

A call to artists- Art Project for Faringdon Town Centre- 21/12/21

Here's a call out for people and community groups interested in decorating a few bollards as part of a public art project for the town centre (rather like the Cirencester hares sculptures). Please share

Read the [Full information](#)

We welcome applications from individuals, collaborations of artists and community groups. If you are a local artist (from a range of specialisms from painters, graphic designers, print makers etc) please register an interest by **Wednesday 12th January** and send to liza@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

New Martial Arts Class - 21/12/21

Thinking about starting a martial arts class in Faringdon.

I am trained in Shaolin Kung Fu, used to do it years ago, just restarted. Very intense, combines stamina training with self-defence and is the real thing from China, not a European interpretation.

Will start classes from January 15th, after the Christmas break.

Going to be held 11am on Saturday's. Each lesson 1 hour, £10 per session.

Anyone interested, do email me so I can judge numbers.

kyuzoswordsman@yahoo.co.uk

LAST CHRISTMAS (12A) CANCELLED TOMORROW EVENING- 16/12/21

FRIDAY 17TH DEC

We are very sorry but in light of the rapid increase in Covid cases and updated advice on socialising, we will be cancelling tomorrow's screening of Last Christmas (12A). If you have tickets, please contact the Info Centre on 01367 240281 who will be happy to give you a credit note for a future screening (or hang onto your ticket and bring it in to swap for another film in the new year)

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and keep safe.

The Faringdon Regent Cinema Team

Parking enforcement - 15/12/21

Do you know if our council has any idea when the long overdue parking enforcement is going to be actioned in our town?

William Shaw

Ed: You can contact Oxford County Council

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/illegal-parking> or by Conduent's control room at 0345 337 1138, option 4.

New Community Choir - 13/12/21

Meets on Wednesdays-2 sessions. 2pm-3.30 or 6pm to 7.30

New repertoire in January

[Read about it /get contact information](#)

Help save food waste - 13/12 21

Pay a subscription, join the community larder. Get 10 items of food + fresh veg every week. Profits from subscriptions help young people get education and work.

[See poster for full details](#)

See more information on [SOFEA: Enabling the transformation of people's lives](#) and [sign up](#)

S6 bus cancellations- 10/12/21

Seems as if cancelled buses are shown on Twitter each day.

You can see the info, without signing up to Twitter on <https://twitter.com/explore>

and search on Stagecoach west s6

Faringdon Singers Christmas Concerts Cancelled - 10/12/21

Due to Covid

Both Shrivenham and Faringdon. 11th/12th December

Glasses wearers are being asked to donate their old, unwanted frames to help homeless people.- 7/12/21

Local opticians, Haine & Smith, has partnered up with regional charity Alabaré to carry out free eye examinations on the people they support and supply them with free glasses if needed. To make sure they have enough frames for everyone, a campaign has been launched to collect people's redundant glasses.

The campaign, named 'Sight for All', was officially launched outside the Haine & Smith practice in Trowbridge, Wiltshire on Thursday, November 24th. Alabaré mascot, Roofus, was there to help spread the word!

[See full press release](#)

To make sure they have enough frames for the Alabaré residents to choose from, anyone wishing to donate their glasses can take them into any Haine & Smith practice. A list of locations can be found on its website www.haineandsmith.co.uk

Craft Fair ++ today - 4/12/21

Lovely morning in the Square - stalls of all sorts, carol singing, and wonderful brass band - all in the winter sunshine. Lots of things to buy at the Craft Fair in the Corn Exchange too. Plenty of opportunity to get a hot drink and chat to friends and neighbours.
A super start to Christmas.

Mock Battle Radcot Bridge - 4/12/21

Could you tell me if there are any plans in the future to hold another mock battle at Radcot Bridge?

Geoff Jills

gillimot28@gmail.com

Ed: Possibly worth contacting the Sealed Knot

Parking enforcement - 2/12/21

Oxfordshire County Council has appointed Conduent as the enforcement contractor for the Districts, which includes Faringdon.

You can report issues of illegal parking either by our website

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/illegal-parking> or by contacting Conduent's control room at 0345 337 1138, option 4.

