

Post Office - 30/4/16

I agree that the post office needs to be in the town centre, however I think to work there is something of a poison chalice. There has been a rather large turnover of staff in the last few months and from what I can gather from the staff I speak to it's due to the working conditions they have to cope with that so many leave after a short time, added to this the grief they receive from people waiting in the queue (which they can hear due to the microphones on the desk) I think it's quite a thankless task.

McColls really don't make queuing for the post office easy for customers either what with all the items that they have for sale either side of the very narrow aisle which other shoppers want to buy, magazines being the main reason for huffing and puffing by some, I personally feel very sorry for the post office staff being stuck at the back of a very claustrophobic shop doing a job they get little or no respect for and don't enjoy doing.

The same thing could be said for Boots. the staff in there are lovely friendly and so helpful but queuing at times can be a nightmare what with the pharmacy and main counter being so close together, both queues bottleneck and logjam, perhaps the main counter could be moved to the front of the shop leaving the pharmacy at the back to relieve the pressure, just a thought.

Mainly my point is that we have really nice friendly people working in our little shops and bank, queuing is inevitable at times, personally I would rather wait a little while and be greeted with a smile than have no shops or bank to go in at all. Now then.....my main gripe at the moment is that we keep receiving other peoples mail through our letterbox, anyone else having a problem with their post?
Jim Horton.

Post Office - 30/4/16

I've heard a number of people say they choose to go to Highworth, Shrivenham or Stanford rather than use the McColls Post Office.

Great shame for Faringdon shops as presumably these people do there other shopping outside the town.

If it is now a good service, let's spread the word.

Name Supplied

Post Office - 29/4/16

I went there yesterday around 12.15pm. No queue and two very friendly members of staff.

There will be busy times, there will be queues but that happens everywhere.

We need to keep our post office in the town centre.

Name Supplied.

Faringdon Services/Post Office - 29/4/16

The Post Office has recently had new staff working there, with a much improved friendly, helpful service. Whenever I have been in during the last couple of months at different times of the day, there has been two staff behind the counter, and perhaps one or two people in the queue. I do not consider that a bad service. (You have to queue in most supermarkets these days) The Post Office needs to be in the centre of the town easily accessible for businesses and pensioners coming into the town on the buses. We need to keep shoppers coming into the town to use the diversity of shops that we have, and encourage some of the vacant shops to be filled and used.

Name supplied

90 More houses for Faringdon? - 29/4/16

Outlining planning for 90 homes north of A420 on land near SSSI with entrance onto narrow lane at the bottom of Fernham Road in Faringdon, past FCC and leisure centre. At this rate will need a third primary school in Faringdon.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=FolderView&ID=553781249&CODE=3B8BEE45501FFF83836BF3A85E094CE1&NAME=Application&REF=P16/V0918/SCR>

Name supplied

Faringdon Volunteer Cars - 28/4/16

We are now operational and taking bookings, please call 01367 242659 to arrange your transport at least 48hr in advance so we can book you in with a driver.

If for some reason you need transport urgently please call 07893 732083 (Emergency Only) and we will try to respond straight away but we can not guarantee such a service. Please Note: We are NOT a taxi service and will not respond to such calls.

see <https://www.facebook.com/fvclink/>

Brian Glyn Peachey

Faringdon Pharmacy, new premises - 28/4/16

I expect many of you have noticed, that the Faringdon Pharmacy has moved. It is now at the start of London St, opposite Davis DIY. Smart new premises and much more convenient to get to.

The extensive opening hours are unchanged.

- Monday to Saturday 7am-11.00pm

- Sunday 09.00- 1.05 pm

There is always a pharmacist on duty

It's open on most Bank Holidays too- I think the Sunday hours
The London St Pharmacy offers a range of services:

- Repeat prescription management service
- Medication cassettes
- Private Consultation area
- Pregnancy testing,
- Disposal of unwanted medicines
- Health advice
- Truss fitting service by arrangement
- +++ see <http://www.faringdonpharmacy.com/>

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Folly Dollies W.I. May Meeting "Delicious Dollies" - 28/4/16

Weds 11th May - 8-10pm, Catholic Church Hall

Join us for an extravaganza of tasting samples of delicious food and drink from local producers and retailers in the town. Visitors to this meeting may come along for free!

For more details see our Facebook page: Folly Dollies W.I. ...inspiring fun and friendship...we welcome women of all ages!

Our membership is currently approx. 40 women

We meet every 2nd Weds of the month.

Email: follydollies@hotmail.com. President: Charlotte Baxter

Keep Clear road markings - 28/4/16

Rule 243 of The Highway code includes :

DO NOT stop or park: opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.

In addition the Road Traffic Act outlines the offence of Leaving vehicles in dangerous positions.

If a person in charge of a vehicle causes or permits the vehicle or a trailer drawn by it to remain at rest on a road in such a position or in such condition or in such circumstances as to involve a danger of injury to other persons using the road, he is guilty of an offence.

The 'Keep Clear' markings are an obvious attempt to remind selfish, lazy individuals of the dangers they create by leaving their vehicles in such locations. Whilst the 'offenders' might not routinely get a penalty under existing enforcement arrangements they would be liable to prosecution when an accident occurs because of their vehicle's position. What Faringdon needs is a zealous parking enforcement officer as a timely reminder for all those people who have long since forgotten their Highway Code and driving lessons, (or are just bone idle!) Currently such people routinely create dangers for other road users and pedestrians.

