

IMPROVEMENTS TO OXFORD ROAD REC

• After repeated incidents of damage by dogs to children's play equipment, the Parish Council has installed additional fencing round the children's play area in Oxford Road Rec. The fence is made from reused panels from the existing fence and some new panels. All the play equipment is now enclosed. Dogs are not permitted within the enclosed area. We hope that this will make a safer environment for families to enjoy.



• Because of antisocial behaviour in the park, and residents' concerns about public safety, LPC has installed four KV2 solar- & wind-powered lights along the footpath in the Rec. The north side of the path was chosen to maximise solar gain. Each has a small wind turbine, a solar panel column, and a built-in battery. (See p 4.) They will automatically turn on at dusk and turn off at dawn. Supplied by Kight Off Grid, they were chosen to avoid the delay and additional cost associated with laying a mains cable to power traditional lamp posts. The total cost, £28,400 has been paid from Community Infrastructure Levy money allocated to the Parish Council from local developments (such as the Science Park). Please contact parksandenvironment@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk if you have questions or comments. *Cllr Anna Railton*

LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL: PRECEPT

The precept this year was set at £42.34 per band-D household. This is an increase of £1.17 or 2.8% compared to last year, somewhat below the general rate of inflation. To reduce its reserves, this year the Parish Council's anticipates spending around £20,000 more than it receives in income. As well as fulfilling its legal duties, its routine spending primarily covers maintenance of local parks (including employing maintenance staff), making grants to community organisations, and publishing this bimonthly newsletter. The Parish also makes one-off contributions to local improvements, such as purchasing new litter bins, tree-planting, provision of CCTV for crime prevention, and upgrades to local parks.

Cllr Chris Smowton

LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL: SMALL GRANTS

Could you use £500 to help the local community? Littlemore Parish Council offers grants of up to £500 to groups, charities or organisations operating within Littlemore. Past beneficiaries have included the Village Hall, sports clubs & local societies, advice services for people in need, and organisations offering events open to the community. Grant applications are now considered at every finance committee meeting, which is approximately monthly. Groups should generally wait a year after receiving a previous grant. For guidance, to ask for more information, and to apply, see littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk/small-grants.

Cllr Chris Smowton

LITTLEMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The draft Neighbourhood Plan was approved by City Council cabinet in April. It is now being examined by an Independent Examiner and his report should be finished by July. He may call for changes to ensure that it meets the regulations, after which it should be ready to be put to residents in a referendum at a date to be decided. If you have questions, please contact me at: nplan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk. *Tony Eade*



St John Fisher School's very own John, Paul, George and Richard on the new school crossing: photo permissions received : see back page for more

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sats 7 June, 5 July, 2 Aug: 2.30-4.30pm Tea at the Village Hall
- Friday 13 June from 3.30pm, Bear Hunt event at Emmanuel Christian School with Tea & Marmalade sandwiches from 4pm: Littlemore residents are welcome to join us. Please sign up via admin@ecschoo.org.uk. See flyer p 12
- Sat 14 June: 1-4pm: Craft Fair at the British Legion, Lakefield Rd: jewellery, candles, crochet, bags & more: see flyer p 12
- Sat 21 June 12-3pm at Blessed Dominic Barberi Church: Family BBQ & Fundraiser with a cake stall, strawberries & cream, bottle stall, and a grand draw. All are welcome.
- Sat 21 June: 2-4pm: Come & Sing *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at St Andrew's, Sandford: see p 2
- Sat 28 June, 1-4pm: 28th Oxford Scouts Fayre at Scout HQ, Fairlie Rd: BBQ, Games, stalls, raffle, tombola: see flyer p 13
- Sun 29 June 2pm: Denny Gardens meeting @ using the space for community food growing: please contact: josh@octl.org.uk
- Thurs 10 July: 12:30-1:30pm: The Oxford Academy Year Seven celebration service in Littlemore Church: all are welcome
- Sat 12 July: 11am-2pm: Family Fun Day at the Peeple Centre (Northfield Close entrance to TOA) with bouncy castle, face painting, bubbles, Teddy bears' picnic ... see flyer p 13
- From 28 July through August: Free Football Holiday Camps at TOA 3G Dome: for girls & boys age 5-13 years: week-long or day places available: www.ouitc.org/course/holiday-courses : contact Kerrie Bates community@oufc.co.uk
- 18-21 August: Acrobatics & Aerial Holiday Stunt Camp at TOA: for 11-17s: 8 hrs a day. Booking: www.ukcfaction.co.uk. Contact Oliver Ward: info@ukcfacademy.co.uk
- Sat 12 July: 1-7pm: Sandford-on-Thames Summer Fair
- Sun 24 Aug: 12-5pm: L'more Rugby Club Fun Day (flyer p 14)
- For free, open-to-all Local History Society Walks: see p 2

PARISH COUNCIL PLAY DAY

Sadly, the Parish Council was unable to secure hire of sufficient rides and activities for the proposed Play Day in June. We hope the event will take place in September. *Cllr Maggie Willis*

THINGS TO DO

BECOME MORE ACTIVE THROUGH GARDENING

Join us at Thomson Terrace Allotments! You may be a new parent, a carer, or just be wishing to get out and become more social. Thanks to a generous grant from Oxford City Council's Littlemore Community Insight Fund, and TTACIC Volunteers, you will have a dedicated planting area including raised beds with new compost ready for planting. Please see our website ttacic.org for more information.



Kathy O'Donnell

SHOWCASE YOUR ART!

If you have artwork you'd love to share with the community, the bus stop display case opposite the George Pub is now open! Whether you're a painter, an illustrator, a photographer, or you just love to make things, this is a great opportunity to brighten up our neighbourhood and share what you do. Everyone is welcome. The display will be curated by Alex Singleton of Littlemore Arts Hub, which aims to celebrate the talent and imagination within our community. To submit your work or find out more, contact him at: alexpaintspaintings@gmail.com.

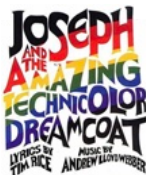


TAKE PART IN THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

It's entitled **Story Garden**, and will run from 5 July to 13 Sept. The challenge is a partnership between The Reading Agency and Libraries, and this year focuses on encouraging children to read and connect with nature through stories. Signing up is free, you just need to be a library member, which is also free. Find more info at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>.

COME AND SING ALONG: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Everyone is welcome to an afternoon of singing and fun - children, and adults of all ages and all abilities from non-singers to professional (though there are no 'non-singers' in my book just people who *think* they can't sing). Words and accompaniment will be provided (it's not a memory test). Sing as much, or as little as you like. The choir will be there to help things along. It's at Sandford Church, 2-4pm, Sat 21 June. Adults £10, children free, no need to book. Refreshments available. If you have questions do call me on 07880 716 633.



