham Meads Nature reserve revealed stable numbers of brown hairstreak butterflies, despite increasing climate and habitat threats. The team recorded a total of 43 eggs, a 33% increase on the 29 found in 2022, although still below the site's 2009 peak of 67. This follows last year's count at Leaches Farm where an incredible 219 eggs were spotted, the highest number found on the reserve to date.

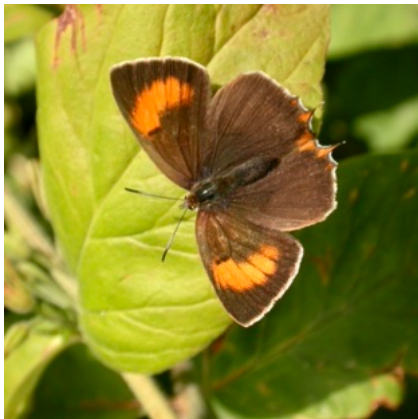
At a time when climate change, habitat loss and pollution are threatening many species across the UK, the Trust put these results down to the excellent work of its staff and volunteers in creating and maintaining important wildlife habitat on its nature reserves.

In order to continue its work, the Trust launched its biggest-ever appeal, The Nature Recovery Fund, in September 2023, aiming to raise £3 million in three years to help it tackle the nature and climate crisis. Find out more at bbowt.org.uk/sos .

Logan Walker: Communications & Media Officer

Photos:

- Hairstreak egg
- A surveyor looking for eggs
- Brown Hairstreak Butterfly © Philip Precey



BBOWT'S HEDGEHOG WALK

This spring, BBOWT invites you to join The Hedgehog Walk.



Between 31 March and 13 April, when the clocks go forward and evenings get lighter, it's a great time to enjoy the great outdoors.

It's the same time hedgehogs start to come out of hibernation. So take on the challenge of walking 3km while fundraising for wildlife. This is the same distance a hedgehog wanders in a single night.

Sign up now and get your fundraising pack, including posters, factsheets and activity sheets.

With the support of Aardman and your favourite Timmy Time characters, you'll not only enjoy the outdoors but also help

create a safer world for hedgehogs, badgers, and more.

The challenge can be done in any way you and your hoglets want! You can walk, wheel or roll. Top fundraisers who raise over £30 for wildlife will also receive a small special prize.

With 1 in 6 species threatened with extinction, it has never been more important to help wildlife. The little legs walking 3km this spring will grow up to be the next generation of eco-leaders, wildlife champions, and environmental change-makers, and this challenge could help them take those first steps.

BBOWT's Community Engagement Director, Liz Shearer, says:

'The Hedgehog Walk is not just about raising funds—it's about sparking a love for the environment and empowering the next generation to take action for nature. With hedgehogs and so many other species facing challenges, collective movements like these really count. We hope this fun, interactive challenge will give children the confidence to advocate for nature, and the knowledge that even small acts can make a big difference for wildlife and their habitats.'

Sign-up at www.wildlifetrusts.org/hedgehog-walk

Use the hashtag [#HedgehogWalk](https://twitter.com/HedgehogWalk) on social media to share your adventure!

Justine Farrant: Media & Press Officer

Photos:

- The Hedgehog Walk with Timmy Time characters
- Enjoying a family walk
- Boy with binoculars

ARTWEEKS IN LITTLEMORE

<https://www.artweeks.org>

From 3-26 May 2025, over a thousand artists, makers and designers will exhibit and demonstrate in artists' studios, pop-up galleries, glorious gardens, ancient churches, Oxford Colleges and hundreds of other interesting venues. You may just drop-in and explore their exhibitions for free.



This year there are 2 exhibitions in Littlemore: they are at St Mary & St Nicholas Church, and at 140a Oxford Road. However there are a dozen or so other exhibitions within easy reach of us: find a map on the next page.

VENUE 145: Littlemore Arts Hub, Community Exhibition

The Littlemore Arts Hub is a local initiative which supports and encourages local people to try arts and crafts of all styles. We hold regular workshops at St Mary & St Nicholas Church, and this is where the exhibition will be held.

This is a non-selling exhibition.

Artforms will include: Drawing, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, and Multidisciplinary work.

We are seeking contributors, so if you have artwork that you would like to show, please contact me, Malcolm Atkins, email: malcolmatkins01@gmail.com .

Find us at: St Mary and St Nicholas Church, Sandford Road, near OX4 4PB

Web: <http://www.littlemorechurch.org>

Opening days: May 2025

S	S	M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Opening times: 4-6pm



Image © Julian Dourado

VENUE 144: Lorraine Berkshire-Roe

I am an illustrator and artist, who has recently also started making ceramic artworks.

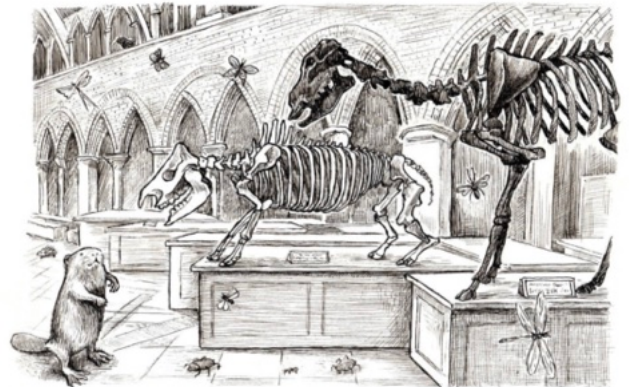
I will be exhibiting some of my recent pen & ink illustrations of Oxford, featuring a cast of fictional characters which gives them a magical theme.

I will also have a selection of other illustrations of animals, local interest landscapes & maps, and ceramics.

I will be exhibiting in my art shed: you may catch me decorating some of my ceramic items in my sgraffito style.

This is a selling exhibition.

I am planning to do mini workshops during the opening hours listed. For a small fee, there will be: the chance to have a go at making a drawing using a dip pen and ink. If I have my kiln up and running, I would also like to offer a small ceramic workshop using one of the techniques I use for illustrating on clay. I would fire your piece at a later date. I will post more details of these on the Artweeks website nearer the time.



I will have items for sale: prints and cards of my illustrations, printed homewares such as coasters and magnetic bookmarks featuring my illustrations, along with illustrated ceramics. There will also be refreshments!

Find me at: 140a Oxford Road, Littlemore OX4 4QP (near the junction with Eastern Avenue).

