

News and Views January 2022

Domestic Abuse Awareness Training - 27/1/22

As part South & Vale TVP's role in the Community Safety Partnership we are sharing online training provided by our partner to raise awareness of spotting domestic abuse in our community.

The South and Vale Community Safety Partnership and Oxfordshire charity Reducing the Risk of Domestic Abuse are running a series of free online sessions to highlight what staff can do if they suspect that a client or colleague is at risk of domestic abuse.

The sessions are available for anyone working in hair and beauty, nail bars, tattooists, and ear-piercing establishments.

Domestic abuse affects 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men in their lifetime, so it's very important that people know how they can support those affected.

To sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/transformations-changing-our-response-to-domestic-abuse-free-event-tickets-2408913314>

Do you care about your local countryside. Do you want to make a difference? - 27/1/22

CPRE Oxfordshire is the voice of the countryside in Oxfordshire. Due to retirement of current members, we are looking for new trustees to join our team.

This is an excellent opportunity to play an influential role in a respected and long-standing environmental charity, applying your experience to make a real difference and to be part of a friendly group that is passionate about the Oxfordshire countryside.

Application deadline is **31 March 2022** in the first instance, but we are happy to receive expressions of interest on an ongoing basis.

For further info, please contact our Branch Secretary Dorian Grier.

E: dorian.cpre@gmail.com

T: 01491 612079

See our website for more information: www.cpreoxon.org.uk

Refer people for free laptops - 25/1/22

Organisations that support struggling families, isolated older people, jobseekers and other at-risk groups are being urged to get in touch with Getting Oxfordshire Online, a local partnership that provides laptops and other support to improve digital inclusion.

With the increased impact of the Omicron variant, people's behaviours and support systems are yet again being disrupted. Work-from-home guidance, the widespread need to self-isolate, and the impact of continual uncertainty on mental health are all key concerns.

With up to 40,000 people in Oxfordshire not online, we all know there are still too many people in need of access to the internet at this difficult time.

Getting Oxfordshire Online was launched in September 2021 in response to the pandemic.

Partners in three locations across the county accept devices donated by businesses and the public, refurbish them and pass them to people who need them. Partners can also help people to access the data, training and support they need to get online.

The partnership accepts referrals from charities and community groups in Oxfordshire that support disadvantaged individuals or families. If your organisation works with people that need devices or other support with getting online, do get in touch to refer them to the Getting Oxfordshire Online service - we are here to help.

hello@gettingoxfordshireonline.org

FARINGDON BRANCHES OUT- 20/1/22

There's still time to plant a tree for the Planet! Winter planting recommended up to the end of March.

Get a tree for your garden, or share in a wider campaign.

You can find lots of ideas and information on the Earth and Faith [webpage](#).

Pam de Wit

New Design Guide for housing developments- a Consultation - 19/1/22

VWHDC are asking for your views on their draft Joint Design Guide - a document that provides guidance on how new development in our area can be designed and constructed to the highest quality and sustainability.

The guide provides steps and design principles that will be considered when deciding on all future planning applications – whether it's a resident looking to build an extension or a developer building a large housing site.

It will help applicants understand what makes high-quality design and inspire them to reach these standards.

We want your input on how the draft Joint Design Guide sets out what makes a high-quality and sustainable development and how we ensure there are clear steps for developers and others to follow.

To help you understand what the guide is about and the principles it contains, we've created an easy to use [website](#). It tells you in more detail what the draft Joint Design Guide is and how it will be used as well as outlining the key design elements: place and setting; natural environment; movement and connectivity; space and layout; built form; climate and sustainability.

We are carrying out a six-week consultation which runs from **Tuesday 18 January to 11.59pm on Tuesday 1 March 2022**. We would like to invite your comments on the [Draft Joint Design Guide](#). The quickest and easiest way to comment is to use our [online comment form](#)

After the consultation period ends, we will consider your comments and make appropriate changes to the Joint Design Guide before we adopt it. Once adopted, which we expect to happen in late Spring 2022, the Joint Design Guide along with a consultation statement and a consultation summary report, will be published on our [South](#) and [Vale](#) websites shortly afterwards.