Christian Bradley

DO SOMETHING WILD EVERY DAY IN JUNE

You don't have to trek for miles or have expensive kit. You might *walk barefoot on the grass and focus on how it feels *smell a flower *hug a tree *listen to birdsong *watch a bumblebee travelling from flower to flower *drink your morning cuppa outside or *spend 5 minutes watching the clouds. 30 Days Wild is designed to get everybody thinking about nature, and making space for nature in everyday life. You don't have to sign up at Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust to take part, but those who sign up will receive a free activity pack through the post (while stocks last), & emails full of inspiring ideas and fascinating nature facts to help make the most of their wild month. See: bbowt.org.uk/30-days-wild.

Justine Farrant: Media & Press Officer

FIND EVEN MORE THINGS TO DO in the What's On listings on pp 7-15

JOIN A LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY WALK

Free and open to all: those on a Saturday all end with optional tea and remarkably good cakes at the Village Hall.

Sat 7 June 7: meet 1.30pm at SM&SN church gate. Focus: the local development of artisan housing. Please book by Tues 3 June at history.littlemore@gmail.com. This walk will be repeated if there is enough demand.

Weds 18 June: meet 6pm at Sainsbury's roundabout entrance for a circular walk to Iffley: via cycle track & river towpath. Focus: swallows, & domestic Roman occupation. Just turn up.

Sat July 5: meet 1.30pm at SM&SN church gate for Orchid Walk to Heyford Hill Lane. Just turn up.

Sat 2 Aug: meet 1.30pm at SM&SN church gate: just turn up: details to be confirmed.

JOIN OXON WOODTURNERS

They meet in the Village Hall where they have demonstrations, and a lathe for members' use.

The bowl is 9 inches diameter made from sycamore with an elm pedestal. The box is made from spalted beech with a leadwood finial. They were made by group Chair, Chris Hallsworth.



JOIN LITTLEMORE LITTER PICKERS

If you need help getting started, or need one or two official yellow bags to get you going, please leave your name and contact details with the editor on 01865 776 187. If you're happy to go it alone, you can get official bags and a grab from Callum Dickerson at Marsh Road depot: 07561 601 896. *Ed*

CHECK OUT THE WHAT'S ON LISTINGS on pp 7-15

NEW this time:

• **Dadz Dayz Stay & Play** for Babies & Toddlers (0-3 years): especially for dads (mums welcome too). A fun, affordable way to connect with your little one and meet other local parents. Expect toys, sensory activities, songs, and a relaxed space to play and bond. Upcoming Sessions: Saturdays 10-12 noon on 21 June & 19 July at the Community Centre. Please book via dadzdayz@hotmail.com *Jessica Collier*

STOP SMOKING FOR LIFE

Stop For Life Oxon run free smoking-cessation clinics at Donnington Medical Partnership, The Leys Health Centre, and Temple Cowley Health Centre. Please book an appointment through the Surgery. With another Practice or want support from home? Simply call us on 0800 122 3790, text STOPOXON to 60777, or visit www.stopforlifeoxon.org.

REDUCE YOUR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION!

DrinkCoach offers a new, free, 1:1 online coaching service for residents identified as 'increasing' or 'higher risk' drinkers on the DrinkCoach test, who wish to reduce their alcohol consumption. Find out if the programme is right for you here: <https://drinkcoach.org.uk/oxfordshire-alcohol-test>. Book directly via the DrinkCoach website.

LIVE BETTER, LIVE WELL

For a little extra support to live well at home & stay active, check out the County Council Live Well Oxfordshire directory: <https://livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk>. Find community activities, essential care, equipment & aids, transport services, and new hobbies. And remember, Oxfordshire Advice Navigator is a free online tool that provides tailored, local information on debt, benefits, and life matters directly to your email inbox. It's designed to be easy to use and accessible for everyone. [Find out more about the service here](#).

CONGRATULATIONS TO LITTLEMORE'S LYNN EVANS

... on winning the 2025 Vaughan Parry Williams Award for his exceptional contribution to student rugby. Lynn's a well known and well loved figure in local, national, and global rugby who, though his work in the early days of the RFU Rugby Development Department and the Coach Development Team has influenced thousands of coaches, many of whom are still coaching at a high level today ... he founded Littlemore Rugby Club in 1976, and he still coaches!



ANGELMEAD EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT: NEWS

Last term some Angelmead Explorers took part in the National Navigation Award Scheme weekend. Through their work on the Silver Award they gained navigation skills such as compass and map-reading and learnt about pacing - great skills to have especially in fog or woodland.



We're looking forward to a chef weekend:



we'll spice up our usual ways of cooking, and try new food, new recipes and new ways of cooking. Our members are aged 14-18: we meet Fridays, 7-8.30pm at Scout

HQ in Fairlie Rd. Just turn up, or contact group leader Shane Clark shane@teemclark.org.uk or me at camille.scout.kalaja@gmail.com

Camille Kalaja

FIRE SAFETY: E-BIKES & E-SCOOTERS

E-bikes and E-scooters can catch fire if the battery is damaged, overheated, or improperly charged. Please:

- **don't** charge or store your battery where it could block your escape
- **don't** leave your device, or go to sleep while it's charging
- **do** use only the correct charger for the battery.

Only buy e-bikes, e-scooters & batteries from trusted retailers and manufacturers, and only employ a professional to convert your bike to an e-bike.

Fire-CFSteam@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

GRASS VERGE MAINTENANCE

Grass road verges in Oxford are managed by the City Council, and mown by ODS on behalf of the County Council, which pays for 1 cut a year. This year City Council will fund 2 extra cuts for most verges. Cuttings will be left there. (The exceptions are 9 biodiversity grass verges, which include Eastern Bypass Central Reservation & some verges on the open field side of Grenoble Road, to be mown once in September: here cuttings will be removed to create the conditions favoured by wildflowers.) Depending on weather conditions, **communal gardens in Council homes** will be cut fortnightly between March & October. For more information see: [grass verges webpage](#).

LOCAL SITES FOR PLANNED ROAD WORKS 2025-6

- Herschel Crescent & Bodley Road (Carriageway structural maintenance): provisional start: 1 July
- Sandy Lane West (Patching): provisional start: 1 July
- Swinbourne Road (Micro-asphalting): provisional start 1 July
- Littlemore Flyover (Bridge work): date not yet set

For more detail see www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/roadworks/planned-road-maintenance.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: GULLY CLEANSING

County will proactively clean every gully, catchpit, & associated pipework. This improves upon previous years, when gullies were cleaned based on risk. Start date for Littlemore, 1 June.

