

**Oxfordshire County Council. New candidate for Faringdon** - 31/3/21

Judith Heathcoat is standing down as our County Council representative, The Conservative party has selected David Leigh-Pemberton of Longot to represent Faringdon County Council Elections on May 6th 2021  
<https://davidleigh-pemberton.com/about/>

**Faringdon Library Reopening Announcement** - 31/3/21

Oxfordshire Libraries and the FLAG volunteer group are delighted to announce that Faringdon library will reopen on 12th April.

This will be on limited opening hours temporarily.

Tony Tarry

Libraries will reopen on limited opening hours temporarily, and safety measures will remain in place for the protection of customers, volunteers and staff. See our website for details <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-library>

**Developer monies** - 30/3/21

FTC are asking for suggestions on how to spend the developer money arising from the extensive building in Faringdon and along the Coxwell Road.

Some of the ££ is tied up in legal agreements for how it is used, some (Community Interest Levy) is available for Faringdon to decide how to spend it.

FTC have established a working party consisting of councillors chaired by Peter Castle and 4 members of the public from Faringdon.

See [Community Infrastructure Levy \(CIL\) - Faringdon Town Council](#) for more info and how you can contact the working group with your suggestions.

Ed

**The Baker's Arms** - 29/3/21

I have recently moved into what used to be the Bakers Arms on Ferndale Street in Faringdon. I was wondering if any one has any information on the pub. Or any old photos of the outside or the inside of the pub. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks.

Melanie Long

**Recycling of Blister packs**- 29/3/21

*Superdrug are working in conjunction with TerraCycle who will convert the packaging into reusable raw materials using its unique recycling process – preventing empty packs spending a lifetime in landfill. What's more, Superdrug are supporting Marie Curie as each empty blister packet that gets recycled as part of the 'Little Packs, Big Impact' scheme. It's easy - it's free and it's a double whammy - recycling and supporting a fantastic charity too. Can you help? Please start saving yours. It really is amazing as to how they add up very quickly.*

Ask in Acacia, in the Cornmarket- looks as if they've offered to be a collection point in Faringdon

Ed

**Pump Track in Faringdon:** - 29/3/21

This would be a great idea, And the best location is the old Rogers concrete/Gardenstone site, If the land owners Martins property's LTD don't get the second planning application though for the eighty five houses and two commercial buildings, This would be the best site as nine acres of land lots of parking space. Even with the two commercial buildings on the bottom yard these room at the top yard even use the old quarry.

Regards Tom

**Derelict building Park Road** - 27/3/21

I have been told that the old water board building at the bottom of Sands Hill and junction of Park road has not been demolished because Bats were found to be roosting in it.

Name Supplied

**Pump Track in Faringdon?** - 27/3/21

Hello Faringdon.

There is a group of riders and parents trying to gauge and drum up support for a pump track to be built here in Faringdon.

A Facebook page has been created: <https://www.facebook.com/104709701711880/>

Please read on, and if you can, help by filling in the survey?: <https://forms.gle/7qCu2PXQVTgQU9Ev6>

The vision is to be have a track circa 150-200 metres long, with a smooth surface preferably tarmac, within Faringdon. What is a pump track? Pump tracks are usually a closed loop of 100 to 200m where you have rollable humps that you 'pump' to move you forwards instead of pedalling, pushing or scooting.

Who can use them?

Anybody of any age if they use wheels, from toddlers up to grandparents have been seen.

Equipment used includes; bikes (mountain, bmx, balance, I've even seen gravel bikes), scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, and off road wheelchairs.

Do they exist elsewhere?

The last four years has seen a large expansion of tracks across the country (and across the globe), for example Bristol now has four and Reading added another new one last month. The nearest to us here is 15 miles away in Wroughton.

They have spawned a cycling discipline in their own right, pump track racing, see <https://www.uci.org/bmx-racing/events/red-bull-uci-pump-track-world-championships> Where can I find more information?

<https://pumptrack.com/about-pumptrack.com/> Has great overview and links. <https://youtu.be/LhL1QtFJtI8>

To see a pump track in action with a 'how to' <https://youtu.be/ibeZOSg8srw> Skateboard on pump track <https://youtu.be/BxD9EWjwYk> Scooter on pump track <https://youtu.be/mXqIMh8U81M> 2019 world championship

Sound like a good idea?