Opening days: May 2025

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Opening times:

3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, & 11 May: 11am-6pm
Thur 8 May 11am-8pm

Closed on: Wednesday 7 May.

Web: <http://www.lorraineberkshire-roe.co.uk>

Email: yohanhilda@yahoo.co.uk

Images: Oxford Botanic Garden © LB-R
Inside the Natural History Museum with a Rhinoceros © LB-R

OXFORDSHIRE
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WEEKS

**ON THE 3A BUS ROUTE:
 in ROSE HILL, IFFLEY,
 LITTLEMORE, SANDFORD
 3-11 MAY 2025**



130 Abby Mason:
Ceramics, Pottery, Sculpture:
 88 Campbell Road, OX4 3NU

**132 Nadine Bely-Summers,
 Andrew Page, Lucy Crilly:**
Ceramics, Painting, Photography:
 5 Rymers Lane, OX4 3JU

**135 Westbury Gallery: Group
 Exhibition: various media:**
 1 Westbury Crescent, OX43RZ

136 Tim Wait: Painting:
 60 Westbury Crescent, OX4 3SA

137 Elaine Allender: Painting:
 77 Courtland Rd, Iffley OX4 4HZ

**138: Sally Levell, Morna Rhys,
 Lizzie Wheeler: Printmaking:**
 7 Tree Lane, Iffley, OX4 4EY

**139, 140, 141 Sally Dorriy,
 Bridget & Rob Farrands:**
Ceramics, Painting, Photography:
 25 Abberbury Rd, Iffley, OX4 4ET

142 Tiffany Black:
Drawing, Mixed Media:
 33 Annesley Road OX4 4JH

143 Sara Fernandez: Textiles:
 53 Desborough Cresc OX4 4UB

144 Lorraine Berkshire-Roe:
Drawing: 140A Oxford Road,
 Littlemore, OX4 4QP

**145 Littlemore Arts Hub: Group
 Exhibition: various media:**
 St Mary and St Nicholas Church,
 Sandford Road, Littlemore

146 Piero Bortoli:
*Digital Art, Glass, Sculpture +
 Studio @ 52 Church Rd,
 Sandford-on-Thames OX4 4XZ*

**147 Oxford Textile Collective:
 9 Exhibitors: Textiles:**
 Manor House Barn, Rock Farm
 Lane, Sandford OX4 4YN

**148, 149, 150 Amanda J Bond,
 Ian Roxburgh Becky Paton:**
Painting, Mixed Media, Mosaics:
 17 Rock Farm Lane, Sandford-
 on-Thames OX4 4YL



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146 Sandford-on-Thames

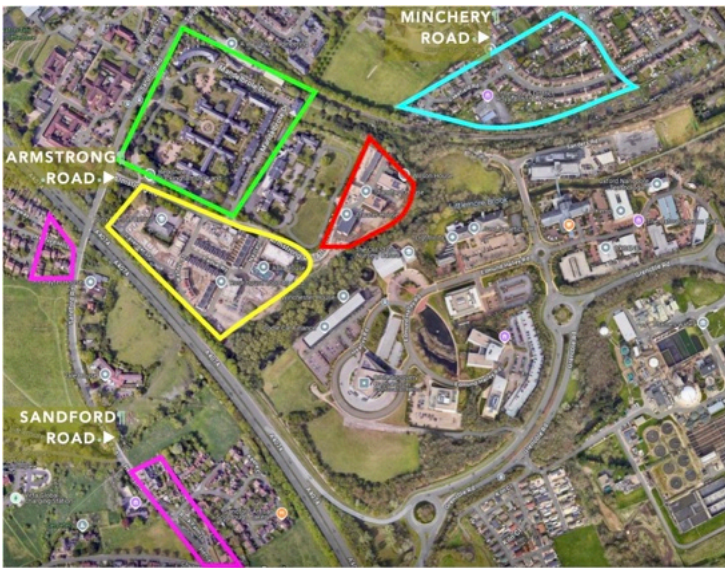
PAID DISTRIBUTORS NEEDED!

Laing O'Rourke (LOR), the main contractor for the development of the Ellison Institute of Technology, Oxford, wish to hire up to 10 local residents as Community Material Distributors (CMDs). In this role, you will play a key part in ensuring our community stays informed about construction activities. As a CMD, you will disseminate key updates on construction work that may impact residents. You will focus on areas most affected by LOR's operations (please see details below).

CMDs will be required on an ad hoc basis, with up to one week's notice before each distribution. They will be paid at Oxford minimum wage. If you are interested LOR would love to hear from you! Please contact OxfordEIT@laingorourke.com

Delivery Areas:

- **Green:** St George's Manor, including flats and houses inside the complex, and those on Mandelbrote Drive.
- **Yellow:** Estate off Armstrong Road – all houses across Neill Place, Padua Way, Walters Street, Lavender Drive, Coombes Road, + apartment blocks: Rose, Allin & Underwood Houses.
- **Red:** End of Armstrong Road – all houses & apartment blocks: Atwater House, Standford House and Newman Place.
- **Blue:** All of Lakefield Road, + immediate surrounding houses on Minchery Road.
- **Pink:** Road-facing houses along Heyford Hill Lane and Sandford Road/Henley Road.



Amanda Thompson, LOR

THE ELLISON INSTITUTE: NEWS

- EIT is continuing to add to its portfolio in Oxford. In addition to Littlemore House in Armstrong Road, Littlemore Brook in the adjacent Oxford Science Park, some local houses, and the Eagle and Child Pub in the City, it has now purchased The Lodge, at 1 Armstrong Road (currently used by local wildlife charity BBOWT). EIT is working on how to use the site and will keep residents informed.
- After a global search for talent, the Institute is thrilled to unveil its first cohort of incoming Scholars: 20 undergraduates and 6 doctoral candidates. Each has successfully applied to the University of Oxford through its independent admissions process, and hope to begin their studies in October. For more see: www.eit.org/news/eit-announces-selection-of-first-cohort-of-ellison-scholars
- EIT has also expanded its team of experts. For more see:
 - www.eit.org/news/eit-expands-team-of-field-leading-experts-spanning-ai-economics-life-sciences-generative-biology-and-medicine
- Residents keen to know more about Ellison Institute of Technology's Littlemore House and Littlemore Brook Campus can read and see more on the new hoardings around the site in Armstrong Road. They aim to inform and inspire local residents and visitors about the Institute's exciting work. Feature messages include: EIT's humane endeavours, details about the Clinic, and about Ellison Scholars. There are QR codes linking to the website, and a site map. They will remain until the campus is completed in 2027. Below are some of the images you can see.