DENNY GARDENS: COMMUNITY FOOD-GROWING SPACE

Oxfordshire Community Land Trust (OCLT) is working with Community Action Groups Oxfordshire and Littlemore residents to explore setting up a community food-growing space at Denny Gardens. The land, owned by Oxford City Council, is designated as land for growing food, but has lain unused for many years. We had a first meeting in April, when drawing inspiration from successful projects elsewhere in Oxford, Littlemore residents came and shared their ideas about what should and shouldn't be done with the land.

We plan a second meeting at Denny Gardens on Sunday 29 June at 2pm, when CAG's community gardener will facilitate discussion to establish a shared vision. If you'd like to be part of creating this new community space, please email me @ josh@oclt.org.uk and OCLT will share further details with you about the event nearer the time.

Josh Booth

PLANNING MATTERS

A NEW PHARMACY FOR LITTLEMORE?

Keen-eyed residents may have seen a notice at the closed hairdressers in Cowley Road, Littlemore saying that a pharmacy is to open there soon. LITTLEMORE LOCAL has the following Statement from Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (the part of the NHS responsible for planning and funding Health Services in our area and which oversees community pharmacies):

"BOB ICB cannot comment on this site but confirm that they have received an application for a new pharmacy in Littlemore. All such applications are made and assessed under NHS-stipulated regulations: applications need to meet specific criteria and be subject to consultation with statutory consultees before they will be considered by the ICB. Any decision will be subject to appeal from certain parties. The length of the process can vary."

At the time of writing (May 14) the process was not complete.

SANDY LANE WEST

24/01631/FUL: first discussed in LITTLEMORE LOCAL issue 456. The demolition of existing (Genesis Healthcare) office buildings and erection of 3 laboratory-enabled office buildings and 2 buildings to accommodate car & bicycle parking facilities, mechanical plant, and amenity space has now been formally approved. Local residents may expect work to start soon.

CONTINUED LOCAL URBANISATION LIKELY

- The Environment Agency, Oxford City Council, and Thames Water have now agreed a scheme which can provide the necessary sewage treatment capacity to allow the development of around 18,000 new homes in and around Oxford. The EA had previously challenged Oxford's blueprint for new housing up to 2040 over concerns about sewage treatment capacity, but they will no longer do so.
- If the proposed restructuring of local government goes ahead (see p 16) Greater Oxford Unitary Council may hope to incorporate Sandford-on-Thames.

Both would make it more likely that the Oxford Science Village (a further extension of the Science Park with 3000 new homes and infrastructure including new primary and secondary schools first mentioned 6 years ago in LITTLEMORE LOCAL Issue 425, and www.oxfordsciencevillage.com) will go ahead.

OXFORD UNITED IN LITTLEMORE

O UFC has extended its lease of the Kassam Stadium for an additional 2 seasons. The existing lease is to expire in 2026. The decision about O UFC's possible move to north Oxford is due to be made by Cherwell District Council in June 2025.

YOUNG'S WAY DEVELOPMENT IS NOW COMPLETE

See p 4

NOTES FOR NEW PARENTS

Reusable nappies

Washable (reusable) nappies are made of bamboo, hemp, cotton or microfibre. A baby needs only around 20 to 30 of them: they can save parents several hundred pounds with their first baby, and even more if re-used for subsequent children. The nappy change is the same, but instead of putting a disposable into a rubbish bin, you put the nappy into your washing machine.

- ❑ The [Reusable Nappy Week website](#) has a great guide on sizes, materials and how to get started.
- ❑ The [Oxon Cloth Nappy Library](#) has a loan scheme. They meet usually on the last Saturday of the month at the Florence Park Community Centre (along with the [Oxford Maternity Clothes Library](#)).
- ❑ Oxfordshire County Council has a [dedicated page for reusable nappies and where you can get them](#).
- ❑ The County Council also runs a [real nappy loan scheme](#).

Maternity Clothes Libraries

Because it is used for a short time, maternity clothing contributes to the problem of [textile waste](#) generated by the fashion industry.

- ❑ Oxford has a [Maternity Clothes Library](#), which loans out good quality pregnancy and breastfeeding clothing at £3 per item, or £6 for coats. Library events are held at Florence Park Community Centre the end of each month. Visit their site to [book a slot](#) or email oxmatlibrary@gmail.com.

Baby Carrier and Sling Hire

- ❑ You can hire carry slings for your baby from a variety of sources including the maternity library above.
- ❑ There is also the Oxford Sling Library, which is a social enterprise run by Lucy Hawkins. She offers pre-booked appointments at home, online or can visit you. Click here for [home visits](#) or [group sessions](#).

Find more pre-loved stuff

- ❑ on eBay, Facebook Marketplace, Vinted, gumtree, preloved, and at www.mum2mummarket.co.uk which holds local nearly-new sales.

For more detail see: www.climateactionoxfordshire.org.uk/articles/making-climate-conscious-decisions-new-parent

FROM THE RECYCLING TEAM

Blue bins: In this warm weather please make sure stuff in your blue bin is rinsed, squashed, and loose - no bagging is needed, especially not black bin bags: they belong in your green bin.

Food waste: separating your food waste into a food caddy is much more hygienic than mixing it in with your general waste. If you don't have a caddy, please contact us: [Get your caddy](#).

The new, free, on-request textile recycling service

The City Council now collects clothing (including coats), shoes & boots (including Wellingtons), handbags & soft fabric bags, blankets, sheets & throws, duvets & duvet covers, pillows & pillow cases, sleeping bags, curtains, cushions, table linen, & towels. You must request this service: collections are weekly but you can order one as often as you wish. Please bag up your offering! Request the service at www.oxford.gov.uk/goes-bin/recycling-textiles. You'll get an automated confirmation email, then Recycling Solutions will get in touch with your collection date, and when and where to leave your textiles.

Fly-tipping

The City Council understands that reporting anti-social behaviour can feel uncomfortable, but if you have any information about individuals who may be fly-tipping, you can **report it anonymously** at <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/street-cleaning/report-flytipping>. Every bit of information helps.

KEY FEATURES of new lights in Oxford Road Recreation ground (see front page)



1. Durable, UK-made wind turbine producing 300W peak power
2. Communication node connected to communication gateway
3. Die-cast lantern to IK10 specification
4. 12W LED lantern producing 183 lumen per watt
5. British standard galvanised column
6. Vertical self-cleaning solar panels, designed to capture maximum solar radiation all round
7. 3 x 50W solar panels producing 150W peak solar power
8. Dual integration control system
9. Next generation fast-charging battery technology with 20-year lifespan

YOUNG'S WAY DEVELOPMENT NOW COMPLETE

The development of 5 Council and 5 shared ownership homes at the far end of Lanham Way, is called Youngs Way after Martin Young, vicar of St Mary & St Nicholas from 1951 to 1964. His name was proposed by Littlemore Parish Council. There are 10 semi-detached homes (six 2-bed houses & four 3-bed houses), and nine parking spaces each with EV charging: they include 3 spaces suitable for drivers with disabilities. Access is via Medhurst Way only. As part of a commitment to building communities, OX Place and Feltham Construction built new storage in changing rooms at John Henry Newman Academy, and a buggy store. A new path from Medhurst Way means pupils can get to school from Sandford Road.