Crime in Faringdon- 30/11/21

I've just come across this <https://crimerate.co.uk/oxfordshire/great-faringdon>

'Great Faringdon is among the top 5 most dangerous small towns in Oxfordshire, and is the 61st most dangerous overall out of Oxfordshire's 322 towns, villages, and cities. The overall crime rate in Great Faringdon in 2020 was 50 crimes per 1,000 people.'

Link on homepage

[Here are the figures from the Police](#)

9 more houses off Fernham Road SN77LB - 29/11/21

[P21/V3041/FUL](#) (Full Application) Minor Proposal: Erection of 9 no. two storey dwellings (5no.detached and 4no. semidetached)

Faringdon Town Council **STRONGLY OBJECTS** to this application based on traffic levels, parking, road noise, air quality, cycle paths, amenities

Read full statement: <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/response-o-planning-application-land-at-fernham-road-faringdon-sn7-7lb/>

You can make comments [via the planning application](#) to VWHDC until 2/12/21.

Pump House Project crafts - 29/11/21

THE NEW Spring WORKSHOPS ARE HERE!

BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW! crafty.crew@thepumphouseproject.org.uk

Please allow more than a week for a response, this is a part time role and I always respond, Thank you for your patience.

New prepayment required, details will be provided in email reply of your booking.

Workshops from talented tutors.

Learn new techniques and have something decorative to show for it.

See [The Pump House Project - Home](#)

Footpath to Wicklesham from Park Road, Oriel cottages - 26/11/21

The developer of Oriel gardens has plans to cut through the path that crosses the field from Park Road and A420 to create a road to c10 houses in another part of the development.

This path is frequently used by walkers.

The Countryside Access team has raised many questions. [You can read their response here](#)

Trees removed in error along Park Road - 26/11/21

More trees than necessary/planned were removed by the developer/their contractors along Park Road. VWHDC raised an enforcement case and this is the response:

Thank you for reporting your concerns regarding the removal of trees on the highway at the above location.

The developer has not accepted responsibility for the removal of the trees but has agreed to replant with appropriate replacements. Oxfordshire County Council as the Highways Authority will now liaise with the developer to agree the specification and position for the replanting.

Ed

The Magazine: - 24/11/21

Very impressive - I can see why it's not printed and delivered to every home! Struggling with it brought me into the 21st century!

I've often thought Faringdon ought to market itself as an "eating hub" as we have so many and diverse eateries and drinkeries.

Mary Beck

New Faringdon Town Magazine - 22/11/21

Faringdon is a place steeped in history, packed with personality, and bursting with quirky humour, so we wanted to showcase every inch of our local community in this fantastic first edition.

As well as our top picks of local events – from Farmers markets to Gin Festivals – we're highlighting all that Faringdon has to offer, covering music, history, art, literature, theatre and so much more!

Elsewhere, Al Cane Photography tells us all about our town's musical past, present and future, we explore Faringdon's fame, fun and foolish frolicking with Esther Lafferty, and we discover local charities that really do deserve our attention.

With such an enormous and jam-packed edition, we can't begin to cover it all, so you'd best have a read and find out yourself!

Click below to dive in, see you next time...

<https://library.myebook.com/.../faringdon-town.../3744/>

Parking- 21/11/21

I asked a friend from Wantage whether she'd seen any traffic wardens there- none seen. My guess is that Oxfordshire CC either hasn't employed wardens yet, or have started in the bigger places.

Maybe Bethia the county councillor will tell us.

Name Supplied

Re : Parking- 20/11/21

Has anybody on the council, given any thought to introducing Parking Permits for residents only, this would go some way preventing long term parking by people not from the town. Alternatively, we could ask the council to retain David Attenborough of Steve Backshall to seek out the near extinct Traffic Warden.

Name supplied

.re. parking- 19/11/21

I wouldn't hold your breath for a Traffic Warden to turn up. OCC can't even remove graffiti off road signs here that was reported to them in August.

