Tesco grants 'Bags of Help'- 30/11/16
Groups across the UK are being encouraged to apply now for a grant for local community projects, thanks to funding from Tesco's 'Bags of Help' scheme. 'Bags of Help', a grants scheme funded by Tesco customers through the 5p carrier charge and administered by Groundwork, provides grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 for projects that use or provide access to outdoor spaces in communities.
Grants are available for all manner of groups including voluntary or community organisations (including registered charities/companies), schools, health bodies (e.g. CCGs, NHS Hospital Trust, Foundation Trust), Parish/Town Councils, local authorities and social housing providers.
Since October 2016 the scheme has awarded £24million to communities across England, Wales and Scotland.
Do you have a project in mind or know someone who does? Then why not apply for a grant or spread the word about this amazing opportunity?
For information on how to apply please click here or for further inspiration and help, check out our Community Project Toolkit.

Re pavements- 29/11/16
Hear hear to the post re pavements in Faringdon. In London Street cars park regularly on both sides of the road, and on the left side (facing up the hill) on the pavement, sometimes within 45 cm of the houses. Since traffic must proceed single file if there is ANY parking on both sides of the road, then pavement parking is futile. There is insufficient space for buggies, pushchairs, and sometime pedestrians along the pavement when cars are parked there. Parking so close to front doors when in an emergency a stretcher could not be carried from a house, is illegal. So park on the road, please. It will make no difference to the traffic flow.
Name supplied

Wonderful Christmas Display - 29/11/16
Chris and George on the corner of Ash Close and Meadowbank will be turning on their Christmas display on Saturday 3 December, as it gets dark. If anyone would like to make a donation in aid of Multiple Sclerosis there is a collecting box just inside their porch.

Ref:dropped pavements - 28/11/16
And ALL pavements in Faringdon. This complaint is obviously joined with the comment as stated but I have been meaning to say my piece for a while. It is my misfortune these days to require the use of a buggy, and I can say with fair experience that Faringdon is bottom of the list in ALL places I have visited, including some third world countries (so called). There is not ONE route I have used to get around which is what I would deem really safe. Missing dropped pavements, badly maintained paths, badly laid Tarmac, crooked slabs, cars parked on pavements etc. It is a good job that I am able to go on the road, because sometimes I have to in order to pass the obstacle. Now as a driver I was never pleased to be behind a buggy driver, 8 mph on a buggy feels fast but not when you are behind one in a car! I do know. And many buggies can only do 4mph, usually not for road use.
This problem must also affect anyone not as nimble as once and mothers with toddlers, and baby buggies. I would challenge someone in authority to get a buggy and come round Faringdon with me to see the problem/s. There are a lot of us buggy drivers, it is time we spoke up. Get us all on the road together would be noticeable I think.
Sylvia Bowley
Vale of White Horse District Council has received a letter and a copy of the draft report from the Planning Inspectorate for fact checking. A statement from the Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council is below. The draft report will not be published at this stage as recommended by the Planning Inspectorate.

Matthew Barber, Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council said: "We have received a draft report from the Planning Inspector into the Vale's Local Plan for fact checking purposes. The contents of the report itself remain confidential until the final version is released by the Inspector. We are still on track to adopt the Local Plan at our Council meeting on 14th December."

Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan Results - 25/11/16
Number of votes = 1038
which is 18.9% of the electorate
Yes votes = 944
No votes = 94
Jane Boulton FTC

White Horse Medical Practice Appointment Situation - 25/11/16
Owing to a huge increase in demand over the previous few weeks, combined with one of our GP’s being absent due to illness, the wait for a routine appointment is more than three weeks. The number of patients on our triage call back list has risen to over 150 per day on most days. In order to try to return to a wait of about a week for an appointment and to ensure that those patients requiring more urgent medical help are seen, we will not be booking any further routine GP appointments until January.