In **Farriers Close** next door (this used to be George Pub parking and garden) there are eight newly built detached and semi-detached 2 & 3 bedroom houses and apartments. Across the road in **Railway Lane** the provision of 91 affordable homes with 0.4 parking spaces per household proceeds apace.

Map showing Youngs Way:

..... = approximate path of vehicular route in and out



JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY NEWS

News submitted by Mr Surman (photo permissions granted)

St. George's Day

In April, we celebrated St George, Patron Saint of England. The children learned about the famous Saint, ate a traditional English sausage & mash for lunch, took part in an assembly, and wore red & white to celebrate the day.



May Day

On May Day, the children took part in an assembly all about May Day: courtesy of Miss Dani and Miss Knight, Year Six had learned to Maypole Dance, and after they showed us how to do it, we had an ice lolly sale to raise money for a new trim trail.



The Peace Run

Also in May, some children ran the Peace Mile at Cutteslowe Park, and we invited Tejvan Pettinger, and Peace Runners from the Peace Run initiative* to an assembly at our school. They spoke to the children about the importance of peace and harmony, and the benefits of exercise, and they sang to the children and quizzed them on where the children thought they were from. Six chosen children then carried the Peace Run torch down Grange Road, and Giles Road & into Champion Way to meet runners from St. John Fisher and pass the torch onto them, for their own assembly.



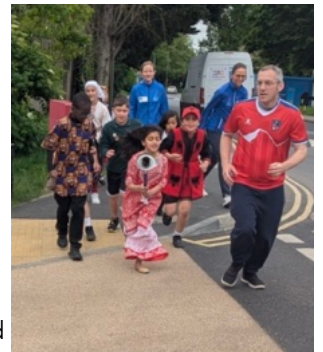
JHNA runners



Handing over the torch

*The Peace Run

Started in 1987, and with over 7 million participants it's the world's largest peace torch relay. It's covered 395 thousand miles in 155 Countries. On 2 April the torch arrived in Cork from which it was carried through Kilkenny, Dublin, Stirling, Edinburgh, Glasgow, the Lake District, Skelmersdale, Snowdonia, Portmeirion, Bristol, and Swindon, to Oxford. From Oxford it will travel to London, the Netherlands, and on around Europe.



SJF runners

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS

This half term at Emmanuel Christian School, the children have been learning about water, and have had a wonderful time in the sunshine, staying cool with water-based games. We're very grateful for new artificial grass in the Early Years area of school: it has lifted the whole space and provided a cooler surface in the sun.

After half term we will be learning about bears in stories: the bears will include Paddington, Winnie the Pooh, Rupert, and others.

We're hosting an afternoon Bear Hunt event at school on Friday 13 June from 3.30pm, with Tea and Marmalade sandwiches from 4pm, and Littlemore residents are welcome to join us. Please sign up via admin@ecschool.org.uk.

Lizzie Nesbitt

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FIND ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL NEWS ...

...on the front and back pages!

BE A HOVERFLY HERO

Hoverflies make up over 280 of the 6000 fly species in the UK.

They are masters of disguise. The different types go by various common names such as Batman, Footballer and Marmalade, thanks to their distinctive markings and colours. It can be easier to identify them by their behaviour than their looks, because they all hover and zigzag around plants.

Though they neither bite nor sting, and they have only one pair of flight wings (bees and wasps have two) they are often mistaken for wasps, bees or even hornets. But these insects are unsung heroes of many of our ecosystems. Hoverflies pollinate wildflowers, are food for birds, and help break down organic matter in gardens. Hoverflies visit 52% of crops globally. They either pollinate them or protect them by eating sap-sucking aphids. They are critical for our food security.

This fly family is the second most significant pollinator after bees.

Yet, intensive agriculture, harmful pesticides, urban development and climate change have all taken their toll. Hoverfly distribution has seen a 44% decline between 1980 and 2020, and in 2022 the International Union for the Conservation of Nature added hoverflies to its Red List of threatened species. So the humble hoverfly needs our help.

They can thrive in well-managed woodlands and wetlands, but there is also much we could be doing in our gardens to help.

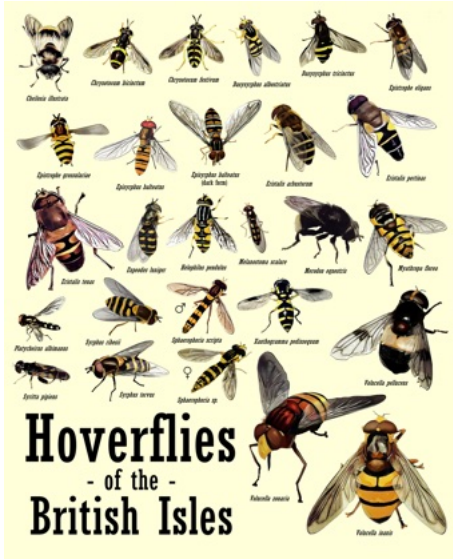
Provide:

- a range of open, easily accessible flowers for them to feed on through the year
- ponds for larvae to grow in
- dead wood to lay eggs in
- and even a few aphid pests for them to eat.

In spring, they'll be drawn to aubretia. In summer, they'll love blackberry flowers, oxeye daisy, marigolds, fennel, cow parsley and poppies. Come autumn, they can be seen on heather, aster and even common ivy.

Find out more at wildaboutgardens.org.uk .

Justine Farrant – Media and Press Officer



THE ANNUAL SNAKE'S HEAD FRITILLARY COUNT

Iffley Meadows is a floodplain meadow and one of fewer than 30 sites in the country where these striking flowers bloom in the wild. This year's count recorded nearly 30,000 flowers, a dramatic increase on last year's total.

The very first count in the early '80s recorded just 500 flowers. Careful management of the reserve has seen a peak of nearly

90,000 counted in 2015. But in 2024 numbers plummeted to a 30-year low of just over 6000 after prolonged flooding, heavy rain, and high winds.



Floodplain meadows are one of the rarest habitats in the UK and are vitally important for precious wildlife, and climate change mitigation. They soak up and store carbon and help prevent flooding downstream. Yet they are disappearing fast, drained for industrial-scale farming, or swallowed up by development or infrastructure projects.