Susie Barber, Communications Manager eit.org



FREE WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMMES from **maximus**

AGE 18+ WITH A BMI OF 28+? (or 27.5 for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people or those with co-morbidities)

<https://oxf.maximusuk.co.uk/> offers help through various programmes

Adults Face to Face

What is it? It's a 12-week healthy lifestyle programme that will support you to make realistic changes to help you lose weight

Where & When? It's a 2 hours a week group session Wednesdays 7:30-9pm at Rose Hill Community Centre, Oxford

Who is it for? Anyone who...

- Lives, works, or goes to the GP in Oxfordshire
- Is at least 18 years old.
- Has a BMI of 28+ (or 27.5 for BAME people or those with co-morbidities)

What do I need to know?

- You'll have 2 hour group sessions once a week for 10-12 weeks.
- You'll be part of the same group for the whole 10-12-week programme, and build long-lasting friendships.
- Sessions are free to attend.

Adults Online

What is it? It's a free, award-winning 10 weeks of virtual online webinars + 2 calls with our nutritionists and health coaches.

Who is it for? Anyone who...

- Lives, works, or goes to the GP in Oxfordshire
- Is at least 18 years old.
- Has a BMI of 28+ (or 27.5 for BAME people or those with co-morbidities)

Will I be on camera? No, our team of nutritionists will be, but you won't be.

See Video: <https://beezeebodies.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Untitled.mp4>

Gutless Live

Gutless Live is a free [online](#) 1 hour-a-week healthy lifestyle and weight management programme designed by men, for men. We focus on health, fitness, nutrition, and weight loss.

What is it? It's

- based around you - your goals, choices, your way - supported by experts.

- full of data - we provide health and fitness testing to see results.
- an opportunity to run behavioural experiments and learn more about your habits.
- a chance to meet new people.

What it isn't:

- Applauding each other
- Awkward (we will always tell you what to expect)
- Being told what to do

Topics we'll cover:

- Energy balance & food groups, Portion sizes, Food labels, Planning & habits, Eating out & takeaways, Alcohol, Mindful eating, and anything else you'd like to cover!

Who is it for? Gutless Live is for anyone and everyone who...

- is male and lives, works, or goes to the GP in Oxfordshire
- is at least 18 years old.
- has a BMI of 28+ (or 27.5 for BAME people or those with co-morbidities)

When is it on? We have various sessions running throughout Oxfordshire, our Health Coaches will help find the right programme for you during your Initial Assessment call. Please note these programmes are available on a first come first served basis.

Slimming World

What is it? It's 12 weeks of vouchers to attend any Slimming World group.

Where and when? See:

[Welcome to Slimming World | Achieve your weight loss dreams](#)

Who is it for?

- Anyone who lives, works, or goes to the GP in Oxfordshire
- Is at least 18 years old.
- Has a BMI of 28+ (or 27.5 for BAME people or those with co-morbidities)

Eligibility: You can't have been referred, attended or completed a healthy weight service (Tier 2, 3 or 4) within the last 12 months including paying for Slimming World meetings

Weight Watchers

What is it? It's 12 weeks of paid access to Weight Watchers Health Premium (for more info, visit <https://shorturl.at/Smml4>)

Where and when? You can access a list of local groups here:

<https://www.weightwatchers.com/uk/find-a-workshop/> .

Online workshops are also available. See the link below:

<https://www.weightwatchers.com/uk/virtual-workshop>

Who is it for? It's for anyone who

- lives, works, or goes to the GP in Oxfordshire
- is at least 18 years old.
- has a BMI of 28+ (or 27.5 for BAME people or those with co-morbidities)

Eligibility: Clients can't have been referred, have attended, or completed a healthy weight service (Tier 2, 3 or 4) within the last 12 months including paying for Weight Watchers meetings

If you have questions or would like to discuss anything further, please contact us via email:

hellooxfordshire@maximusuk.co.uk

Andi Daly
The Central Referral Team
BeeZee programmes, Maximus UK
<https://www.maximusuk.co.uk/our-services/health>

maximus

Maximus provides employment, skills, and health & wellbeing services. They have been commissioned by Oxfordshire County Council to deliver face to face support in community venues across the county, with digital and telephone support also available.

As well as the provision for adults, above, Beezee Families provides 12 weeks of online and in-person sessions, supporting families with children aged between four and 12 years old who are above their ideal weight on the NHS BMI centile chart. Building healthy habits rather than losing weight is the primary focus of family sessions.

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL: BUSINESS PLAN AND STATEMENT ABOUT DEVOLUTION

Every year, the Council creates a business plan setting out its delivery priorities for the next 12 months, and outlining what has been achieved over the previous year.

The plans are set against the Council's key priorities:

- Good, affordable homes
- A strong, fair economy
- Thriving communities
- Zero carbon Oxford
- A well-run council

The latest business plan was approved by the Council's Cabinet on 12 March.

Plan for 2025/26

The business plan sets out 34 objectives for the coming year, including:

- **Good, affordable homes:**
 - Deliver a pipeline of new affordable homes and acquisitions
 - Continue to meet the challenges of increasing homelessness and use of temporary accommodation
 - Ensure the continued improvement of the private-rented stock by renewing the Council's licensing schemes
- **Strong, fair economy:**
 - Continue to progress regeneration schemes to support local economic development, including Oxpens and Templars Square
 - Ensure the benefits of growth are accessible to local people, through community employment plans, more apprenticeships and job opportunities
 - Progress work to secure delivery stage funding for Cowley Branch Line
- **Thriving communities:**
 - Continue to invest in the Council's leisure and community assets, including delivering new community centres in East Oxford and Blackbird Leys
 - Create local action plans targeting areas of deprivation, and strengthen partnerships to address inequalities
 - Work with partners to develop, support and manage more and larger events
- **Zero carbon Oxford:**
 - Continue to bid for, and deliver funding to achieve the Council's energy efficiency target for its housing stock of 95% average EPC C by 2030
 - Continue to provide targeted support for communities in fuel poverty and deprivation, including access to grants to retrofit homes
 - Deliver expansion of Zero Carbon Oxfordshire to form a countywide partnership to help achieve a net zero Oxfordshire by 2050
- **Well-run council**
 - Identify additional efficiencies and income streams, including financial returns generated by our two wholly-owned companies, ODS and OX Place
 - Continue to invest in ICT equipment, AI and staff training to boost productivity, improve services, cut costs, and engage more with citizens

Achievements in 2024/25

The business plan lists dozens of achievements in 2024/25, including:

- Purchased 25 homes to become council homes, and completed the construction of 76 new affordable homes for Oxford residents
- Reached agreement with neighbouring district councils, so those on Oxford's housing waiting list can access new council homes near the city
- Granted planning permission for the redevelopment of Oxpens, and started work on the new homes and community space in Blackbird Leys
- Continued to promote the Oxford Living Wage, which is now paid by 150 employers to about 46,000 people
- Worked with More Leisure to upgrade gym equipment at Oxford's leisure centres
- As part of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, on track to upgrade 281 council homes to EPC C by the end of 2025
- Identified nine potential sites to deliver biodiversity net gain on council land

The business plan is part of [the Council's Strategy for 2024-28](#) .

