

Waste and recycling - 30/12/17

I heard something on the radio about contaminated recycling. Thought I'd have a check to see whether I was putting all the right things in my recycling. I wasn't.

It seems there's a whole load of things that look like plastic, or paper but cannot be recycled.

I had been putting things in recycling if I wasn't sure. Have stopped doing that now

It is not always clear on packaging whether it recycles or not.

I found out:

- Recycling material collected in the green wheelie bin is sent to Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Edmonton in London. Here the recycling is sorted and sold onto reprocessing companies.
- Rubbish gets burned and turned into energy (At Ardley, Middleton Stoney, OX27 7AA) <https://viridor.co.uk/our-operations/energy/energy-recovery-facilities/ardley-erf/>
- Food waste goes for anaerobic digestion (becomes fertilizer) at Crowmarsh Gifford Wallingford . <https://www.agrivert.co.uk/food-waste-recycling/learn-about-anaerobic-digestion>

Some leaflets that look useful

[What happens to stuff I put in my bins](#)

[What happens to my waste - Oxfordshire](#)

Vale of White Horse's recycling statistics can be found via this website <http://www.wastedataflow.org/> which is available to the general public to view- I didn't get anything from this- too difficult

Anyone else got any info ?

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'Read all about it'- 22/12/17

Newsletter from the Town Council on faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/?section=1

Interesting info- flag competition, meeting, the Nativity, Childrens Centre, Markets next year, 800th anniversary of our Market Charter

Design a flag to celebrate Faringdon's 800th Market Charter Anniversary. - 22/12/17

The chosen design will be flown over Faringdon to mark this very special year.

aringdon Town Council invites residents to submit a design for our Market Charter flag. The flag will be the symbol for our anniversary year.

The flag should:

- Honour Faringdon's past, celebrate our present and our future
- Have a simplicity of design and clarity of colour
- Be easily recognisable and distinctive
- Be designed to be flown – and so should be identifiable when in movement and when at rest
- Be on A4 or A3 paper
- Can be hand drawn or digitally produced.

Your design can be submitted in the following ways:

- By email to sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk
- By hand to: The Information Centre, 5 Market Place, Faringdon
- By Post to: Sally Thurston, Faringdon Town Council, 5 Market Place, Faringdon, SN7 7HL

This competition is open to all residents of Faringdon of all ages.

Closing date: 31st January 2018 Winner announced: 5th February 2018 Flag raised: 6th March 2018

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The Folly woodland- 21/12/17

The heavy snow last week caused a good deal of damage to the trees at the Folly. Some big limbs were broken and lots of smaller branches came down. A group of 6 Friends of the Folly have collected it together and piled it up round the perimeter.

Thanks to all those who have helped

The path to the Folly was obstructed by fallen limbs. These have now been cleared by Faringdon Town Council, Sudbury House and I think Oxfordshire County Council.

Be careful when walking on this path- it is very slippery due to the soggy decomposing leaves on the tarmac. VWHDC were first contacted in October, when most leaves had fallen, and many times since. It has yet to be cleaned.

Gene Webb

Beware- slippery mud on Coxwell Road - 21/12/17

Be very careful driving along the road near the Fernham Fields housing development. The lorries are leaving a considerable amount of mud on the road- very slippery in these damp conditions.

The contractors are meant to clean up at the end of every day (and take care during the course of the day)

Judith Heathcoat, our County Councillor, is on the case

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The Star- 19/12/17

Lovely to see the star on top of the folly.

Mary Beck

White Horse Practice patient group- 16/12/17

You can find the minutes of the December patient group meeting (and previous ones)

on <http://www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/meetings--events.html>

The Autumn Newsletter can be found on www.whitehorsepracticeppg.org.uk/news--your-views.html. The next one will be Spring 2018

Thankyou Tesco- 15/12/17

Thank you to all of the Tesco customers who kindly donated to our annual bag pack on Saturday-we raised an amazing £273.13!

Thanks also to Tesco for supporting your local Scout group!

Alex Molton

Changes to Faringdon.org- 15/12/17

I've had a go at changing this website so that it works better on mobile devices. It was mostly about changing layout so that the important info appears first and pictures are below

Hope it's better

Ed

Faringdon Nativity Slideshow - 13/12/17

In the [Photos and maps section on this site](#)

Thankyou Anna

The Camels- a video clip- 12/12/17

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKzCx5YV76l&feature=youtu.be>

Thankyou Keira

Miss Towns. Headmistress- 12/12/17

I have some sad news to pass on: I have heard from her nephew that Miss A J (Joan) Towns Headmistress of Faringdon County Grammar School for Girls in the 1950s, 60s and 70s passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 2, 2017, aged 102 years.

Miss Towns' Funeral will be at 12 noon on Wednesday 20th December at St Peter's Church, Leiston Road, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk. IP16 4RX. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the adjacent Jubilee Hall - Anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, made payable to Farthing Funeral Service Ltd. Client Donations Account (to be divided between Digestive Disorders Foundation, Suffolk and St. Peters Church Theberton) may be sent to Farthing Funeral Service, 650 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4PW.

Ivor Hunt

Recycling advice THE RECYCLING ASSOCIATION ADVISES IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT WHEN RECYCLING AT HOME- 11/12/2017

If in doubt, throw it out when recycling at home says the UK recycling industry.

The Recycling Association is providing this simple advice because the public are often unsure whether household items are recyclable or not.

Packaging is becoming increasingly complex, while local authorities can have completely different collection schemes compared to neighbouring ones adding to the confusion.

But The Recycling Association is saying that you should always recycle **clean, single material plastics, paper, metal cans and glass in your recycling bin.**

If an item of packaging is made of multiple materials and you aren't sure whether it can be recycled or not, it is better to put it into your general waste bin than your recycling bin.

