

Wantage Independent Advice Centre- rebranding - 17/12/19

My name is Roddy and I am undertaking a project for Wantage Independent Advice Centre (WIAC). You may have heard of us already, but if you haven't, here, in a nutshell is what our charity offers the residents of Vale of the White Horse:

- Good Neighbour Scheme; befriending, help with paperwork, small household tasks, assisted shopping
- Transport Scheme; hospital and doctor's appointments, day centre drop off and collect
- Free Independent Advice; drop in service available 10-3.30 Mon-Fri covering a range of topics such as debt counselling, benefits, employment rights, free legal surgeries by appt

Led by our expert team of staff, the majority of this help in our community is undertaken by volunteers! Partly due to our current charitable name, we are not as visible as we'd like to be in the West of the Vale. We are working on a rebrand and rename to ensure we reflect our inclusive service is "In the Vale For the Vale"

I would be delighted to hear

- whether you would like to learn more about our services and how your group/ residents might benefit from them
- if any residents or groups might like to volunteer in the West of the Vale so we can further deploy our established systems and infrastructure to benefit more residents in the Vale
- how you may like to develop resident's needs and for us to understand what may benefit your community or group

WIAC are hosting a drop in/ drop out 'get to know us session' at **Watchfield Village Hall between 4 and 7pm on the 23 Jan 2020**, and we'd love to see you there.

Please let me know by Fri 10 January 2020 if you or a representative will be joining us.

There will be two very short presentations by Wantage Independent Advice Centre at 4.30pm and 6pm outlining our work.

We will be thrilled to meet with you to answer any questions, queries or concerns.

If this doesn't work for you, please do let me know as we really value your thoughts and would like for your voice to be heard.

If you think we should be spreading the word to another community group, committee or agency, please do email me and let me know,

Roddy Bedford

Project Manager Project West

Wantage Independent Advice Centre, 16 Market Place, Wantage, OX12 8AE

Email: help@wantageadvice.org.uk

380 houses to be built in Faringdon!!!! - 17/12/19

Where are the residents going to work? There is no work employment in Faringdon, let me guess they're going to be traveling to either Oxford or Swindon. That's good for climate change.

Well done Vale of White Horse for ruining Faringdon. Good job. Oh and for more trouble people going into the social houses the crime will go up 60%.

Moan over Faringdon resident of sixty years.

Housing South of Park Road- Permission to build given - 16/12/19

Application proposal, including any amendments :

Hybrid application for the demolition of existing building/structures and the comprehensive redevelopment of Land South of Park Road, Faringdon, comprising up to 380 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) including affordable homes, provision of an Extra Care facility (Use Class C2 or C3), the provision of land for a school (Use Class D1), vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access from Park Road and Sands Hill, parking, public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage, and other associated works:

'Phase 1' (Full details): 103 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), access and parking, public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage, parking and other associated works. Outline: Up to 277 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), *Extra Care Facility* (Use Class C3 or C2), *land for a school* (Use Class D1), access and parking, public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage, parking and other associated work with all matters reserved. (As amended by plans and documents received on 11 October 2017, 15 February 2018, 13 August 2018, 29 November 2018 and clarified by updated plans received 25 July 2019)

S106 sums to support Cricket, tennis, football, Leisure centre gym, GP surgery, Bowls Club, Sensory Garden, Pump House can be found on pages 19 and 20 of the legal agreement on <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/V1082/O#exactine>

Thomas: Watchfield - 16/12/19

I would like to comment on your recent Thomas The Tank tour to Watchfield. I appreciate the work that is required to put on this show for the Children and adults alike

The children and adults were extremely disappointed that the Music didn't fit the spirit of Christmas, How about a Christmas carol that I am sure would lift the spirit of the local Community.

Thank you for your efforts, they are appreciated.

Brian Smith

Online Training course: Counter Terrorism - 16/12/19

An award-winning counter terrorism training course is being made available to the public for the first time and Thames Valley Police want you to sign up and help protect the UK.

Devised by CT officers and security experts, the [ACT Awareness e-Learning package](#) was previously only available to staff working in crowded places like shopping centres and entertainment venues.

