

The Harwell News

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New signs for Harwell Village Hall

Passers-by along the High Street and Westfield may have noticed the very recent addition of **two new signs** at the two entrances to Harwell Village Hall. These were commissioned by the Trustees after the successful application for a **grant for Public Art**, made available via S106 funding from the original Talbot Close development in 2015.

Talented **Metal Artist and Sculptor** [Julie Grose](#) was asked to design and create the works and a group of Trustees worked closely with her to agree the style and composition. The theme of



the signs tie in with the “Cherry” and “Orchard” heritage of the village, after which the two main halls in Harwell Village Hall are named.

The Trustees are planning an **unveiling ceremony** which will be advertised soon, and to which the village and local

media will be invited, to **thank** all who were involved in the planning, execution and delivery of the signs. We will report on that event in our next issue so watch this space!

Alison Fautley, Editor



Julie Grose, installation day!

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Move More at Home - 10,000 exercise DVDs to be distributed in Oxfordshire



During the pandemic the normal exercise sessions that Generation Games deliver are naturally **not** taking place, meaning that many people are not getting their weekly “dose” of **exercise** to remain healthy. For people living with long-term health conditions the exercise that is most **beneficial** may be more specific and require a specially trained **instructor**, meaning that some popular online exercise options may not be suitable.

Age UK Oxfordshire is an independent local charity working within communities to **support** older people to stay **independent** and live life to the full. The charity’s physical activity service, **Generation Games**, was awarded a Covid grant by the Charities’ Aid foundation to create long term health-condition-specific **exercise DVDs**.

Generation Games’ mission is to combat physical inactivity and provide a variety of **options** that people enjoy. They are known for delivering specific physical activity sessions in the community, with a strong focus on **strength & balance** (aimed at reducing the risk of falls) as well as **Parkinson’s** exercise sessions and classes for people with **MS** and **lung** conditions.

They have designed and commissioned 5 specialist 1 hour long home exercise DVDs for people with the following conditions:

- Dementia
- Lung conditions
- Cancer
- Cardiac conditions
- Balance concerns

10,000 copies (2,000 of each type) will be printed and distributed, in a pack that also contains other relevant information, to the people who are living with one of these conditions.

The cardiac DVD, which is called **Healthy Heart**, will be distributed by the cardiac physiotherapy NHS team at the John Radcliffe; and the lung condition DVD, called **Breathe Better** will be distributed by the Respiratory Physiotherapy team.

Many older people living with a health condition were ‘**shielded**’ and have continued to self-isolate out of fear. This puts them at secondary risk from inactivity, isolation and loneliness, causing **loss of mobility**. 43% were unable to walk as far as before; 33% feel less steady on their feet and functional ability - 24% report being less independent - as well as suffering memory problems, anxiety and depression.

We hope that people will use these DVDs as a tool to ensure they are getting enough of the **RIGHT** exercise, designed by a trained instructor, every week - that will inspire people to keep **active** in spite of reduced access to the traditional support available.

Of course, inactivity and digital isolation is not the only barrier to optimum health. Oxfordshire has a large community of **Chinese** and **Urdu** speakers, many of whom have been **unable** to participate in online offers.

Generation Games is having the original, Generation Games At Home DVD **translated** (with subtitles and voiceover) into Chinese and Urdu.



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The new conditions-specific DVDs are supported by **OUH foundation trust** and **Oxford Health**, as well as **Moving Medicine**.

Sara Bolton, Associate Director of Allied Health Professionals and Lead Physiotherapist at Oxford Health said: ‘*We are delighted to have partnered with AGE UK Oxfordshire to produce these DVDS, we all need to move more. These DVDS will support more people to undertake exercises that they can enjoy and get stronger, steadier as a result. Our physiotherapy, occupational therapy and nursing teams will help get the DVDs out to the citizens of Oxfordshire and DVDS available in other languages means reaching out to wider communities.*’

Penny Thewlis, CEO Age UK Oxfordshire said: ‘*We are really excited at Age UK Oxfordshire to be launching these bespoke exercise packs, specifically designed to make it easier for people with a health condition to move more at home. We’re hoping lots of people will feel inspired to give them a try and we are hugely grateful to the Charities’ Aid Foundation for funding the packs.*’

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS

at The Hart of Harwell
Wednesdays 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

All welcome
(just turn up!)

MP David Johnston's message for Harwell News

I held a very productive **pre-COP26 summit** for Wantage and Didcot constituents this month. We had a great range of speakers, including the CEO of the independent Climate Change Committee. Interesting fact: the UK is currently **20 years ahead** of the global average for cutting emissions, as well as cutting them faster than the other G20 countries. It won't surprise you that the way we **build houses** featured regularly.



I put the event on because tackling climate change is very important to me, very important to a significant number of constituents and we have a big **opportunity** to demonstrate leadership when the world's leaders come to **Glasgow** for the actual UN summit in **November**. It was also a great chance to showcase good local organisations like Greencore Construction, Westmill Wind and Solar and the Earth Trust. I am sending a summary of the **concerns** and **ideas** raised at the event to Alok Sharma, President of COP26, and will let everyone know how he **responds**.

As you might have seen, I held my debate in parliament on **Royal Mail's** performance recently, making clear again that I don't blame their workers for the problems. The following day I visited the Didcot Delivery Office. It's clear that Royal Mail HQ have taken the criticisms **seriously** and have worked to try and improve the service – many people have told me it has. But you should let me know if you **continue** to encounter problems.

My first '10 minute rule bill' will be on behalf of the **AEAT Pension Campaign**. This constituency has more of the AEAT Pensioners than any other constituency and they were all encouraged – via assurances that turned out to be **false** – to transfer to a pension scheme that has meant their pensions are now worth considerably **less** than they should be. It is a tale that sounds familiar, but a unique case in that it was advice from the **Government's** Actuary Department in the 1990s that was strengthened to encourage the transfer and, at the moment, the advice can't be investigated as the Ombudsman in question doesn't have the **powers** to. The Bill would **enable** the Ombudsman to investigate the advice given and was first introduced by Ed Vaizey not long before he stood down. It is a long and difficult route to pass a law this way, but I am full of admiration for the campaigners who have been dogged in seeking to **right the wrong**.

Recess is fast approaching. I will be back home in **Didcot** for most of it, albeit working, contrary to the suggestion MPs are on holiday! In addition to regular meetings, surgery appointments and visits, I'll be holding some **roundtables** on issues constituents have raised **repeatedly** with me (including on GP appointments) and trying to attend as many of the events that couldn't take place last year as I can – **let me know** if you think there is a good one for me to attend near you.

As ever, if I can help with anything then do get in touch via david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

Your chance to have your say on major future infrastructure plans in Oxfordshire



You can have your say on major future infrastructure plans for Oxfordshire as a **consultation*** opened on Friday 16 July.