BBOWT manages an incredible 10% of the remaining floodplain meadows in the UK, including Chimney Meadows near Bampton, and Iffley Meadows which it manages on behalf of Oxford City Council.

The Nature Recovery Fund, launched by the Trust in October 2023, aims to raise £3 million for vital conservation work which includes managing these vital habitats.

To donate to BBOWT's Nature Recovery Fund and support its vital work to restore nature across its three counties, visit bbowt.org.uk/SOS

Logan Walker – Communications & Media Officer

Pictures, clockwise from top right

- BBOWT's Colin Williams with volunteers lined up to count
- Volunteers making their way carefully across the field
- Oxford's iconic Snake's Head Fritillary
- The hoverfly (all © BBOWT)
- The range of British hoverflies: from andyunderscore.com

LITTLEMORE DIRECTORY

WHAT'S ON: GROUPS, CLASSES ETC

Regular Events: June & July 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. Summer camp 18-21 August. 8 hours each day. See flier p 14
- **Advice Centre:** Pre Booked Sessions are offered at **SM+SN:** on Thursdays between 10-11.30am. To pre-book call 01865 438 634
- **Aerial Arts Academy:** **TOA:** Aerials & Pole Dance. Weekday & weekend dance & fitness classes for all abilities. Use code OAA1STFREE for your first class free when you book online at aerialartsacademy.co.uk. Or book at: <https://goteamup.com/p/3353560-aerial-arts-academy-oxford/c/schedule>. Contact: Nicola Ghalmi 07909 974 256, info@aerialartsacademy.co.uk
- **Afternoon Tea at VHL:** Tea, coffee & delicious home-made cakes, and an opportunity to meet some of your Parish Councillors: first Saturday: 2.30-4.30pm including 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*:** with Sarah Wheatley, Tuesdays 10.15-11.15am: to join 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)
- **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 new skills & making new friends, the Army Cadets is for you. We parade 7.30-9.30pm on Thursdays. See www.armycadets.com/county/oxfordshire-acf/Oxfordshire. Detachment Commander: AUO Kyle-Davidson, 8204kyleda@armymail.mod.uk
- **Arts Hub:** **SM&SN:** Saturdays, monthly, 2-3.30pm: a collective of local artists & writers offering free workshops:
 - *14 June: Poetry Workshop: focus: cut & paste poetry & blackout poetry
 - *5 July: Window Walkabout Workshop: how to make a window display ahead of the Autumn 'Window Walkabout'. Contact Margreet Armitstead: 01865 748 003
- **Baby Massage:** see **Children's & Babies Events at JHN**
- **Beezee Weight Loss support:** **RHCC:** Weds 7.30-9pm: free, 12-week programme: find out more at oxf.maximusuk.co.uk: sign up online, at HelloOxfordshire@maximusuk.co.uk or via 03332 208 952. Contact Jodie Howard
- **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:** see www.oxbowls.co.uk
- **Childcare: Littlemore Preschool:** **LCC:** open M-F 8.45 till 3pm: term-times: for pre-school children from 2-4 yrs. Space available: mornings 8.45-11.45am, all day 8.45-2.45pm, & afternoons 12-3pm. We're also planning our Sept intake. 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, littlepeeplenursery@people.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@people.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 People 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 People 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:**
 - **NEW Dadz Dayz: LCC:** Saturdays, 10-12noon, monthly: stay & play for Dads & their children (age 0-3) (Mums welcome too). With Jessica Collier: next sessions: 21 June & 19 July. Expect toys, sensory activities, songs, and a relaxed space to play & bond. Please book via [fb](https://www.facebook.com/dadzdayz) or Dadzdayz@hotmail.com
 - **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 p 12
- **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 Kerrisa Lawrence, Oxford Hub parent support worker: kerrisa@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, 3rd Friday every month. 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 *June 16: Arts & Craft *July 14: Crochet. To book a place for the workshops contact circuitpa@oxfordmethodists.org.uk
 - Afternoon tea party Monday 9 June: 3 -4.30pm. Suggested Donation £5
- **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)
 - **See also:** www.oxford.gov.uk/people-communities/free-low-cost-food-oxford
- **Football Coaching: 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 yrs: the next starts July 28: week or day places available: contact Kerrie Bates community@oufc.co.uk
- **Friendship Group: SM&SN:** 2nd Thurs each month at 10am in church. 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 11
- **Karate:** Thursdays: at **JHN:** *age 4-6yrs Thursdays 3.30-4pm *age 7-14yrs Thursdays 4-5pm. Chris Wilmott, 07880 636 123 or chrismwilmott2000@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](https://www.instagram.com/OxfordCityLacrosse) or FB **OXLAX**
- **Library: Home Library Service: Home Pick Up & Delivery.** Contact Kevin Salway, homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk 01865 810 259
- **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 11) 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.

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: *12 July 10-5pm with Mimi Kuo Deemer. 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
- **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 Kombat:** Children's Amusement Centre: 01865 788 380 <https://laserkombat.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/our-boot-fairs>

- **Pilates: Littlemore & Iffley:** physiotherapy-led classes & individual sessions. Three class formats now offered: face to face, live online via Zoom & a pre-recorded class (available for repeat use). For more info see: www.clevermovement.co.uk . 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 11 and flyer p 14
- **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:**
 - *not confirmed this time: may not be accurate: 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
 - **other social groups:** 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: Thomson 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 Dec (club AGM). 3 June is a demonstration by professional turner Phil Irons, and 1 July is a 'hands on' evening. Newcomers are very welcome, no matter what level of experience: entry is free for your first 2 sessions. See programme p 11. 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! Or for more info call 07483011069
 - 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 . See fliers p 15
 - **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**
 - **Scouts** (age 10½-14): **SHQ:** see www.scouts.org.uk/groups
 - **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 steffihalldance@gmail.com
 - **Zumba: LCC:** *Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm Zumba & Toning. All are welcome: fun classes suitable for all fitness levels. No need to book: £7 per class (concession if attending several classes a month). For more info please contact me: Pat Meade 07957 491 868 or patsimeade63@gmail.com

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>
- **Community Hub:** at John Henry Newman Academy, Lakefield Rd OX4 4LS. Modern kitchen, office space and large event space. Web: <https://jhnacademy.co.uk/jhn-community-hub>, contact community@jhnacademy.co.uk
- *not confirmed this time: may not be accurate:* **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:** at TOA, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, OX4 6JZ. Beecroft Theatre, Bistro Hall, Events Rooms, Sports Hall, 3G Full size floodlit pitch, 3G Dome, Astro turf pitches, Grass pitches, Dance Studio, Fitness Suite, Drama studio and Classrooms. 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