Please help support us by registering your interest by completing the survey: <https://forms.gle/7qCu2PXQVTgQU9Ev6>  
Tim Ellingham

### **Derelict building Park Road - 24/3/21**

Curious as to why that derelict building which is within the building site on Park Road has not been demolished.

Any ideas!

Name supplied.

*Ed: I've been wondering that. Looks as if it is in a later phase of development. The picture of the completed site in the original application doesn't show it. But hey - plans change.*

### **RE: Town Council Facilities meeting - 23/3/21**

Why do the tennis courts at the Elms need to be resurfaced at a cost of £10k? According to the FTC web page linked in the article they already have a 'shiny new surface' thanks to the generosity of 'Tesco, Waitrose and Aviva'!

Name supplied

*Ed: I was told that this referred to the cleaning that is required every few years.*

### **VWHDC identifying how to spend housing cash for leisure - 23/3/21**

Local sports clubs in the Grove and Wantage area are helping Vale of White Horse District Council understand how money that's coming in from new housing developments could be used to help provide appropriate new or improved leisure facilities for local residents. A similar engagement is taking place with clubs in the Faringdon and Great Coxwell area.

The funding has been raised from housing developers building in the areas through legal agreements known as Section 106 agreements, and through the Community Infrastructure Levy, which is essentially a kind of tax raised from developers building houses.

The clubs, along with their local town and parish councils and district councillors, are being asked to provide initial views on whether their current facilities – like sports pitches and courts – will be suitable for the forthcoming increase in population locally, or if they think they will need to improve existing facilities or build new ones.

The initial feedback they provide now will contribute to a wider project happening this year to identify the need for leisure facilities in the area, which will in turn help to determine the best ways to spend the infrastructure cash. Cllr Judy Roberts, Cabinet Member for Development and Infrastructure at Vale of White Horse District Council said: "It's important that this funding from local housing developments is spent in the way it was intended – to benefit existing and future residents in the areas affected by the growing populations. We want to make the right changes to the leisure facilities in Grove and Wantage, and also the Faringdon area, to encourage everyone into a more active lifestyle."

Cllr Helen Pighills, Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities at Vale of White Horse District Council said: "People being able to exercise and be active close to where they live is a priority for the council. Covid has changed the way we work and spend our leisure time, perhaps for the long term. We are engaging with local sports groups and councillors in Grove and Wantage to understand how best to use developer contributions for leisure facilities as soon as soon as possible, and also carrying out engagement in the Faringdon area, before moving on to look at the wider district."

### **New Primary School- Gas Boilers- 22/2/21**

Given the Government and Oxford County Council's intention to stop using gas boilers in the near future, I asked why gas boilers were to be installed in the new school. This is what I was told:-

*The government's current policy is to ban gas boilers from 2025 in newly built homes and it is recognised that we must also work further to reduce our reliance upon gas heating in other building types beyond this date.*

*The county council is intending to introduce policy that enables funding to be captured for new schools which will ensure they can be constructed to zero carbon standards at some point in the future.*

*However in the case of Faringdon funding levels were negotiated with the developer some years ago and they do not enable the scheme to be designed to such enhanced standards. The county council do however look to maximise the*

opportunity for carbon efficiencies within the legislative and financial constraints it faces and the school is therefore being delivered based upon a mixed heating strategy of high efficiency gas boilers as well as heat recovery systems and photo-voltaic's.

Design teams working for the council are tasked to find the best solutions they can and to account, where practicable, for potential enhancements through retrofit that might take place in the future.

The Dead hand of Local councils!!!!!!

### **Community Lottery- 22/3/21**

Local charities and good causes in the Vale of White Horse will soon be able to get a funding boost from a brand-new community lottery being launched by the district council this summer.

The forthcoming new White Horse Community Lottery will allow players to choose which local charity their money benefits. Similar community lotteries elsewhere raise tens of thousands of pounds for charities every year.

The lottery will have a weekly jackpot of £25,000 and will be available for residents to play online. The draw will take place every Saturday, with a jackpot going to anybody who matches a sequence of six numbers. The other prizes are £2,000, £250, £25 or three free tickets.

The district council will not receive any of the proceeds, although some will go into a central community fund, all of which the council will distribute to good causes in the district's voluntary and community sector.