The **Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS)** provides a framework for Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire's five planning authorities and key partners to establish strategic infrastructure investment priorities as well as potential opportunities for funding and delivery.

The **stage 1 report** looking at infrastructure priorities to **2040** is **now** being consulted upon (**closing date 31st August**), with **Stage 2** of OxIS planned to be carried out later this year to align with the next stage of the Oxfordshire Plan **2050**.

In order to rank the different projects, the OxIS scores each against five themes - **environment, health, place-shaping, productivity and connectivity** - resulting in a seven-point scale to determine its relative ability to fulfil Oxfordshire's future needs to 2040.

The six-week consultation is asking the public to **give their views** on which of the five themes they feel are most **important**, whether any strategic infrastructure schemes have been **missed** and thoughts on the **methodology** used in the strategy.

Cllr Liz Leffman, Leader of Oxfordshire County Council and Chair of the Oxfordshire Growth Board Infrastructure Advisory Group, said: *"The new Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS) is a key piece of work that will help us to deliver a sustainable, clean, and healthy future for everyone in the county. Infrastructure is more than just transport. It includes other vital services such as education provision, sport and leisure, digital connectivity, energy and healthcare. I'd encourage everyone to take part and have their say over the next six weeks."*

You can take part in the consultation by visiting <https://www.oxfordshireopenthought.org/oxfordshire-infrastructure-strategy-oxis>*

The OxIS consultation will be followed by a **10-week consultation** for the **Oxfordshire Plan 2050** - a long-term spatial plan that will set the framework for future planning decisions about **housing** and **infrastructure** needs. The Oxfordshire Plan consultation opened on **Friday 30 July** and will run until **Friday 8th October**.

There are clear links between the two, with OxIS setting out how we aim to prioritise and deliver against the important infrastructure strand of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050, and **the public is encouraged to take part in both consultations**.

**everything for the OxIS consultation can be explored from this page, just follow the topic links to submit your responses*

Hello from Hayleigh and Sarah - Update from your Local District Councillors, Monday 9th August 2021



Hello! We are very aware that many residents have been understandably **frustrated** by the sudden decision by the council to **suspend garden waste collections** this month. We understand that the reason it was announced so suddenly was because it was a **business continuity** decision that had to be made at short notice, due to having not enough Biffa staff available for work at the start of the month. This was caused by a number of factors, including the current **national** shortage of HGV drivers. Despite this, Biffa are confident that they will be able to meet the contracted commitment of **20 collections per year**. [Click here](#) for more information on the garden waste suspension.

In cheerier news: on Saturday 7th August we had an absolutely **brilliant** day at the official opening event of the work of art amphitheatre in **Chilton**. A huge amount of work by the parish council and the local residents went into making this a reality, and it was so lovely to see the community coming together to celebrate. The Chair of the Vale of White Horse District Council, councillor Margaret Crick, was delighted to join us and she commended the Chilton community for all their hard work and success on such a beautiful outdoor seating space.

We will post updates regularly on our councillor Facebook Page: [Cllrs Hayleigh Gascoigne & Sarah Medley](#) - please do not hesitate to get in touch with any issues or concerns, either via Facebook message or email:

hayleigh.gascoigne@whitehorsedc.gov.uk and sarah.medley@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

COVID-19 Support

Community Support Hub – self-isolation support available

Support is still available to anyone who needs it, either as a result of COVID-19 or just for **anyone** who needs signposting towards the appropriate support channel. Residents may be even be eligible for financial assistance if they risk losing earnings because they've had to self-isolate (this scheme is open until 30th September 2021) - [click here for information on financial support](#).

To contact the Community Support Team:

call: 01235 422 600 Monday to Thursday 8.30-5pm and

Fridays 8.30-4.30pm

email: communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

fill in an online form at: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/communityhub

Remember, for the most up-to-date coronavirus information relating to district council support and any changes to services, please take a look at the dedicated Vale webpage for updates:

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/covid19

Residents can also contact:

- Citizens Advice – 0808 278 7907
- Vale Community Impact – 01235 765348

Cases Data

Cases are now decreasing in Oxfordshire, which is good news, although remember that the latest figures are updated on the county council's [interactive dashboard](#) on a daily basis. [Click here](#) for the most recent update from the County Council.

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Local News

Valley Park Update: Planning Permission Approved

The Valley Park proposal for **4254** new houses between Didcot and Harwell came back to planning committee on 28th July. The decision was deferred back in February due to the three key issues we (Hayleigh and Sarah) and the local community raised at the time: lack of health care provision, inadequate cycling infrastructure and insufficient sustainability commitments. The planning application was **approved** this time, and we are very pleased that it now places the following extra requirements on the developers:

Healthcare

- Over £3 million to be provided for local healthcare provision in the area surrounding Valley Park, or

- Dedicated land for a health care centre on the Valley Park site and £2.8million to be provided towards its construction.
- All funding to be ring-fenced for healthcare provision in the local Didcot area only.

Cycling

- Mega 5-arm roundabout design now much **safer** for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians with **traffic-light** controlled crossings at every junction.
- Traffic lights to use an innovative '**green wave**' system which **prioritises cycling** over driving: automatic detection of cyclists synchronises the green traffic lights to allow unimpeded cycling across the roundabout.
- Full all-weather surface **upgrade** of the cycle path from Cow Lane through to the UTC at Great Western Park, providing an **alternative** cycle route between Harwell and Didcot for less confident cyclists and children riding to school.

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Sustainability

- **£200,000** payment for protecting **biodiversity** brought forward – to be paid **before** construction starts.
- Existing mature trees on the Valley Park site to be **preserved**.
- Zero carbon housing standards to be **implemented** as early as possible.

None of the improvements listed above were in place when the Valley Park application came to committee in February, or when it was first approved back in 2016. We are delighted that by working together with our fantastic local community we have been able to collectively **secure** these **improvements**. Huge **well done** to Harwell Parish Council, Sustainable Harwell, HarBUG (Harwell Bicycle Users Group) and the Patient Participation Groups of the three Didcot Medical Centres.

Although permission has now been granted for this massive new development the size of **Wallingford**, with a build-out phase of the next **10-20 years**, this is not the end of the Valley Park issue – it is only the **beginning**. The devil is in the detail, and rest assured that when the individual housing plans come through for further approval, we'll be there **every step** of the way, scrutinising and challenging to ensure that we get the **best** outcome for our residents.

For as long as we and your county councillor Sally Povolotsky have the privilege of being elected as the local councillors for the area around Valley Park, we can **guarantee** that we will continue to work hard to represent the views of our community and campaign for our sustainable vision for Valley Park.