COMMUNITY GROUPS open to residents to join

- **Littlemore Parish Council:** Parish Councils are responsible for addressing community concerns, making decisions on behalf of the people in the parish, and representing the community's interests. They are apolitical, and should play a vital role in providing a democratic voice. For more information see: littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Littlemore Partnership:** a Network of representatives from various local organisations, supported by interested members of the community. Its aim is to improve communication between residents and service providers, and campaign for improved services. Chair: Katie Sreaton, JHN Academy. To find out more, contact: finance@jhnacademy.co.uk
 - **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 ANGLING SOCIETY FIXTURES

	Fixture	Venue	Draw : Fish
JUNE			
1	Aggregate Cup 1	Green Farm	D 8 : F 10 -15
22	Aggregate Cup 2	Meadowlands (Pump)	D 8 : F 10 -15
29	J Henwood Shield (Points/SL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9 -14
JULY			
13	Aggregate Cup 3	Tunnel Barn (Canal)	D 8 : F 10 -15
20	R.Arnatt Cup (Points/SL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9 -14
27	Vice-Presidents Cup (Points/SL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9 -14
AUGUST			
10	Secretary's Cup (Points/SL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9 -14
24	Aggregate Cup 4	Ivy House (Old Match Lake)	D 8 : F 10 -15
<i>Until 15 June, it is closed season for fishing in running water Alan Campbell</i>			

LITTLEMORE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY: SUMMER WALKS

Walks are free, and all are welcome

June 7	Afternoon walk: focus: artisan housing in Littlemore: please book
18	Evening walk: Iffley: meet 6pm: Sainsbury's (roundabout entrance)
July 5	Afternoon orchid walk: meet 1.30pm SM&SN church gate
Aug 2	Afternoon local interest walk: meet 1.30pm SM&SN church gate
Indoor Meetings are Wednesday: 7 for 7.30pm at the Community Centre: £15 yearly membership: visitors £5 a meeting. Walks are free and open to all.	
more info / booking: Bryan & Buffy McClelland , history.littlemore@gmail.com	



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*

Sandford-On-Thames Women's Institute

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

12 June	Talk by volunteer from Medical Detection Dogs charity
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.

OXON WOODTURNERS

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

3 June	Demonstration: by professional turner Phil Irons
1 July	'Hands On' evening using club lathe

www.oxonwoodturners.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 8 June 3-4.30pm.
 - Weds Food Bank, & Monday Drop-In are listed in the What's On section
- **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

- 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

❖ 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

below

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2025

Saturday 7th June
2.30-4.30pm



**AFTERNOON
TEA**

at the Village Hall
Railway Lane

all are welcome to
tea, cake, conversation
it's also an opportunity to stock up on
plants for your garden,
& to meet some of your parish councillors

organised by Littlemore Village Hall Committee
to join, or to help, please contact
c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com





**WE'RE
GOING ON
A BEAR
HUNT**

Join us for a community afternoon with Winnie the Pooh, Goldilocks, Rupert, Paddington and many more on **Friday 13th June from 3.30 p.m at Emmanuel Christian School, Sandford Road, Littlemore**
Tea, scones and marmalade sandwiches served from 4 p.m.
To sign up, email: admin@ecschool.org.uk





CRAFT FAIR

LITTLEMORE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
LAKEFIELD ROAD



SATURDAY 14 JUNE
1-4PM

Come and browse these lovely crafts!
Including: Jewellery, Crochet Items, 3D
Printed Models, Wax Melts & Candles,
Bags and more!

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

Fridays

- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome

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 artists and writers who offer monthly workshops at the Church: 2-3.30pm: Contact Margreet Armitstead: 01865 748 003
 - 14 June: Poetry Workshop looking particularly at cut & paste poetry & blackout poetry
 - 5 July: Window Walkabout Workshop, looking at how to make a window display ahead of the Autumn 'Window Walkabout'.

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

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/>

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: *detailed spinal analysis (including nerve scans) *in-depth movement and neurological assessments *photographic structural analysis, and, when needed *access to state-of-the-art digital X-rays. Book via WhatsApp at 01865 597785 or at www.northwoodchiropracticoxford.co.uk

LITTLEMORE SCHOOLS

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

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

28TH OXFORD SCOUT GROUP
SUMMER FAYRE SAT 28TH JUNE FROM 1PM TO 4PM
CASH & CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

BARBEQUE
CAKES
TOY STALL
FACE PAINTING
TOMBOLA
GAMES
PLANT STALL
CROCKERY SMASH
RAFFLE
MYSTERY JARS
VR GAMES
BOOK STALL



FREE ENTRY

28TH SCOUT HUT, 13 FAIRLIE ROAD, OX4 3SW
REGISTERED CHARITY NO.: 1049208

Saturday 5th July
2.30-4.30pm



all are welcome to
**home-made cake, tea,
coffee, & conversation,**
it's also an opportunity to stock up on
plants for your garden

organised by Littlemore Village Hall Committee
to join, or to help, please contact
c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com

FREE



Saturday
12th July
11am-2pm

Family Fun Day

Join us for a family fun day at the Peep Centre!
Free activities:
Arts and crafts
Bouncy castle
Face painting
Giant bubbles
Bring your Ted and your lunchbox and join our Teddy Bear's Picnic!



Celebrating 30 years of
peep

 **people**  The People Centre, Northfield Close (end of), Littlemore, OX4 4NH

GENERAL PRACTICES

There are no GP or Dental services in Littlemore.

The following GP surgeries cover Littlemore area:

Donnington Medical Partnership: 1 Henley Ave, OX4 4DH: 01865 771 313

Cowley Road Medical Practice: Manzil Way, Cowley, OX4 1XD: 01865 791 850

Hollow Way Medical Centre: 8 Ivy Close, Cowley, OX4 2N: 01865 777 495

The Leys Health Centre: Dunnock Way, OX4 7EX: 01865 778 244

www.theleyshealthcentre.nhs.uk

St Bartholomew's Medical Centre: Manzil Way, Cowley Rd, Cowley, OX4 1XB:
01865 242 334

Temple Cowley Health Centre: Temple Rd, Cowley, OX4 2HL: 01865 777 024

LOCAL PHARMACIES

Rose Hill: **The Leys Pharmacy:** 6a Courtland Rd, OX4 4HZ:

01865 777836: offers emergency contraception

Cowley Centre: **Superdrug Pharmacy:** Templars Square, OX4 3UZ: 01865 779 299

Late Night: **Boots:** Oxford Retail Park, OX4 6XJ: 01865 717699:

open 'til midnight M-F, and 'til 10pm Saturday:

offers emergency contraception & blister-pack recycling.