Patients wishing to be seen by a GP should still telephone the surgery and a GP or nurse will call them back within a few hours. The GP or nurse will then discuss the problem with the patient and decide whether the patient needs to be seen today, a date in the future or whether they can be helped by the pharmacist or a home remedy.

Please be assured that every patient that needs a face to face appointment with a doctor WILL be seen. If you have an appointment already booked and decide you no longer require it, please telephone the surgery and cancel it so that someone else can be seen. There are currently 14 or more appointments per day wasted by people not attending and not cancelling. This amounts to at least 70 wasted appointments each week which is obviously exacerbating the situation.
Please note that Health Care Assistant and Practice Nurse appointments have not changed and can be booked in advance in the usual way.
Your cooperation and understanding would be greatly appreciated.
WHMP

Neighbourhood Plan. Vote today, Thursday- 24/11/16
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Neighbourhood Plan - 24/11/16
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The creation of the FNP has been a model of consultative/collaborative steps throughout - with very frequent invitations to the community for their involvement & input. Reaching consensus - especially within the confines set down by the regulations and the process - was always going to be tough. The end result is absolutely packed full of positives; and does give us quite a lot of control over our future (not total control - sorry!).
And much more control than if we didn't have a plan in place. This is as good as it gets folks. The FNP is OUR roadmap for OUR community, but to make sure that it becomes enforceable, we DO need to ensure that we encourage everyone we know to vote a big fat YES on the 24th! That's THIS Thursday. Put it in your diary. Pump house. 7am to 10pm.
It's a good plan and it really deserves your vote.
Sjoerd Vogt

Ferndale Community Choir - 23/11/16
Wednesday 23rd November
Roman Catholic Church 7pm- 8.30pm
Led by Louise Woodgate
Good time to give it a go as we're not practising for a performance at the moment- just lots of jolly singing- songs old and new, musical theatre, international folk
Gene Webb

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- developing bus routes, linking with towns other than Swindon and Oxford

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**More Information**
The Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan is available for anyone to read on [http://faringdontowncouncil.gov.uk/](http://faringdontowncouncil.gov.uk/) or in print at either the Town Council offices, The Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon SN7 7HL, Tel 01367 240281 or the Faringdon Library, The Elms, Gloucester St, Faringdon SN7 7HY. Tel 01367 240311

Steering Committee

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Re Children wearing summer clothes - 23/11/16

Mr Smith.

My Son often wears summer clothes all year round. He never feels the cold. Plays Rugby and Football in all weathers, without complaint. He doesn't wear Pyjamas as he is too warm and would wear shorts all year if allowed. He is grown up enough to know that if he doesn't wear a coat and gets soaked through then it's his own fault. They learn. Personally, what my children do, or do not wear to School is none of your business.

Grumpy Old man
Children wearing summer clothing - 22/11/16
Today it is 6 deg C, cold and raining and yet, in Coxwell Road, crowds of children are walking to school wearing summer clothing. With heads uncovered and wearing school blazers it is difficult to grasp what they are thinking about and why parents allow this type of exposure. Some boys don't even wear a jacket but are in shirtsleeves with, needless to say, shirt tails outside trousers. If pupils parents are too poor to afford good clothing and put the children’s health at risk they should be helped financially or pay, perhaps, the excellent charity shops a visit. Sitting in class in cold wet clothing cannot be conducive to good learning.
Peter Lawson-Smith

Message from the White Horse Medical practice (WHMP) - 21/11/16
The practice is experiencing extremely high demand for drs appointments. It would be very helpful if patients who don’t want their appointment ring and cancel it so that it can be used for someone else.
WHMP

Wicklesham Quarry - 20/11/16
A number of posts have included views on Wicklesham Quarry’s inclusion in the neighbourhood plan. There’s more information about background, history, and what’s next for the site at www.wickleshamquarry.com.
Tom Allen-Stevens
Owner, Wicklesham Quarry

Now available in paperback - 18/11/16
The Mad Boy, Lord Berners, My Grandmother and Me by Sofka Zinovieff (Vintage £14.99) http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/books/article-3947190/MUST-READS.html