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Fun for all the family at the Didcot Garden Party this summer

Didcot town's first ever **garden party** is taking place this summer holidays. The 'town square' outside Cornerstone Arts Centre has been **transformed** into a garden for the duration of the summer, with grass, beanbags, deckchairs and other relaxing **seating** for visitors to come along, chill out, take part in **activities** or just soak up the party atmosphere. A wide range of fun summer events for all ages are taking place **every weekend** through the school holidays. Cornerstone's party lawn will be the **focus** of the events, but lots of events will be happening at other locations across the

town, including **Edmonds Park**, **Boundary Park** and **Ladygrove**.

Themes for the upcoming weekend events will be:

- 21-22 August: Science
- 28-29 August: Heritage and Stories
- 4 September: Get Involved

[Click here](#) for the full news article about the Didcot Garden Party.

Free Activity Trails for children in the summer holidays

From Monday 9 August to Monday 30 August Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire district councils are running **FREE** Litter Bug Detectives Trails for children in 19 sites across southern Oxfordshire with the chance for schools to win litter picking equipment. The trails are being managed by local town and parish councils. The activities are aimed at **primary school children** and have been produced to promote **recycling** and **reuse** messages and explaining the damage **litter** does to our environment. **Harwell recreation ground** is one of the sites for the activity trails. [Click here](#) for more information on how to sign up for the Litter Bug Detectives Trail (and see the poster on page 20!).

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Harwell Parish Council



June: In the Open Forum, Sally Povolotsky gave her **first report** as County Councillor for the Parishes from Blewbury to Hendreds. She said that a **Youth Assembly** had been launched, and she had been looking into issues with Grove Road and further **traffic calming** there.

Among items mentioned by Vale Councillor Ms Medley were that the **tennis courts** at Great Western Park were open and a stakeholder meeting was due to be held regarding Valley Park, particularly the link road roundabout.

In the Open Forum, residents of **Rowstock** reiterated their concerns regarding various traffic issues and the planning application for the former Esso premises at Milton Hill. Regarding the latter, there needed to be safe **paths**, crossings, and **cycle** lanes providing access to the site. The Environmental Statement lacked details of any mitigation to offset **emissions**, and car parking provision did not encourage **alternative** travel to the site.

The first members to the Environmental Committee were **appointed** and a date set for the first meeting. The members are Mr M Ricketts, Mr C Seabrook (both HPC), Ms C Storey, Mr G Sumner, Mr M Gibson.

A number of policies requiring annual review were **approved** without change. In reviewing roles, Mr Paterson agreed to be contact for allotment-holders and Mr Roberts for the Harwellian. The proposal for a new **Highways Committee** was approved in principle; terms of reference will be drawn up.

The ongoing work on the new **Staff building** was reported; there would be a delay in connecting the water supply. Regarding the **nest swing** which is close to the building and now has sloping ground to one side, the PC would seek advice at the forthcoming RoSPA safety inspection. The full minutes are available on the [Parish Council web pages](#).

At the **July** meeting Open Forum Mr Stewart Lilly, representing the **Patients Participation Group** at Woodlands Medical Centre, raised the matter of healthcare provision in the Valley Park proposal, and its impact on existing services. He said the proposed GWP facility was **not** being taken up, leaving existing facilities under **extreme pressure**. He asked for assistance from the Council in pushing for healthcare provision in Valley Park. Mrs Turner confirmed that the Council has already expressed **concern** in its response to the Valley Park application and would **continue** to do so.

Mrs Cooke spoke on behalf of residents of the **bungalows** between Kings Lane and The Cleave, saying that Sovereign Housing, the owner of the stretch of land adjacent to the stream had **neglected** it. Residents were asking if the Council could **intercede** to push Sovereign to take action, or even negotiate to maintain the land. Mrs Turner acknowledged that similar issues had arisen in the past. Mr Ricketts said the stream is hidden now because of **vegetation** at what had been its most visible site (*see page 7 for more*).

Mr Scrace was concerned about traffic issues at **Rowstock**, especially in the light of possible housing sites in the area being listed by VWHDC. A **Residents' Association** is to be set up. The Council welcomed this step and is committed to mitigation measures to help **stop speeding**.

The Clerk reported that Mr Fearon had **resigned** from the Council. The Council wished to record **thanks** to Mr Fearon for his contribution and commitment to the Parish. The vacancy can be filled by co-option - see the [PC Councillors webpage](#) for more information.

The post of **Vice-Chair** had been vacant, and **Mr Roberts** had expressed his willingness to be elected. His appointment was proposed by Mrs Turner, seconded by Mr Ricketts, and carried **unanimously**.

On matters arising from the June minutes, the Clerk said she had asked the groundsman to effect **repairs** to the High Street **notice board** including replacing the Perspex. The Manor Green board is **not** Council-owned.

The Council's **Risk Assessment** document was **approved** – the Clerk had amended it to include comments about physical meetings, due to resume in **September**, and the new staff building. A revised **Allotment Tenancy** agreement was also approved.

Following amendments to the Valley Park planning application, the Council agreed to **reiterate** its previous objections and comments, and ask that land is set aside for a **medical centre**. The application came before the Vale's Planning Committee in late July, and was **approved**.

Donations were approved of **£100** each to **Enrych** and **Cleanslate** who provide support within the Parish.



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There has been discussion of **new signs** and '**gates**' at the village approaches, and the Reading Road sites were **approved** by the meeting. For Grove Road it was agreed to **wait** until it is clear what the **developers** intend to install to meet the speed performance required as part of the Grove Road north development.

It was agreed that the new staff building be **accepted** for use, subject to final approval after the water connection, delayed due to the need for a road closure. The Council Chair Mrs Turner has since received the **keys** from the architect Richard Monk:



The **Harwellian Club** had asked to use the outside area up to 10pm. Following discussion, the Council agreed that the garden area should close at **9pm except** on evenings when there is an **Aunt Sally match** or by **agreement** when there is some other event. This will be reviewed after 3 months in the light of any problems or complaints reported.

There had been requests to use the rec for **football** next season by the Harwell & Hendred Club and others. It was agreed that a full-size pitch area should be made **available**, but facilities could not be used all weekend. Further details of the proposal and weekend schedule were **requested**.

A **fireworks** event to be held on the Rec by the Scouts was **approved**.

On the problems with **maintenance** of the land by the **stream** near the bungalows between Kings Lane and The Cleave, mentioned in the Open Forum, the Clerk was instructed to **contact** Sovereign and arrange a **site meeting**. Council was not averse to the idea of **assisting** with maintenance but discussions with Sovereign were needed **first**.

While PC meetings are due to resume in the Village Hall in September, it is expected that Parishioners attendance will still be by **Zoom online**. If you wish to attend then please contact the Clerk nearer the date, **14th September**. Items for the agenda should be with the Clerk by 7th Sept.

Prepared by M Ricketts, approved by HPC.

Casual Vacancy - Harwell Parish Council

Due to resignation of a councillor, there is currently a **vacancy** on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a councillor or learning more about the role, please [contact the clerk](#). The vacancy may be filled by co-option if no election is requested.