[The full business plan for 2025/26 can be read on the Council's website.](#)

Statement from Oxford City Council on discussion about Devolution and the potential creation of a Thames Valley Strategic Authority

The government has announced proposals to abolish district councils and introduce large mayoral combined authorities as part of a devolution white paper.

This could see the three Thames Valley councils combine to form a new strategic authority with an elected mayor. Representatives from councils in Berkshire, Oxfordshire, and Swindon met in Oxford on 31 January to discuss the government's expectations for a possible future mayoral strategic authority (MSA).

After the meeting they issued the following statement:

"The discussion highlighted the need to focus on health, growth and economic development and ensure that any Strategic Authority provides the best possible outcome for all our residents, businesses and communities.

"Further discussion and work will take place on the optimum size, scope and membership of a Strategic Authority."

Statement on behalf of:

- Oxford City Council
- Bracknell Forest Council
- Cherwell District Council
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Reading Borough Council
- Slough Borough Council
- South Oxfordshire District Council
- Swindon Borough Council
- Vale of White Horse District Council
- West Berkshire Council
- West Oxfordshire District Council
- Wokingham Council

WHAT'S ON: GROUPS, CLASSES ETC

Regular Events: April - May 2025

KEY: LOCATIONS IN and around LITTLEMORE

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

- **Acrobatics, Parkour, Aerial & Stunts:** Director: Oliver Ward 03302 233 995 or 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 22
- **Advice Centre:** Pre Booked Sessions are offered at **SM+SN:** on Thursdays between 10-11.30am. To pre-book call 01865 438 634.
- **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 or email 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 or 01235 849 403
 - **Strength & Balance Classes: LCC* and online via Zoom:** with Sarah Wheatley, Tuesdays 10-11am: *the face-to-face class is currently full: to join wait list and/or the online class please email active@Ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or call 01235 849 403
- **Art & Craft Courses:** Oxford Summer School @ **TOA:** yearly. 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
- **Air Cadets: ATC:** see 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
- **Allotments** are available to Littlemore residents at:
 - *Thomson Terrace: see our website www.ttacic.org. Email Kathleen O'Donnell 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)
- **Angling Society: Local still, & flowing waters:** Littlemore Angling Society run trophy matches throughout the season on our club waters, ODAA waters and some prolific away venues. We always welcome newcomers. Contact Alan Campbell, 07789 334 710, alancampbell0811@gmail.com. Web: www.littlemoreanglingsociety.co.uk.
- **Army Cadets: ACF:** If you're over 12 and under 18, and are interested in learning news 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. Detachment Commander: AUO Kyle-Davidson, 8204kyleda@armymail.mod.uk
- **Baby Massage: see Children's & Babies Events at JHN**
- **Bingo: RBL:** 1st & 3rd Friday: 7pm for eyes down at 8. For more info and additional dates contact Katie Tutty 01865 778 869 or littlemorerbl@gmail.com
- **Bowls (Indoor): IBC:** Sandy Lane West OX4 6NA: see 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
- **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
- **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
- **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: at least one, free, 5-week course is offered each term: please register with Hannah by email: h.jamieson@jhnacademy.co.uk
- **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 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@people.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@people.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@people.org.uk
- **Children's Groups: Peep Groups:** Please contact families@people.org.uk or phone Lisse Honeyman on 07780 716 098: see www.people.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. Lead: Emily Percy
- **Children's Groups: Stay & Play:**
 - **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 pp18**
- **Coffee morning & Sing-along: SM+SN:** Mondays 10am-noon: drop in for coffee, cake, conversation & song: contact: contact Eve McWilliam admin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Coffee morning: SM+SN:** Wednesdays 10am-noon: drop in for coffee, cake, conversation: contact Eve McWilliam admin@littlemorechurch.org or see 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, 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 or see www.bbowt.org.uk
 - **Oxford Preservation Trust:** Green space volunteering at **Heyford Meadow, Heyford Hill Lane:** 9:30am-12:30pm usually on 3rd Friday every month. However in April, our monthly group will be on Thursday 17 (to avoid Good Friday). Join us also on Sunday 13 April when Oxford Conservation Volunteers will be doing various tasks including building an otter holt. All welcome, no experience necessary, instructions & tools are provided. Contact 01865

242 918 or info@oxfordpreservation.org.uk. For more opportunities & events see www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk

