

**New Primary School - 23/2/21**

Planning permission will be applied for soon, when there will be opportunity to comment on the design  
[See site layout](#) and [leaflet that went to Primary school parents](#)

**Unlocking Lockdown Roadmap - 22/2/21**

Boris Johnson has announced a "roadmap" for easing Covid restrictions in England. What will the first steps be?  
The unlocking will be done in stages with each phase coming no earlier than:  
8 March

- All schools and colleges will reopen
- University students can return for practical courses. There will be a review by the end of the Easter holidays for all other students
- Face coverings are recommended for older students, but also for parents and staff in primary school
- Wraparound childcare can also return for vulnerable pupils and where it is needed for parents or carers to go to work, support groups or seek medical care
- People can meet one other person outside for recreation, which can include "a coffee on a bench"
- A "broader range" of campaigning can continue from this date in light of elections on May
- One nominated person can visit care homes, but will need PPE, a lateral flow test and to "keep physical contact to a minimum"
- Holidays still not permitted and outbound passengers will be legally obliged to provide their reason for travel

29 March

- People will be allowed to meet outside either with one other household or within the "rule of six", including in private gardens
- Stay at home rule is dropped but people should still minimise movement as much as possible
- People will still be urged to work from home
- Outdoor sport facilities will reopen, including tennis and basketball courts
- Formally organised outdoor sports can also restart
- Parents and children groups can return but are capped at 15 and must be outdoors.
- Indoor groups can take place for vulnerable children and where parents need the groups to go to work

[Read more in this document](#)

Now we all know people have been flouting the reactions that were in place during the lockdown and meeting friends and families up the folly and skate park/folly park as the Stanford road has been chocker blocked with cars every day and weekends and this was noted on here after Boxing Day, And the parish council nor the Oxfordshire County Council have done nothing the police have nothing to enforce people to keep away.  
Please stay away and protect the NHS and the residents who live here.

Thank you

Old friend of Robert Vernon Heber-Percy, Boyfriend of the late Lord Berners

**Alert - Suspicious activity report from Thames Valley Police - 18/2/21**

Though this is specific to the Whyhwoods area it may be of interest to the community at large:

From PCSO Moulding, We have recently been made aware from concerned residents and other social media postings, that a number of properties in the Wychwoods area have seemingly been marked. The properties have been marked with differing coloured elastic bands, either around the gatepost or wheelie bins. It is believed the properties have been marked due to there being pedigree dogs at the locations.

Clearly this is of concern to all dog owners, and we ask that that you all remain vigilant and where possible to report this either online via the TVP website or on the 101 number.

General advice is to change your routine, go out walking at differing times, where appropriate make sure your dog is on a short lead.

We would further advise that if your dog stays in the house, then move its location to a harder to reach area and less visible to the outside.

Lastly, do not post anything on social media with respect to your dog, or any potential litters.

Thank you

Message Sent By Darryn Moulding (Police, PCSO, West Oxfordshire LPA (bb))

**Grove Station Survey - 16/2/21**

This survey is designed to show the level of support locally for reopening Grove/Wantage Road station.

<https://www.david-johnston.org.uk/grove-station-survey> Deadline 12pm 1st March

*I have been campaigning for this since I was elected as your MP – talking about it regularly in the House of Commons*

and to transport ministers – and one of the criteria the Government uses for deciding to reopen stations/lines is whether or not it would be popular locally and people would actually use it. Please answer the following questions which should take no more than 3 minutes. Your personal details are requested to see whether or not you are a constituent (and to ensure it is only completed by the same person once) - they will not be used for other purposes unconnected to Grove Station unless you explicitly consent.  
David Johnston MP

**Keys found - 16/2/21**

Hi. We have found a set of door keys this morning on the pavement on Orchard Hill. I guess they were lost this morning as they are not wet after last night's rain. If you think they belong to you, then please message me with a description of your lost keys.  
[Mark.lunnon@diamond.ac.uk](mailto:Mark.lunnon@diamond.ac.uk)

**February Council meeting - 13/2/21**

Oxford County Council consultation re New Primary School, Park Road - soon

FTC Strategic working party, Jan 2021

- Business support re empty shops
- Revisit Parking Survey
- Achieve Gold Standard for Town Councils [Local Council Award Scheme \(nalc.gov.uk\)](http://nalc.gov.uk)
- Town Centre regeneration working party
- Climate Change
- Post Covid recovery working party
- CIL/s106 spending working party
- Multi Use Games area in Tucker Park

Town Survey

- Biggest support was for town centre regeneration
- No support for change of market sq bus stop
- Some support for redirecting London St traffic

You can see the full results on the home page of the [Town Council website](#). There is a survey report and a list of suggestions.

Old Town Hall refurbishment.

- Chosen contractor has withdrawn. Imperial Renovations has agreed to carry out the work

Work on the hobble and the wilderness. Information to be given to the Town

Tidy Team needs more suggestions for places to work on. [Liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

Food Bank helps 15/20 families

[Here is the Town Council Youtube page where you can find the recording of the meeting](#)

**District Councillor Monthly report - 12/2/21**

[Here is the full report](#)

It includes information about:

- £220k Leisure money due to be returned to Faringdon
- Folly Park
- Swan Park
- New boiler for the Leisure Centre

**Leisure Consultation- 12/2/21**

Community groups and sporting organisations in Wantage, Grove and Faringdon will help to identify how millions of pounds of funding raised from housing developers will be spent in their local areas.

