

Town Council Annual Report- 27/6/20

We were unable to hold our annual town meeting in May, but we have compiled an annual report so you can see what your town council, other organisations and grant recipients have achieved in the last 12 months. <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/annual-report-faringdon-town-council/>
Please get in touch if you have any questions.
office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Community Bus - 24/6/20

Found on facebook - Just a heads up that the Faringdon Community Bus will from Wednesday 1st July be operating on Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday still on the reduced timetable but hopefully back to normal soon

Saturday Market 4th July 2020 - 24/6/20

Faringdon Town Council welcomes the start of the Saturday markets on the 4th of July.

The Saturday market will take place the first Saturday of the month.

The event starts at 10.00 AM and runs until 1.00 PM

The stalls will be displaying a range of produce from the local area and is situated in the centre of Faringdon Town, surrounded by a variety of independent cafes, pubs, and local shops and the historical Old Town Hall.

We always welcome applications from new local traders in support of these events.

For more information on the markets or to book a pitch, please contact the Town Clerk on sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Our markets help make Faringdon a great day out, so why not come and experience it?

To apply for a stall go to <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/saturday-market-4th-july/>

DILLONS - 21/6/20

Do Dillons ever have a happy hour?... just asking because every time I go in there the staff seem to have taken a misery pill.

Its always a pleasure to deal with the counter staff at the post office end. OK its not very nice queuing outside in the wind, rain and sun, especially when your patiently queuing and anyone just wanting the shop can just wander in and out at will, but the PO staff always deal with any problems with a smile and a cheery word, buy a loaf of bread or milk, and well, don't expect a smile or a thank you from the staff at the shop till. I always leave feeling as depressed as the staff obviously do.

Name supplied

Faringdon Calendar 2021- 20/6/20

Closing date 15th July

Faringdon Town Council are looking for seasonal photos of Faringdon to produce a calendar.

We will feature 12 images. Photos must be good quality, please email adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Entries close at 4pm 13th July 2020

All photographers will be credited and will receive a free calendar.

Faringdon Council Facilities Meeting - 19/6/20

The meeting took place Wed 10th June, and the audio (tech problem with video) was uploaded on 17th to [Council Youtube channel](#).

Draft minutes can be found on www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/online-facilities-committee-meeting-10th-june-2020/

Here are some notes I made:-

Chair Kiera Bentley

Liz Swallow has become Vice chair

8 (11.40 audio) **Facilities Reports**

- Elms Tennis Courts very busy
- All Saints grass cut with an area at the back left wild for insects and flowers
- Town Park maintenance continues
- Oakwood play park maintenance continues
- Town Team have worked on Leamington Drive, Folly View Road and the Hobble. There are other places on the list, but these were not mentioned
- Wilderness. Reptile cameras have been installed. Volunteers will plant (free) hedgerow plants when possible
- Corn Exchange having a deep clean and catching up with maintenance tasks
- PumP House Jubilee Room being used as a foodbank. Deep clean and maintenance being carried out.
- Bus shelter, Volunteer Way vandalised
- Planters and Hanging Baskets in place
- Schools to be offered space in Corn Exchange (Barbers Rooms, Catholic Hall also mentioned)

9 Bus Shelters in Faringdon.

OCC have produced a report with suggestions for Faringdon's bus stops. This includes a shelter for Marlborough St and real time information (power needed)

FTC response

- Shelters with moss or wild flower roofs desirable
- Vandal proof (like the Blackbird Leys shelters)
- An additional bus stop in Gloucester St (for those who live in the Pines and surrounds)

Neither OCC or FTC have funds to carry any work out at present (Note: Bus shelters are normally added with developer monies. FTC then take over maintenance with ££ provided.

10 Allotments

The heads of terms produced by the National Trust was agreed. No detail discussed as it was largely unchanged.

11 Policy re Council owned trees has been finalised

12 (34.06 audio) Benches and planters Consultation

117 responses

- 93% in favour
- 20 people thought it was a good idea
- 15 wondered if people would sit there because of the traffic
- 9 agreed removeable benches was essential
- 8 thought they should be facing one another
- 83% liked the design and that they were recyclable.
- 98 thought planters was a good idea, though they'd be too heavy to move. 10 people liked them. 10 didn't.
- Survey only available via facebook and FTC website
- Councillors suggested including games such as hopscotch, noughts and crosses, chess

Councillors voted to proceed with benches, but investigate further planters and games.