This is because almost one fifth of the material collected for recycling from households is material that cannot currently be recycled.

The Recycling Association chief executive Simon Ellin said: "Some people may think they should put it in the recycling just in case it can be recycled and do the right thing. But often, this can lead to more contamination of the materials that can genuinely be recycled. "So our advice to people is *If in doubt, throw it out* as that is better than putting the wrong items in the recycling bin."

This has been backed up by a survey undertaken by The Recycling Association that found that the public know you can recycle the simplest household items, but get confused when the products are more complex.

For more information, contact: The Recycling Association chief executive Simon Ellin on 07970 549 536 or Adrienne Robins at Hanicke Robins Sanderson on 07855 643094 or Paul Sanderson at Hanicke Robins Sanderson on 0774 778 5980

- The survey was undertaken between 23 and 28 November. 57 independent people were interviewed about their recycling habits. All of them said that they recycled at home.

- 17% of material sent to Scottish materials recycling facilities was contamination <https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/306565/materials-recovery-code-the-quality-of-recyclables-processed-at-mrfs-in-scotland.pdf>

VWHDC said 'we always advise to check our literature and website for information on whether something is recyclable if you are unsure. Due to issues with contamination we do advise that if you are really unsure if an item is recyclable or not to place it in the black/grey refuse bin and not the green recycling bin.

If there are any specific items you want clarification on please get in touch'

[What can be recycled by VWHDC](#)

CANNOT be [recycled by VWHDC](#)

Medical Centre car park- 11/12/17

Message from WHMP 'We are trying our best to clear the car park today but the icy conditions forecast for tomorrow may mean that we are forced to close the car park. Please be prepared to park nearby and walk.'

Faringdon Nativity- 9/12/17

It was brilliant- so very well done.

There are many photos on facebook. I'm hoping to have a link to them on this site- for non facebook users

Ed

The draft locality plans for GP practices and primary care in Oxfordshire.available for comment- 7/12/17

These are now published and available for comment until 17 December. Each Plan identifies the priorities of the local area and outlines ways to make GP services more sustainable and responsive to patient's needs With health and care services under significant pressure no single GP practice or provider organisation has one solution. However the draft plan maps out how GP practices can work together and with other providers to ensure sustainability and improvements in patient care.

We are grateful for all the patient feedback and to those who have engaged and helped us to develop the plans thus far. We would now like to hear your views on the ideas and proposals in each of the Locality place based plans for Oxfordshire. To read the place based plan for each of the Localities in Oxfordshire and to take part in the surveys, please click on the link below:

South West (Faringdon, Wantage, Abingdon, Didcot and surrounding villages): <https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/SWLocalityPlan/consultationHome>

Here you will find a link to the plan and details of how you can comment.

Following this second phase of engagement we will collate and analyse all the feedback and input into the final plans. A final engagement report will be published alongside the plans in January 2018.

Post office improvement/Lloyds closure - 6/12/17

Lloyds closure was predicted long ago and I would have been more than happy to take on the extra workload at the post office. McColls made a mistake letting me go. I Loved my job in McColls and helping the community. For 6 years I earned less than £7 an hour and I was rarely rewarded for my loyalty or paid overtime by my employers - The work was stressful at times but helping the customers satisfied me always. I personally thought I was doing a rather good job as manager. If I wasn't then I apologise.
Julie Leach

The Faringdon Town Nativity- this Friday- 8th, 6pm- 5/12/17

This Christmas, for one night only, the centre of Faringdon will be transformed into Bethlehem!

Faringdon Town Council has partnered with Faringdon Dramatic Society, Faringdon All Saints', Faringdon Baptist Church and many other local organisations and community members in order to create a spectacular nativity for everyone to come and see.

The Faringdon Town Nativity will take place on Friday 8th December, in the market square at 6pm and will include live acting, live singing, spectacular lightning and sound, beautiful lanterns, a donkey and three real camels!

The event is free and open to all and we do hope you can join us to share this wonderful event.

[See the poster](#)

Lloyds Bank Closure - 4/12/17

The truth is Lloyds do not care ! their response to a petition will be to park the "Lloyds Mobile Bank" in the square 3 times a week. Sorry but we went through the same thing in Highworth. Your only course of action is to close your account, not ideal but that is what we did in protest.

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Lloyds Bank closure petition - 3/12/17

The news of the closure of Lloyds Bank is I think a step too far for our town. This is a valuable, well used service in our community. The alternatives are not great and will not be available to many people currently using the bank so I think that we should take action to get Lloyds to reconsider this decision. I have set up an online petition (link below) please do sign and tell your friends.

Many thanks

<http://www.getpetition.com/petitions/stop-closure-lloyds-bank-faringdon>

Sally Fox

Post Office improvement - 1/12/17

With Lloyds bank closing. Which is such a shame. Can anything be done to improve the post Office. There is only one serving. Always a queue because of this. Why with a growing town are Faringdon services useless.

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ED: Maybe it's worth telling McColls about the quality of the service at the Post Office. You can do it online via a contact form <http://www.mccolls.co.uk/customer-service.aspx> or phone 01277 376374 Mon to Fri

Consideration for cyclists. - 1/12/17

Please, please could car drivers give a little consideration to cyclists. Not all of us are lycra clad leisure / lifestyle cyclists, some use the humble push-bike as a means of transport. I would plead with drivers that they dip their headlights when they see a cyclist - we also has eyes and if we hit pot holes, etc it tends to hurt. If you dazzle us we can't see quite as well! Odd that! Of course there are some 'cyclists' that don't help themselves, but don't tar us all with the same brush. Some of us have proper lights set up correctly so they don't annoy others and don't feel we have more right to the road than other users.

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