- **Crafting for children + carers: Saturdays: see Library**
- **Dance for Wellbeing: LCC:** Thursdays 12-1pm. Fun, casual drop-in Dance session for all abilities: provided free by Sport in Mind for everyone 17+ experiencing isolation, loneliness, low mood, or a mental health condition. With Nuria Franchy Afonso. See: www.sportinmind.org/oxfordshire
- **Drop In at RHMC:** Monday 2-4.30pm. Chat, board games, puzzles, drinks: all welcome. Contact: Liz Spain Community Chaplain: rosehillcommunitychaplain@gmail.com. Monthly free workshops during these sessions *Mon 28 April: Singing *Mon 19 May: Basic IT Skills. To book a place for the workshops contact circuitpa@oxfordmethodists.org.uk
- **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
- **Food banks, larders, free & low cost food etc:**
 - **Community Emergency Food Bank: EKH:** Thursday 10 am to 11.30 am. See www.cefoxford.co.uk for details about how to be referred
 - **Community Cupboard Food Bank: RMHC:** Weds 1.15-3.30 (Referral needed). All welcome to a hot meal and drinks (no referral needed)
 - **Find more info at:** 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
 - **Football Holiday Camps at TOA 3G Dome:** for girls & boys age 5-13 years: week-long or day places available during Easter, and May half term: contact Kerrie Bates community@oufc.co.uk
- **Friendship Group: SM&SN:** 2nd Thursday each month at 10am in church. For more info, contact Benjamin Johnson 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
- **Gym: TOA:** weekdays 5pm-10pm, weekends 9am-9pm. We have Cardio machines, free weights, & assisted weight machines. For more see: 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
- **Halls for Hire:** see separate listing p 19
- **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
- **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
- **Lacrosse: returns to TOA** Mondays 7-9pm from Sept: all ages & abilities welcome, no experience needed. Message Annabel Campbell: OxfordCityLacrosse@hotmail.com for details. Instagram #OxfordCityLacrosse or FB OXLAX
- **Library: Home Library Service: Home Pick Up & Delivery.** Contact Kevin Salway, homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk 01865 810 259
- *not confirmed this time: may not be quite accurate* **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
Regular free events at the Library:
 - **Book Group:** monthly: 1st 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:** 3rd Wednesday 7 for 7.30pm, except summer months when we do local walks. See table (p 18) for next meetings. Contact Buffy McClelland, history.littlemore@gmail.com, or see 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: explorelearning.co.uk/oxford
 - **Inspires Tuition: VHL:** Inspires Club is run by DBS-checked, qualified teachers. *Weds 4pm with Lily: KS2 Tuition Club: Maths & English for ages 7-11 & SATS revision * Weds 4pm with Rose: GCSE Maths & English for years 10 & 11 *Easter Booster Club for GCSE's & SATS (see flyer p 21). Website: inspirestuition.tutorbird.com . Contact & book: Rose Carter 07908 537 862, or roseinspirestuition.co.uk .
- **Meditation day retreats: with Oxford Insight Meditation: LVH:** Beginners are welcome, as well as those with experience of meditation practice. Upcoming day retreat: *Sat 12 April with Venerable Canda. For more information & to book, see: www.oxfordinsightmeditation.org
- **Men's Breakfast: SM+SN:** monthly: 2nd 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

- **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
- **Music: Concerts at SM+SN:** occasional concerts: free though voluntary donations are welcome. To stage a concert contact: Eve McWilliam: 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 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
- **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 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 . All enquiries to onw.enquiries@gmail.com : Maggie Lewis
- **Ozone Centre: Grenoble Road OX4 4XP** <https://www.thekassamstadium.com/the-kassam-leisure-complex>
 - **City Mazes:** Escape rooms for teens & adults include an upside down escape room, & 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
 - **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.
 - **Vue Cinema Oxford:** Multiplex cinema with latest films: 0345 308 4620, www.myvue.com
 - **Various eateries: dine in and take-away, and other entertainments:** see www.thekassamstadium.com/the-kassam-leisure-complex
 - **Bray Associates Sunday Boot Fair:** <https://bray-markets.com/ourbootfairs>
- **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 . Contact Jane Callaway: 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 or see 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
- **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, see: 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
- **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 Find fixtures p 18
- **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 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
- **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%20on/scriptural%20reasoning)
- **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
- **Singing: Sing & Sign: VHL:** see under Children's Groups
- **Social Groups:**
 - **A Little More Social: LCC:** Fridays 11am-1pm. Offers lunch, conversation, entertainments, visiting speakers. All welcome. Free, just turn up. Organised by the Trustees of the Community Centre: Contact: David Henwood or Anne Stares c/o littlemorecommunitycentre@gmail.com
 - **see also:** Afternoon tea at VHL, Coffee morning +sing-along, Coffee Morning, Mens' Breakfast, Women's Institute, the Library listings, Drop-In, Knitting Group **see:** Afternoon tea at VHL, Coffee morning +sing-along, Coffee Morning, Mens' Breakfast, Women's Institute, the Library listings, Drop-In, Knitting Group,
- **Wellbeing in Nature: Thompson Terrace Allotments: Kempson Crescent Gate:** Thursdays 10.30-12.30: free drop-in session for adults: meet new people, chat, enjoy some refreshments, and try a little gardening. Contact Megan Harcourt: Megan@rhjyc.org / 07525 055 267
- **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 or Carole Tasker caroletasker27@gmail.com or 01865 748 300 / 07876 701 151, or message our Fb page Sandford-on-Thames Women's Institute. For programme see pp 5 & 18
- **Woodturners Club: at VHL: 7pm start:** Club nights are 1st Tues each month except December (club AGM). Newcomers are very welcome, no matter what level of experience: entry is free for your first 2 sessions. See programme p 18 and flyer on p 21. Contact owc_secretary@yahoo.com. For more information see www.oxonwoodturners.com.
- **Young People: Education, Employment & Training support** plus Activities & Information, visit Oxfordshire County Council's dedicated webpage: www.oxme.info
- **Youth Ambition and other Youth Clubs**
 - **Youth Ambition: Littlemore Youth Club: LCC:** Thursdays 4-6pm: term-times. Free: for young people aged 11-19. Free hot food and fun activities. Come along to find out more & 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.
 - **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 . Follow: 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 . Just turn up, or contact group leader Shane Clark shane@teemclark.org.uk or Camille Kalaja 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 or email me steffihaldance@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

LITTLEMORE FAITH GROUPS

- **Blessed Dominic Barberi Roman Catholic Church**, Cowley Road, OX4 4JX. See: 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
- **Littlemore Baptist Church**: Sunday worship is at 10.30am at Edith Kempson House, Chapel Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4QB: www.littlemorebaptist.org.uk
- **Rose Hill Methodist Church**: Rose Hill, OX4 4HS. All are welcome to Sunday Worship at 10.30am. Other events:
 - Messy Church at Rose Hill Community Centre: Sun 13 April 3-4.30pm.
 - Weds Food Bank, & Monday Drop-In are listed above
- **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
- **Church of England Benefice of Littlemore & Sandford on Thames**: Priest in Charge: Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org The benefice comprises:
 - ❖ **St Mary and St Nicholas C of E Church**, Sandford Road, near OX4 4PB: website: www.littlemorechurch.org. Vicar: Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org General enquiries: admin@littlemorechurch.org
 - ❖ **St Andrew's Church**, Church Road, Sandford on Thames, OX4 4XZ : website: sandfordchurch.org.uk Vicar: Rev John Findon 01865 434 256 or Rev Bob Morgan 01865 748 848