Name Supplied

Crochet Flower and Garden Project - 27/4/16

Every wednesday, and some sunday afternoons, until the end of June 2016 we are meeting for the Crochet Flower Garden Project at The Pump House Project, Swan Lane, Faringdon, SN7 7AF from 9:30am-11:30. It is free and all of the materials are provided. The whole community, regardless of age or gender, is warmly invited to come along and enjoy tea and cake while they crochet. People with any level of crochet skills or none at all are very welcome, and new crocheters can learn for free. There are a variety of vital, non-crocheting roles, for anyone else who is interested. The crochet garden will be displayed during the Faringdon Folly Fest when it will also be sold to raise money for the activities run by The Pump House Project Charity.

If anyone cannot make the group meetings, they can crochet at home and get the flowers to us at The Pump House Project. We have already received flowers from American, South Africa and the Canary Islands and would love to receive some from you!

To find out more see the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1520004464979570/>

or email Nicky: nicky@echodeco.co.uk

I have attached a photo of some of our regular crocheters and their beautiful creations as inspiration.

Many thanks,

Rowan Twine

What is so special about Wicklesham Quarry?- 27/4/16

Because of Wicklesham and Coxwell Pits, Faringdon has given its name to earth science features which are "unique" to our locality. 'Faringdonensis' is the Latin descriptor for the Faringdon Sponge Gravels, Faringdon Greensands and even Faringdon Fossils. Palaeontologist M. A. Wilson (1986) states: "Faringdon fossils have attracted scientific attention for centuries. The first published reference to them is found in the museum catalogue by Llywyd (1699)." This remarkable history suggests Faringdon's palaeontology played an early role in the development of scientific theories of the formation of the earth's surface, and perhaps, of evolution.

In 1986, Wilson recorded his discoveries of one new genus and three new species of 'Foraminifera' at Wicklesham Quarry. These fossils have recently come to play a key role in research on climate change. Asst. Professor Miriam Katz, a specialist in Foraminifera writes that they:

"can provide us with important information on how rapid changes in temperature can significantly impact ice volume, sea level, and the evolution of life on earth."

"Special Interest" in earth sciences is dynamic. Sites like Wicklesham Quarry are living laboratories for scientists, with a crucial role to play in the development of science, and even a contribution to make towards our own survival on earth.

Out of seven 'Special Interest' themes Wicklesham is noted for four, reflecting an exceptionally unusual, localised process of marine and landform development and transition. THIS is why Natural England says Wicklesham Quarry is "of great historical importance, and is one of Britain's richest palaeontological sites."

The national designation of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) seeks to ensure "their long-term conservation and statutory protection" (JNCC: Common Standards Monitoring Guidance for Earth Science Sites). In our view, this does NOT include concreting over the quarry base and filling it with warehouses!

Local people campaigning to PROTECT WICKLESHAM QUARRY FROM DEVELOPMENT have presented the Independent Examiner of Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan with earth science research and data relating to Wicklesham Quarry, and the Common Standards Monitoring Guidance for Earth Science Sites by JNCC.

We have also contested Faringdon Council's claim that only "part of the site" is a SSSI. In fact, Wicklesham and Coxwell Pits SSSI covers 31.59 acres (12.79 ha) - an area larger than the whole of the quarry. This fact is recorded on EUNIS- the European Nature Information Systems website. This time, we are determined to ensure that the examination of Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan is carried out in the light of facts.

Anna Hoare

Faringdon Services- 27/4/16

This morning I venture to the post office first time in a long time? Why because the service is appalling. So off I went wait 20 min to get to counter To be told " No Euros". No sign telling the public.

So I then waited till 10am for the Bank to open waited 15min in a queue. " Please can I have Euros". To be told I can't just buy Euros I have to pay money into account and it's done through there!!!! I don't have a personal account '. Well you can't have any.

We are asked to use services in Faringdon. Never again, I will continue to go to Stanford. Or Caterton where the post office is open at 8.30 and always ON Time.

The post office should be moved to tesco Where it would have more staff not just one and better service.

The community bus could be used to take those to tesco who usually use the post office and they could wonder the tesco.

We wonder why we don't use Faringdon to shop.

Name supplied

Ed: *Maybe worth telling McColls* <https://www.mccolls.co.uk/customer-service.aspx#corporate>

Illegal Parking - 26/4/16

Parking on Keep Clear signs is not illegal just advisory but I've no doubt it must cause problems for drivers exiting the car park.

Name supplied

Faringdon Dramatic Society's pantomime Happily Ever After- 24/4/16

Winners of Oxfordshire Drama Network Best Panto for the third time in the last 4 years! Fabulous news!

Congratulations to authors Helen Thrower (who also directed) and Verity Roberts, and to all cast and everyone else who was involved.

Our next production is Side Effects by Eric Chappell, BAFTA Award Winning creator of 'Rising Damp', being performed in Buscot Park Theatre.

Tickets are still available for some performances. For details see our website www.faringdondramatic.org.uk

Fiona Merrick

Local Yokel- 23/4/16

Thank you for finding out this information.

I'll definitely try this then, and I assume a photo of the illegally park car/cars could be emailed as well.

I can't wait to report the inconsiderate people who park outside the library in the 'Keep Clear' box. Do they not understand how difficult it is to safely leave the Glos St car park (where people park legally) because it's hard to see what's coming along the road?