13 (49.55 audio)The Town Park belongs to OCC. FTC currently have a short term rolling lease. FTC have plans to improve the park such that it is more usable for community events. Before this plan is actioned, and because development would cost considerable ££, a long lease is to be sought. OCC have refused to hand over ownership to FTC.

14 Southampton St car park gardens have been cleared and planted by Earth and Faith volunteers. A letter of thanks is to be sent.

15 Vale deep clean

Councillors have been asked for suggestions. The chair asked that residents are asked also. FTC will prioritise the places to be done.

16 (1.04) Cycle paths (Better ways to school funding from 2013)

- OCC have produced a report (that can be in the public domain after 18/6/20)
- FTC agrees with the proposal for the first part of the route.
- Southampton St was mentioned.

17 (1.08) Information

- The park opposite the Swan (Eagles) belongs to VWHDC
- FTC have been asked to take over the cleaning of the public toilets by VWHDC (££ provided to do it)

Ed

Faringdon Country Market Closed still - 19/6/20

Unfortunately Faringdon Country Market is unable to resume its regular weekly markets until the Corn Exchange opens. this is unlikely to be before July/August 2020.

We are exploring the option of holding some smaller, outside markets in the town Hall Square. If we can accomplish this, details will be posted on both this website and the I live in the town of faringdon website.

Your continued support will be essential to enable us to continue trading. All Government Covid regulations will be observed.

Valerie Smith

Badbury Wood - 18/6/20

I note the concerns over the visitors to the folly by Mr. King and if you think that's bad, you should see the amount of people arriving at Badbury Wood, and they are coming from miles away, some days you can't get a parking spot, and most of them don't observe the distance rules when they pass you.

If you're not there before 9-30a.m. do not bother.

A lot of them are young men on bikes and if you are not careful you could easily get knocked over, and there is no one from the National Trust to control them, so they do what they like and go where they like and if you say anything to them about the way they are riding on the footpaths they just give you a mouthful of abuse.

I think that England should have followed Scotland and Wales and restricted the distance people should be allowed to travel from their homes.

Ray Wood

Recycling info from VWHDC - 18/6/20

Thousands of residents in southern Oxfordshire have found their recycling bins unemptied each week because they have put the wrong things in them.

Putting non-recyclable items in recycling can contaminate a whole truckload, which is then rejected at the recycling facility. This turns neighbours' recycling into rubbish and ultimately wastes energy and raw materials by removing these items from the recycling process.

Bin crews in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse districts have stepped up monitoring of recycling bins in recent months as the lockdown has meant an increase in household waste, which has meant an increased risk of people putting the wrong items in recycling bins.

To remind residents about what can (and can't) be recycled, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils have devised a new recycling quiz here

<https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/TheGreenRecyclingBinQuiz/>

During one week of recycling collections in the past month there were

- 3,801 reports of wrong items found in recycling bins in South Oxfordshire
- 2,211 reports of wrong items found in recycling bins in Vale of White Horse

Bins found with incorrect items for recycling were left unemptied.

More on <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2020/2020-06/reminder-residents-recycle-responsibly>

Newsletter from David Johnson local MP - 18/6/20

[Parliament in lockdown](#)

Outdoor drinking and eating - 17/6/20

Councils in London and other cities have changed/ are changing regulations to allow outdoor dining/drinking. For example see <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/jun/17/dining-outdoors-london-restaurants-reopen-westminster-council-coronavirus>

I note the rules are seating at tables only, socially distanced.

What are the plans for Faringdon - e.g. the marketplace (Bell, Crown additional space over their small courtyards), closing the part of Bromsgrove outside La Bobina (with access from the South to that point), utilising pavement space North of The Swan....etc. etc. as well as pubs with gardens using them.

Keith Jeffery

Annual Deep Clean of Faringdon Streets by VWHDC - 17/6/20

Let's make sure they do the areas that need attention - we need to tell FTC what they are.