Thankyou - 16/1/22

A big thank you to the kind person who handed my key into Tesco on Saturday 15th Jan in the afternoon. I am very thankful to have it back.

Kay Fox

Planning applications for the Red Lion and the former Budgens site- 14/1/22

Budgens -

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P21/V3520/FUL> Comment until 10th February 2022

Red Lion - [_Planning Application P21/V3543/LB \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#) You can comment until 3/2/22

Wicklesham Quarry SSSI - 10/1/22

People have been asking why Wicklesham Quarry SSSI is being offered for sale for commercial development, when it is still undergoing restoration to agricultural use. It is less than half way through the five year plan that is required by planning conditions.

The High Court made it clear that the Neighbourhood Plan policy- which seeks to allow Wicklesham to be used for industry - cannot override its existing planning conditions, as they are a county matter. The Localism Act excludes county matters from Neighbourhood planning. The policy is therefore irrelevant as things stand, since no one can apply for planning permission citing it. Anyone seeking more information can read the latest update here:

<https://www.change.org/p/the-vale-of-white-horse-district-council-and-secretary-of-state-michael-gove-protect-wicklesham-quarry-from-development/u/29933028>

Anna Hoare

Tesco Recycling in Faringdon - 7/1/22

As well as things mentioned below **BUBBLE wrap** can be recycled at Tesco
The collection points enable customers to return all their previously unrecycled soft plastic, regardless of where they bought it, including cling film, pet food pouches and crisp packets to recycling points at their local store, rather than having to throw it away.

Once collected, the old soft plastic is sent for recycling where it is washed, sorted and processed before being turned into new packaging. It will be used into pack items such as food, household and beauty products.

Items to be recycled include:

- Bread bags
- Fruit and vegetable packaging
- Crisp packets
- Salad bags
- Baby and pet food pouches
- Cling film

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING- 3/1/22

This Saturday 8th January from 9am to 1pm
Bring your Christmas trees to Faringdon Market Place
We will recycle them for you
Donations please for Shelter and Helen & Douglas House
www.faringdonrotaryclub.org

February 2022

Police Commissioner report - 2/3/22

[Grant announcement, plus various news](#)

London Road - 28/2/22

I've just discovered that the woodland opposite Sudbury House, and the field behind has a new owner.

The wall is being repaired/retired.

I wonder what the plan is?

Name Supplied

Front of Volunteer - weeds removed- 25/2/22

Have you noticed the difference ([see pic](#))??

This was done by a new group of local people who are unhappy seeing our town look so uncared for.

We've called ourselves Faringdon Street Angels.

Let me have your email if you'd like to help genewebb@rocketmail.com

We'll hope to get together at least monthly, but it could be more often and it will be on a come if you can basis.

Faringdon Record Fair Saturday 7th May 10 to 2- 25/2/22

Old Town Hall and surrounding Market Place

Dealers £10 for a 6 foot table

Punters £1 entrance.

Raising money for the Faringdon Food Bank charity.

Contact Al Cane alcitizencane@gmail.com for further information.

Older drivers webinar- 24/2/22

In March, the Older Driver's Forum will be carrying out online webinars about the recent changes to the Highway Code.

Do you know what the changes are?

Do you have questions about the changes?

Alongside speakers from various agencies, PC Liz Johnson, of the Road Safety Team will be on the panel to answer your questions.

These webinars are scheduled for:

- Thursday 10 March at 2pm
- Monday 14 March at 7pm

To register for a place, please visit the Older Drivers Forum website at <https://olderdriversforum.com/webinars/>

Me and my Girl - 24/2/22

Local theatre group, **AmEgos**, is staging ME AND MY GIRL in Wantage this April. Having had no musical productions since November 2019 due to Covid, and this being their 10th anniversary year, they cannot wait to perform this fabulous, funny, classic musical.

At Hareford Hall in Hampshire, suspense is in the air. The family solicitor has found the long-lost heir to the Hareford title and riches. But, to everyone's horror, he's a Cockney barrow boy called Bill Snibson. As the Duchess determinedly sets out to transform him into a true gentleman, Bill's sweetheart Sally wonders how she fits in to his new life. Before too long, Bill has to answer some soul-searching questions about who he really is.