New Group - 18/11/16
We would like to set up a 'LOCAL THERAPIST NETWORK' for all ALTERNATIVE AND COMPLIMENTARY THERAPIST working alone in the Faringdon, Wantage, Swindon, Lechlade and surrounding villages (15 mile radius of Faringdon). Whether you are a counsellor, coach, acupuncturist, chiropractor, chiropodist, rekki practitioner, reflexologist. Whatever your profession if you work with people on your own in an office or in peoples homes we would love to hear from you.
Meetings will be run once a month in Faringdon - depending on interest and members availability - meetings can be held during the day, in the evening or at weekends
BENEFITS TO PARTICIPATION
1) Networking and support from like minded professionals
2) Access to generic training
3) Referral listings
4) Listing in a Local Therapist Directory and marketing promotions
5) Share transferable knowledge, skills and experience
6) Offset meetings and training against supervision and CPD training
7) Membership costs will be kept to a minimum to cover the cost of venue and refreshments, (initially membership cost will only be payable on attendance but this may change as the benefits of membership increase).
If interested please contact -
email: pauline.beesley@outlook.com
web: http://www.paulinebeesley.com
tel: 07763016616
http://facebook.com/paulinebeesley.uk
**Dropped kerbing work inaction** - 17/11/16

I seem to remember that when Tesco came to town that in areas near to the store, kerbs were to be lowered with those knobbly slabs.

I see on my daily walks around that work has started to alter some and come to a halt! Why is this and what are the works for?

Have also noticed as I am now walking with the aid of sticks, that the Market Place area of the town is a minefield trying to trip me up. Whatever substance was used on the footpaths is breaking up badly and therefore leaves an uneven surface.

With frosts this winter, the town is going to look more of a mess than it is now. Did the planners use the same people who went on to design the Frideswide Square in Oxford?

Any chance of it getting fixed?

Colin Eddy

**It's a Mad World! Where your money goes?** - 16/11/16

Recently a neighbour had trouble with their land line. BT came out and checked it. Marked the pavement outside for someone else to dig a hole. Two workman dug hole. Three days later it was filled in. Two men came with one van to start filling in the hole, then another truck arrived with another two men with the tarmac, all before BT looked into the phone line problem. BT came on the fourth day only to discover hole was filled in! Remarked the pavement. Following week three men came to dig hole, BT came, hole in wrong place. Four men came to fill it in again. Another hole will have to be dug, hopefully in the correct place. When I asked why they were filling the hole before BT came they said it had to be filled within three days.

There seems no logic in all of this. Why does BT not have their own contractors to dig holes and fill them? Why are the men who dig the holes not the same as those that refill it?

Hopefully next week a hole will be dug the phone line repaired and the hole refilled. Job done successfully:

Name supplied

**Costcutters shop faringdon** - 16/11/16

Please be aware of items you buy as items are not being scanned and could be put through at a higher price

Name supplied

**Talk: Expedition to South Pole** - 16/11/16

The fabulous Mr Al Sylvester is giving a talk in the Pump House about his role in an expedition to the South Pole. The talk is this Thursday at 7.30pm and tickets are £5 on the door or in advance from Hare in the Woods. He is kindly donating his time and the proceeds to 1st Faringdon Scouts.

Thank you Al!

Faringdon's employment growth

**Neighbourhood Plan** - 16/11/16

To the contributor who asks- if we don't use Wicklesham Quarry as an industrial estate- where will new employment go? Let me make a couple of points. First, around half the working population work in jobs & sectors that do not require allocated 'employment land'. Schools, colleges, health centres, shops, hotels, leisure industries, restaurants, sports centres, local government, construction industry, care industry, home workers, agriculture, many offices, etc- are not on 'employment land'.

These sectors grow naturally in relation to population growth, through demand, & they do not need allocated 'employment land'. 'Employment land' is for manufacturing, industry and logistics, and some office use- i.e. B2, B8 & some B1.