The groups are being asked for their thoughts on the need for leisure locally, which will feed into a review by the district council. One of the review's outcomes will be to propose the allocation of funding for leisure generated by new housing developments in each area.....

[Read the full news article from VWHDC](#)

For Faringdon this is the £220k from the Coxwell Road Estates

### **Clearance- Hobble Path- 12/2/21**

The clearing was to remove litter, dead wood that was becoming a safety hazard and to coppice back parts of the established old growth to encourage thicker regrowth.

A denser and more species diverse hedge that still maintains its trees at intervals is the aim. Removal of some (not all) of the old growth and ivy will give the interplanting of a more diverse hedgerow mix space the opportunity to establish.

We plan to plant other native climbers like old man's beard to improve the diversity and interest.

The timing of the works avoids the breeding bird season but is also sufficiently late in the winter to avoid removing the food source of seeds and berries.

More information about managing the hedgerows is here: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/how-manage-hedgerow-wildlife>

FTC

### **Garden waste collections resume from Monday 15th - 12/2/21**

We have good news for our garden waste customers. We are pleased to be able to tell you that our garden waste service restarts next week – thank you so much for your patience.

If you are a garden waste customer and you still have your real Christmas tree, we are happy to take it on your garden waste collection day. Please put it in the bin if it fits or put it out next to the bin.

The crews will be working hard to complete the rounds but we are expecting more garden waste bins to be put out than normal, so please bear with us.

Please ensure all the garden waste fits into the bin with the lid closed as this helps the bin crews get round more quickly. If you can't fit everything in the bin, please keep anything extra back (except Christmas trees) until the next collection.

Please note that we are not taking on any new garden waste customers at this time to focus on fulfilling the service for existing customers.

In the meantime, anyone who is not a garden waste customer can dispose of garden waste at one of Oxfordshire County Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres. These sites are open but please check their website for opening times and any restrictions, particularly Covid-19 restrictions.

Please see our website for more information here <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/.../recycli.../garden-waste/>

### **Kindness - 11/2/21**

I have been left a 'random act of kindness' - a packet of shortbread through my letterbox with a nice note.

A very big thankyou to the kind and anonymous friend who thought to do this God bless you.

Kay Fox

### **County Councillor Monthly report- 6/2/21**

Includes some things relevant to Faringdon ( from bottom page 3)

- Market Sq pavements
- Library refurb
- Spending of Youth s106
- cycle path

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[Here is the January report](#)

### **Steak Restaurant in London St- 6/2/21**

The big shop in London St ( once Chamberlains) with the wonderful windows ( apparently they're oak frames) is being refurbished to become a steak restaurant.

Good news for Faringdon

### **Planning appeal, South of Steeds - 5/2/21**

The appeals meeting is 27/4/21, deadline 16th Feb 21. Anyone can comment. [Reference: APP/V3120/W/20/3264500 \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Planning permission for the additional 125 houses on South of Steeds estate was refused by VWHDC, but the developer has appealed

Objections included

- The land is not allocated in the Local Plan. It was kept as space between Steeds and Gt. Coxwell and to protect views to/from the Great Barn
- VWHDC have achieved their housing numbers
- Faringdon has already had c500 house occupied since 2015. (increase of c20%) A further 600/700 have been given permission.

- The developers have indicated that they are unable to include social housing or contributions towards infrastructure as it would make the site un-viable. Past and expected growth of housing is putting pressure on essential facilities- Health, schools, roads,
- There are very few employment opportunities in Faringdon

Town Council and Gt Coxwell objections report extract  
 South of Steeds Decision notice  
 Planning application P18/V0259/O

**Faringdon Town Council Meeting online - 5/2/21**

10th February, 715.

Papers and joining information on <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/an-online-meeting-of-the-full-council-to-be-held-on-wednesday-10th-february-2021/>

A Strategic working party met 3/2. The related agenda item

12. Strategic Working Party 3 rd February 2021 (not attached- not available to the public until after the meeting))

- To consider revised short-term objectives in the Strategic Plan
- To set up and elect members to a Covid Recovery Working Party
- To consider Town Centre regeneration
- To set up and elect members to a CIL Working Party
- To receive community survey results

FTC are likely to receive nearly £1m (s106 and CIL) over the next few years, as housing developments are completed. I believe this is the beginning of the plan on how it should be spent in Faringdon.

**Notable people in Faringdon's history- 4/2/21**

I've been whiling away some lockdown time researching the history of some of the notable people from the past- The Robert Pye, and the Untons- both families commemorated with chapels in All Saints Church and streets named after them.

I didn't realise that Henry Unton ( 1557) was the 1st cousin of Jane Seymour, mother of Edward VI

See [History, people and places, notable people and scroll down](#)

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**Vaccines- where we are now- 4/2/21**

I've been reporting (covid/no covid) daily to [https://covid.joinzoe.com/?mc\\_cid=149e50e8ca&mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://covid.joinzoe.com/?mc_cid=149e50e8ca&mc_eid=UNIQID) - research organisation

They have produced a youtube video (streamed live yesterday) 'What we know so far'

You can watch it on [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZJQZrspFI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZJQZrspFI)

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**Home Bargains Shop - 2/2/21**

Opening February 13th

(Behind Aldi)