This much-loved musical comedy includes the enormously popular numbers *The Sun Has Got His Hat On* and *Lambeth Walk* and won the 1985 Laurence Olivier Award for Best Musical. Now you can see it in Wantage!

Tickets and details from: www.AmEgosTheatre.com

Me and My Girl 14 - 16th April, King Alfred's Academy Theatre, Portway, Wantage. [See poster](#)

Park and Charge in Faringdon - 24/2/22

Work will begin on the Park and Charge Electric Vehicle charging scheme in Faringdon next week.

Southampton Street is the fourth of Vale of White Horse District Council's car parks where EV chargers are being installed as part of the scheme. It follows Portway car park in Wantage and Cattle Market and West St Helen car parks in Abingdon where work has already begun.

The Park and Charge scheme proposes a total of up to 62 new charging points in car parks across the Vale of White Horse district.

The installation work will involve several bays being fenced off temporarily and some short-term disruption to the car park.

The council will announce the rest of the work to be done as part of this project in the Vale shortly. All work is due to be completed by the end of March.

This work is part of a county-wide scheme to install hundreds of EV charging points in council-owned car parks. More info [here](#).

The Park and Charge scheme allows residents without off-street parking to park overnight and charge up using a 'fast' 7 – 22kw EV charging point. The chargers will also provide much needed battery top-ups to commuters and visitors during the daytime.

More at the [Park and Charge website](#).

BBC 1 TV - a documentary about Pennyhooks Farm and centre for autistic young adults.- 20/2/21

Worth watching- inspiring

This is England [BBC iPlayer - We Are England - Farming England: Farming on the Spectrum - Oxfordshire](#)

Former Lloyds Bank - conversion to a takeaway- 20/2/21

Permission has been given

[Planning Application P21/V3173/FUL \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

Food bank/Community larder.- 21/2/22

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Jim Horton

Thames Valley Police Have your say - 10/02/22

#FaringdonNHPT

Have Your Say next Tuesday 15th February at Tesco's, Park Road, #Faringdon between 12:30-1:30pm.

Come along and speak to officers about the issues in your area. :)

Food bank/Community larder.- 9/2/21

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Faringdon Town Council Community Awards 2022.- 1/2/22

We hope these awards will raise public morale and help to foster a good community spirit, as well as celebrating some of the very positive aspects of our community.

There are five awards - all for services to the community.

Community Hero Award

The Clive Davis Community Hero Award is an award given to an individual member of the community who has made a difference to the lives of others, going above and beyond the call of duty.

Group Award

There are many groups in Faringdon of various types. This award is open to any group, be that sporting, hobby, church, educational or indeed any group of people who meet on a regular basis. The group award nominations should be for groups which enrich and improve the lives of their members or the wider community.

Business Award

Any business in Faringdon is eligible for nomination Nominated businesses should have made a contribution to the community in some way, ideally, a business that shows commitment to the town and its residents.

Community Volunteer Award

The Rick Ebsworth Community Volunteer Award is an individual award given to a member of the community for voluntary service.

Environmental Champion Award

Awarded to an individual who is working hard to improve the environment and raising awareness of environmental issues.

The awards procedure is as follows:

Step 1: Nomination

Nominations can be made by using the online nomination form on our website or by posting your nomination form in the ballot box in the Information Centre

Please state the reasons for your nomination as awards will be shortlisted using this information. You may make more than one nomination, but please use a separate form for each one.

Please include your name and contact details (these will not be disclosed)

Deadline for nominations: 1 March 2022 by 4pm

Link to nominate :

<https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/faringdon-community-awards-2022/>

Step 2: Selection Panel

A selection panel will shortlist three finalists in each category.

Step 3: Public Voting

Finalists will be announced, with a short description of each nominee, in the local media and on the Faringdon Town Council website.

Voting forms will be published in the local media and online.

A ballot box and printed forms are available in the Information Centre.

Step 4: Award Ceremony held at the Town Meeting

Winners to be announced in the local media and on Faringdon Town Council website.