The barrowman John has been doing such a good job over recent weeks, maybe streets and gulleys further from the Town Centre can be sorted

Ed

Stanford Road - 14/6/20

It's so good to see so many people, friends and families and loved ones of all ages meeting up at the folly over the last two weeks, The Stanford road is totally gridlocked with parked cars nose to tails,

Do these people don't realise the meaning of social distancing!!! Meeting with hugs and kisses,

The rate of covid-19 is low in our town and area.. And we would like to keep that way.. I think if these people (selfish) continue planning and traveling from different areas and meeting up at the folly hill it should be closed off for the next month, or traffic enforced on the Stanford road.

Respect others.

John King

Covid symptom tracker- UK wide-12/6/20

Report daily whether your health is normal or you're 'not feeling quite right' via Covid-19 app.

When I looked at <https://covid.joinzoe.com/data> to find the figures for our area of 4243 who reported (via the app) .2% had covid symptoms.
By using this app you're contributing to advance vital research on COVID-19.

The app will be used to study the symptoms of the virus and track how it spreads.
The COVID Symptom Tracker was designed by doctors and scientists at King's College London, Guys and St Thomas' Hospitals working in partnership with ZOE Global Ltd – a health science company.
See <https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

Faringdon Town Council June newsletter - 11/6/20

<https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/FTC-Newsletter-June-2020-1.pdf>

1. The Place (replacement Childrens Centre) to move to the Corn Exchange(former Folly paper offices. Known as 'the savings bank' in years gone by.) No detail on how often they meet and whether the space will be usable by other community groups. Refurb costing c £24k
2. Town Tidy team asking for places that need clearing of weeds/litter and I think grubby signs
3. Gardens in Southampton St Car Park have been sorted out by volunteers
4. Food Bank contact info
5. Walks around Faringdon leaflet in production
6. Faringdon app and new website.
7. Faringdon Virtual gardens tour- pictures on Facebook of Instagram

White Horse Medical Practice message - 11/6/20

From Monday 15th June, any patient who visits the practice will be required to wear a face covering to enter the premises. Please bring your own face covering with you, as the practice will not be able to provide these for you

Oxford County Council meeting re Cycle tracks in Faringdon - 10/6/20

Meeting: 18/06/2020 - Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Environment (including Transport) (Item 9.)9. Faringdon: Southampton Street & Berners Way - Proposed Shared Use Footpath/Cycletrack PDF 2 MB
Forward Plan Ref: 2020/039

Report by Director for Community Operations (Interim) (CMDE9).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to widen or convert sections of existing footpath at Southampton Street and Berners Way, Faringdon to create shared use footpath/cycle tracks put forward by Faringdon Town Council as part of providing an improved and safer cycle route between the Folly View housing estate including Folly Sports Park & The White Horse Medical Practice and the town centre, including Faringdon Junior School. Funding for the proposed measures has been provided by Faringdon Town Council using Section 106 monies.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed widening of a footpath at Southampton Street and the proposed conversion of a footpath at Berners Way to provide sections of shared use footpath/cycle track.

Reopening of The Crafters Emporium Faringdon- 9/6/20

Portwell Angel Cellar

10am Free of Charge

It's our grand reopening with orange juice, cake, coffee, tea and Prosecco come and see what handmade gifts and crafts we have

Being opened by *Christine Wallace Great British Bake Off Quarter Finalist*. Along with Kiera Bentley Deputy Mayor
Natasha Martell - Owner

Online Council Meeting June 10th 7.15 - 6/6/20

[Council Youtube channel](#)

Facilities Meeting - covers virtually all the interesting stuff for Faringdon

Extract from Agenda

- a) Elms Tennis Court
- b) Tuckers Play area
- c) All Saints Church Yard
- d) Town park
- e) Oakwood Park
- f) Christmas Lights
- g) Tidy Team
- h) The Wilderness
- i) Corn Exchange inc. bar

j) Pump House

9. Bus stops To receive and consider a proposal for bus stop improvements
10. Allotments To receive heads of terms for an updated lease
11. Trees To receive and consider a tree management policy
12. Benches and Planters – Town Centre

- To receive and consider results from a survey on proposed benches
- To agree next steps

13. Town Park

- To consider possible improvements to the Town Park
- To consider the length of lease to be requested from Oxfordshire County Council

14. Southampton Street Car Park To receive a progress report

15. Vale Deep Clean To consider areas to prioritise for a deep clean from Vale of White Horse District Council street team w/c 6th July

16. Better Ways to School To receive a progress report on the better ways to school cycle routes

17. Items for Information Only To receive items for information including:

- Eagles Park Ownership
- Old play equipment (allotments)

Full agenda and last meeting (January) minutes on <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/category/meetings/>

Faringdon Streets poster- 3/6/20

Al Cane has updated his street names poster - see <http://www.faringdon.org/faringdon-street-names.html>

It'll be on sale at the Information Centre when that reopens at some point. In the meantime Al is happy for people to contact him via email if they are interested.