EVENTS AT ST MARY & ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

❖ SPECIAL EVENTS & SERVICES

- Sunday 30 March: 10am: **Mothering Sunday Service**
- Sunday 13 April, 10.30am: **Palm Sunday Service**. Starts with an ecumenical service on the Village Green, then at SM&SN we have a dramatic reading of Jesus' last week & a Eucharist.
- Sunday 13 April, 6pm: **Bonhoeffer Event**. For more details see the church website.
- Thursday 17 April, 7.30pm: **Maundy Thursday Service**. A simple Passover meal in church, followed by a service and vigil. To join us for supper, please contact Rev'd Margreet.
- Friday 18 April, 2-3pm: **Good Friday Service**
- Sunday 20 April, 10am: **Easter Sunday Service**. We celebrate Jesus' being raised from the dead.
- Sunday 20 April, 3pm: **Easter Egg Hunt**. Starts with Easter crafts in church
- Saturday 26 April, 2-3.30pm: **Littlemore Arts Hub** 'Dance Expression' Workshop
- 3-11 May, 4-6pm (+ whenever the church is open for groups): Littlemore Arts Hub **Oxfordshire Art Weeks Exhibition** at the church. If you'd like to enter a piece please email ArtsHubLittlemore@gmail.com
- Saturday 7 June, 10am-4pm: Finding God in all things: A free, **Contemplative Ignatian Retreat** combining times of silent prayer with some short inputs giving insights into Ignatian spirituality. Led by Celia Deane-Drummond. To reserve a place email admin@littlemorechurch.org



LITTLEMORE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Sun 24 Aug 2025 LITTLEMORE RUGBY CLUB FUN DAY

SEASON: Pre-season training will start late July

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. *John Perry*

LITTLEMORE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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| 5 April | Walk: start 1.30 at Littlemore Church: to Spindlebury Nature Reserve: back for Tea at the Village Hall |
| 16 Apr | Talk: Geology of Oxfordshire: the very early history of Littlemore! Speaker: Philip Powell |
| 5 May | Walk: 1.30pm start at the Church: explore trees under preservation orders, & developments in Armstrong Rd and Farriers Way |
| 21 May | Talk: Littlemore Priory. Speaker: Katie Hambrook |

Meetings are Wednesday: 7 for 7.30pm at the Community Centre: £15 yearly membership. We also have walks at various times. visitors £5 a meeting: contact *Bryan & Buffy McClelland*, history.littlemore@gmail.com

OXON WOODTURNERS

We meet in Littlemore Village Hall, 7pm, 1st Tuesday

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| 1 April | Hands on themes: Fruit + sharpening |
| 6 May | Hands on theme: Texturing |

www.oxonwoodturners.com

Sandford-On-Thames Women's Institute

Meetings are held in Sandford Village Hall at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of the month.

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| 10 April | Talk: The work of the Emergency Planning Department, Oxford, by Carol MacKay |
| 8 May | Creative Upcycling |
| 12 June | Talk by a volunteer from the charity: Medical Detection Dogs |
| 10 July | Preparation for Village Summer Fair + Social |
| Aug | No meeting but a social event may be arranged |
| 11 Sept | Talk by Liz Woodley: subject tbc |
| 9 Oct | Brush painting |
| 13 Nov | Christmas Cake Decorating |
| 11 Dec | Members' Christmas celebration |

Contact: Jill Love 01865 716 557, jpappslove@hotmail.com, Carole Tasker 01865 748 300 or 07876 701 151, or caroletasker27@gmail.com, or message our Fb page: Sandford-on-Thames Women's Institute.

❖ REGULAR EVENTS: THE WEEK at SM&SN 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. 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, 2nd Thursday each month at 10am in church. For more info, contact benjamin@littlemorechurch.org

Saturdays

- Men's Breakfast 9-10am: 2nd 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

❖ ARTS EVENTS: see: 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
- **Exhibitions:** We regularly hold exhibitions of local artists' work. If you would like to exhibit please contact churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org
- **Annual Harvest of Talents:** check website for information: 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
- **Arts Hub:** a collective of local DBS-checked artists and writers who offer monthly workshops at the Church:
 - Saturday 26 April, 2-3.30pm: **Littlemore Arts Hub** 'Dance Expression' Workshop

❖ BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS: Please contact Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org or phone 01865 748 003

COMMUNITY GROUPS open to residents to join

- **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

The Health & Wellbeing sub group. If you are interested in joining please contact the Chair: Rev Margreet Armitstead: 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

LITTLEMORE HALLS FOR HIRE

- **City Mazes:** at Ozone Leisure Centre, Grenoble Road. Escape rooms. Venue available for exclusive hire for meetings, team building & corporate events. Contact 01865 920 900. Web: <https://citymazes.com/location-oxford>
- **Littlemore Community Centre:** at Giles Road, Littlemore, OX4 4NL. Main Hall with galley kitchen, & Club Room with kitchenette and microwave. Both rooms have cozy underfloor heating. Wifi available. Reduced rates for local residents. For bookings please email Solange Dale, administrator littlemorecommunitycentre@gmail.com or 01865 771 764
- **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. Contact Julian Armitstead: churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org
- **The Oxford Academy:** Beecroft Theatre, Bistro Hall, Events Rooms, Sports Hall, 3G Full size floodlit pitch, 3G Dome, AstroTurf 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
- **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
- **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. Preferred route of contact: littlemorevillagehall@gmail.com

NEIGHBOURING NEWSLETTERS

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

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 .
- 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

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

- Cllr Tiago Corais cllrcorais@oxford.gov.uk
- Cllr Anne Stares cllrastares@oxford.gov.uk

LITTLEMORE SCHOOLS

Emmanuel Christian School: www.ecschool.co.uk, email: admin@ecschool.org

John Henry Newman Academy: www.jhnacademy.co.uk

Mabel Prichard Secondary School: www.mabelprichard.org

The Oxford Academy: www.theoxfordacademy.org.uk

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School: www.st-john-fisher.oxon.sch.uk

ROSE HILL ADVICE CENTRE

We serve Rose Hill, Donnington & Littlemore, and offer free advice in confidence to all local residents looking for help sorting out benefits, debt, and housing issues.



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 email: 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

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 .

Follow us on:

- Twitter: [TVP Oxford](https://twitter.com/TVP Oxford) or Facebook: [Thames Valley Police](https://www.facebook.com/Thames Valley Police)

To report crime anonymously go to Crimestoppers:

- Online: crimestoppers-uk.org
- Phone: 0800 555 111

To find your local officers, get the latest crime statistics and advice, help us with appeals for information and see our current priorities go to: <https://orlo.uk/kic4o>

For the whole Thames Valley see:

www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

COMMUNITY WATCH

GO TO oxford.gov.uk/report or 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 .