Now Counter Terrorism Policing has decided to open up the training to anyone who wants to become a CT Citizen so they can learn how to spot the signs of suspicious behaviour and understand what to do in the event of a major incident.

The programme was originally devised in partnership with retail giant Marks and Spencer - and participants needed to be signed up by their employers. Today the online learning is available free of charge to anyone who wants to take part.

The decision to offer the training to the public was not made in response to the recent attack in London. However, the tragic events which took place just 10 days ago, when two people lost their lives to terrorism, were a stark reminder of the ongoing threat and the need for vigilance.

"ACT Awareness e-Learning is especially useful for anyone working in or regularly visiting crowded places," says Detective Chief Superintendent Richard List.

"We developed each stage alongside industry experts and to date over one and a half million modules have been completed.

"The course has been so popular, with nine out of 10 users saying they would recommend it, we want to open it up to as many people as possible.

"The threat level remains at Substantial – meaning an attack is likely - so giving everyone the chance to be extra eyes and ears for police and local security teams help to keep all communities across the Thames Valley safe.

"The festive period is obviously a very busy one – so this is a good time to join up and become a CT Citizen."

ACT Awareness is made up of seven modules that take a few minutes each to complete. You can pause and re-join at any time. In total it takes just 45 minutes – so less than an hour of your time could help to prevent an attack or help save lives if one was to happen.

The course is hosted by online training specialists Highfield. To register and start learning, [click here](#).

Post Office unreliable.- 12/12/19

I too have been most disappointed with my recent visits to the Post Office. Since this year's changes it is not possible to go there for any form of service with confidence as to the likely outcome. Queues are often long, the staff look under stress, procedures keep changing and equipment frequently fails. I have now given up on having parcels delivered there for collection as some have gone missing and for those that do arrive the the staff make the process of collecting them increasingly difficult as if they want to discourage this part of their business. I will use Swan Lane for this in future. The opening hours are less convenient, but the service is most efficient.

Name Supplied

TRAFFIC REGULATION NOTICE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984- 11/12/19

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, that the Oxfordshire County Council

TEMPORARILY PROHIBITS THE USE OF THE HIGHWAY BY ALL MOTOR VEHICLES

LOCATION: Faringdon, Thrupp Turn

REASON: To facilitate replacement of BT Openreach telegraph poles

DURATION: Starting on 3 February 2020

The anticipated completion date is 6 February 2020 (date included). The closure will operate between 08:00 and 18:00 daily.

(Traffic Regulation Notices cover a maximum of 5 consecutive days.)

ACCESS: Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works

SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: From Radcot -Radcot Road > Church Street > Market Place > London Street > A420 and vice versa

From Littleworth A420 > London Street > Market Place > Church Street > Radcot Road and vice versa

Click on the link below to see the alternative routes in the map: [Faringdon - Thrupp Turn road closure](#)

Post Office woes...again.- 7/12/19

Please is anyone reading this in any position to explain why there was no-one available to man the Post Office

counter at around midday on Saturday 7th. We were told that it would be just for "about 30 minutes" but this soon became "for quite a long time". And then Post Office counters everywhere in the land close at 12.30 anyway on Saturdays, so our level of frustration was raised even further. Add to that the fact that the DIY machine ran out of the bar-coded stickers needed before you can send anything. I'm off to Shrivenham or Lechlade or Highworth from now on.

What IS going on? Does anyone know?
Dorothy Garrett

ORAFRIO Jewellers - MASSIVE STOCK CLEARANCE- 4/12/19

UP TO 50% OFF EVERYTHING!!

All Semi-Precious Stones, Pearls, Amber, Silver, Gold and more.

Only available while stock last.

Opening Time: 10:00-15:30 WED-SAT

Tel: 01367 244615

4A Market Place Faringdon

Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize - 22/11/19

The Ridgeway – the oldest road in Britain – historically was a trackway providing a reliable trading route from the Dorset coast along the chalk Downs to the Wash in Norfolk. Today it is not only the oldest road but is also a wonderful resource for all the communities that live along its route, where all can enjoy walking, riding or just being there.