Qualifications to be a Councillor: A person is qualified to be a councillor if they are a British, Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen and they are 18 or over. In addition, the person must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- (1) They are on the **electoral register** for the parish, or
- (2) During the whole of the twelve months before the day of an election or co-option they have **owned or tenanted** land or premises in the parish, or
- (3) During the whole of the twelve months before that day their principal or **only place of work** has been in the parish, or
- (4) During the whole of the twelve months before that day they have **resided** in the parish or within three miles of it.

Except for qualification (1), these qualifications then continue for the **full term** of office, until the next ordinary elections. Certain people are disqualified from standing, and these include paid officers (including the clerks) of the council, bankrupts and those subject to recent sentences of imprisonment.

Harwell Fun Club



Harwell Fun Club is a parent-and-baby/toddler group that runs every **term-time Tuesday** from **9.30-11.30am** at **Harwell Village Hall**.

Suitable for children aged 0-5, we provide a healthy snack for little ones and refreshments for accompanying adults, as well as a range of toys, games, craft, messy play, etc.

It's a great chance to **meet** other local parents and carers as well as for the little ones to make **friends** and **socialise** with other children.

The cost is **£2.50** per family, payable in cash on arrival. New faces are always welcome!

We will restart after the summer break on **Tuesday 7th September** and it is likely that we will continue to take pre-bookings, one week in advance, for the time being.

For updates or queries, follow the [Harwell Fun Club Facebook page](#) (Harwell Fun Club) or contact us on funclubharwell@gmail.com.



Sally Povolotsky - Oxfordshire County Councillor for Ardington, Blewbury, Chilton, East Hendred, Harwell, Lockinge, Steventon, Upton and West Hendred.

It's been a few months since I was elected as your representative for the Hendreds & Harwell Division at Oxfordshire County Council and it's been a **hugely busy** time.

I keep my Facebook page up to date weekly with what's been going on, and hopefully those who have contacted me are happy with the outcomes so far!

I now sit on the following committees / have councillor responsibilities / am champion of

1. Verges and BioDiversity Group (Lead)
2. Armed Forces Champion - Locality - Shrivenham Defence Academy
3. OCC Adoption Panel Member / Representative
4. AONB OCC Member / Representative
5. New PLACES Scrutiny committee member
6. Environment Spokesperson for Alliance - assisting Cabinet Member for Climate

Valley Park

I am sure you are as **disappointed** as I am about the **approval** of Valley Park and I want to thank all the Harwell stakeholders, the Parish Council and Cllr's Medley and Gascoigne for all their hard work. What's become clear, as I objected for the second time, is that planning policy, National strategy and politics are at play, but I will keep objecting and pushing for the best outcome we can get for our communities and the natural world.

Your voices are needed more and more to help us and I would urge anyone who wants to change how things are to get in touch with me or the Parish Council, as we have a lot more work to do on the reserved matters over the coming years.

Hedges

There are several overgrown hedges and letters have been and are being despatched by our Highways Team to the homes affected. Residents should be aware that **every home** that has a boundary that joins a highway / path / road / street must please **keep it clear** and **cut back to the boundary**. On Reading Road / A417, you can barely get a person on the pathway let alone a buggy or wheelchair. **Enforcement** will be used if the letters are not complied with and works carried out. If you need **help** I am sure there are local residents who would help out, or call me, I am handy with a wheelbarrow! Here's a handy [guide to the rules](#).

Just a reminder you can **report** any pathway, overgrown verges, pot holes or signage issues to [FIX MY STREET](#)

I also want to **remind** us all to keep shopping small, keep it local and **support small independent businesses**, localism is a wonderful step towards improving so much in our world, planet and communities. **Keep it small, keep it local!**

Councillor Priority Fund now open

Applications to the Councillor Priority Fund are now open. This is a fund of **£15,000** to be used over **two years** on projects in Hendreds & Harwell division. My approach to using this fund will be to encourage applications **early** and spend the money as **soon as possible**. I see no point in eking out the fund over two years when it can be doing good in the community **now**. Please note that I am allocating them in the following priority areas: Diversity and Gender Balance (inclusive services), Climate Change and Mitigation, Natural World and Biodiversity, Youth and Engagement. Priority will be given to **smaller** organisations **disadvantaged** by Covid / Funding / Fundraising. Payments made so far:

- **YoCO** (Youth Challenge Oxfordshire) - **£1000** - Youth Group / New for Wantage (please do let your youth community know - they can join in <https://www.yoco.online>)
- **EWHCC** (East & West Hendred Cricket Club) - **£1500** - Womens / Female Cricket Development
- **Cuckhamsley Scouting Group** - **£400** - Towards new Event Tents

Applications and details are [here](#) - please discuss any applications with me in the first instance.

Take care and Stay Safe, Sally.

Find Latest News and Information online here - <https://hendredsandharwell.mycouncillor.org.uk>

Find Daily updates / news and events on [Facebook here](#) - @sally4hendredsandharwell

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Cllr Sally Povolotsky, Hendreds & Harwell



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D-Day Service at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone - 5th June 2021



The annual D-Day Service held at the Harwell Stone recognised the **77th Anniversary** of D-Day. It was a far reduced event, but no less **poignant** an affair.

Following the cancellation of the 2020 Service due to the Covid19 pandemic, Harwell Branch were keen to acknowledge the 2021 anniversary after hearing that some form of gathering would be **permitted**. The Government's Roadmap out of lockdown indicated that for 5th June, gatherings outside would be permitted with a **maximum** of 30 people. The branch considered this and decided that it would be neither practical nor fair to plan for this number, given the large numbers who usually attend each year. Instead a **smaller format** was considered and it was concluded that a suitable

service could be completed with **12 persons** present.

The service was conducted by **Rev Pam Rolls**, and attended by invited representatives to lay wreaths, standards of the Royal British Legion, a bugler and camera operator to coordinate the **live streaming** allowing those who couldn't attend to feel part of the service. The **recording** of the event can be found by visiting the [Harwell Branch website](https://www.harwellrbl.co.uk/)

A **2 minutes silence** was observed following the **last post** played by Jamie Cockburn, which was then followed by the laying of the wreaths. These were laid by the Wantage Mayor and Chilton Parish Council on behalf of **Civic** authorities, by the RBL County Chairman, Harwell Branch President, RAFA and Glider Pilots Regiment Society on behalf of the **veterans** associations and a Director of Harwell Oxford Campus, on behalf of all the **businesses** and **organisations** on site.

The inscription on the stone reads: *"THIS STONE MARKS THE END OF THE RUNWAY FROM WHICH AIRCRAFT OF No. 38 GROUP ROYAL AIR FORCE TOOK OFF ON THE NIGHT OF 5 JUNE 1944 WITH TROOPS OF THE 6th AIRBORNE DIVISION WHO WERE AMONG THE FIRST BRITISH SOLDIERS TO LAND IN NORMANDY ON THE MAIN ASSAULT FOR THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE"*

Harwell Branch thanks those who participated and to those who cooperated with the restriction in place.