Just a few weeks ago, around 5.30pm I saw a resident of Glos Street park there without a care in the world. He then happily went in his house across the road where I imagine he stayed until leaving for work the next day. The 66 bus did blast it's horn at him though because he left his car door wide open and it couldn't pass as he stood there chatting to a neighbour!

Now not only could he have left his car safely in the car park overnight for free, he could have bought his own car park residents

permit at a much reduced cost than the rest of us that use it.
Parking in Keep Clear boxes cause an obstruction, that's why they are there.
Name Supplied

Illegal parking - 23/4/16

At the Town Meeting last week, Sgt Ryan James (Faringdon station sergeant) said that they did not receive any/many reports of illegal parking from Faringdon people.
He said if we reported them, the police would take action.
I rang 101 to get some information, and was told:

- Call 101, at the time you see the vehicle illegal parked and causing an obstruction. The police would find the owner and ask them to move the vehicle, or if not possible at that time, make contact at a later time.
- I was also told that you could email faringdonnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. This would go to our neighbourhood policing team for action. You can attach a photo to the email.

Why don't we try it, and see if it makes a difference?
Local Yokel

Folly Tower one of Top 20 Follies, - 23/4/16

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3550813/100-Glories-Britain-spring-Five-Britain-s-20-fabulous-follies.html>
Ed

Re: illegal parking - 23/4/16

With regards to Councillor Cox's reply. The people parking illegally don't live here and know they won't be fined or prosecuted. It is his job to sort this problem but he cops out by saying that he would be seen as being biased. Sorry but that is what you have been voted in for in Faringdon, to be biased on our behalf.

I arrived back to my house today and parked very legally some way from where i live. I need to unload stuff from my boot. I'll do it tomorrow.

My problem was that other motorists thought that I was out of order as I actually blocked the road. I indicated exactly what I was doing, I parked legally but I blocked the road because of the illegal parkers.

Green Witch

More housing on Park Road - 23/4/16

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P16/V0869/FUL>

Extract:

Planning permission was previously granted to develop the application site and adjoining land to the south-east with 18 one and two bedroom flats in a three storey building and 16 Class B1 business units in a two storey building.

Outline planning permission was granted in November 2005 (application no.P05/V1050/OUT) and reserved matters approval was granted in May 2007 (application no. P07/V0166/REM). The 18 flats permitted as part of that scheme have recently been completed by Ede Homes and have all been sold.

The new vehicular access off Park Road constructed as part of that scheme will also serve the proposed development.

This application is submitted following the refusal of a previous scheme of 42 flats in two x three storey buildings (application no. P14/V1751/FUL). That application was refused in October 2014. The current application addresses the reasons for refusing that previous scheme.

Walking Football- 22/4/16

Fitness and Fun at your own pace
Thursdays 11am-12pm, Watchfield Recreation Ground £2
Contact Luke Horton 07717 346351

Queens Birthday event in the Market Sq- 22/4/16

Singing, ukeleles, town crier, bagpipes, brownies and cubs- as well as the 'official' beacon.

Lots of Faringdon people to sing Happy Birthday Your Majesty

A good event

[Pictures on facebook](#)

Ed

Illegal Parking- A VWHDC District Councillors View - 22/4/16

CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN THE VALE AND FARINGDON

The Department for Transport (DfT) wishes to make parking regulations easier for the public to understand with both on and off-street parking treated in the same way. It is the stated intention of the DfT that civil parking enforcement (CPE) should be implemented by all highway authorities.

The vast majority of local authorities have done so, some 326 have with only 23 have not and within Oxfordshire CPE has been introduced in West Oxfordshire and Oxford City. OCC would prefer to make on single application to DfT for CPE, including Cherwell, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils.

The start-up costs are estimated at £250,000 per council, based on 2010 figures. CPE should be self-financing, however, in

practice very few rural authorities manage to break even. In 2012/13 WODC expenditure was £231,000 and income was £144,000, so it suffered a loss of £87,000 and the costs of running CPE in the Vale are quite difficult to estimate. TUPE would apply to existing VWHDC staff to either OCC or a town council. Also responses to 'how big a problem is illegal parking?' varied significantly from across the Vale. So whilst Police are directed away from enforcement of routine non-moving traffic offence, it is estimated that CPE would run at a deficit based on experience elsewhere.

A survey of residents did not see it as a problem in either Abingdon or Wantage, and there are only a few streets in Faringdon where inconsiderate residents and traders park in contravention of published highway regulations. If these residents obeyed the rules and/or used the two hours free parking in the Vale CP, then the problem would be reduced. To change the system so as to enforce against the few would cost all taxpayers a lot of money, so I suggest a bit of thought and consideration by the culprits would be the best remedy.

Roger Cox

District Councillor

11 April 2016

Illegal parking in Faringdon- 21/4/16

When illegal parking was raised at the recent Town Meeting, someone suggested writing to police commissioner candidates to ask them what they would do about illegal parking in Faringdon if they were elected.

2 replied almost immediately, 1 a few days later, and 1, (Anthony Stansfeld, Conservative and the current Police Commissioner) not yet

Cllr John Howson

Liberal Democrat

www.johnohowson.com

Most district councils have decriminalised parking offences so they can be enforced through civil enforcement officers rather than more expensive warranted police officers. I think VoWHDC in your area haven't done so and try to rely upon Thames Valley police to enforce and then the use of the courts. If elected I would urge VOWHDC to follow the examples of other Oxfordshire District councils in how to tackle parking offences while arguing for a national police funding formula that should provide more cash for Thames Valley police.