- **to join or form a local Neighbourhood Watch Group**

GENERAL PRACTICES

There are no GP 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

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.

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES

Northwood Chiropractic: OSP: at John Eccles House.

Suffering from Pain? We Can Help! Dr Steven Hulme:

Specialising in the spine and nervous system, we offer:

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FREE FARMABILITY SPACES!

Do you live in Littlemore or Rose Hill?

FarmAbility is delighted to offer **FREE** co-farmer spaces to **qualifying residents of Littlemore and Rose Hill** via the Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA) Well Together Programme. We can also provide assistance with transport.

Would you (or someone you know) like to become a co-farmer?

FarmAbility run activity programmes on farms, in gardens and in green spaces across Oxfordshire for adults with a learning disability and those who are autistic. Co-farmers (the name for our participants) take part in real and meaningful tasks to improve their physical health and well-being. Find out more at farmability.org.uk

Please do get in touch!

Contact us using the details below:
Call: 07787 412630 (weekdays, 9am-5pm)
Email: info@farmability.org.uk
Visit our website: farmability.org.uk

FarmAbility is a UK registered charity, no. 1153282

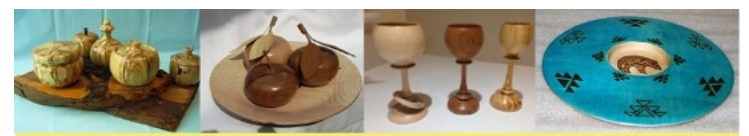


YOUTH AMBITION IN LITTLEMORE

EVERY THURSDAY
4:00PM - 6:00PM
FREE HOT FOOD, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 11-19!

(TERM TIME ONLY)

Littlemore Youth Club
Littlemore Community Centre
46 Giles Road, OX4 4NN
For further details, please contact **07368638252**



Oxon Woodturners

- Interested in **woodturning**?
- Want to join a **friendly club**?
- **All ages and abilities** welcome.
- **Free entry** for the first two months.
- **Demonstrations and hands on tuition** evenings.

Where?

Littlemore parish hall,
Littlemore, Oxford OX4 4QB

When?

First Tuesday of every month (except December)
From **7pm** until 10pm
See <https://www.oxonwoodturners.com/>
or contact owc_secretary@yahoo.com
for more info.

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2.30-4.30pm

all are welcome to



tea, cake, conversation,

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organised by Littlemore Village Hall Committee
to join, or to help, please contact
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Saturday 5th April
2.30-4.30pm

all are welcome to



tea, coffee, & conversation,
delicious home-made cake...
a plant stall,
hand-made chocolates, & Easter Eggs



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WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR BLUE BIN

These recycling items should be put in

loose: please don't bag them or put in any
black sacks



- aerosol cans (empty only)
- aluminium drinks cans
- biscuit and sweet tins
- books
- brochures and catalogues
- cardboard (clean) including egg boxes
- cardboard tubes from toilet rolls and kitchen paper
- cling film (clean)
- food and drink cartons (rinsed)
- glass bottles and jars (clean)
- greetings cards (no glitter)
- juice cartons
- junk mail
- kitchen foil (clean)
- long life milk cartons
- metal food tins
- metal lids and bottle tops
- newspapers and magazines
- paper envelopes (with and without windows)
- paper (white and coloured, but not glued)
- plastic bottle tops (pop the tops back on bottles)
- plastic bubble wrap
- plastic carrier bags - should be empty, do not fill
- plastic cleaning product bottles (without the trigger attachment)
- plastic drink bottles (squash bottle & pop the lid back on)
- plastic food pots, punnets, trays and packaging including black plastic trays
- plastic milk bottles (squash the bottle then pop the lid back on)
- plastic sandwich packaging
- plastic shampoo bottles
- plastic yoghurt, margarine and ice cream containers
- shredded paper
- telephone directories
- wrapping paper (no glitter or metallics)

WHAT NOT TO PUT IN YOUR BLUE BIN

Your blue bins, blue sacks, or clear sacks will not be collected if these items are found inside:



- batteries - see [Recycling batteries](#)
- bedding (donate to charity if possible)
- black sacks**
- chinaware (donate to charity if possible)
- clothes and coats (donate to charity if possible)
- coffee machine pods - see [Podback coffee pod recycling](#)
- cooking pots and pans
- crisp packets
- DIY products - take them to [Redbridge Household Waste Recycling Centre](#)
- electricals - see [Recycling electrical items](#)
- food-soiled metal cans and tins
- glass cookware
- glass mirrors
- glued or painted paper, card and cardboard
- hard plastic, such as storage boxes
- jiffy bags - please re-use these as much as possible
- kitchen roll
- large metal items such as filing cabinets
- light bulbs and strip lights
- plastic black bin liners
- plastic plant pots
- plastic sweet and chocolate wrappers
- plastic toys
- polystyrene foam
- shoes (donate to charity if possible)
- textiles (clothes, bedding, curtains) - see [Recycling textiles](#)
- tissue paper
- window panes

WASTE WIZARD

Use the waste wizard if you're ever in doubt:

Go to the Waste Wizard at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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

MEMBERS and their preferred contact details

Cllr Susie Aldridge: susie.aldridge@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Cllr Michael Evans: michael.evans@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Peter George: peter.george@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Dorian Hancock: dorian.hancock@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr David Henwood: david.henwood@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Adrian Kowalski: adrian.kowalski@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Sorcha Lanham: sorcha.lanham@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Sadiea Mustafa-Awan: smawan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Cllr Alex Singleton: alex.singleton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Chris Smowton: chris.smowton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Anne Stares: anne.stares@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Maggie Willis: maggie.willis@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

*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 . 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
Chair: Chris Smowton	Chair: to be appointed	Chair: to be appointed	Chair: Sadiea Mustafa-Awan	Chair: Susie Aldridge
Members Susie Aldridge Michael Evans Dorian Hancock Sadiea Mustafa-Awan Maggie Willis	Members Ruth Corrigan (P) Chloe Edwards (P) Peter George Sorcha Lanham Anna Railton Gabriele Santi Chris Smowton Maggie Willis	Members Michael Evans Dorian Hancock Sadiea Mustafa-Awan Gabriele Santi Chris Smowton Maggie Willis	Members Lynne Davies Michael Evans Dorian Hancock Gabriele Santi Anne Stares	Members 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

Michael Evans Dorian Hancock
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) 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: Anne Stares, Judith Godslan (P)

FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council Meetings are held at Littlemore Village Hall, Railway Lane, OX4 4PY,
from 7-9pm on the 2nd 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 .