Later in the spring, the council will be inviting community groups and charities across the district to a launch event to explain how they can get involved and benefit from the money raised.:-

Residents can get involved by buying tickets which will cost £1 per week with 60p going towards the player's chosen local good cause.

20p of the remaining money goes into the central community fund,

17p towards the administration of the lottery, and 3p on VAT.

Link to news article [New community lottery - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

### **Town Sculptures. - 22/3/21**

If there is any money for the town to spend please no more sculptures or plastic pigeons enough is enough, and people with bikes have had more than enough time and money spent on them.

Lets all put our heads together, and I mean all, not just the same few and have something that the townspeople actually needs, something that would benefit nearly all the residents not pander to the "bring people into the town" contingent, no one really visits and when they do there is nothing for them to spend their money on or anything for them to do.

Name Supplied

*ED: FTC have formed a working party who will consider how the developer money is spent. 4 residents were invited to join ( don't know who, only that people with children who didn't usually participate in council affairs were chosen) The group meets in private, but I have asked that minutes are put in the public domain. I'm pretty sure if you wrote to FTC with suggestions, they would be passed on to the group. You can see the list of suggestion made through the survey below.*

### **Faringdon Leisure Survey- 21/3/21**

This was done last year and the results posted in February 2021. See [Community Survey Results - Faringdon Town Council](#). There is a list of all the suggestions from local people.

The post mentions the Working parties set up to discuss these-maybe make your views known?

The Developer money for the Highworth Road site amounts to nearly £1.6m, of which Faringdon Town Council should get 25%. In addition there is s106 money from other sites designated for leisure, mostly.

Ed

### **Town Centre Regeneration. - 21/3/21**

I totally agree about the sculptors. Sheep....please, this has got to be a wind up. As for pigeons, haven't we got enough of the real filthy things. These two items will really bring in the tourists

Let's hope the money is spent on something more useful than the bike racks outside the library, and the butchers. And as for the cycle maintenance point in the car park, mmm really well used...not. has anybody ever seen any of these used, I doubt it.

Name supplied.

### **Town Centre "Sculptures" - 20/3/21**

How I agree with Mary Beck!

We have an opportunity, now that monies are apparently being made available, to do something much more serious-minded.

Name supplied

### **Bird song identifier from RSPB - 20/3/21**

This is super- I couldn't resist posting the link

[https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-songs/what-bird-is-that/?utm\\_source=notes\\_on\\_nature\\_210313&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=short&utm\\_content=4&utm\\_campaign=notes\\_on\\_nature](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-songs/what-bird-is-that/?utm_source=notes_on_nature_210313&utm_medium=email&utm_term=short&utm_content=4&utm_campaign=notes_on_nature)

### **National Day of reflection** - 20/3/21

Tuesday 23rd March is the National Day of Reflection with a one minute's silence at 12 noon in memory of those who have died of Covid.

All Saints Church will be tolling the tenor bell following the silence.

### **No sculptures wanted in Town Centre** - 20/3/21

I feel very strongly that we do not need sculptures cluttering up the town centre.

All efforts should be put into making the square more attractive in terms of the shop fronts, outside dining and other practicalities.

Mary Beck

### **Faringdon Judo in the 1970s**- 20/3/21

Back in the early 70's I took part in many judo competitions. One of my instructors was John Vine from Faringdon and I seem to remember he recorded some of the competitions. I believe John passed away a few years ago. His wife was Betty and they had a daughter named Sue.

Due to circumstances all my photos, medals etc have all gone. None of my children or grandchildren have ever seen any footage or photos of my judo career.

If any of these films and photos are still in existence, any help in tracking them down would be much appreciated.

Thank you.

Name supplied

### **Community Interest levy-make your bid**- 19/3/21

CIL is a payment made by developers building in Faringdon to Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC) and FTC to help provide or improve facilities within the town.

In order to decide the best use for CIL spending, Faringdon Town Council has created a CIL working party to discuss and consider potential projects in Faringdon using the allocated and unallocated s106 / CIL funds.

The working party consists of four members of the public, 5 councillors and the Town Clerks and will meet to discuss a list of projects before moving to consultation with the wider community and make a final decision.