Lea Trainer

UKIP

www.ukiptvpcc.co.uk

Personally I find your concerns very discouraging that the local authority, police and Ed have not taken responsibility in this matter. My personal view is that the local authority should be responsible for parking enforcement and if they can't achieve the desired result then they should involve the police.

If elected as your PCC in May, I will bring WHDC and TVP round the table to iron out an action plan which will encourage the local authority to take responsibility of parking enforcement. I feel the best way we can achieve the desired result would be to meet with local residents to fully hear and understand the concerns in and around areas like yours and use that information to develop the councils parking policy. Each local authority should have a clear idea of what its parking policy is and what it intends to achieve by it. This applies whether or not an authority is responsible or not.

Laetisia Carter

Labour Party

www.laetisiacarter.co.uk

I have lobbied the police and council in West Oxfordshire, where I am an elected councillor regarding a similar issue and had some success. Accordingly, I would want to duplicate operations being undertaken in West Oxfordshire, by working with your local council, as it is they who are responsible for parking enforcement.

I am sure you will be aware that ongoing cuts mean it is likely that TVP will lose further resources. If elected, I will lobby against these cuts, and look to counter issues like yours that impact on peoples lives day to day. It would however have to be led by the Council, and I would encourage you to continue to speak to your local town, district and county councillors on this matter.
Ed

AgeUK Oxfordshire's Home Support Options Service - 21/4/16

Includes Solemates nail cutting service, now available in the Faringdon area.

Home Support Options Service

We offer a range of flexible, practical solutions to help people 50 plus stay independent both at home and outside of it, and tailored towards individual preference and life styles. This service does not include personal care.

Charges:

Home Support - £16 per hour (Min of 1 hour per week)

Nail Cutting Sessions - £15 (6-8 weekly)

Enquiry & Referral Line tel: 0333 577 1044

Age UK

Wantage Hospital to close- 21/4/16

http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/14440203.Wantage_Community_Hospital_to_close_indefinitely_due_to_legionella_risk/?ref=mr&lp=2

It says temporarily- but

Ed

Queens Birthday - Celebration in the Market Place Thurs 21st - 20/4/16

Hog roast, late night shopping, ukes and singing, youth choir, lighting of the beacon (7.30pm), peal of bells.

Market Place from 6.30pm

Faringdon Town Council

Old silver coin- lost - 19/4/16

Has anyone found a small old silver coin in a small plastic wallet around Tescos, which i;ve lost today 18.4.16? I'm a metal detectorist and have lost a silver hammered coin, not worth anything just an artifact. If so please can you contact the site. Thank you.

Name supplied

Sandwich Phillers and the new Diner- 19/4/16

We paid a visit to the new Diner that launched last Saturday in the Sandwich Phillers cafe London street and what a nice welcome we had, it was nice to see them adding the new service to there already popular sandwiches and to see the new layout with a jukebox, we had the burger and fries and I must say it was well made and at a very reasonable price, I think they are now open till 8 pm so good luck to Julie and the team with the new Diner and we will be back very soon.

Name Supplied

***** THIS FRIDAY 22ND APRIL - BLOCKBUSTER EVENING *** - 19/4/16**

Faringdon Regent Cinema @ The Corn Exchange presents: "Carol" (15)

Tickets £4 at Faringdon Info Centre, 01367 242191 (some tickets may be available on the door)

Film starts 7.30pm, doors 7pm.

Carol is a 2015 British-American romantic drama film directed by Todd Haynes. The screenplay written by Phyllis Nagy is based on the groundbreaking romance novel The Price of Salt (also known as Carol) by Patricia Highsmith. The film stars Cate Blanchett, Rooney Mara, Sarah Paulson, Kyle Chandler, and Jake Lacy. Set in New York City during the early 1950's, Carol tells the story of a forbidden love affair between a young aspiring photographer and an older woman going through a difficult divorce.

BECOME A HEALTH SERVICES 'MYSTERY SHOPPER'- 18/4/16

Oxfordshire CCG wants to recruit 'mystery shoppers' to gather people's comments about their experience of hospital services. The project, working with the Patients Association asks for feedback straight after people have had contact with health services, so it's easier to remember details and OCCG can take action to improve things more quickly.

If you have recently been an inpatient or outpatient at the John Radcliffe, the Churchill, The Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre or the Horton General Hospital, and can spare the time to help, there are a number of ways to obtain the information sheet and mystery shopper questions to test:

email Jane Brooks at the Patients Association jane.brooks@patients-association.com

For a print version call the Patients Association on 020 8423 9111 or write to OCCG Mystery Shopper Project, c/o The Patients Association, PO Box 935, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 3YJ.

Police Commissioner Candidates announced - 17/4/16

You can see their statements via

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2016/2016-04/police-and-crime-commissioner-candidates-announced>

Fritillary Sunday 17th- 16/4/16

Fritillary Sunday in Ducklington on Sunday 17th for one day only!!

The Snake's Head Fritillary (L. Fritillaria meleagris) grows in abundance in a meadow near the church. On one day each year this field is opened to the general public and visitors are warmly invited to walk among the beautiful flowers.