PLANNING MATTERS

PLANNING: Amended description and amended plans

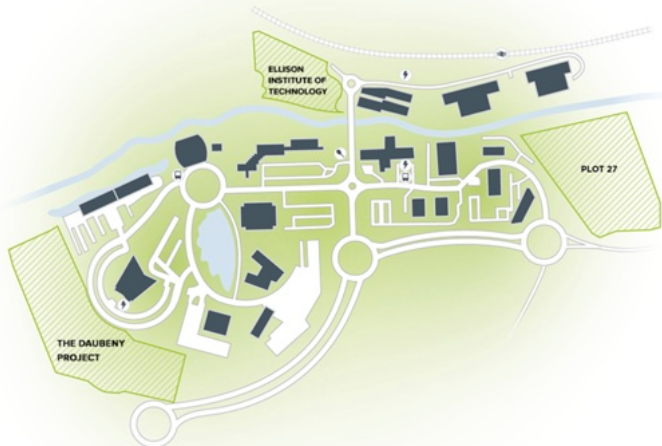
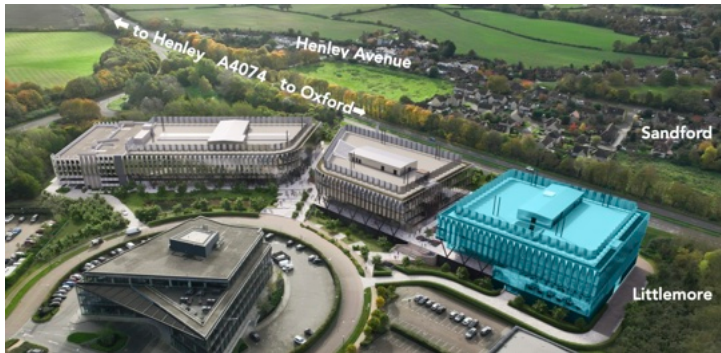
Ref. No: 25/00426/VAR: Dominion Oils Site Railway Lane, Littlemore OX4 4PY: changes to the layout to permit a site for an electricity substation & associated access at the southern tip of the development, at the far end of Railway Lane. To the north between the housing development and the substation there will be either 2.5m acoustic fencing or 1.8m stone walls. Those living on the Astrop Lane side might be wise to check what acoustic protection they will have. Go to: <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/planning-applications/view-comment-track-planning-applications>

PLANNING UPDATE: Plot 27 at the Science Park: Ref. No:

22/02555/FUL: Development of a laboratory and office building with associated access road, landscaping, car parking, cycle parking, site infrastructure and engineering works and related works. This is the area nearest Minchery Road and the bridge under the railway. OSP reports that this is going to planning committee on 15 April 2025. If approved, they expect to start construction early next year.

THE GREAT WALL OF LITTLEMORE

The Daubeny Project is the latest addition to The Oxford Science Park which is already a community of close to 100 leading life science and technology businesses. It will offer workspace for up to about 700 in three 4-storey buildings. The smallest, highlighted in blue (below) is 132,000 sq ft. Each has spacious reception areas and atriums to help foster collaboration, and employee wellbeing. However Sandford on Thames residents may well be feeling a sense of claustrophobia as they rise. At night there is a great wall of security lights illuminating the build. <https://www.daubenyoxfordsp.com>



PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF OZONE LEISURE PARK

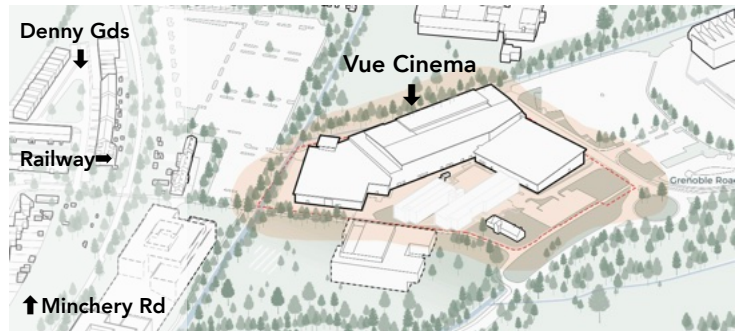
Oxford University leads the world in providing companies that transform technological inventions developed from university research. To sustain this status and secure the UK's future as a world leader, it needs to grow. However this isn't a University project. The project is led by Pioneer Group: <https://thepioneergroup.com> which delivers life sciences laboratory space, venture funding, & connections to esteemed figures from the world of science and technology

Why choose Firoka's Ozone Leisure Centre?

Representatives of Firoka say that the Ozone Leisure Park is unsustainable in its current form, with vacant units, short-term leases, and tenants relying on reduced rent agreements. It needs refurbishment. Significant reinvestment is needed to secure its future, attract businesses and create jobs fit for the future. To thrive, it must evolve.

What is proposed?

500,000 sq ft. (internal area) (about 6.5 football pitches) of office and laboratory space, providing at least 2,500 jobs on-site, and some community and leisure space. It is said that the



investment will enhance local transport and add financial support for the Cowley Branch Line. It is said that it will restore The Priory (Minchery Farmhouse) a Listed Building which has been neglected by Firoka Group for years (see issues 427 and 443). The team are considering a smaller replacement cinema.

Public Consultation?

Sadly the first opportunity for the community to have its say about the proposal was organised for 20 March, and publicised too late for the Feb/March issue. Several members of the Parish Council will attend. The company will offer a meeting some time in April at which we can see revised designs based on feedback (no date was provided for this issue).

Those concerned are free to contact the consultation team: email: consultation@ozonereimagined.com. There will be formal opportunities for comment when the planning application is made. For more info see: ozonereimagined.com.

A LOCAL RESIDENT WRITES IN RESPONSE

'Developers are keen to reassure residents that there will be some community provision on the site, scaled down to facilitate the research and development facility. I am keen not to lose the Leisure Centre for yet another lab, and have started a petition, hoping to influence plans, and protect the current space. I collect signatures outside the site on Sundays from 2-3pm. When I started, I was amazed to learn that visitors come from Southampton, Carterton, & Abingdon as well as the local area; many families visit the site for birthday parties and an opportunity to spend and create special memories together.'

David Henwood

The copy deadline for the June / July edition is 6pm on Thursday 15 May. The e-version will be published on 19 May.

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