Mark Lunnon

Parking- 19/11/21

As has already been mentioned, the vehicles parked dangerously/thoughtlessly/illegally are still in evidence around the town, in fact more so it seems as the population increases, and home deliveries become more popular, so where is the traffic warden then? conspicuous by their absence I would say.

The County council have always seen Faringdon as the back end of the county, those of us that were born and raised here know this to be a fact, it's been going on for decades, Abingdon Witney and Wantage have always had their meals at the county's table, we've had the crumb's underneath, so to now think it's all going to change because OCC now have the power to enforce parking laws is ridiculous, nothing is going to change. I always smile to myself about the two free hours in the car parks, which are always nearly half empty, when you can park where you like for as long as you like on any road around the town centre with impunity.

Name Supplied

Parking - 19/11/21

I am in full agreement with the comment on parking, 19/11/21. Nobody cares about where they park. London St is no better, Coxwell street is no better, and Canada Lane is as congested as ever. Doesn't the Highway Code say that you should not park near school gates.

Why did we think anything would change, nothing has changed. Nothing will change until somebody takes charge of enforcing the parking regulations, and sticks to them. And let's face it, with all the new housing, it can and will only get worse.

Name supplied.

Ed: *Oxfordshire County Council is responsible for onstreet parking enforcement. (from 1/11). I have yet to see a traffic warden*

Faringdon and District Community First Responders - 19/11/21

Community First Responder (CFRs) are volunteers who come from every walk of life. What they have in common is their desire to make a difference by volunteering to attend medical emergencies in their local and surrounding communities. As such, they can often reach a potentially life-threatening emergency in the first vital minutes before the ambulance crew can get to the scene.

The Faringdon and District team comprises eight CFRs who live in Faringdon, Great Coxwell, Kelmscott, Stanford in the Vale, Buckland, Southmoor and Kingston Bagpuize. In total, they have been responding for 80 years and regularly commit over 600 hours of their time each month.

Recently, all members of the team were presented with a commemorative coin in recognition of their 'outstanding service and commitment' to South Central Ambulance Service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the last few years, many members of the team have studied for and now been awarded a nationally recognised qualification in ambulance service first responding. Topics covered include: assessment of casualties; basic airway management; basic life support and external defibrillation; management of medical conditions and injuries; and the emergency care of wounds, bleeding and trauma.

Some members of the team have also completed the National Volunteer Certificate from NHS Health Education England.

The South Central Ambulance Charity (Registered Charity no 1049778) exists to raise funds to support the work CFRs do by providing money for services, projects and equipment that is not supplied by Government NHS funding. If you would like to help us by making a contribution, please visit the charity's Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/scas>

For more information about CFRs, please visit www.scas.nhs.uk/our-services/community-and-co-responders/

Parking- 19/11/21

I know it's early days but the new civil regulations came into force on 1st November and wow what a difference it's made. Cars still parked on pavements, double yellow lines etc. London street is a joke, Coxwell road is the same when are the people responsible for parking infringements going to do something about it.

Looks like a load of hogwash what's changed NOTHING.

Name supplied.

Lloyds Bank- application to become a takeaway- 17/11/21

See [Planning Application P21/V3173/FUL \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#)

The Wilderness, Southampton St- 16/11/21

[Here's plan that has just been published.](#)

Faringdon Library to be refurbished Spring 2022 - 15/11/21

Tell Oxfordshire CC what you think of the plans- only takes a minute or two

[Faringdon Library Enhancement | Let's Talk Oxfordshire](#)

Survey closes 31/12/21

Free Parking in Faringdon in December - 13/11/21

Faringdon – Saturdays 27 November, and 4 and 11 December

On the above days there's no need to display a ticket

[See news release](#)

New Community choir in Faringdon - 12/11/21

Every Wednesday. Two sessions 2pm - 3.30 6pm-7.30 £ per session. Choose which suits you best

United Church Hall

Run by Rachel Williams

Sign up

form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeE3ICDUFoMJZtpIIVWW_9W8CqECstC1DTs4XAvYzQGeBjrw/viiewform?usp=sf_link

Bethia Thomas now Deputy Leader of VWHDC - 11/11/21

[New Vale of White Horse District Council Deputy Leader announced - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#)

White Hart Roundabout to open 14/11/21 - 11/11/21

[Reconstruction work at White Hart roundabout nearing completion | Swindon Borough Council](#)

Lloyds Bank Mobile branch - 11/11/21

Link to Faringdon dates is now on the Home page of this site

Survey - GP Services - 11/11/21

Do you live in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire or Berkshire? Are you registered with a GP? We are inviting to complete a short survey about how your GP Practice communicates with you.