The church is open for you to look around: there are lots of activities including Morris dancing and musical interludes: there is a plant stall and the chance to enjoy a cream tea or ploughman's lunch in the village hall

<http://www.ducklingtonchurch.org.uk/fritillary/>

Planning Permission for Health Centre - 16/4/16

Planning permission is being sought for changes to the Health Centre. The building was originally built for 2 separate medical practices. The aim now is to make it work better for a single medical practice.

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P16/V0372/FUL>

Response from Biffa re missed collections:- 15/4/16

Thank you for your email. We do advise for collections that residents do leave textiles and electrical items out between 7.00 and 18.00pm. There will be a separate crew that collect this however, this is done to keep the textiles and electrical items segregated from house hold waste. If this is not collected within that time and they have been missed by the crew we ask to please contact us the following day. We will then arrange for the crews to return for the items.

Batteries most certainly should be collected on recycling and I have chased this now with the depot to speak with crews in that area to assure they are collected.

Name supplied

Ed: From VWHDC website call 03000 610610 by 5pm the following day or email admin.vale@biffa.co.uk by midnight

Parking enforcement in Faringdon - 15/4/16

At the recent town meeting someone suggested we write to those seeking election as the Police Commissioner in our area to ask them what they will do about illegal parking in Faringdon. This is where you'll find their details: <https://www.choosemypcc.org.uk/area/thames-valley/?postcode=SN7>
Onstreet parking is still a police responsibility in this area, because the County and White Horse District Council have decided it is too expensive to implement. Other councils across England have been enforcing onstreet parking for a number of years.
Name Supplied

Care Quality Commission give White Horse Medical Practice a 'good' rating - 15/4/16

Our local medical practice was inspected in March. CQC rated all categories as good with Research as outstanding. Read the report
http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/new_reports/AAAF2658.pdf
Ed

Community Crochet Garden Project- 14/4/16

At The Pump House Project, Swan Lane, Faringdon (was The Old Theatre...entrance on Swan Lane, opposite the Royal Mail Sorting Office)
FREE crochet fun every Weds morning 9.30-11.30am (and some Sunday afternoons 2.30-5pm)
Newcomers always very welcome.
Our coffee shop is open at the same time, on Weds, for lovely tea/coffee AND homemade cake for just £1
Learn to crochet or just crochet with company to create a crochet flower garden to be displayed at Folly Fest Friday 29th to Sunday 31st July 2016.
The aim is to then sell the display at the end of Folly Fest to raise money to support The Pump House Project Charity.
Be a part of a fantastic community craft event and help raise funds for The Pump House Project Charity, a valuable and vital local facility providing a variety of affordable activities for all ages.
Full dates and project details on our dedicated Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1520004464979570>

Re Recycling,- 14/4/16

I too have had experience of things being ignored. Apparently you should be able to put used batteries in a sealed clear bag and leave on top of your recycling bin and they will take them. Nope not happened. Twice I have tried and twice had them left behind. It was not a big deal as I then took them to that battery bin in Tesco but it is still a case of them seeming to not know what they should be doing.
Robert Perkins

Recycling facilities- 13/4/16

Thanks for the reminder that textiles and small electrical items can now be recycled at the kerbside. However, in my experience, you put them out with your bin/bags (textiles with green, electrical with black/pink), where they will be completely ignored by the bin men, sit on the pavement for a few days until you bring them back in to try again a fortnight later. Has anyone had anything successfully collected?
I was about to write to the council about it, but would be good to know if I've just been (repeatedly) unlucky?
Thanks
Name supplied

How to manage behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia to prevent early institutional care- 13/4/16

Dr Brian Murray Consultant Older Adult Psychiatrist and Associate Medical Director for Older People's Services, Oxford Health NHS Trust
Dr Murray will look at how to manage behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia to prevent early institutional care.
On Wednesday, 18 May 2016, 18:00
At Chakrabarti Lecture Theatre, John Henry Brookes building, Headington Campus
Book now:
Tel: 01865 484864 Email: events@oxfordbrookes.ac.uk

Ardley Energy Recovery Facility- 12/4/16

Fascinating to see how our rubbish (ie non recyclable waste) is dealt with. All turned into electricity- enough to power 38K homes as well as the facility itself.
What gives them problems, and could potential cause damage to the plant are large items, or electrical or metal items that get into our black bins, or we put in the wrong container at the tip.
They're working really hard to educate people and children and spend a good deal of time taking groups round the plant and through the visitor centre.
VWHDC organised the visit I went on today- and I think there will be more (contact Alexandra Pyle Waste Recycling Officer 01235 540566)

We can help by using the new recycling services that VWHDC offer. See <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/new-recycling-services-textiles-and-small-electrical>
You can put out small electrical items, in a bag next to your black bin and old clothes/materials in a bag next to your green bin. They will then be recycled/reused accordingly
Name Supplied

Community Awards - 12/4/16

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| Clive Davis Community Hero Award | Lou Smith, Pump House Project |
| Community Group Awards | Faringdon Knit and Knatter |
| Community Volunteer Awards | Noah Walker |
| Community Business Awards | Faringdon Coffee Shop |
| Ed | |

****** SPECIAL SCREENING! *** "STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS" (12A) - 12/4/16**

Friday 6th May

Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm

Tickets £4 Adults, £3 U18s, £10 Family

Book over the phone on 01367 242191 or pop into Faringdon Information Centre, Pump Rooms, Market Square

There will be an interval, licensed bar, sweets, popcorn and refreshments

So put on those fancy dress costumes (... Yoda or Chewy?!!) and we'll see you for a fun evening out very soon!