So first there is a need to properly understand how jobs are generated- and whether or not they
have a land use implication. That's the first point, and one not recognized at all by Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan, which sees new residents as having to have jobs 'created' for them on new employment land.

Second, independent employment land reviews (ELRs) are carried out and regularly reviewed by independent, professional consultants URS Ltd for the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plans, on the basis of which the Vale makes employment land allocations.

Anna Hoare

**Policy 4.5B Wicklesham Quarry from Neighbourhood Plan - 15/11/16**
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vi) employment proposals should incorporate measures to provide access to the protected site for the visiting public.

Ed

**Neighbourhood Plan- 15/11/16**
There is a substantial jump in Faringdon's population with all the new housing and already traffic is backed up in the morning with people trying to leave Faringdon to get to work - and this is before the houses have been built. Surely we want to see more employment opportunities at Faringdon, but if the employment isn't at Wicklesham Quarry, where else will it go?

Name supplied

**Planning permission- Wicklesham Quarry- 15/11/16**
I must disagree with the anonymous contributor who states that whether Wicklesham Quarry is in the Neighbourhood Plan or not will make 'no difference' to whether or not it is developed. You are of course right that anyone can make a planning application any time. And it is widely known that the Vale of White Horse District Council has refused to include Wicklesham Quarry in the Local Plan since the owner began to promote it from 2008. So it has had no chance at all of getting planning consent for industrial use up to now.
In fact it is the County Council, not VWHDC, that would determine any planning application, since the land has been under minerals planning use. The County Council will remain responsible for some years, since neither the restoration nor aftercare have been carried out, in contravention of planning conditions.
The County Council has stated that if the quarry was allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan as industrial land, then they would be likely to grant it planning permission. These are publicly available facts.
How people vote is a personal decision, but it is simply untrue to say that the inclusion of Wicklesham Quarry in the Neighbourhood Plan is irrelevant to its future use. The inclusion of this policy is absolutely crucial to the landowner's ambitions to use the site for industrial warehousing.

Anna Hoare
**HUGE THANKYOU - 15/11/16**
I'd like to say a big thankyou to the kind person who found my wallet, dropped by me in the street, and went to quite some effort to locate me and return it intact while I was in the library providing some iPad training.

I have a reasonably optimistic view of people - it is even more so after this!

Thanks again

Tony

Name and address supplied

**Neighbourhood Plan - 15/11/16**
The District Council has made it quite clear that the Plan has to go to referendum exactly in the form approved by the Independent Examiner, even though there are minor things that are out-of-date. So it cannot be changed at this stage.

Also, I understand that if the Plan is defeated there will be no opportunity to submit it again, so Faringdon will lose out permanently.

Name supplied

**Neighbourhood plan - 15/11/16**
I have been following the ups and downs of this debate with interest. So far it seems that a single issue is polarizing the discussion - Wicklesham quarry. Now there is nothing wrong with a local landowner being involved in neighbourhood planning. This is encouraged by government guidelines, For me it seems that the problem is with localism in a context where there is a wider interest and context. Is it worth possibly losing what is seen by some as a valuable ecological and geological site for the benefit of a single town. I'm not sure at the moment. Is 25% worth more than 15 % in that context? The most impartial view I have found so far is the inspectors report on the NP see [http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans/faringdon-neighbourhood](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans/faringdon-neighbourhood)

Still thinking it over....

Name supplied

**Neighbourhood Plan - 13/11/16**
As far as I can see there are 2 certainties about the Neighbourhood plan

1. We get more money from developers (25% instead of 15%) to spend in Faringdon.

2. VWHDC, Oxford CC and Faringdon Town Council will be legally obliged to use the document when considering planning applications. Developers will use it too- if only to give them a better chance of approval. It becomes part of the statutory development plan, alongside the Local plan that VWHDC produce and gives a better chance that the development of Faringdon will be nearer to that which the many local residents who took part in the project want.