[See Terms of reference and application form](#) on FTC website

[FTC](#)

### **Leisure Consultation- DEADline 26th March 2021** - 19/3/21

It's really important that local clubs/groups/people respond to this

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](#)

[Leisure facilities in your area: feedback form](#)

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

### **Town Council Facilities meeting 17/3/21 . Notes** - 19/3/21

1 Tennis courts at the Elms need to be resurfaced. Cost of £10k. Funds currently stand at £2.6k. No discussion as to where the rest would come from. My guess is s106 money through Fernham Fields. Expected to last for 10-20 years

31 members (record number) using the courts. The rules are you can book online 1 hour, no more than 4 days in advance and only once per week.

Due to reopen 28/3/21

More details on <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/elms-tennis-court/>

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- Corn Exchange roof is in need of repair. 15 companies asked to quote, only 1 responded. The committee agreed to accept the quote ( under £10k)
- Maintenance and decoration has been done in the Corn Exchange and the Pump House while they've been closed.
- Plan to open the venues in the town post lockdown was agreed.
- Corn Exchange to be used for elections 5/5/21 prior to venues opening. VWHDC to be responsible for adhering to Covid rules.
- Old Town Hall is due to be refurbished [Planning Application P20/V1448/LB \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#) ( funded by grants, not detailed). It will reopen in the Autumn
- Corn Exchange external Notice Board to be replaced at a cost of £585. Hardwood frame, perspex 'glass', installed.

3 Pump House Project lease renewal agreed for a further 5 years [www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk](http://www.thepumphouseproject.co.uk)  
4 Park on Park Road/The Eagles. Waiting to hear from VWHDC. The intention is that Faringdon Twinning will take it over.

5 Town Regeneration

- Sculptures for the Town Centre ( sheep) were discussed. It was agreed that the project will be put to Finance for funding. There will be a consultation once the detail has been thought through
- Pigeon sculptures idea. 1 (£900 funded by VWHDC Arts s106 money) will be commissioned, to see what it's like. More detail in a report, but this was only made available to councillors. No detail re size, material, location was discussed.

6 FTC vehicle replacement. with Electric vehicle. Too expensive at the moment, so agreed to review every 6 months.

7 Bus shelters

New one with green roof and smart technology to replace one on Park Road (by developer). FTC will require dowry to cover ongoing maintenance, before agreeing to be responsible for it.

8 Town Park

OCC have now offered a fixed term lease ( currently a year on year rolling lease) This is required before FTC develop plans to develop the park. eg amphitheatre, outside venue.

It was agreed that the project would be developed. The town will be consulted.

### **New Primary School Planning application P21/V0750/CC - 17/3/21**

<https://data.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/V0750/CC#exactline>

You can comment online. Doesn't say when consultation period is closed, but the target decision date is 31/3/21

It's a 2 Form Entry primary school, with nursery provision, located on New Bloor estate, top right, abutting Sands Hill Parking

- 36 spaces, 2 disabled, 1 minibus on the premises, for staff and visitors only
- 9 temp spaces outside school boundary as drop off for parents
- 70+ bicycle and scooter safe storage

Quote 'the school will encourage walking and cycling to school as well as buses and trains ( good luck with trains)  
I assume that there are proper cycle lanes through the estate to the school

### **Energy**

- Solar panels - amount not specified
- Gas boiler- even though OCC has a commitment to remove all gas in their buildings by 2030

Lots of information about expected traffic on Park Road and up to school. I have no idea how accurate this might be. I think they're expecting only children from that estate and nearby to go to the school. and others to go to the Gloucester Street Primary. Not sure how that will work- especially in the short term.

Lucky children who go there- Faringdon hasn't ever had a purpose built Primary school since the Infant School stone building was built in (guess) late 19th century

### **Plant Giveaway - 15/3/21**

24th & 25th April

Shrubs, trees, bedding, seedlings

Outside many houses. Map to be provided nearer the date

Everything is free HELP MAKE OUR TOWN GREENER

### **Great Bike service - 16/3/21**

Like a lot of people during lockdown, due to the gym being closed, I dragged by bike from the depths of the shed, polished it off and got back into cycling outside for exercise.

After nearly a year of at least three cycle rides a week, I had worn the brake pads down. After attempting to change them myself, badly...(a puncture I CAN do!), I thought it best not to compromise on safety and decided the job was for someone who knew what they were doing.

I contacted Farcycles in the Market Square. David was very helpful and happily took my bike off my hands to give it a bike 'MOT'. It needed a bit more than just brake pads!