***** EXTRA SCREENINGS AT THE REGENT CINEMA, THE CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON *** - 12/4/16**

Tuesday 19th April - "Bee Movie" (U) All 0-5 year old children welcome with parents/carers. Doors 9.15am, film starts 9.45am.

Tickets will be available on the door at The Corn Exchange. Join us for a relaxed screenings where toddlers can make noise and move around - toys will be provided too!

Thursday 21st April - "The Lady In The Van" (12A) for parents/carers with babies (pre-walkers) We will dim the lights, turn down the sound, store your pushchairs and we have baby changing facilities. Tea/coffee and a biscuit!

FREE tickets available on the door ... just fill in a Childrens Centre Registration Form or pop into the Faringdon Information Centre, Pump Rooms, Market Square. Enquiries 01367 242191 (Normal ticket price £4)

These events are kindly being supported by the Faringdon Childrens Centre team.

Card Cloning - 12/4/16

On the vexatious subject of "Card Cloning", this has occurred to me three times now.

The first was 10 years ago when it left my sight in Shrivenham. I do not use cosmetics regularly as those that know me will testify, certainly not £1500 squids worth in 2 days.

The second and third times were more obscure as to who had taken the card details, but in each case my bank, First Direct was on it like randy tomcat. Damage was limited to the pure inconvenience of waiting for a new card and having to memorize the new numbers.

I always hoped that when the fraud was picked up and perpetuated over several days that someone was brought to book, but somehow I doubt it.

Mike.

Card cloning.- 12/4/16

Thank you Mark, yes the police through the fraud team at Lloyds bank have been informed and they are going to follow it up.

I must say that Lloyds have been brilliant in how swiftly they dealt with this matter, even as I was on the phone talking to the fraud department more and more transactions were pending on our account, my heart was trying to rip its way through my chest it was pounding so hard, they were very professional and put our fears to rest.

If and when I get anymore information I will put it on this site, as with all crime it's a violation to the individual it happens to and no crime is victimless, I am so incensed about it I wont let it drop until I find out how it happened, where it happened and who was involved.

As I pointed out the card that was cloned never leaves my sight, and it never gets used online. I always shop locally and use the same shops so it's easy to see it's paper trail.

I don't want anyone else to feel how we felt on Saturday so please be vigilant about how you use your cards, always use one hand to cover the keypad when putting in your pin number, if the card reader rattles when you hold it or "it's playing up today for some reason" don't use it.

Jim Horton

A420 problems- 11/4/16

What amazed me about the problem running up to the weekend on the roundabout was how much traffic backlogged in both directions when Schools were off. Thank God this tractor and digger crashed during the School holidays as it could have been so much worse. I do agree though that it seemed to take ages to get it sorted. Faringdon really does struggle to get recognised by the Oxfordshire authorities

Robert Perkins

Hidden Britain by Drone, Channel 4 - 11/4/16

Interesting programme and especially good to see Tony Robinson using the Folly Tower for his intros to the other places in the programme. I suspect next Sunday(Channel 4 8pm) the Tower will be talked about and maybe Faringdon House- hope so.

Ed

Card Cloning - 11/4/16

You have my sympathy Jim, regarding your cloned card.

The same happened to me some years ago(not In Faringdon). I am sure many people would be interested to know which outlets you used. Were the Police involved?/interested.

Maybe you can speak to the owners of the outlets concerned . It might also might be worth contacting the Faringdon Chamber of Commerce. As if this starts to spread, then trade locally could drop through the floor. The Garage where my card along with other peoples was cloned went out of business.

Good luck.

Regards Mark

Community Awards and Annual Town Meeting - 11/4/16

The Annual Town Meeting will be held tonight, Monday 11 April 2016, at 7.30 p.m. in the Corn Exchange, Faringdon. The meeting will be preceded by the presentation of the Community Awards, commencing at 7.00pm.

Channel 4 "Hidden Britain by Drone" - 10/4/16

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Look out for Faringdon Folly

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April 16th

Faringdon Library Junior Book Club

Calling all young detectives and secret agents!

The library's Junior Book Club (8-11 yr olds) will be examining, investigating, but maybe not fingerprinting, children's detective/spy/spooky/mystery books at next Saturday's Junior Book Club.

16th April; Time: 10.30-11.15; location: Faringdon Library, Gloucester Street.

New members welcome!

Card cloning - 10/4/16

I had a very upsetting and worrying afternoon talking to Lloyds bank fraud department today.

Unbeknown to me my bank card had been cloned and in one day a £1000 had been spent on online gambling sites by some parasitic scumbag who doesn't care how hard decent honest people have work to earn money legally.

Apparently the card had been cloned within the last week, now I don't use internet banking, or buy goods online, the card never leaves my sight and the only places I had used that card were three retail outlets in Faringdon.

This really is a warning to you all that use cards, which of course we all do, to be extra vigilant when using them, believe me it is not a victimless crime as I was sick to my stomach when I was told that as we were sat at home twenty nine transactions were being carried out on my card.

Jim Horton

****update 9th April 2016 ** Faringdon Four** - 10/4/16

I just wanted to let you know we have a possible sighting for the remaining dog Quincy, he has been sighted in Brackley, Northamptonshire under strange circumstances, also potentially being seen on the day he was taken. We have followed this lead and been to scope many local areas today and are hoping to work with Liaison officers and the police investigators to potentially enter the traveller site to be able to investigate further. This does mean a wider media coverage is perhaps required. We are aware of the families involved and can only hope that this leads to a firm lead to support the ongoing investigation. We would like to get coverage in that area if you have any contacts to help do so that would be appreciated, as the media is really helping with contact coming in.