March 2022

News letter from The Place- 30/3/22

[Spring Quarter newsletter](#)

Activities and money raising events in April

Plant a tree - 29/3/22

See [Branching out page](#)

Choose a tree. Collect it on April 9th. Get guidance how to plant and care for it
Earth & Faith group

Women's Tour cycling race - 29/3/22

[Women's Tour cycling race set for Oxfordshire finale - Vale of White Horse District Council \(whitehorsedc.gov.uk\)](#)

Rotary Youth Leadership Award -29/3/22

Are you or do you know of a young adult aged between 18 and 25 who might be interested in taking part in our Rotary Youth Leadership Award? The course takes place at a specially adapted centre in the Snowdonia National Park, North Wales. There is no cost to candidates as they are met by Faringdon Rotary Club and sometimes by the candidate's employer.

The week-long course is about developing qualities of leadership, team working, initiative, communication and problem-solving including activities such as abseiling, navigation, canoeing, sailing, high ropes. Faringdon Rotary have sponsored one or two participants for the past few years who have returned full of confidence having had an amazing and fun experience.

This is a fantastic opportunity to have fun, learn leadership skills and impress future employers/universities. The experience will look great on the young person's CV or UCAS application and can help towards the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. The next programme takes place from 16 – 23 July 2022. Candidates must have reached 18 years of age on the first day of the course.

To find out more or if you know anyone who might be interested, message Faringdon Rotary on [facebook.com/faringdon.rotary](https://www.facebook.com/faringdon.rotary) or contact Tim Cowling email: timjcowling@gmail.com

Parking Enforcement - 29/3/22

I notice no difference in the parking in Faringdon since the regulations came in to force 1st November 2021, what has changed? NOTHING it's still the same, cars on pavements, the usual culprits parking on double yellow lines. London street, Coxwell road, the Pines etc. If someone is supposed to enforce the new/old regs they have fooled nobody, and if they are being paid to do the job by us taxpayers someone in authority needs to take action.

Name Supplied.

See [Contact Parking | Oxfordshire County Council](#) to report your views

Faringdon street angels - work around the Portwell pump - 21/3/22

Faringdon Street Angels have swept and weeded the cobbles around the Diver seat and the Pump Mon 21st. Looks much better.

Will be meeting again in a 2/3 weeks if you want to join in genewebb@rocketmail.com

See pics [Before](#) and [After](#)

OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS - 21/3/22

May 2022 marks the 40th anniversary of Oxfordshire Artweeks.

This is your opportunity to see the work of artists, designers and crafts people of all kinds. Visit them in their own studios or see exhibitions in venues all over the county. The festival is divided into three geographical areas, and everything is listed in the online guide. www.artweeks.org

(including Faringdon Old Town Hall)

Repair Cafe in Faringdon - 19/3/22

Saturday 2nd April and 25th June

Pump House Project 9.30-11.30

Stand with us - 18/3/22

This coming Sunday, 20th March, supporters of Faringdon Peace Group will be gathering for peace in Ukraine in Faringdon Market Place from 11.30 to 12 and invite everyone to join them.

Any donations collected will go to the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal for humanitarian aid in the region.

Snow Wardens wanted - 16/3/22

Faringdon Town Council are looking for Snow Wardens to help clear snow from foot paths during the extreme conditions.

You will be provided with a snow kit to help keep local residents safe in the ice and snow

Please contact Sarah@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk for more information

Town Council Meeting 9th March - 5/3/22

You can see the agenda, last minutes, and this months District Councillor report on <https://www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/a-meeting-of-full-council-to-be-held-on-wednesday-9th-march-2022/>

You can come to the meeting or join online

The Town Council is looking for snow wardens - 6/3/22

[See poster](#)

Enormous Plant Giveaway on April 9th - 4/3/22

Outside lots of homes in Faringdon.

9.30- until everything's gone.

Come and take a plant for free, and/or add plants to someone else's stall - or, have a stall of your own.

Watch out for more details

Queens Jubilee events in Faringdon - 2/3/22

28th May Vintage Tea Dance

2nd June Beacon in the Town Centre

3rd June Cinema

4th June Parade, Bike Ride, Street Parties

5th June Picnic in the Park (Tuckers Park)

[See Poster for more information](#)