The Friends of The Ridgeway have established an annual arts competition and prize – the Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize. For 2020, it will be held in April 2020 with an exhibition in Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington on Saturday and Sunday 18 – 19 April 2020 and a second exhibition in the Chilterns the following weekend. The aim of the competition is to bring The Ridgeway to life not only as a long distance trail but also as an artistic inspiration, and to show The Ridgeway, its history and environs, in all their aspects throughout all seasons. The theme of the competition is '*Spirit of the Ridgeway*'.

The main points of the prize competition are:

- There will be separate classes for painting, sculpture (including ceramics and textiles) , photography and writing (poetry or prose);
- Competition is open to all, amateur and professional artists;
- Art work submitted must be produced in the 24 months prior to closing date;
- The results of the competition will be announced and prizes awarded at the Ridgeway Friends Day planned for 19 April 2020;
- The closing date for entries shall be one month prior to the Ridgeway Friends Day (i.e. 19 March 2020);
- The full rules of the competition are given in a separate document.

All entrants will receive one year's membership of The Friends of The Ridgeway Each category winner will receive a keeper prize plus £100. The overall winner will receive a keeper prize plus £250 and a trophy.

To enter applicants should contact The Friends of The Ridgeway. Entrants need to complete the Entry Form and submit it with their art work.

Why not seek artistic inspiration from the Ridgeway and then, through the Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize, share it with all those that love and value the Ridgeway?

<https://www.ridgewayfriends.org.uk/swire-ridgeway-arts-prize/>

Faringdon Library want to know..... 19/11/19

... what improvements you would like to see at the library

- new books
- equipment
- workspace
- community activity space
- better children's area

- or something else???

There is over £100k S106 money being held by Oxford County Council (since 2013) that must be spent on the library within the next 2/3 years else it must be returned to the developer.

Email faringdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk to tell them what you think.

I haven't discovered any timescales for this, so best respond pdq.

Lost phone - 15/11/19

Has anyone found a small blue Nokia phone in town
berylatkin@aol.com

Youth grants available - 15/11/19

Faringdon Youth Grant programme is still open and we are inviting everyone to send their application. Please note that the applications dead line is now the 22nd of November. Attached to this email you should find the Youth Funding application form and the Policy document. If you think your organization has something to offer to young and vulnerable people living in Faringdon please get in touch. Should you have any question or run into any problem you can reach out at marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Farmer Gow's, Fernham Road, Longcot, Faringdon, SN7 7PR- 13/11/19

10am - 5pm, see website for late night opening

Farmer Gow's Christmas Tree Barn is OPEN for pot grown trees. Cut trees available from 21 November.

- Thanksgiving & Christmas Meats
- Farmer Gow's Firewood

T: 01793 780 555

W: www.farmergows.co.uk

E: enquiries@farmergows.co.uk

Taxi needed - 9/11/19

I am disabled and finding so difficult to get a taxi! I'll leave a message asking for them to return my call to let me know whether they are able to pick me up or not but they don't. Could somebody from White Horse Private Hire (who I would prefer as the driver is female) please tell me what I have to do to get a taxi! If they don't want my business then please just be courteous & tell me
Name supplied

Free Parking in the Vale - 9/11/19

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2019/2019-11/free-parking-run-christmas>

- Faringdon – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)
- Wantage – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)
- Abingdon – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS-ON FESTIVE FARINGDON Saturday 30th November- 7/11/19

Market Square from 2.00pm, Santa arrival 2.30pm, Lights-On at 5.30pm

Father Christmas in his grotto, Thomas the Tank Engine, Wantage Silver Band, street entertainers, Fairground all rides £1, Punch & Judy, craft stalls, Christmas Fayre in the Corn Exchange

Further information: faringdonrotarylightson@gmail.com or 07860 304070

The Rotary Club of Faringdon & District supported by Faringdon Town Council

www.faringdonrotaryclub.org www.facebook.com/faringdon.rotary

Faringdon Christmas and Young traders Market,- Stalls available - 5/11/19

We are now inviting everyone to book their stall. The event will take place on Saturday 7th December at 10.00-14.00. Could you please share this information to your group members?

The event is free for young traders and £ 5.00 for local traders.