Peter Davies, Harwell RBL Branch Ceremonial Officer



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Big Ginger Tom Music - Gig Review



Hannah Sanders and Ben Savage with support from Duotone, Friday 25th June 2021

With the June 21st Government Covid Milestone not being met, this was another sold out, socially distanced show in Orchard Hall at Harwell Village Hall.

Duotone (aka Barney Morese-Brown) proved to be a wonderful late substitute for Thom Ashworth who was originally down to play, but was then unable to make it.

Barney hadn't played live for about 15 months and treated us to some **instrumental improvisations** he had written during lock down, finishing with the wonderful 'Martha' from his 'A Life Reappearing' album. He was also unusually talkative compared to previous times that he has performed.



Duotone



Hannah Sanders and Ben Savage

After the first break **Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage** delighted the

audience when they said they were working on a **new album** and played 3 or 4 new songs along with favourites like 'Seven', 'Way Over Yonder In A Minor Key' and 'A Thousand New Moons'.

There was the usual **banter** and we learnt from Hannah that once on a Winter Union tour that Ben, Hannah and Jade had missed the start of the second set as they were mucking around in the dressing room, leaving Kat & Jamie (Gilmore & Roberts) on the stage alone. This nugget was unearthed when they nearly came back too early after hearing some **applause** to an announcement the MC had made.

The second set went by all too quickly and they did an encore to celebrate **Bob Dylan's birthday** by playing 'Spanish Boots of Spanish Leather'. They left the stage to a standing ovation from a very appreciative audience, many of whom being first timers to Harwell and they said they were sure to be back.

The next show will be on **Friday September 3rd** with **The Magpies and Craig Joiner** - tickets can be bought by emailing Duncan at biggingertommusic@gmail.com. Say you read about the gig in the **Harwell News** and qualify for a **reduced price ticket of £13** (usual price £15). For more information about BGTM events see the village hall website www.harwellvillagehall.co.uk/events or go to the BGTM web site at www.biggingertommusic.co.uk/events

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Harwell WI



100 Years!

The women of the WI in Harwell have been busy celebrating, in a low key way, the **100th Anniversary** of the WI in our village. A Zoom coffee morning (using our specially commissioned mugs) and a Prosecco and Cupcake Garden Party were the latest events enjoyed by longstanding members, as well as, our very welcome new members. We now have **51** members, despite the fact that we have had to Zoom all our meetings all through lockdown.

We have also kept in touch through our recurring activities which include 'Knit and Natter' **Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm** at the village pub, Hart of Harwell and 'Walk and Talk' on the last Friday of the month at **10 am** starting at the Cherry

Hall (Harwell Village Hall). Many members also join in the **Hart's Community Coffee Morning, Wednesdays at 10:30 am**. Once it is safe to do so, our regular outings such as Theatre trips and visits to places of interest are expected to resume.

Our Next Zoom Meetings

Wednesday, 8 September, 2021 at 7:30pm

"Inside the World of a Film & TV Extra" **Peter Hague** will talk about his long experience of being an extra in TV series such as

Downton Abbey and East Enders, as well as films like Les Miserables.

Wednesday, 13 October 2021 at 7:30pm

Carrying on with our performing arts theme, our speaker **Martyn Harrison** will tell us about his 40 years as a professional opera singer. In his talk, "Les Mis to Lion King, 40 Years of British Musical Theatre", Martyn will share anecdotes, reminiscences and a humorous, light-hearted review of the best musical productions.

All women are welcome as members or visitors.

If you are new to the area or just want to broaden your horizons please get in touch via harwellwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk or look at our website – harwellwi.org

Barbara Jackson, Harwell WI

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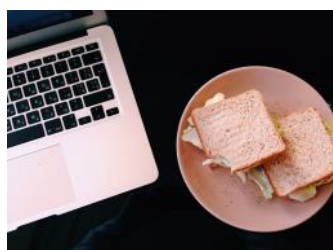
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This is being made possible as a result of our collaboration with local charity, **StyleAcre**, to provide work placements for those that they support. A young man will be helping us out in the café on Friday lunchtimes. Please do come along and **support** this initiative. We will open at **11am on Fri, Sat and Sundays**.

You can find out more about this fabulous charity by clicking this link: <https://styleacre.org.uk/>

Reporting a Road Menace

A number of people in the village have recently reported at least one motor bike being ridden around the village roads and footpaths at **dangerously high speeds** and doing **stunts** such as 'wheelies' along the High Street. If this continues, it's only a matter of time before someone is seriously **injured**. If anyone has any information on this or wishes to report any careless or dangerous driving please contact our local **PCSO Tim Deane**:

email tim.deane@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk mobile **07976 978916** or simply call the police on **101**.

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SOFO Museum launch Crowdfunding campaign to build WW2 Air-Raid Shelter



**Soldiers of
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Museum**

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum (SOFO), Woodstock, launched a **crowdfunding** campaign on 21st Jul 2021 to help build a new WW2 exhibit - a **life-size Anderson Shelter**. The campaign is set to run for **seven weeks** with a goal of **£2,000** to build and install the display. Anderson shelters were used in the Second World War by families as a place to **hide** when air raid sirens sounded, warning of a potential bomb attack.

The project aims to **expand** upon the ways in which visitors can **learn** about conflict and engage with the county's **history** through an interactive environment. Despite the pandemic SOFO is still looking **forward**, aiming to create an imaginative space that can connect people again while breathing life back into the galleries.

Already installed at the museum is a **model trench** which was built with help from local **Cadets** when SOFO first opened in 2014. The trench has proved a hit with visitors of all ages, and an invaluable tool when teaching the First World War to visiting school groups.

If fully funded, the air raid shelter experience will become a **vital** part of SOFO's WW2 education sessions which teach about the changes to life at home during wartime, while regular visitors will be able to enjoy it during our opening hours. We will also use the handling materials in our **reminiscence** work which helps participants explore their memories of the past in a **safe** and welcoming environment.

Donations of any size can be made towards the project, but rewards are available for those making donations of **£5** or more, including pin badges, visitor guidebooks and museum annual passes. Those who back the project at the highest donation tier will have their name included on a commemorative plaque inside the exhibit itself.



Only through the **support** of the community can the museum continue to provide unique and engaging connections to the county's wartime heritage. Should the project push beyond its initial funding target, a number of stretch goals have been set to expand on the air raid shelter itself.

These include the potential to **audio** soundscapes and **video** experiences to the display, as well as

themed events and workshops. Find out more and back the project at: crowdfunder.co.uk/anderson-shelter-project

PRESS RELEASE - 7pm, Tuesday 14th September 2021, SOFO Museum online talk to reveal Great War story of Winnie-the-Pooh illustrator E. H. Shepard

Ernest Shepard is best known for delighting generations of children with his charming **illustrations** for A. A Milne's Winnie the Pooh and later editions of Kenneth Grahame's **Wind in the Willows** in the 1930s. Before he found fame bringing Pooh, Piglet and Tigger to life, he used his artistic talent to document his time in the trenches during the **First World War** through a series of humorous caricatures and detailed sketches.