OUR LOCAL MP: Anneliese Dodds

Address: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Oxford address: Unit A Bishops Mews, Transport Way, OX4 6HD

email: anneliese.dodds.casework@parliament.uk .

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, Major road maintenance, carers' support (see p 16 for full list): contact:

- Cllr David Henwood: david.henwood@oxfordshire.gov.uk

For City Issues: eg Housing, Planning, Leisure & Community Centres, minor road maintenance, Parks, Anti-social behaviour (see p 16 for full list): contact:

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

LITTLEMORE PARISH Council

There are 16 seats on the Parish Council: 2 are currently vacant

Current Councillors:

- Cllr Susie Aldridge: susie.aldridge@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Cllr Lynne Davies: lynne.davies@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Cllr Michael Evans: michael.evans@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Cllr Peter George (Chair): 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 Sadiea Mustafa-Awan (Vice Chair): smawan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Cllr Anna Railton: anna.railton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Cllr Gabriele Santi: gabriele.santi@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
- 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

• Website: littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

• Acting Clerk & RFO: Tim Cann: clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

telephone: 07377 682 216



NHS

Free Stay and Play

The School Readiness Project

Littlemore Village Hall
Railway Lane, OX4 4PY

Do you live in Littlemore and have a child aged 0-5 years?

No booking required - just turn up!

Thursdays from 10 to 11:30am

Growing Minds would like to invite you to our free Stay and Play sessions on Thursday mornings. A chance for your children to play and for you to meet others with children of the same age in the local area.

If you haven't signed up for a free monthly Imagination Library book yet, use the QR code below.

HOME START people

UKCF ACADEMY PARKOUR PARK

THE UK'S FIRST INDOOR STUNT ACTION EXPERIENCE PARK
AT THE OXFORD ACADEMY LITTLEMORE

Weekly youth program in Acrobatics, Trampoline, Parkour, Free-running and Aerial Dance

PLUS Holiday Camps: at Easter, Summer (18-21 Aug), and Christmas

book now for the Summer at www.ukcfaction.co.uk

Director: Oliver Ward

FREE ENTRY Funfair Rides Live Music Food & Bar
£6 = Unlimited Rides

Family Fun Day

Littlemore Rugby Club
www.LittlemoreRFC.org/FunDay

24 AUG
12-5pm

PERRY TULU EXPERT SCAFFOLDING HOWDENS Andy Glass Windows @TOA Leisure HASSETT CONSTRUCTION Hawtin Electrical

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](#) or Facebook: [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

not confirmed: may not be accurate:

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) *confirmed by church admin staff*

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

ABOUT THE ABOVE DIRECTORY

It's not complete, and new listings are always welcome. There is no charge. To keep it up to date and as accurate as possible, all that is required from those listed is that they confirm or modify their listing when they receive a reminder every two months.

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
07483011069

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

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YOUTH AMBITION

WE PROVIDE FREE YOUTH GROUPS IN OXFORD FOR 11-18 YEAR OLDS, SO, WHAT'S ON?

NORTHWAY
Tuesday at 5PM-7PM, Northway Community Centre, OX3 9RU

WOOD FARM
Wednesday at 4PM-6PM, Wood Farm Youth Centre, OX3 8QQ

COWLEY GIRLS
Wednesday at 4PM-5:30PM, The Jungle Art Gallery, Templars Square, OX4 3XH

LITTLEMORE
Thursdays at 4PM-6PM, Littlemore Community Centre, OX4 4NL

CONTACT INFO: 07483 010021 OR 07483011069

YOUTH AMBITION sports sessions

Free sports sessions for ages 11-18. For more information, please contact 07483 010021.

OXFORD CITY FOOTBALL
Tuesdays 4pm - 5pm
Oxford City 4G pitch OX3 0NQ

BOXING SESSIONS
Fridays 4pm - 5pm
Feel Fit gym OX4 3XQ
Drills & Bag Work

MULTISPORTS SESSIONS
Fridays
Ages 11-14 at 6pm-7:30pm
Ages 15-19 at 7:30pm-9pm
Football & Basketball
Blackbird Leys leisure centre OX4 6JL

THE SHAPE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

NOW: Oxfordshire has 6 local Councils arranged in 2 tiers.

There's one county council (Oxfordshire) and five district councils (Oxford City, Cherwell, South Oxfordshire, the Vale of White Horse, & West Oxfordshire).

The 2 tiers each have different areas of responsibility. It's been like this since Oxford's local government was last reorganised in 1974.

CURRENT AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY & LOCAL PERSON TO CONTACT	
Oxford City Council	Oxfordshire County Council
Contacts: Cllr Anne Stares Cllr Tiago Corais	Contact: Cllr David Henwood
Planning	Schools
Council housing	Social services
Homelessness	Concessionary bus passes
HMO licensing	Adult Learning
Housing options advice	Major road maintenance
Council Tax collection & reduction	Libraries
Housing Benefit	Children and young people
Business Rates collection	Fire and Rescue Service
Environmental health	Waste recycling centres
Licensing	Waste disposal
Recycling and waste collection	Trading standards
Leisure centres and facilities	Registration (births, marriages, deaths)
Building control	Street lighting
Minor road maintenance	Carers' support
Street cleaning	Transport planning
Parks	Residents' parking permits
Community grants	On-street parking
Anti-Social Behaviour	Youth offending service
Park Rangers	Music service
Markets	
Community safety	
Electoral registration	
Cemeteries	
Car parks	
Community centres	
Public toilets	

The Government has asked councils across England for interim proposals on simplifying the structure of local government in their areas.

Oxfordshire's six councils submitted joint proposals on Friday 21 March.

PROPOSED FUTURE STRUCTURE

The proposals would see Oxfordshire's six councils abolished and replaced with three unitary councils:

- **Greater Oxford Council** (Oxford with expanded boundaries)
- **Northern Oxfordshire Council** (much of the existing West Oxfordshire & Cherwell districts)
- **Ridgeway Council** (much of the existing South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse districts & West Berkshire).

The proposed structure would give each unitary council control over key services (such as transport and education) which are now managed at countywide level.

The government also wants all regions of England to have Mayors with devolved powers and money. Each would lead a Mayoral Strategic Authority and coordinate housing, transport and economic growth across the region. The 3 unitary councils above would give Oxfordshire 3 seats when councils took collective decisions across council boundaries.