To get involved, please go to the following link: <https://jointheconversation.scwcsu.nhs.uk/your-views-are-needed> the survey should only take about 5 minutes.

The survey is open for feedback until Sunday 21 November, so please do take the time to complete and share with friends, family and colleagues.

Rotary Young Citizen Award - 9/11/21

The Rotary Club of Faringdon & District is inviting nominations for The Rotary Young Citizen Award which recognises young people who, whether in their own family, school, local community or even nationally have excelled themselves deserving recognition and reward.

The awards can be for individuals or groups who have made a positive difference. For example: they might be champions in their school or local community, have gone the extra mile to help others, young carers, fundraisers, volunteers. They might have overcome adversity or have shown particular courage in some way.

Nominations are invited for those aged 9-to-25 on 31st August 2021.

Local winners will receive a prize and a certificate of recognition. The best will go forward to a national competition where awards will be presented at the Rotary Volunteer Expo being held at the NEC Birmingham.

Do you know a young person who deserves recognition? Nominations must be with Faringdon Rotary by Friday 21st January 2022. For full information and a nomination form, private message Rotary on: [facebook.com/faringdon.rotary](https://www.facebook.com/faringdon.rotary) or use the contact link on their website: <https://faringdonrotaryclub.org>

Fortnightly garden waste collection resumes - 7/11/21

[Garden waste - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

Proposed Retirement Homes, Canada Lane- 6/11/21

McCarthy and Stone. 50 properties in a 3 storey building, parking, charging points, grounds. On former Tetronics site and 53 and 55 Gravel walk)

Car access off Canada Lane.

See [Our Proposal – Faringdon \(mccarthystoneconsultation.co.uk\)](http://mccarthystoneconsultation.co.uk)

Courses at the Pump House- 2/11/21

Sewing, Spanish, reflexology, aromatherapy

[See poster](#)

British Championships Artistic Roller skating for Dance - 2/11/21

Results for Faringdon Artistic Roller Skating Club

3rd place for Eartha Peacock in the under 8 year old category

11th place Isabella White. In the Mini category

11th place Marla Peacock in the Espoir category

9th place for Emily Robinson in the Junior category

Skaters returned to skating after having 18 months off due to Covid

Tough to get back on skates with very little time to prepare for British Championships but skaters worked hard.

Congratulations to them all.

Eartha Marla and Emily Stevenson travel to Yarmouth 19th Nov for second Championships this will be in Free skating

We thank the Faringdon Leisure Centre for supporting us in getting floor time

Dee England

Christmas events in the Town - 21/10/21

Faringdon Christmas Light Trail

Decorate your home or business with a Christmas light display and be apart of our fun town trail

To take part email adele@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

27th November Christmas Light switch on

4th December Christmas Market and Craft Fair.

See [Poster Board](#) or [Whats on](#) for more information

Rogers Concrete- more housing - 21/10/21

The Vale Of White horse have granted the planning application for 95 dwellings at Rogers concrete land, This land was they pointed for commercial employment use only, Six on the planning committee are in favour of the developer one was against.

I hope there will be an enquiry why the planning agents have skipped certain parts of planning regulations on ground sites and commercial sites. I am deeply appalled and upset at the decision .

I truly feel sorry for the original residents in Faringdon that this has been landed on then same as the other developments The town has been grown by 70% that has been forced on it by the Vale of White horse planning committee. I

Brian John Rogers

Ex Land owner of Sandhill Rogers Concrete Gardenstone

Civil Parking enforcement starts 1/11/21 - 20/10/21

If you want to find out more see [New civil parking enforcement \(CPE\) for Cherwell, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Playing with words - Soha Housing - 16/10/21

Soha Housing has this weekend launched a major project to involve any community where Soha has homes - such as Faringdon.