James Campbell explores the life and Great War experiences of E. H. Shepard in this talk, illustrated with **sketches** and **drawings** from the artist's early career as a cartoonist right through his military service as an artillery officer on the Western and Italian Fronts. Discover how Shepard was recruited by the **Intelligence Corps** because of skills, and how he would be awarded the Military Cross and a mention in dispatches for **gallantry** in the field.

The online talk will be followed by live Q&A session with speaker James Campbell. **No ticketing or registration** is needed to view, but **donations** are encouraged to support the museum to continue its work. **Watch the talk** [HERE](#)

To learn more about the museum and its exhibitions visit the [SOFO website](#) [here](#).



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Little Pippins Pre-School



The children have spent the last term enjoying the warmer weather, spending lots of time enjoying the wonderful outdoor setting that Little Pippins has to offer, with the theme being “**Don’t be boring, go exploring**”. This has been a great opportunity for the children to **discover** and **engage** with the world around them. We welcomed some summer visitors to the setting, in the shape of some **bees** that had chosen to make a home in our builder’s yard, giving everybody an opportunity to learn about bees and **pollination**. The children were



excellent in understanding the need to fence off the area and leave the bees in **peace**! We also welcomed some **tadpoles** from a local pond and were able to focus our learning on **lifecycles**. The children also looked further afield, exploring different animal



habitats and even taking a trip to **Kenya**, with the help of one of our staff kindly sharing her experiences of growing up there. The children also embraced “**Healthy Eating Week**” and took the chance to “**Eat The Rainbow**”, enjoying lots of interesting foods based on different **colours**. As one of the focuses of pre-school is school readiness, some of the children have also been enjoying P.E. lessons, taking part in **football** sessions with Coach James.

Of course, as we came to the end of term, we took some time to bid **farewell** to many of our Pippins families as the children move onto their Primary Schools. We marked the occasion with a **Graduation Assembly**, where the children shared some special **songs** that they’ve been practicing, whilst staff and parents fought back the tears. It’s a privilege to share in a small part of the children’s journeys and we wish them all the **best of luck** in their new schools and **thank** all the families for the time we’ve shared with them.

As we look **ahead** to welcoming new and existing families to Little Pippins in **September**, we will of course be looking at ways to fundraise and **enhance** the resources we have available in the setting, with a particular focus on our **Forest School** and other resources to enhance our **outside** learning opportunities. In the meantime we have some really simple ways to **help us** with our fundraising efforts.

Firstly, we have launched a **school lottery**. Little Pippins receives a donation from every ticket sold, and there’s a **guaranteed** local winner every week. If you’d like to sign up, please visit www.yourschoolottery.co.uk and search for “**Little Pippins Pre-school**”.

Secondly, we are registered with **Easy Fundraising** (which includes lots of major retailers) and **Amazon Smile**. Simply do your usual shopping through the websites below and Little Pippins will receive a **donation** from the **retailer**.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/LPPS <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1105994-0>

Last but not least, please join me in saying a **huge thank you** to the entire staff team at Little Pippins for all that they have done for the children and their families at Little Pippins. They’ve done an **outstanding** job and should be very proud of the last year.

To contact Little Pippins for a registration form or to discuss availability for your child, donations to our charity, helping on the volunteer committee or any other aspects of the running of the pre-school, visit www.littlepippins.org.uk, email office@littlepippins.org.uk or telephone the office on **01235 821741**.

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The pandemic has highlighted that **lack of online access** is a serious issue that limits people's life chances and wellbeing. [Getting Oxfordshire Online](#) will refurbish devices donated by the public and local businesses for school children,

isolated older people and others in **need**.

While many of us have spent our locked-down lives on video calls and moved all our shopping online for our convenience, COVID-19 has shed a new light on people who are digitally **excluded**. Without appropriate devices, adequate data and connectivity, or the digital **skills** needed to get online, it is estimated that up to **40,000** people in Oxfordshire continue to be **isolated** even as lockdown measures ease.

As part of its pilot, Getting Oxfordshire Online is inviting donations of **unwanted** laptops, tablets and phones for **refurbishment** at newly created **hubs** in Oxford and Didcot. Community partners will then work to help give users **access** to the best deals on data, and deliver the **skills training** needed to make the best and safest use of the devices.

Adrian Sell, CEO at Oxfordshire Community Foundation, says: "Being online is no longer a 'nice to have', it is a **need**. Applying for a job, for benefits, accessing healthcare and many other important parts of life are increasingly being done online – and this change has been **accelerated** by the pandemic. COVID-19 also provides the **opportunity** to raise awareness and harness the goodwill of the public, who have already shown a huge willingness to **help**."

How can I help?

You can help by giving us the laptops you no longer need. Hubs at [Aspire in Oxford](#) and [SOFEA in Didcot](#) are now accepting donations of laptops from businesses and individuals. The laptops will be **securely** wiped to remove all data from them; they will then be **reconfigured** before being passed on to those who need them.

Before donating, please take a look at our [guide on what kind of laptops we can accept](#). If for any reason we are unable to use a laptop after you have donated it, it will be **recycled**. Some devices may be sold to partially fund the refurbishment work.

You can arrange to make your laptop donation with one of the following hubs. You can also contact them **directly** to find out more about the **processes** they use to securely wipe and refurbish devices, or check if your laptop is **suitable**. Please include **photos** of the devices if possible. Contact details:

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Harwell Parish History Group - August 2021

New Displays in the Village Hall Foyer

We have put up a poster display on **Reynald of St. Valery**, lord of two Harwell manors. He was a supporter of the **Empress Matilda** against King Stephen in the "Anarchy" 1135 – 53 and later an important member of Henry II's court. Like his grandfather, father and grandson, he went on crusade. Whilst we now deplore religious warfare, from 1095 onward, it was seen as an **appropriate** activity for the **knightly** class.

Also on display is research on **Edward Caudwell** (c. 1710-1797), the Harwell **clockmaker**, the costumes of John and Margaret Jennens on their memorial brass in St. Matthews, the latter's will and probate inventory, the origins and meaning of the name of Harwell village, and that of Bagg's Tree. **Thanks** to Dave Drummond, Patricia Cooke, Malcolm Thick, Lynn Nickerson and David Marsh for these interesting pieces.

Football

I am drafting this on the evening of the England vs. Denmark semi-final, not actually daring to watch!

The North Berkshire War Memorial Cup

In September **1919**, North Berkshire Football League's officials met to re-start its competitions for the 1919- 1920 season. They agreed that a **memorial** should commemorate those who had fought and died in the war. Some speakers held that playing football had increased the footballers' **strength** and **discipline**, thus making them especially able members of the army.