It was returned to me a few days later, at a very reasonable cost and I can continue my cycling knowing that my bike is now roadworthy and it's brakes are going to stop me if needed!

So, if your bike needs a bit of TLC do get in touch with them. The phone number is displayed in the shop window.

Thank you David.

Victoria Stepp

### **Survey- Leisure Facilities in Faringdon - 12/3/21**

Over the next few months Vale of White Horse District Council will be looking at how some money that's coming in from new housing developments can be used to help provide leisure facilities for local residents. The funding (Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy) could be used to enhance existing facilities or build new ones to meet the demands of the increasing population.

In this feedback form we are asking how you think existing leisure facilities could cope with increased use from residents in new housing developments.

[Leisure facilities in your area: feedback \(southandvale.gov.uk\)](https://www.southandvale.gov.uk)

Ed: At least some of this ££ (£230k) is that which VWHDC originally planned to spend on a new Wantage Leisure Centre

### **Monday 10th May Knowing Me Free online six weeks course - 12/3/21**

This course is aimed to develop self confidence and self-esteem

Run by Oxfordshire Adult Learning (Abingdon and Witney College) and Faringdon Town Council Please

contact [adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

to book or for more information. [See poster](#)

### **Re The folly footpath. - 12/3/21**

The Driveway track leading up to the folly from the locked gates at the is the is owned and is the responsibility of Thames water As like most of the land and the property's of the Faringdon house estate were sold off around ten years ago before the main house went up for lease and sale. Same as the fields surrounding the folly and woods is privately owned by the Farmer. This is not the main foot path leading up to the folly, The main tarmac footpath is near the bottom of Stanford road which runs past the back of Sudbury hotel

I hope you are not to hurt after your fall and you have a quick recovery.

Regards John

### **Folly Footpath - 10/3/21**

The gravel footpath up to the Folly has become very uneven and dangerous I had a nasty fall today, . Just wondered if anything can be done about it?

Name supplied.

*Ed: I believe the footpath is on Faringdon Estates Land, and was created by Thames Water for access to the reservoir*

### **Re £230k Leisure money - 5/3/21**

Before we became councillors, funding generated here in the town through housing developments was promised to Wantage to build a new leisure centre there. We thought this was wrong, and have been working hard to get it back to Faringdon, where it will be spent on fitness and leisure infrastructure.

The good news is that we're nearly, but first we need to find out how to spend it in a way that will benefit our residents the most.

The next few weeks will see us consult the town council and key stakeholders who are interested in the health and wellbeing of our residents.

If you represent a sports or leisure group, or an have interest in this please let us know - you may already be on our list, but we want to hear from as many people as possible.

Bethia Thomas [Bethia.Thomas@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:Bethia.Thomas@whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

David Grant [David.Grant@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:David.Grant@whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

### **Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory meeting - 5/3/21**

Notes arising from meeting

Chaired by Judith Heathcoat (JH) OCC councillor.

- Police were requested to enforce parking periodically/unannounced
- Market Sq refurbishment to be done in 2021/2022 budget year. Details being discussed with FTC. No information given about extent of the pavement resurfacing or the material to be used. Replacing bollards was mentioned.
- 20mph limit. Still awaiting to hear about £20k funding from OCC/VWHDC. No discussion as to which streets will be affected.
- Replacement Welcome to Faringdon wall on Park road. OCC is discussing this with FTC
- Member of the public highlighted excessive speeding into and out of Faringdon to/from Lechlade Road. OCC representative said a speed survey (cost £250) needs to be requested by FTC. No mention of 20mph limit in this discussion, so I guess Lechlade road is not part of that initiative.
- Civil Parking enforcement. On a request from a member of the public about the submission to government for CPE, JH read out a statement she made Oct 2020, where she said it would be made in April 2021 as planned. Later in the meeting the OCC officer working on CPE implementation said the submission had been made at the end of January and OCC are waiting to hear Live date still scheduled for Nov 2021 as planned.

