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## ELECTION RESULTS

The election ballots are counted and the results are in for the first Oxfordshire LINK Stewardship Group.

There are 10 places available on the Group and 18 candidates were nominated. The election process was conducted with the assistance of a representative from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, who observed the count on Friday 27th February, at the Oxfordshire LINK office in Witney. The observer verified that the process was fair and open.

423 ballot papers issued, 140 returned ( 33% )		
Candidate	No. of votes	% *
John Hutchison	65	46%
Catharine Arakelian	63	45%
Anita Higham	58	41%
Mary Judge	57	41%
Gene Webb	53	38%
Sue Butterworth	51	36%
Barbara Pensom	49	35%
Dermot Roaf	49	35%
Barrie Finch	44	31%
Richard Lohman	43	30%

\*Percentage of votes cast

Each ballot paper issued had been individually numbered, to protect against fraud. There was no record kept of each ballot sent out, so in effect, the vote was secret.

The results of the election include the total number of ballot papers issued in each area, the number of people voting, the number of votes cast for each Stewardship Group member and the percentage of voters who cast a vote for each candidate.



The nominees on the right were unsuccessful candidates on this occasion but will have other opportunities to be involved in projects with the LINK.

Thomas Griffin
Kenneth Hawtin
Jacqueline Pearce-Gervis
John Lilley
Glenda Daniels
Patricia Harris
Anne Stent
John Hughes

## LINK STEWARDSHIP GROUP

The function of the LINK Stewardship Group will be to steer the work of the LINK and to support and enable the groups and individuals to carry out the work of the LINK through:

- Ensuring key local stakeholders are represented and their views considered
- Allocating resources for the work of the LINK
- Communicating with the wider community
- Planning work and allocating resources to support that work
- Supporting groups to undertake work and take up issues as necessary
- Supporting groups to produce reports which commissioners and providers can use to improve services
- Approving reports produced by groups on behalf of the LINK



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### WHAT'S NEXT? For the Stewardship Group:

Each of the newly-elected members of the Stewardship Group have been contacted and arrangements are being made for the first meeting to take place in March.

Over the past few months we have been gathering views as to what level of training and support, if any, they feel they would like so that they can get the best out of their LINK. The top ten areas are as follows:

1. Working together
2. Understanding the system
3. Community engagement
4. Roles and responsibilities
5. Making decisions
6. Diversity and Equality
7. Code of Conduct
8. Being accountable
9. Communication skills
10. Computer skills



In the next few months, Stewardship Group members will be offered support in these areas to assist in fulfilling their role.

## WHAT'S NEXT? For everyone who is interested in Oxfordshire LINK:

One of the principal roles of the Stewardship Group is to plan the work of the LINK. They will be able to bring issues forward not only from their own experiences but on evidence gathered through the wider LINK.

We would like community representatives (both individuals and organisations) to share what they believe are the most important health and social care issues for people in their areas, and how they think the LINK might be able to help to make a change.

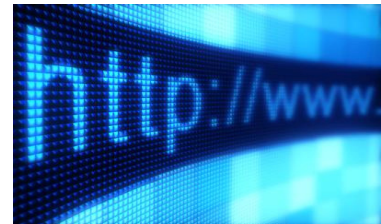
Tell us what you think about GP services, mental health services, hospitals, day care, residential homes, older people's services – and anything else about health and social care in your area.



### So, GET INVOLVED

You can contact LINK and have your say by a number of routes.

Visit our LINKs website: [www.makesachange.org.uk](http://www.makesachange.org.uk)



By post to the Oxfordshire LINK office :

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*Communication & On-line Support Officer – Man Liu Clark*

*Administration Assistant – Nancy Darke*



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or

Call the LINKs info-line

**0300 111 0102**

*Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm*

*Friday 10am-4.30pm*



**GOOD OR BAD?  
YOU TELL US**

## Registration of Interest in Oxfordshire LINK:

To register your interest in the LINK by post, please complete this form and send to:

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**Oxfordshire LINK**  
**Bourton House**  
**18 Thorney Leys Business Park**  
**Witney, Oxfordshire OX28 4GE**

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If you have e-mail, please tick this box to confirm you are happy to be contacted by this method

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