There were two suggestions for a memorial - either to add a **scroll** engraved with the names of the dead to the existing North Berkshire League Shield, or to have an **annual competition** for a War Memorial Cup. The Committee's members were divided on this; the chairman - Mr. J.S.C. Greenwood - refused to cast a deciding vote.

24 teams had applied to join the North Berkshire League – so many in fact that the committee decided to form the League into 3 divisions. Many clubs requested a competition for **18 year-olds** and under. The Hon. Sec. of the League, Mr. A.B. Woodley pointed out that such a competition for 14 – 18 years olds would bring in the Boy Scouts, Boys' Brigade and similar organisations. This suggested to the NBL Committee a new competition for a **War Memorial Cup**.

A subscription was opened, asking for 1/- (one shilling) per club and per member. The cup eventually included a plaque commemorating those who fell in the Great War 1914-1918. Thus **both** suggestions for a memorial had, in a way, been adopted.

Wallingford Town (whose official team was not set up until 1922) first won the cup, beating Wantage Town 3 goals to 2 in 1920.

The Centenary of the Banning of Women's Football from F.A. Grounds

In **1921**, the Football Association **outlawed** the playing of women's football on its members' pitches, stating that "the game of football is quite **unsuitable** for females and ought not to be encouraged" - the ban stayed in place until 1971. So in 1921 the **English Ladies Football Association** was formed, and played on rugby pitches. In fact, one of the earliest European women's teams had been set up in England by Nettie Honeyball in **1894**.

The game became extremely popular for players **AND** spectators during World War I. For example, the 1917 the final of a tournament for teams of female munitions workers was watched by **22,000 people**. (The FA had suspended all matches for men in 1915.) Women took over the jobs left vacant by men joining the armed services, jobs hitherto regarded (by men) as too **difficult** or too **dangerous** for women. Women's football was seen as a way of encouraging **health**, **teamwork** and good **morale**. When the war ended, women were discouraged from keeping their jobs – and the older view that football was "unsuitable" for women's physique re-surfaced. But a crowd of **53,000** watched a Boxing Day match between Dick Kerr Ladies and St. Helen's Ladies in 1920. There was not room for the 14,000 others who wished to spectate.

The internationally famous women's team, **Dick Kerr Ladies**, consisting of Preston factory workers, had been founded in 1917. One of its wingers, **Lily Parr**, was the first woman to be included in the NF Museum **Hall of Fame** (2002). She scored over **1,000 goals** in her 31 year career, 34 in her first season when she was just **14** years old.

Speakers' Talks We have a programme for the Autumn but whether it can take place is still unclear in view of the rising infection rate. We will keep everyone informed. **Jane M. Card.**

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The North Berkshire War Memorial Cup, with its inset plate of the war dead.



Lily Parr by Patrick Brennan (from <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-30329606> accessed 10.7.2021)



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Hayleigh and Sarah - Local District Councillors *(continued from page 5)*

Table tennis facilities available for all ages and abilities in southern Oxfordshire

Table tennis tables will be appearing across southern Oxfordshire over the summer as part of an ongoing initiative with SODC/VWHDC to help residents be **active** and **healthy**. Working alongside Table Tennis England, the councils' Didcot Garden Town project team and Didcot Town Council to part fund the tables, the **permanent** tables will be in the following locations in Didcot: **Edmonds Park**, **Ladygrove Park** and the **Southern and District Community Centres** on Great Western Park. All tables except those at the Southern and District community centres in Didcot will be **free** for residents to use and at the centres there will be a **small charge**. [Click here](#) for more information.

Building work starts on affordable extra care housing on Great Western Park

The construction of **80** new affordable extra care homes got underway earlier this month. The new **purpose-built** apartments on Great Western Park in Didcot were made possible thanks to **£2.9 million** of funding from the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal and support from VWHDC. The apartments will be fitted out for **older people** to help them live independently in their **own home**, with care staff **on hand** to provide any extra support they may need. [Click here](#) for the news article on the extra care housing.

Council News - Council Meetings

Three motions were passed at the latest Full Council meeting of the Vale of White Horse District council on Wednesday 14th July: on the campaign to re-open Grove Station, on sustainability work at the council and on the government's proposed planning reforms. [Click here](#) for the minutes of the July Council meeting. The next meeting of Full Council will be on Wednesday **6th October at 7.00pm**. Members of the public and ward councillors are able to participate in meetings **remotely**, as well as in person and via written statement. If you wish to **speak** at any council meeting (full council, cabinet, committees etc), you just need to **register** in advance with Democratic Services: email democratic.services@southandvale.gov.uk

First tickets for the White Horse Community lottery go on sale

Residents in the Vale of White Horse can help out **local good causes** and be in with a chance of winning a weekly **£25,000** jackpot if they buy a ticket for the White Horse Community Lottery which are now on sale. Players can **choose** which local good cause they want to support when they purchase tickets – they can even choose to support more than one good cause if they like. Tickets cost

just **£1 per week** with 60p from every ticket sold going to support charities and community groups across the Vale. Supporters of the good causes that have registered for the lottery can buy their tickets from the official website. The first draw will take place on **Saturday 18 September**. [Click here](#) for more information about the White Horse Community Lottery.

Book a test drive and join the electric vehicle revolution

Three test drive events are taking place in Oxfordshire next month to showcase electric vehicles (EVs) and an **innovative** new way of **charging** them aimed at people **without** off-street parking. The test drive events will take place 10am - 4pm on:

- Saturday 14 August at Cattle Market car park, Abingdon
- Friday 20 August Kings Road car park, Henley
- Saturday 21 August at the Woolgate Centre, Witney.

[Click here](#) for the full article about the Park & Charge EV test drive events.

Route revealed for prestigious Women's Tour cycling race (Oxfordshire stage)

Residents between Bicester, Oxford, Abingdon and Banbury will now be able to pick their spot, ready to cheer on elite riders when this year's **Women's Tour** professional cycling race comes to Oxfordshire on **Monday 4 October**. The full route details have been revealed – click [here](#) for the full news article.

Your annual voter registration letter is coming – please check the details!

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CHARITY NUMBER 1157858

Consultations

Help to shape the new Oxfordshire Air Quality website

Residents across the county are being asked to help shape a new air quality community **website**, which will help to raise **awareness** and **understanding** of air pollution across Oxfordshire. The website aims to integrate all relevant air quality related information from **all** district councils in Oxfordshire under one **single platform**.

Now, residents across Oxfordshire are encouraged to **take part** in the consultation and share their views on what information they

want to see on the future website. The consultation closes at midnight on **5th September 2021**. [Click here](#) for more information and to access the website consultation.