We feel we are very close to uncovering many more dogs than just the four. This is incredible feedback within a week when these cases usually take much longer so we are very hopeful for a full recovered outcome and a great leap in raising awareness of this nationwide issue.

Nici Pickering

Lost money - 9/4/16

Anyone lost an envelope with money in whilst going to the Bookies in Faringdon today?

Contact the local police, as it has now been handed in.

Name supplied.

A420 problems - 9/4/16

Once again the A420 has traffic problems with huge queues building to the north,south and west of Faringdon. So much time is wasted by motorists and commercial vehicle drivers by the failure of the authorities to deal with problems with any degree of urgency that I despair.

Do they not realise that many hospital and doctor's appointments are missed, bus timetables are haywire and everyone is angry and frustrated.?

The direct and consequential financial losses must be enormous while those people responsible for keeping the road open, seem to take their leisurely time in rectifying things and nearly three miles of traffic come to a virtual standstill. In addition to the Transport Department,the Town, District,County and police authorities seem to be asleep. Our taxes on property,fuel,insurance and road tax escalate every year and our local roads are still,strangely, in an abominable state. I have seen vast EEC money squandered on bridges,magnificent roads and tunnels in Madiera recently. How is that our roads resemble those of a banana republic and accidents, such as that on the A420 ,are not cleared up over night?

Name Supplied

****update 8h April 2016 ** Faringdon Four** - 8/4/16

Please note that once again due to exposure two more of the missing dogs have been located, this is great news for a

development on the organized crime and one we don't often hear of. The cocker spaniel and one more spitz has been recovered following the warden checking 2 dogs tied up in Coventry. There is just Quincy the Male Spitz to locate now and we feel he will be given up somewhere publicly due to exposure in the media and socially.

Thank you for working with us on pushing the awareness.

Kind regards Nici Pickering

REFUGEES WELCOME MEETING- 6/4/16

7.30pm - this Friday (8th April) - in the Corn Exchange. A Public meeting to find out what is being done in our area to support refugees at home and abroad - and how you can help. Chaired by Mayor Mike Wise. Ed Vaizey MP and Matthew Barber (leader of the DC) amongst those available for questions.

ALL WELCOME. Refreshments at 9pm .

<http://www.mustardseed.org.uk/RefugeesWelcomeMeeting.pdf> .

Sjoerd Vogt

Orafric- Massive Clearance Sale - 6/4/16

40% off everything- semi precious stones, silver, pearls, amber

Wed- Sat 10.30-4.30 01367 244615. 4A Market Place

Planning permission - 6/4/16

Former Nut Tree. 2 flats with shop below

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P16/V0821/LB>

update 6th April 2016 Faringdon Four - 6/4/16

Please note that due to exposure and the public being made aware of the missing dogs in Faringdon, a lead has come through alerting us to a sighting of one of the Spitz, which turned out to be Kira the eldest. The police have controlled the return of Kira, and are pursuing lines of enquiry for the remaining three and the families involved in taking the dogs, further CCTV footage has been collected and will remain part of the investigation. We are hopeful that with continued awareness of this campaign for the Four Faringdon Dogs we will receive more information or the takers coming forward, whether that is to seek currency for giving back or not.

Nici Pickering

New planning application.- 4/4/16

I see the planning application for the area behind Gloucester street car park is being resubmitted with a short deadline for objections. If you dont want more construction in the consewrvation area and outside of the Faringdon development plan area then go to <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P15/V1858/FUL> and register your objections. Despite what it says on the website, you have until Monday 18th April to object.

Name Supplied

Find Faringdon Four- 4/4/16

Good afternoon I would like to bring to your attention a significant theft in the local area of 4 dogs taken from family home kennels in SN7. (Faringdon Oxfordshire)

3 all white Japanese Spitz and a roan black and white Cocker Spaniel have been taken since 11am Saturday 2nd April. Quincy the boy is 2 years old, Kira female is 5 years old, Dulcie, female is 3 years old and Primrose the Cocker Spaniel is 1 year old. There is a significant reward of £1,000 for the safe return and with a no questions asked policy on the reward, due to really needing to get the dogs back. The police are investigating and a couple of strong leads have been sourced – following CCTV coverage and connections, so we believe the dogs to be in the area, split up but on the move.

We would ideally wish to get significant media coverage of the very personal theft.

As you can appreciate the police do not always have the resources and that awareness of not only the crime but also the community impact and loss really does need exposure to gain awareness of local operations occurring. To take 4 dogs we feel is a bold move therefore media exposure or investigation you can provide would be extremely well met.

Since Saturday the group and family members has hit the social scene and has a Facebook group #FindFourDogs <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1715006775449361> with almost 2,000 members and more gathering momentum daily, with many sharing the details, progress and photography of the dogs, this story really does hit home of the scale of dog theft – we are also conscious of the imminent microchipping law coming into place on the 6th April.

Further information can be sourced on the progression of the crime investigation and for information of the local area developments please contact Wendy on 07717 433 733 or Carly 01367 358 572

If I can assist further with information please contact Nici Pickering on 07545053129 or email nici@kingfisher-communications.co.uk

Channel 4 the ad for “Hidden Britain by Drone”.- 4/4/16

Starts on Sunday April 10 at 8pm.