It's not perfect but I believe Faringdon will be better with it than without it

Gene Webb

**Vacancy for a Town Councillor - 13/11/16**
Contact the Town Council. 01367 240281.

If a bye-election is not needed the Town Council will co opt another councillor

Ed
**Commemoration** - 13/11/16
During this last week of Remembrance, several wooden crosses have appeared beside the stone at the entrance to Haynes Close commemorating the sacrifice made by George William and Oliver Mark in the Great War 1914 to 1918.
On behalf of the Haynes family, I would like to thank those who placed them there and also the residents of the Close for the continued upkeep of the garden around the stone.
A fitting tribute and a nice gesture Thank you
Dennis Haynes

**Re: Wicklesham Quarry** - 13/11/16
I've been following the posts on "I Live in Faringdon" Facebook page (I'm not on Facebook myself so can't post) and I'm getting a very strong impression that people think that voting against the Neighbourhood Plan will prevent development of Wicklesham Quarry. The truth is that voting either for or against the NP will absolutely not make any difference to whether or not Wicklesham Quarry is developed in the future. Anyone can make a planning application on any piece of land and it will judged on it's merits by The Vale of the White Horse Planning Committee
Name Supplied

**Free Parking** - 13/11/16
You can park for free in district council car parks all day on the following days (you don’t have to display a ticket during these times):

- Abingdon: Saturdays - from 26 November to 24 December
- Faringdon: 3, 6, 9 and 17 December
- Wantage: Fridays - 2, 9, 16 and 23 December

VWHDC

**Tesco Bags of Life grants** - 12/11/16
Have just voted in Tescos. The choice was 2 Long Wittenham projects, and 1 in Wantage - no Faringdon one to choose.
What a shame
L Valley

**Tesco grant, Faringdon Folly** - 11/11/16
I wonder how and from where that rumour arose. It is absolutely groundless.
For information.
Some of the Tesco grant has been spent on:

- bramble clearance ready for planting
- Replacement Giant pie, more chainsaw sculptures, more bird boxes
- Over the winter mature trees will be inspected and any remedial action taken.
- More trees and shrubs will be planted.

Considerable clearance has been carried out by volunteers.
To spend the grant money the work needs to be thought through, planned, priced, discussed with contractors, overseen, checked when done, bills paid- all done by volunteers
Friend of the Folly
Re Folly tower woodland Tesco grant - 11/11/16
I can't believe that there is any truth in this information but I expect that someone from the Folly Tower organisation will respond.
I ask this anonymous contributor to let us know the source of this scurrilous rumour.
I'm also very suspicious when such comments are made and the name is withheld!
Alfie Shotton - alfieshotton80@gmail.com

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Re: Wicklesham Quarry - 11/11/16
Having read the neighbourhood plan, there seems to be no intention to fill the quarry with warehouses as keeps being repeated; as I understand it, any planning application, if approved, will have to protect the SSSI and meet any conditions imposed by Natural England.
Name supplied

Folly tower woodland Tesco grant - 11/11/16
Is there any truth in the rumour that the £10,000 awarded to the folly woodland ISN'T being spent on trees or other tangible products, but is being spent on ADVISOR's instead?
Don't see that being a good way to spend the money on lining someone's pocket rather than trees and educational goods.
Name Supplied

Wicklesham and Coxwells Pits SSSI - 10/11/16
For anyone interested in seeing what the area of the Site of Special Scientific Interest actually is, below is a link to the European Nature Information System (EUNIS) record, which records that it covers 12.78ha or over 31 acres.
http://eunis.eea.europa.eu/sites/137106

Wicklesham Quarry is also part of West Oxfordshire Heights Conservation Target Area (CTA). The aim of CTAs is "to restore biodiversity at a landscape-scale through the maintenance, restoration and creation of BAP priority habitats."
CTAs "cover 17% of the land area of Oxfordshire but contain 85% of the mapped UK BAP priority habitat and 83% of all records of UK BAP priority species".