Prices are A4 £3 and A3 £5 - half the money raised goes to the Food Bank, for which over £100 was collected yesterday alcitizencane@gmail.com

End of free car parking - 3/6/20

Let's hope that with this move the District Councils will also put in place some sanitising measures for the key pads we all need to touch as we enter car reg.details.

Not every driver puts a handy little bottle or spray in the car.

Name supplied.

Re-The Wheatsheaf Freehouse - 3/6/20

That's nice for business for you. but please don't let the buyers illegally park outside well collecting there takeaway pints.

It's worse when your regulars park outside for a swift one or two before driving home.

John Marr

The Wheatsheaf Freehouse - 2/6/20

Are you missing your Pint of Cold Draft Beer?

We are delighted from this week we will be offering EXTENDED OPENING TIMES & DAYS for you to enjoy our - -

Cold Draft Take-Away Beer

BEER POURING TIMES: Thursday & Friday 3 to 7 Saturday & Sunday 2 to 6

All sold in 2 Pint Take-Home Cartons

We look forward to seeing you from The Wheatsheaf Team

'Thank you for all your support '

The Wheatsheaf, 5 London Street, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7AE

Parking charges to be reintroduced - 2/6/20

Parking charges will be re-introduced in district council car parks across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse from Monday 8 June.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have allowed people to park for free since 26 March to support key workers and those who need to shop for essential food or medical supplies during the Coronavirus pandemic after travel restrictions were put in place.

However with many restrictions now lifted, and following the government's announcement that outdoor markets and car showrooms can re-open on 1 June and non-essential retail on 15 June, the councils will now re-introduce parking fees in order to improve the availability of parking spaces as people start to visit local shops again. This will also help to encourage people to consider using more sustainable travel methods when visiting our town centres.

Car parks will operate as normal, meaning that motorists must display a ticket or have a valid online or text payment confirmation, including during any free hours offered in the charging period. Normal rates will apply.

New permits will be issued or re-issued to anyone whose permit would've normally expired since lockdown began.

NHS staff and care workers who display a national COVID-19 pass can continue to park for free. To claim a pass, staff should email carparks.southandvale.uk@sabagroup.com, including proof of their employment.

Oxfordshire Libraries have announced this year's 'Silly Squad' summer reading challenge. - 2/6/20

This year it will be a 'virtual' challenge (thanks to Covid!). Things kick off this Friday 5th June. The web-site for the challenge is <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>.

Information is also available on Facebook @ReadingAgency and on Twitter at #SummerReadingChallenge/ #SillySquad2020.

Coach Lane cemetery - 31/5/20

Hi, does anyone know is best to contact regarding the graveyard on coach lane? It's looking beautifully cut and lots of flowers but there is one grave near to one I visit that is out of control and is as tall as me and blocking pathway slightly.

Rachel Sears

Ed. My guess is it is someone from [All Saints Church](#)

Online Council Meeting- 31/5/20

Wednesday 3rd June 7.15

Minutes and Agenda on <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/an-online-meeting-of-the-full-council-to-be-held-on-wednesday-3rd-june-2020-at-7-15pm/>

You can email sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk with any questions you may have

The link to the youtube channel can also be found on the above webpage

Faringdon in 1953- 30/5/20

I've just come across these wonderful photographs taken by Ray Hutt, a local resident. It was great to see Southampton St, in particular, when it was lined with little cottages.

I've put a link on the [Photos and maps page](#), which takes you to the History Society website.

Sudbury House Take Away- 27/5/20

Sudbury House have now introduced a take away service at the hotel for Friday and Saturday evenings, Sunday lunch and also take away picnic hampers.

[See Menu](#)

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Footpaths map on Oxfordshire CC website- 19/5/20

[Oxfordshire County Council website](#) has a searchable map that shows public rights of way.