Look out for Faringdon Folly

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Haynes Close - 3/4/16

I was surprised and delighted to see the way the entrance to Haynes Close has been cultivated, planted up with nice plants and laid out with decorative stones. Congratulations and many thanks to those responsible.

Dennis Haynes

Town Coordinator for Faringdon needed - 2/4/16

Faringdon is on the look out for a new market town coordinator after Vale of White Horse District Council agreed to provide £40,000 to help boost the town's economy.

Over the last two years significant effort has been made to improve vibrancy and vitality of the town, with footfall increasing by 25 per cent between 2014 and 2015.

The work to promote and revitalise the town is overseen by the recently formed Faringdon Town Team, made up of representatives from the district, town and county council, as well as from local business groups.

The Town Team are now looking for a motivated individual to be responsible for promoting and marketing Faringdon as a great place to live, work, visit and invest.

The role, which is based at Faringdon Town Council, is being supported by a £40,000 award from the Vale. The money will be allocated over a two year period to help the town achieve a range of actions to improve the visitor experience and bring more people to the area.

Anyone who thinks they've got what it takes to help promote Faringdon should visit

faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/council/job-vacancies This link will take you to an external website...

Annual Town Meeting - 1/4/16

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Sue Ryder Charity Auction -1/4/16

TOMORROW Saturday 2nd April

Corn Exchange, Faringdon

Viewings from 10am, Auction at 12 noon

Donated items before 9.30am

Refreshments, raffle

Contact Gini Green for more info on 01367 244325

No commission - what you bid is what you pay!

All for a good cause!

Local Company seeks sponsorship - 1/4/16

Shawcity Ltd - who have a strong links with Faringdon are entering a team in the upcoming "Monster Race" at Cornbury and the "The Twin Town Challenge" both in aid of the "Special Effect" charity.

The links to both are below along with our fundraising page !

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/shawcityltd>

<http://www.twintown16.co.uk/>

<http://www.specialeffect.org.uk/>

All donations will be great fully received or if you would like to add your company logo to our "Twin Town Challenge" car for a reasonable price please call.

Colin 01793 780622 colin.smith@shawcity.co.uk

Oxfordshire County Council Newsletter - 1/4/16

<http://us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=feb3ea90bfa82dcb90c21a3e7&id=05eb80d1f8&e=5089a795b5>

Potholes, recycling, apprenticeships, roadworks, subsidies buses

Welcome to the April edition of the GO Active and Active Women Newsletter - 1/4/16

News and Events this month:

- Learn to Jive, Sunday 10 April - visit [website](#) for more details
- Try something new at the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre open day on Saturday 9 April - see [website](#) for details
- Take the plunge with our one month unlimited swimming offer for only £5 - visit [website](#) to register
- [Fit for Life](#) sessions at the Pump House, Faringdon every Thursday morning including Tai Chi and Seated Exercise
- Join Milton Hill Bowls Club's open day on Saturday 7 April, 2pm. Footwear provided. Contact Audrey 01235 831206
- New Beginner Egyptian Dance sessions in Botley, Abingdon and Wantage from 11 April - see [website](#) for details

See our highlighted activities this month below or visit the relevant websites for full activity listings:

GO Active - www.getoxfordshireactive.org/valeofwhitehorse

Active Women - <http://www.oxspa.co.uk/active-women/>

Ashley Chapman

Vale Of White Horse District Council

Mobile 07717 714477

Tesco Bags for life - 1/4/16

Thankyou for your suggestions (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2215583620/>) will try and take them on board. Dog Bin is tricky- who would empty it? Lizards- anyone any ideas how to encourage them?

Folly Friend

Bags of Life grants scheme open 16/4/16 <http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/Pages/large-grants-tes>

Help look after the defibrillator - 1/4/16

Would you like to join a small group of committed community members to help look after the Public Access Defibrillator (In Budgen's Car Park)?

Faringdon Guides & The First Response Team would like to invite you to a meeting on Wednesday 27th April at 6.15pm in the Jubilee Room at The Pump House on the Market Square to find out more. Please phone the Faringdon Info Centre on 01367 242191 to register your interest or email tic@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

***** Regent Cinema @ The Corn Exchange ***** - 1/4/16

Next Matinee Club film will be on Wednesday 6th April at 1pm (doors 12.30pm)

"BROOKLYN" (12A) - Drama/Romance

Based on the novel by Colm Tóibín and adapted for the screen by Nick Hornby, Brooklyn is a sweeping historical drama that tells the tale of love and life, and the choices that define our futures.

Eilis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan) is a young Irish immigrant navigating her way through 1950s Brooklyn. Lured by the promise of America, Eilis departs Ireland and the comfort of her mother's home for the shores of New York City. The initial shackles of homesickness quickly diminish as a fresh romance sweeps Eilis into the intoxicating charm of love. But soon, her new vivacity is disrupted by her past, and she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

3 OSCAR nominations including, Best Picture and Best Actress.

6 BAFTA nominations including, Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress and winner of Outstanding British Film

Tickets can be booked over the phone 01367 242191 or by popping into the Faringdon Info Centre, The Pump Rooms in the Market Place - Mon-Fri 9am-4pm/Sat 9.30-1pm £4 with FREE tea/coffee (and a biscuit!)

www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/regent-cinema