'Playing with Words' is a series of professionally-led free workshops to encourage creativity on the theme of 'community' in poetry, prose or music.

Six months of in-person and online sessions with Kevin Campbell of The KCD Collective will culminate in a performance in July 2022 at Didcot's Cornerstone Arts Centre to celebrate Soha's 25th anniversary.

The invitation to get involved with 'Playing with Words' is offered in 8 languages to inspire as many people from all cultures and backgrounds as possible to participate.

Find out more and where to catch a workshop near you by calling Andrea or Liz in Soha's Resident Engagement team on Freephone 0800 014 15 45 or emailing ri@soha.co.uk.

[See flyer](#)

Events in Faringdon - 16/10/21

Do keep an eye on the [Poster Board](#)- quite a few new events- Craft Fair, Art Exhibition, Fireworks, theatre

Young People paid feedback - 14/10/21

I am contacting you regarding two paid opportunities that might be of interest to any young people that you work with. Both are being offered by Oxfordshire County Council and we are looking for ideas and thoughts from young people aged 14, 15, 16 and 17 years old in Oxfordshire.

The first is "Your Voice Your Views" and we are looking for feedback from young people about the nine new priorities for Oxfordshire introduced by the new cabinet. As a thank you, we'll give the young person £20 and a certificate to add to their portfolio. The link is <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/your-voice-your-views>

The second is "Let's talk digital" and we are looking for feedback from young people interested in helping shape the digital offering of Oxfordshire County Council, such as through websites social media and other online services. The conversation will last 30 minutes and any young people partaking can claim £10. The link is <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/lets-talk-digital-2021>

Please do pass this email onto any young people that you think would be interested!

Kind Regards,
Sammi Rees

Pavements in Faringdon - 12/10/21

It's really important to report issues with any of the pavements in the Market Sq (or anywhere) you believe to be dangerous, to Oxfordshire County Council. This can be done very easily via Fix my Street . You can [send a report from a PC](#) or easier still via the Fix my street app as your phone knows where you are, you can photograph the issue, enter your email address and simply send it off.

Do mention whether you/someone has fallen or tripped.

Name supplied

Tree Planting on VWHDC land. New policy - 12/10/21

.....which outlines how we will work to protect, plant, and manage trees on the public land we own, and how we will support communities to apply to plant trees on our council owned land.

Protecting and increasing tree cover will help to ensure that trees across our district continue to benefit residents and our environment, and will help to reduce carbon emissions by absorbing carbon from the atmosphere.

To find out more, see our press release - <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/.../new-policy-to-boost.../>

VWHDC

Pavements in Faringdon - 12/10/21

I have just been made aware that the pavements in Faringdon will now not go ahead because apparently the money allocated has gone missing. If this is a fact then I would submit that this requires maximum publicity so that Faringdon residents are made aware so they can lobby their councillors to seek answers as to why the long overdue pavement repairs are now in jeopardy.

Name supplied.

Ed: Bethia Thomas, our Oxfordshire County Councillor, is finding out what happened. Her email is: [Bethia.Thomas@Oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto: Bethia.Thomas@Oxfordshire.gov.uk)

With regard to the Covid Isolation grants mentioned on here - 11/10/21

..... there is a brilliant project being run in Devon - <https://www.thefiloproject.co.uk/>

Is it the sort of thing that would have legs in the Faringdon area?

Name Supplied

Grants- Covid Isolation and loneliness - 10/10/21

We are delighted to announce a new round of grants has opened to help combat isolation and loneliness and recover from the adverse consequences of the pandemic and lockdowns. Grants between £500 and £10,000 will be awarded from our Community Resilience Fund, set up at the start of the pandemic. [COVID-19 Isolation and Loneliness - Oxfordshire Community Foundation](#)

Try Out Pickleball FREE- 2/10/21

Pump House Wednesdays 2-3pm

To register interest contact: Ashley Chapman 0771 771 4477

ashley.chapman@southandvale.gov.uk

See poster