Here are 2 snapshots. [Great Coxwell](#), [Little Coxwell](#), [Fernham](#); [Littleworth](#)

Consultation - More seats and planters for Market Place- 18/5/20

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-t0PVrNgF0Ss97TfrCK-shq7XH0Oe5tAsVKC_wneCCIUUMU1PMFJNTERKWjg0R0U5NkFBWEVTSkZFUy4u

I haven't seen an end date or how and when FTC will report the results to the town

You are not required to identify yourself

I listened to the discuss in the [online Council meeting](#) a week or so ago. This is what I heard.

- Cost is about £6k (plus more for seat in carpark)
- Research into artistic benches showed them to be unaffordable
- They'll be facing the Old Town Hall
- They're moveable (for Folly Fest and the like)
- No discussion of how it is hoped this will help regeneration
- No survey mentioned about how many people have indicated they would use them.
- Planning permission not mentioned

- I couldn't find any proposal document on the FTC website that might have covered some of these matters.

Notes from a Town Regeneration working party meeting from last July

Many ideas were discussed. It was agreed the following recommendations would be made to Community and Partnerships committee

- *To support the Buskers initiative. Fund up to £100 for printing costs and loan equipment*
- *Compile a regular diary of events, aiming for 1 event per month*
- *Compile an easily accessible events calendar*
- *Investigate a water refill station*
- *Provide bursaries for Town Centre properties of up to £50 for hanging baskets and up to £150 for external redecoration*
- *Provide benches on the Old Town Hall apron*
- *Provide a town sign and further planters in the Town Centre*
- *Invite businesses to have market stalls on a Saturday*
- *Provide large wire sculptures to collect plastic bottles*

In addition, it was agreed that:

- *A shop survey would be undertaken as part of the Town clerk's dissertation, which would research the degeneration of Town centres and the Town council role in their regeneration*
- *The Town Clerk would contact the owner of the Budgens site and investigate if he would consider a short term let for an indoor market. The Clerk would also investigate insurance.*
- *To investigate dog friendly events*

ED

Faringdon Virtual Gardens Open - 18/5/20

<https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/faringdon-virtual-open-gardens-2020/>

Spread the joy of gardening, send in photos of your garden so we can compile them to make a virtual tour of Faringdon's gardens.

Small or large garden, a single bloom, window box or allotment we would love to see what you are growing!

Get the whole family involved, it would be great to see photos from Faringdon's Junior Gardeners, it could be cress grown in a tub, a growing sunflower, a picture made from flowers and leaves or even a mud pie!

Send your photos to adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk by the 1st of June 2020

*by submitting your photos you are giving Faringdon Town Council permission to display them on our website and social media channels.

Poppies at the Folly- 18/5/20

Quite a few in flower, and a fair number of buds- looks promising. Hoping for a good display

Where is.....- 15/5/20

Hello, I am trying to locate Keren McNally. She used to live in Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon.

I recently found I have a certificate of hers and wonder if anyone knows where she is so I can forward it to her.

Many thanks

Jane Maries

mattyjam@gmail.com

Face masks- 14/5/20

Anyone know where I can find face masks in Faringdon?

Lynn Pettit

[Here's a make you own guide](#)

Dr Douglas retires - 13/5/20

Dr Anna Douglas will be retiring from the White Horse Medical Practice on May 21st, 2020.

Dr Douglas who joined as a Partner in 1990, has played a major part in the growth and development of White Horse Medical Practice, and leaves from the position of Senior Partner.

During the intervening years, as the patient numbers have grown from around 8,000 to the 17,125 of today, Dr Douglas has been instrumental in the development of the new surgery building and the integration of the Fernhill Practice with WHMP, but most of all with the continuing care for patients in the catchment area of the Practice.

It had been the intention to retire in May all along, but as many patients will be aware, Dr Douglas has been away from practice for some time, as she has been looking after her husband who is undergoing cancer treatment. A most difficult decision, but the right one by original intent and of course now, by situation.

Dr Douglas has asked the Practice to say that, not only has she been privileged to work with an outstanding team of people who provide the excellent medical care, but also a sincere farewell to all of the patients it has been her

pleasure to meet and treat.