People across South and Vale urged to have their say on the Ox-Cam Arc

The Oxford-Cambridge Arc is a government led project which includes the area between Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge and aims to make significant economic, social and environmental improvements across the region by 2050 and beyond. [Click here](#) for more information. The consultation is open until **12 October 2021**.

Also see page 3 of this issue for two other important consultations about infrastructure plans for Oxfordshire.

Harwell Rec - polite notice

Harwell Parish Council are pleased that the recreation ground is used by so many **different** people and groups. We would like to remind everyone to either put their **rubbish** in one of the **bins** or to **take it home** with you.



We would also like to remind all **dog owners** that dogs should be kept **under control** at **all** times. Please be aware that some people do not like dogs or have had previous bad experiences and having a dog running towards them may cause **anxiety**, they will not know if your dog is just being friendly.

Thank you for your support.



HARWELL VILLAGE HALL



CHARITY NUMBER 1157858

As of July 19th 2021 Harwell Village Hall is no longer having to operate under the Covid restrictions as previously laid down by law. Whilst the Trustees welcome the removal of restrictions there is recognition that the Covid pandemic is **not yet over** and we should continue to be cautious.

To that end, the hall will **still provide** some facilities which will allow hirers and users to take reasonable precautions to stop the spread of the virus. There will still be **cleaning materials** and **hand sanitiser** available and the **QR code** will still be in place for those that want to use it. We have also left the notices in place about social distancing and the wearing of face coverings as a **reminder** as to what precautions can be taken if users so desire.

We would ask that hirers and users help by still providing adequate **ventilation** for their activity, **clean down touchpoints** and still take their **rubbish** away with them to reduce risk to our cleaning team and subsequent users.

There will **no longer** be any Covid 19 specific Terms & Conditions, but there is an additional clause added to the general Terms & Conditions referring to **Public Health**.

Finally, although the National Law has been changed to allow activities to carry on as before, Local Authorities still have the powers to **shutdown** the hall or an event up until **27th September** if they become aware of activities that they deem to put the community at **risk**.

We think that by taking a **cautious approach** to reopening fully that village hall life can return to "Normal" sooner rather later.

We continue to look for enthusiastic people to help run the hall, so if you have some time and would like to get involved, please contact Duncan Chappell at chair@villagehall.co.uk. All are welcome and a little time and energy are the only requirements - an interest or expertise in buildings maintenance would be a bonus, but not essential!

Letter from the Waste and Recycling Officer to **all** residents - 26th July 2021

Housing and Environment - Head of Service: Liz Hayden

Dear residents,

The parish council has reported to us that there is a growing **dog fouling issue** across our districts.

Although there are many **benefits** that come with owning a dog (especially during lockdown), there are also **responsibilities** which include **cleaning up** after your dog. Please be aware that it is an **offence** to not clean up after your dog or leave used dog waste bags anywhere other than an **appropriate bin**. Under the Dog Fouling of Land Act 1996, allowing your dog to foul can result in an on-the-spot fixed penalty notice of **£50** and incorrect disposal of dog waste bags e.g. not putting them in the bin can result in an **£80** fixed penalty notice. If fines are not paid, cases can be **escalated** to court resulting in fines of up to **£1,000**.

There are some council owned **litter bins** within your parish. These can be used for **both litter and dog waste bags** – you **do not** need to find a specialist dog waste bin. You can also put dog waste bags in your **black general waste** wheelie bin, so if you cannot find a bin or bins are full, please **take it home**.

We know that most residents take a lot of pride in their local area and we encourage everybody to take **extra steps** in keeping your parish clean and tidy.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the waste team at waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk or on **01235 422146** (Textphone users add 18001 before you dial)

Best wishes,

Waste Team, Waste and Recycling Officer

South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council



Listening Learning Leading

Vaccine Passport Scam



Action Fraud have received over **700** reports from members of the public who have been sent emails **purporting** to be from the NHS, offering them a **vaccine passport**. The **fake** emails claim that the passport will allow you to travel safely and freely around the world **without** having to self-isolate. The emails ask the recipient to click on a **link** which takes them to an **online** form where they are prompted to input personal and **financial** details. In some cases the online form has looked **very similar** to the real NHS website.

How to protect yourself:

In the UK, coronavirus vaccines will **only** be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine. Remember, the vaccine is **free of charge**. At no point will you be asked to pay.

- The NHS will **never** ask you for your bank account or card details
- The NHS will **never** ask you for your PIN or banking passwords.

- The NHS will **never** arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine.
- The NHS will **never** ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, **hang up**. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be **forwarded** to the number **7726** which is **free of charge**.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling **0300 123 2040** or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.



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Using interpreters – tell us your views!

Have you, your family members or friends used **interpreters** for health and care appointments or treatments?

We'd like to hear from you about what it's like using interpreters in Oxfordshire.

Whether you've used interpreters for **GP, dentist, hospital** appointments and treatments or for **other health and social care** services, we want to hear your views! Please tell us what worked well, and what could be **better**.

We'd particularly like to hear from you if English **isn't** your first language, or you use **British Sign Language (BSL)** interpreters.

You can give your own views or help give the views of relatives or friends or someone you support in your work.

Please take time to fill in our short, anonymous survey at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/usinginterpreters

We will share what you tell us with **local health and care** decision-makers to help shape the support people need and improve services. Please ask us if you need this survey in another **language**, a paper copy or in large print.

If you want our help filling in the survey or to tell us your story of using interpreters, please contact us by calling **01865 520520** or emailing hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk



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Boot sale (from 12 noon)

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From 12 noon at

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Free entry to Showground & Car Park (NOW via Station Road)

EXIT via Church Rd



The Orchard Film Club

August 2021 Update

Dear Film-lovers,

I am hoping that at last I am announcing a date that will actually happen!! The postponing of Step 4 of the Government's Roadmap until 19th July meant that we couldn't go ahead with our planned film in July but we are now (at last!) on track to show "**Judy**" on **Friday 10th September**.



We will be sending out our newsletter soon with more details, but now that restrictions have been relaxed we plan to run a normal bar service and will be selling tickets on the door. We **encourage** our audience to wear face-coverings to protect others, and we will keep ticket sales to a **maximum of 40** for this first film, to ensure that everyone feels comfortable (the retractable seating holds 129 including the row of additional chairs in front) and can **sit apart** from other guests if they wish. If you haven't already, please **sign up** for our newsletter by emailing us at orchardfilmclub@gmail.com. You can also visit our page on the Harwell Village Hall website on <https://www.harwellvillagehall.co.uk/the-orchard-film-club/> where there is a sign-up form.

In the meantime, stay safe and keep well, best wishes from Alison, Martin and Janice.

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news@harwellparish.co.uk

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Litter Bug Detectives Activity Trail

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2. At each site there will be a question on waste and recycling. The 13 answers will provide you with a letter each to make two words.
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Saturday 20th November 2021

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Friday 18th February 2022

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Friday 18th March 2022

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