The suggestion that Wicklesham Quarry could only be "useful" if filled with warehouses reveals a
poor appreciation of our threatened natural environment, and of legal duties to protect it under the 
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.
The responsibility of those who profit from the damage caused by quarrying is to restore them, in 
accordance with planning conditions.
Anna Hoare

Re: Wicklesham Quarry - 9/11/16
As far as I can see in the Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan, the SSSI of the quarry is very protected 
by legislation. The base of the quarry has no fossils left in it and is bedrock of no particular 
interest.
I can see no reason why the base can't be used for some useful purpose.
Green Witch

Barbers in town - 9/11/16
So we are very privileged to have 3 quality barber shops in Faringdon, that's not a bad thing as 
long as the rates are competitive it will attract the newcomers and even local villagers to our town 
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scissors but guitars!!
Happy days
Jim

Wicklesham Crowd Justice Appeal - first target met - 9/11/16
Thank you to everyone who has supported the CrowdJustice Appeal to Protect Wicklesham 
Quarry from Development, whether by making a donation or helping to spread the word. The 
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If you have any questions or comments, or wish to make a donation, please get in touch 
at protectwicklesham@gmail.com. Thank you again for helping me to protect this unique and 
important site!
Anna Hoare

Referendum vote - 7/11/16
My poll card says there is no need to have it with you when you vote.
It also says you can apply for a postal vote - they need to receive it by 5pm Wed 9th or completed 
applications for a proxy vote by 5pm 16th November
Vale of the White Horse www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk 01235 422528
Ed

Tesco Car Park - 6/11/16
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  - improve pedestrian and cycle paths both within the town and beyond
  - developing bus routes, linking with towns other than Swindon and Oxford

- **Conservation Area**: Changes should conserve or enhance the Conservation Area and historic town centre

**More Information**
The Faringdon Neighbourhood Plan is available for anyone to read on [http://faringdontowncouncil.gov.uk/](http://faringdontowncouncil.gov.uk/) or in print at either the Town Council offices, The Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon SN7 7HL, Tel 01367 240281 or the Faringdon Library, The Elms, Gloucester St, Faringdon SN7 7HY. Tel 01367 240311

**Steering Committee**

**Neighbourhood Plan Voting - 5/11/16**
I seem to have mislaid my Poll card for the vote on 24th November. Can I still vote?
Name Supplied

**Boots the chemist - 5/11/16**
Thanks for the advice about Faringdon Pharmacy, will change chemist and get my prescription from them.
Christine Woodruff

**Boots the chemist - 5/11/16**
Yes - I'm having similar problems with their monthly prescriptions service. Their text system is not working and as a result I nearly ran out of pills.
Shame to see a trusted company let their customers down like this; I'm switching to the London Street pharmacy.
Name supplied.

**Ferndale School- auction of equipment - 5/11/16**
All sorts of equipment - musical instruments, table, chairs, kitchen, cleaning, computers, projectors, furniture, play equipment, toys, garden furniture +++
https://www.eddisons.com/online-auctions#!/auction-catalogues/eddisons/catalogue-id-eddiso10111?page=2&pageSize=60#0107d928-54ba-4a32-8712-a6a3010a49e1
Ends 07 Nov 2016 12:00 GMT

**Mindfulness & Meditation Class - 4/11/16**
Friday’s 7pm - 8pm. The Jubilee Room, The Pump House, Market Place, Faringdon. email: pauline.beesley@outlook.com Tel: 07763016616 http://www.paulinebeesley.com
£6.00 per session per person
Concessions for people on benefits
DISABLED access