VE Day remembrance- 11/5/20

Mayor's VE Day

address https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DSsOCjeAzI&fbclid=IwAR1s18A8zwe0CeYmnWFZ97_NqRI6NCTGwH5n_EPP6AFE02emOYpPBrU4K_A

Pipe for

Peace <https://www.facebook.com/FaringdonTC/videos/238461407465752/UzpfSTM0MzQ4MTY3OTA2MjoxMDE1NzY0ODY0ODg1MzYyMQ/>

District Councillor letter to Oxford County requesting more cycling and walking space - 9/5/20

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2020/2020-05/cycling-champions-joint-letter-oxfordshire-county-council>

Town Council meeting recording on youtube - 7/5/20

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upc3Xl84n-E>

FOOTBALL COACH RAISES £1000 FOR NHS CHARITIES – IN JUST TWO WEEKS! - 6/5/20

Oxfordshire based football coach Adam Bradley was celebrating last night as his #KeepItUpForTheNHS fundraiser hit its initial £1,000 target – with all money raised going to the NHS Charities Together.

Adam launched his appeal just two weeks ago and asked people of all ages, via social media, to record themselves doing 10 “Keepy Ups”. He then asked participants to donate £10 and nominate another 10 people to do likewise. From there, the concept was born and donations via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adambradleyfootballcoaching have been flooding in, with Adam regularly posting video updates on his Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages.

In just two weeks, ex Premier League players Mickey Hazard and Mark Bright have supported the cause, he has been mentioned on talkSPORT, and people have been “Keeping It Up” as far afield as Plymouth, Manchester and even Denmark!

But having hit his £1,000 target, Adam now wants to go further and throughout May, wants to raise a further £4,000 for the NHS.

He explains why: “I love my job, coaching football for children all over Oxfordshire and the surrounding area, but when the Covid-19 outbreak began, I realised I wasn’t going to be working for a while.

The idea for #KeepItUpForTheNHS appealed to me because it is really simple! People have to do 10 kick ups, make a £10 donation and then nominate another 10 people to do the same. We’ve even had someone do it with a golf club and ball because he didn’t have a football!

Right now, the NHS is doing a phenomenal job looking after people. The NHS Together Charity provides outstanding support to staff and volunteers so that they can carry on keeping us safe in these difficult times. This challenge is a way of giving something back and saying thank you.

I’m so proud we’ve hit the £1,000 so quickly and people have been massively generous. Now I want to go further and see if we can raise £5,000 by the end of May. I want to see people all over the world #KeepItUpForTheNHS and I think we can do it!”

To support the NHS Heroes, simply: Do 10, Donate £10 and Nominate 10. And don’t forget to use #KeepItUpForTheNHS on social media so that he can share the videos!

1955 film. John Betjeman- 4/5/20

Charming film. Local roads, Faringdon, Great Barn at Coxwell

<https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-great-coxwell-berkshire-1955-online>

Here is another one- Faringdon Carnival and Fete 1952. So many people- and Faringdon's population was under 4k at the time (now over 8k)

<https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-faringdon-carnival-and-fete-1952-online>

VE Day 8 May 2020.- 3/5/20

In line with the guidance from the membership council of the Royal British Legion there will not be an act of Remembrance or wreath laying at the war memorial on 8 May 2020. The guidance received is as follows:

The Legion continues to have the health of our beneficiaries, volunteers, members and employees is our priority. We are taking our lead from government advice on social distancing, which is:

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Do not meet others, even friends or family.

In accordance with this instruction, and as previously advised, we strongly recommend that all non-essential meetings are cancelled or postponed. These include branch and county/district meetings and remembrance events at war memorials. This includes laying of Wreaths at Local war memorials on the 8th May.

Local walks- 3/5/20

Maybe you're looking for a new walk. Have a look at <http://www.faringdon.org/faringdon-walk-cards.html>
A group of local people produced these c 2006. There may be some variations on the directions now.
You can print in colour or black and white
Ed

Local champion James Famakin. Faringdon Pharmacy - 2/5/20

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEHSjLKDNwU>

Online meeting of Full Council to be held on Wednesday 6th May 2020 at 7.15pm- 2/5/20

The public are invited to view the meeting on the Faringdon Town Council You Tube Channel. Please submit any questions prior to the meeting to Sally Thurston, Town Clerk. By email: sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk
Or post to: The Pump House, 5 Market Place, Faringdon, SN7 7HL
[02.-Agenda-0520 Download](#)
[03.-DRAFT-COUNCIL-mins-11-3-20 Download](#)
<http://faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/category/meetings/>