Supporting the proposals, City Council says that

- the creation of a greater Oxford Council would enable them to join up and improve services that are currently split between Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council;
- a new central Oxfordshire unitary Council would reflect local identities, and bring the design and delivery of these services much closer to local residents than is currently the case. A priority for the new Council would be improving bus services into the city from neighbouring villages;
- a greater focus on prevention of inequality, and on ensuring access to good jobs would be central to tackling the inequalities that drive pressure on the social care system. A greater Oxford Council would work with institutions, businesses and grassroots organisations to prioritise action on inequalities, like health issues, supporting young people, and ensuring community safety;
- a Greater Oxford Council might accelerate the delivery of both affordable homes, and secure, well-paid jobs for residents in Oxford and the surrounding area:
 - though Oxford City Council's current administrative boundaries are drawn tightly around the city's existing housing estates & business parks, and there is little available space to meet the significant demand for new housing, office space, laboratories, leisure facilities, and so on, sites outside the city have already been allocated to provide additional housing to meet Oxford's need.
 - City Council says that a unitary authority based on the city with expanded boundaries could take charge of some of these sites, and increase housing density where appropriate to produce well-planned new communities.
 - it would also release Grey Belt land as the Government has directed: this is essentially land within the Green Belt that, according to some, may be suitable for development. It is anticipated that city-adjacent housing sites would be higher density low-rise developments.
 - the existing City Council says that they are exploring different boundary options, taking into account local geography, economic and transport links, and the Green Belt, and will be engaging with stakeholders, residents, and businesses in the city and neighbouring areas.
- Oxford has one of the UK's most successful local economies: it's a net contributor to the Exchequer – generating £7.6bn annually. In 2023 & 2024 it was ranked the top performing city in the UK by PricewaterhouseCoopers. It's fifth in the UK for attracting overseas investment. The City Council says that:
 - more economic growth could be unlocked by acquiring work space for more labs, for offices, for local and regional supply chain businesses, and training space for construction and retrofit skills. There is also new demand within key sectors such as hospitality and leisure.
- a greater Oxford unitary Council would be financially robust, inheriting the Oxford Model, with significant assets and wholly owned companies that deliver services for the Council and private clients, and generate income.
- millions of pounds would be saved across Oxford and West Berkshire through the proposed changes.

[Watch the video](#)

[Interested? Learn more](#)

FROM TRISH ELPHINSTONE

It has been a privilege to serve the residents of Littlemore and Rose Hill for the past two years. It has been a pleasure to help deal with housing and parking issues, and to have pushed for the roundabout resurfacing, the pedestrian crossing at St John Fisher, the increase in 3A bus services, the reinstatement of two lanes in Rose Hill, and for music courses in our youth clubs.



To come are: resurfacing of Bodley Road & Herschel Crescent, a lovely community mural designed by a local artist and local children for the ring road bridge in Cowley Road, and road safety improvements throughout Rose Hill and Littlemore. It was great getting to know you and taking up your concerns at Oxfordshire County Council. I send my best wishes to you all.

THANK YOU TRISH!

from Cllr Tiago Corais:

I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Cllr Trish Elphinstone for the exceptional work she has done in Littlemore. It is disheartening that Trish has not been re-elected - a decision that feels unfair to the countless lives she has touched. As an exemplary County Councillor, she tirelessly championed the interests of Rose Hill and Littlemore, bringing real change through her hard work, integrity, and unwavering commitment. Democracy thrives when passionate and purposeful leaders like Trish step forward to serve. The impact of her dedication continues to shape the community she cherished. One lasting example is the mural under the bridge, currently being painted by young students: it's a project she helped coordinate and secure funding for. This vibrant space will stand as a welcoming symbol for all members of our community. Thank you, Trish, for your dedication and service. You have made a positive difference!



Work in Progress on the underpass mural: Alex Singleton working with a TOA pupil. Read more about this project in the next issue.

from Cllr David Henwood

Many residents of Littlemore will be aware of the excellent work Trish Elphinstone has done for our community. Her efforts have led to meaningful improvements, including the new zebra crossing on Sandy Lane West, the new camera near the shops, and many other contributions. On behalf of the community, thank you, Trish, for your dedication and service.

SCAMS TO BE AWARE OF: QR QUISHING SCAMS

There's been a sharp rise in scams linked to fraudulent QR codes. Contactless payment hotspots, such as parking meters and restaurant menus are common targets: criminals stick their own QR codes over those on the signage. You may not lose much, but those responsible have gathered the data they need to launch a secondary scam. Be vigilant, and consider using a QR scanner with security features that detect malicious links.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE PRIORITIES

Following TVP's recent survey of residents' concerns, the police will focus on: *Anti-social behaviour in Meadow Lane & Frys Hill Park. *Drug dealing on Rose Hill Bridge by Sainsbury's and in Blackbird Leys Park & Crowberry Road. *Knife Crime in Blackbird Leys.

The behaviours of concern were decided through the survey; locations were decided by the police on the basis of intelligence received and calls from the members of the public.

It's important to report crime or the police will not know about local hotspots and our local needs.

LITTLEMORE WALKABOUT: FOCUS: ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

May Walkabout with PC Little, City Cllr Stares, Council staff, and Littlemore residents.

- Little Park has been a hotspot for ASB in recent years. Residents suggested additional planting inside the park to block access to rear gardens and deter ASB. I will be working with the Parish Council (who own Little Park) to support this. The new Cowley Road surveillance camera will monitor both the park and nearby shop, but even so, Police ask residents to report all incidents, as this helps allocate appropriate resources to the area (see TVP entry, above).
- LTN planters on Mayfair Road are being used as drug pickup points. I will be working with PC Little to explore ways to make reporting these issues easier and more effective.
- Co-op, Littlemore Road: we are aware of persistent shoplifting here. I will work with the store's management to ensure they report incidents to Safer Stores & to the police.
- ASB incidents in Alice Smith Square have declined. New security cameras on both external & internal walls of Council-owned flats have improved resident safety. Recent grass cutting and the removal of dog fouling have contributed to a better local environment. Life has noticeably improved in the area, and we will continue to support residents with regular visits.
- Next Steps: we will be conducting another ASB walkabout in a few months to follow up on action points and include additional areas. A separate transport-focused walkabout is also being planned. *County Cllr David Henwood*

NEWS FROM ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

These past two months have seen two major developments at St John Fisher, firstly the 'arrival' of our new Zebra Crossing on Sandy Lane West, something Mr Higgins and Local Councillors



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have fought for over the past three years. (See photo on the front page.) Pupils at St John Fisher have been petitioning for a crossing for over 30 years and are delighted this has finally happened. Its opening has already dramatically improved safety outside the school.

Our school has also seen the introduction of a new flock of chickens. As part of our Live Simply pledge, each class has adopted a chicken which lives on site in a large enclosure. This gives the children opportunities to learn about nature, to look after the animals, and to benefit from their calming presence and fresh eggs. *Mr Higgins*

The copy deadline for the August / September issue is 6pm on Thursday July 10. The e-version will be published on July 14.

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