Should you have any question or run into any problem you can reach out at marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Marzia Marzia Sellitti Deputy Town Clerk Faringdon Town Council www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

DURING DECEMBER Look out for Father Christmas with Thomas the Tank Engine - 5/11/19

Faringdon & Villages (Start times: weekdays 5.30pm, Saturdays 4.30pm)

Saturday 30 November - Faringdon Market Square, Lights-On

Monday 2 December - Shrivenham (North of High Street, Sandshill, Stallpits Road, Roman Way area)

Tuesday 3 December - Shrivenham Berens Road., Farthinghoe Way, Sandy Lane etc.)

Wednesday 4 December - Faringdon (Orchard Hill, Westland Road, Highworth Road, The Pines)

Thursday 5 December - Watchfield (Majors Road., Barrington Ave. area)

Friday 6 December - Watchfield (old Watchfield)

Saturday 7 December - Faringdon (Bloor Estate, Park Road, Walnut Court, Wills Close, Bromsgrove)

Monday 9 December - Kingston Bagpuize (Oxford end)

Tuesday 10 December - Southmoor (Faringdon end)

Wednesday 11 December - Faringdon (Gloucester Street, Sudbury Court, Pulling Close, Haynes Close, London Street)
Thursday 12 December - Longcot & Watchfield (Shrivenham Hundred area etc.)
Friday 13 December - Southmoor (Blandy Avenue), Buckland, Littleworth
Saturday 14 December - Faringdon (Stanford Road, Nursery View, Tuckers Road, Berners Way, The Lees)
Monday/Tuesday 16/17 December - Stanford in the Vale
Wednesday 18 December - Faringdon (Century Close, Rawdon Way, Townend Road, Marines Drive, Marlborough Gardens, Folly View Road)
Thursday 19 December - Uffington
Friday 20 December - Clanfield
Saturday 21 December - Faringdon (Fernham Fields, Wearn Road, Coleshill Drive, Fernham Road, Leamington Drive, Carters Crescent, Fernham Gate, Coxwell Road estates)
Should any changes become necessary due to circumstances, they will be announced on:
[facebook.com/faringdon.rotary](https://www.facebook.com/faringdon.rotary)

Faringdon Knit and Knatter Ladies - 4/11/19

Link to Hope. 2019 Shoebox Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who contributed filled shoeboxes or items for shoeboxes.

This year, with your help, we filled and dispatched. 212 boxes.

Unfortunately, having filled boxes for many years, we have decided that this was our last year. However, we will still be knitting for various charities and look forward to receiving your knitted/crochet items.

Once again thank you for your support.

Name supplied

Walking Football starts November 7th - 4/11/19

Leisure Centre 8pm-9pm

[See poster for more details](#)

Faringdon library events - 1/11/19

Saturdays November 2nd & 16th from 10.00-1.00

What are your favourite places, journeys and stories linked to where you live? Turn these thoughts into artwork using maps, poems, sound and iPads. Take part in these Saturday morning drop-in sessions. We will be using drawings, animations and pictures to celebrate Faringdon.

As numbers are limited it is essential to book, the form is available at the counter.

No experience needed - just lots of fun, ideas and imagination! Supported by Faringdon Town Council.

Ages 8-15 *parents should stay with under 10's*

Youth Grants available until 22/11/19 - 1/11/19

There is a pot of money available to support Youth Opportunities, grants of up to £70,000 are available for this 2 year grant fund.

The closing date for all applications is 12pm on Friday 22 November 2019.

There is an application workshop on Monday, 4 November 2019, 2pm - 4.30pm, in Meeting rooms 1 and 2, Ground Floor, County Hall, Oxford, OX1 1ND. This will be an opportunity for applicants to come to and discuss their ideas and ask any questions that they may have about the application process.

For more information please visit: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/community-and-living/our-work-communities/oxfordshire-together/community-led-childrens-services/youth-opportunity-fund>

Please direct any enquiries to youth.opportunities@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Walking for Health. Starts 7th January - 1/11/19

Every Tuesday 10-10.30. Free

Slow paced walk

From Medical Centre Volunteer way

[See Poster](#)

Free Technology Workshop - 1/11/19

Wednesday 20th November 1-3pm

Pump House project

Contact 07849 175597

Wednesday 20th November 2019

[See Poster](#)