Sad news - 30/4/20

I was sad to hear of the passing of another of the Old Faringdonians Bernie Stepp.
A nice man and a good friend
Dennis Haynes

Covid symptom tracker- UK wide- 23/4/20

Click on the map and zoom on <https://covid.joinzoe.com/data> to find the figures for our area
When I looked at VWHDC area
of 4666 who reported (via the app) .7% had covid symptoms.
By using this app you're contributing to advance vital research on COVID-19. The app will be used to study the symptoms of the virus and track how it spreads.
The COVID Symptom Tracker was designed by doctors and scientists at King's College London, Guys and St Thomas' Hospitals working in partnership with ZOE Global Ltd – a health science company.

Keep it up for the NHS -23/4/20

"Having been inspired by Captain Tom Moore's challenge of walking laps of his garden, I thought it would be a good idea for everyone to get out in their own garden and try my [#KeepItUpForTheNHS](#) challenge.
It's a really simple exercise of doing 10 keepy ups with a football, cricket bat and ball, tennis racket and ball, hockey stick and ball...even a toilet roll!
Once you have completed your 10 consecutive keepy ups, I'd like you to donate £10 through the Just Giving page I have set up and then nominate 10 other people to continue the challenge. The nominations can be people you know or sporting heroes and could be made via social media, email or text message!
People have been sending me their videos of them completing the challenge and the efforts are fantastic!
The link to the just giving page is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adambradleyfootballcoaching and all proceeds are going to the NHS Charities Together organisation who offer support to our amazing NHS staff and volunteers at this difficult time."
Adam Bradley
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Faringdon Local Champions - 23/4/20

Sally Robins, Faringdon Infant School <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwufDpnvi1c>
Rev Steve Bellamy, All Saints Church <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLN8GJtdB-Y>

Plants available from Buscot Park - 21/4/20

Buscot Park garden plants will now accept orders by telephone for delivery to Faringdon and very immediate area.
Minimum order is £20 with plants starting at £2.50. Exact cash only in an envelope on delivery. Please observe correct social distancing measures.
We can accept orders while stocks last.
We have geraniums zonal and ivy leaf pelargoniums salvia and osteospermum.
Please call 01367 240786 to order and we appreciate your patience at this difficult time!

Faringdon Local Champions. Alison Grimshaw- 21/4/20

Alison Grimshaw is manager of Ferendune Court Nursing Home.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Qx2tJC2cfE

Faringdon Local Champions - Sally Thurston interview - 18/4/20

Sally is Town Clerk, Faringdon Town Council
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErQF5MCMS2U>

Highworth Link - 18/4/20
May edition

Faringdon Local Champions - 16/4/20
Keira Bentley, Deputy Town Mayor www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3BK10Z5-dU

Faringdon Local Champions - 15/4/20
Sarah has now made the interviews available via the [Perry Bishop Youtube channel](#)
Here are the individual links- just click to open
Bethia Thomas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytZvdC20cHA>
Al Sylvester <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvIQCONriK4>
Dr Cartwright <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBpZjHU5ZCA>
Raoul Van Eyndhoven <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NV0mhbMDdVE>

Animal rescue- 15/4/20
I have heard that there is an animal rescue charity in faringdon but I've not been able to find out any information. I would like to make a donation , if anybody can give me any contact details I would be very grateful .
amanda-bailey@hotmail.co.uk

Interviews with local people - 13/4/20
Some of you may know that Sarah Benson (Perry Bishop) is interviewing local people. The Videos can be seen on facebook
1st Bethia Thomas - can't find this one
2nd Al Sylvester www.facebook.com/groups/2215583620/search/?query=sylvester&epa=SEARCH_BOX
3rd Dr Cartwright
<https://www.facebook.com/PerryBishopFaringdon/videos/2653897538213307/UzpfSTExMDkxNTM0Mzk6MTc2MDQ4Mzc2MDc2OTY2MA/>
I have asked for links to these outside Facebook as not everyone is a user.
Try clicking them- hopefully you'll see something
Ed

Veg and fruit in the Market Sq- 12/4/20
Every Wednesday and Saturday.
Yesterday lots of lovely soft fruit, veg and eggs