**Faringdon Pharmacy - 4/11/16**
Great service from Faringdon Pharmacy. I just go in when I only have pills left for a day or two and the next prescription is always ready.
Just tell the Health Centre that’s where you’d like your prescription sent. Gene Webb
Re Boots the chemist. - 4/11/16
Have used them in the past and found them unreliable and quite time consuming. Instead, since it opened on London Street I have used the Faringdon Pharmacy. James and his colleague in there do a far better job than Boots do. Better service, longer opening hours and a friendly chap. What more do you need? Try it. Nothing to lose.
Colin Eddy

Boots the chemist. - 3/11/16
Is anyone else having problems with them and their monthly prescriptions service, they used to send me a text promptly when my monthly prescription was ready, but these days I have to ring them to find out where my prescription is, then say they haven't had it back, so ring the doctors they say they sent it to Boots a week ago, no wonder the Health Centre are sick of all of the phone calls and people chasing their prescriptions etc., this used to be a very reliable services but this last few of months it is hopeless, what is going on. I know the NHS are suffering at the moment but Boots do get paid for offering this service to patients.
Name supplied.

Challow Rail Bridge - 2/11/16
According to Ed Vaizey’s regular news email, Network Rail have changed their plans for work on Challow Rail Bridge on the A417 to reduce disruption.
Instead of the proposed two week closure, the work will now take place between 22:00 hours on Friday 18 November and 06:00 hours on Monday 21 November, and between the same hours the following weekend (i.e. 25 to 28 November).
A diversionary route has also been agreed with Oxfordshire County Council during these times, and Network Rail will ensure that pedestrian access is maintained at all times.
Name supplied

Bikes - 2/11/16
Can you believe these people. We have a great service in this bike repair shop a well needed facility. And it is spoilt by idiots.
Hope that the insurance will pay for the bikes.
Why not set up support fund online to help pay for the 2 bikes.
Dee England

VOTE FOR US-Buckland School, Faringdon, needs your vote. - 1/11/16
Buckland CofE Primary School, near Faringdon, entered the Aviva Community Fund to win funds for an improved cycle/scooter area at the front of the school. Please vote for us. It takes literally one minute of your time to vote for our bike area project. A quick registration (name and email) and 10 votes each. We would love to see our votes getting closer over 1000 as we need as many votes as we can get for a chance to get the grant for proper cycle / scooter parking. Please note that you don't need to have an Aviva insurance and this does not does not commit you to anything with Aviva but could help us get the funding.
Thank you and don’t forget to share with your friends and family.
Kindest regards,
Buckland CofE primary School
https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-2693

Public Consultation re Daytime Support for vulnerable people - 1/11/16
You may be aware, Oxfordshire County Council has carried out a review of daytime support for people aged over 18 in Oxfordshire. The review focused on understanding the needs of vulnerable people for daytime support, specifically support to meet eligible care needs and support that
prevents care needs escalating. Its purpose was to help the council to develop future options for daytime support that meet people’s needs, and the council’s statutory responsibilities, within the current financial resources.

As a result of the review we are proposing a new model for daytime support and a number of options for delivering this which we are now consulting on.

**Public Consultation**

The public consultation will run from **Tuesday 1 November at 9am until 9am on Tuesday 20 December 2016**. A recommendation on the county council’s future of daytime support and approach to delivering this will be made by Cabinet in January 2017, for a final decision by Council in February 2017.

Supporting documentation for the consultation, together with the online questionnaire can be found at [https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/daytimesupport](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/daytimesupport) once the consultation has launched at 9am on Tuesday 1st November. There are various consultation activities taking place, including three workshops for carers and people who use daytime support, both funded and not funded by the County Council, and also other organisations who may wish to contribute to the consultation, including volunteer and community groups. These will take place in the following venues:

**Monday 21st November**  Didcot Civic Hall 10.30 am – 12.30pm  
**Tuesday 22nd November**  West Oxford Community Centre 12.30 pm – 2.30pm  
**Wednesday 23rd November**  Banbury Town Hall 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

We welcome your views on the proposals. Please can we also ask that you pass this information about the consultation onto residents in your area (poster attached).

**Further Information**