- In the meantime lines and signs being checked - defects, missing- across the district.
- No changes to Traffic Orders is planned at this stage. Consolidated orders will be published before the live date.
- It was suggested that FTC and OCC officer liaise to identify potential changes for Faringdon.
- JH said that in the past when Residents parking was investigated, it could not be implemented because 100% take up was needed. OCC officers said they were unaware of any fixed rules with take up of residents parking. IT seems to be expected that requests for residents parking areas could follow CPE implementation.
- JH said that OCC officers are still looking for the additional £470k ( they have £1.75m) they say is needed to change the A420/Gt Coxwell junction.
- The cycle way along Southampton St is under construction. Due for completion 10/3/21

David Grant re District matters

- OCC are working on resolving flooding along the Coxwell Road under the s278 agreement.
- The landowner has ( independently) carried out hedging and ditching along this road,
- VWHDC are including in their next Local Plan that new residential areas should all have 20mph speed limits. A police officer said that unless the development design restricts speed, the limit will not be effective.

JH announced this was her last meeting as she is standing down as OCC councillor.

#### **Top recyclers** - 5/3/21

Residents in southern Oxfordshire are among the top recyclers in the country yet again!

Yesterday the government published the figures showing how much waste is recycled across the country. South Oxfordshire District had the second highest recycling rate in England with 64 per cent of its waste being recycled. Vale of White Horse district came joint third with 63.3 per cent of its waste being recycled. This puts the two districts way above the national recycling rate of 45.5 per cent and they are also two of only 11 local authorities in the country with a recycling rate above 60 per cent. Both districts have consistently been in the top ten in the past five years.

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/vale-and-south-are-top-recyclers-again/>

#### **£1.9m Help for High St Recovery in Oxfordshire** - 4/3/21

Vale of White Horse District Council has teamed up with social enterprise Makespace and other councils to help bring empty shops back into use with a £1.9m fund.

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/uncategorised/nearly-2m-provided-to-help-the-recovery-of-the-countys-high-streets/>

#### **Great news!**- 3/3/21

Faringdon Leisure Centre is to get a £400,000 refurbishment with the potential to reduce its carbon footprint by 500,000 kwh over a year - the equivalent of the annual energy use of 135 houses.

Work will start soon to replace gas boilers at the end of their functional life, with modern air source heat pumps powered with new solar panels.

This is real investment in our community and will ensure that the leisure centre is open and fit for the town's future and our environment.

The Vale of White Horse District Council has been awarded a £361,746 grant from the government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. The rest of the funding needed will come from S106 money.

[More info on Vale website](#)

David Grant, Bethia Thomas District Councillors for Faringdon

#### **Thank you.**- 2/3/21

I had a nasty fall while crossing the road opposite the old post office last Wednesday and would like to thank the lovely people who came to my assistance.

Firstly the kind gentleman from Stanford-in-the-Vale and secondly the 2 off-duty nurses, Jo and Rachel, who coincidentally arrived at the same time. As I had bashed my head and there was a lot of blood, they called an ambulance and all 3 kindly waited with me until the ambulance came.

Also my neighbour, Lorna, who I had rung expecting to be able to go home. It was also very warming how many people passing by on foot and in cars stopped to see if there was anything they could do.

The A&E dept at the JR were very thorough and then my other neighbours, Mike and June, were outstanding good neighbours when they came to fetch me home at 1.00a.m.

Fortunately, my injuries were fairly superficial, though very colourful! It all made feel that I am very lucky to live in a place like Faringdon where people look out for each other.

Janet Crawshaw

**Donating food** - 2/3/21

I've just been speaking to Sally at Faringdon Food Bank as I didn't know what they needed. I thought it might be helpful to share what I've found out.

The Food Bank donates supplies to people who have been referred to them by, for example, a school, a doctor, social services etc - they don't have to prove income support.

The Bank makes up weekly packages of 7 meals, plus deodorant and shower gel. Longer term clients also receive such things as washing powder, cleaning products and so on.

Thus the best things to donate are tinned meals, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, long life milk, tea and coffee.

Donations can be delivered to the food bank, or left at Waitrose (you don't have to buy your donations there). Cash is also welcome as it can buy items not in store, such as nappies. It should be put in an envelope and put through the door of the council offices.

Faringdon Pump House run a Food and Share which is open to everyone (no referral required). For this, donations can be left at Tesco's.

Mary Beck

**Notable Faringdon People- from the past** - 1/3/21

I've added information to this site about

[The Bennett Family](#)

[Pye Family](#)

[Heber-Percy Family](#)

[Untons of Wadley](#)

Includes a genealogy report and Family tree for each.