Breathing technique and Covid-19 - 7/4/20
Video of a doctor at Queens Hospital showing a breathing technique to use in the early stage of getting the symptoms. Useful to share but hoping no one will have to use it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwLzAdriec0&feature=youtu.be>

White Horse Medical Practice Spring news letter- 4/4/20
[This can be downloaded here.](#)
Due to the Covid-19 restrictions a printed copy will not be produced

Folly Tower illumination- 3/4/20
See the picture on the Home page
Thankyou to Raoul and friends for doing this
Ed

Medical Practice information- 3/4/20
In Practice visits for patients are now considerably reduced from the normal, through more stringent triage at Patient Services initial point of contact. We have [drawn up a list](#) of services that need/must be provided by a surgery visit, and those that don't.
NB: This is the current schedule, but is subject to change. Patients should call to confirm service availability.

We have established a 'hot' and a 'cold' side of the Practice. Effectively looking at the front of the building the side door to the right will be for access to the 'hot' side, where patients with Covid-19 symptoms will be attended to, in a contained environment. To the left side, the side door will be the access for non-Covid patients. The main doors will not be used, other than as a point of access for non-Covid patients with appointments to make their arrival known, and then sit in the entrance lobby until collected by the clinician seeing them (or any other visitor, who has need to enter the building eg: suppliers of other services etc).

There are now no Podiatry or Physio services in Practice. Both District Nursing and Health Visitor activities are being

done remotely, with just skeleton staff in Practice for the latter two.

Dispensary will be run as follows:

- a) All repeat prescriptions are to be placed in the collection box outside, on the wall to the right hand side of the main entrance lobby.
- b) Prescription distribution will be from the window adjacent to the left hand side door.

Other dispensary:

- c) There are now no more bulk drug deliveries to local pick-up points in Uffington, Stanford in the Vale or Kingston Bagpuize-Southmoor.
- d) All prescriptions will have to be collected from the surgery by the patient, a family member/friend or a Volunteer, from the groups being established via NHSE within our local communities. Please note that 'Collectors' must bring full details of those they are collecting for, to ensure the correct supply and thereby patient safety.

These are difficult times in uncharted waters for all of us, and putting considerable strain on the Practice, but we are coping.

White Horse Medical Practice

A thankyou - 3/4/20

A word of praise for the Faringdon Viral Kindness team who sorted out problems with my prescription - all done with friendly cheerfulness!

Mary Beck

Proposed shared use Cycle Track - Berners way and Southampton St. Consultation - 2/4/20

Oxfordshire County Council proposes to improve the safety and amenity for pedal cyclists in the area by converting the existing footpaths to a shared use pedestrian / cycleway at the following locations:

- Southampton Street – from the southern side of Ferndale Street, southwards on the footpath link to Southampton Street for 21* metres.
- Berner's Way - on the footpath leading west from the western most point of Berner's Way for a distance of 20* metres.

* All dimensions are approximate.

Objections to the proposals and other representations, specifying the grounds on which they are made, may be sent in by completing the online questionnaire, via email or in writing (quoting ref: JaC.12.6.207) to the address below by **10 April 2020**. The Council will consider objections and representations received in response and they may be disseminated widely for these purposes and made available to the public.

Any unresolved objections will be reported to the Council's Cabinet meeting in April 2020. The papers for the meeting will be available on the County Council's website a week before the meeting.

[Please read the information provided on this consultation.](#) Your views and opinions matter. Please take the time to respond.

Grants for businesses - 1/4/20

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are committed to supporting all local businesses and have launched an online form to help them apply for small business and retail grants.

Businesses in South Oxfordshire, can find the form and more details via the South [website](#) and businesses in the Vale of White Horse can access the information via the Vale [website](#).

The two councils are working with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to understand the UK Government's support for businesses through this period of disruption caused by COVID-19. The Government's package of measures to support businesses include:

- a 12-month business rates holiday for all retail, hospitality and leisure businesses in England
- grant funding of £25,000 for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses with property with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- small business grant funding of £10,000 for all business in receipt of small business rate relief or rural rate relief

For further advice and support, please visit the South and Vale Business Support website: <https://www.svbs.co.uk/coronavirus-guidance-and-support/> .

The quickest way for South and Vale businesses to receive information about the latest government support is to sign up to receive the newsletter at www.svbs.co.uk