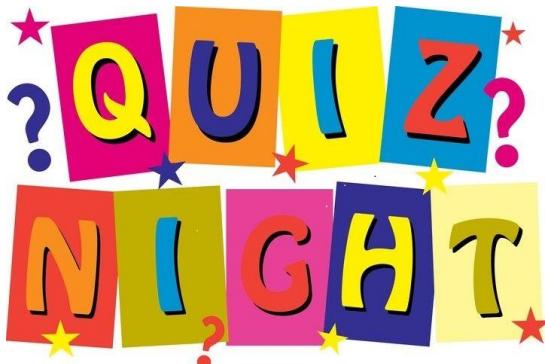


HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Update Tuesday 2 March 2021, our thirty-second Update

Reminder: Proposed Development of Institute for Global Health at Old Rd Campus: The deadline is confirmed as March 4. The circulation of Update has been brought forward in order to remind anyone wishing to respond to the consultation. The consultation information and online feedback survey can be found at <https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/building-our-future/news>
An alternative link that you might find simpler is: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/building-our-future/news/2021-02-18-virtual-public-consultation-institute-global-health>



HRA ONLINE QUIZ FRIDAY 12th MARCH 7 30 p.m.

We hope to resume our annual programme of events later in the year when restrictions are lifted. In the meantime our next social event is an **Online Quiz** in aid of our local hospitals **on Friday 12th March. 7.30pm (join from 7.15pm)**. We'll put together teams on the night and allocate a breakout room to each team. So as far as possible it will simulate a real pub quiz with plenty of social interaction! There's no entry fee but donations to the Oxford Hospitals Charity are welcome.

To donate please go to Claire's Just Giving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/claire-garton50>

To join the quiz follow the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87166852948?pwd=VHppSIVtb1lqdkIU2U0VGUrUHNPZz09>

Or use the ID and Passcode:-Meeting ID: 871 6685 2948 Passcode: 362325

All are welcome so come along for a grand night out!

Look forward to seeing you at the quiz

Best wishes, HRA Committee

For further information call Patrick at 07941210429 or visit <https://highfieldresidents.weebly.com/>

Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs): When will we see the plans for Headington?

According to the County Council's [schedule](#), it looks as if they will be sharing details of their plans and suggested filter locations for Headington in the early summer. These will be publicised through letters sent to every household, along with maps and an online consultation, where residents and businesses will be asked for their views on the filter locations.

In Cowley, the decision on the trial was made about a month after the consultation ended, with the trial (an '[Emergency Traffic Regulation Order](#)') due to start 1-2 months later.

For further news and information, see the website which has just been created:

headingtonliveablestreets.ghost.io

Homeshare: Might you, or someone you know, benefit from this scheme? "Homeshare Oxfordshire carefully matches an older person, or couple, looking for help, companionship or reassurance at home, with another person who is happy to lend a hand, and who needs affordable accommodation. The 'Sharer' gives the 'Householder' up to 10 hours of their time each week as a combination of companionship and practical help, as agreed. Each party pays a monthly fee to Homeshare Oxfordshire who support the arrangement on an ongoing basis."

For further information visit <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/our-services/homeshare-oxfordshire>

If a Homeshare arrangement might be right for you, fill in the *Register Your Interest* form at the end of their website or email homeshare@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or 'phone 01865 410670

Message from Friends of Lye Valley: There have been reports of inappropriate behaviour in Lye Valley, particularly around the ponds, with children and dogs in the water, frogs having been disturbed and frogspawn taken. This is not allowed, especially on an SSSI site, and such behaviour can carry fines of considerable sums of money.

Apparently, dogs with flea power on their coats transfer their neonicotinoids to the pond water, killing the wildlife. Most dog owners are unaware of this. Oxford City Council has put up notices around the ponds - with considerable public support. If when passing we see any person or dog behaving in an antisocial manner, we are urged to report them to: **Direct Services 01865 335400**, asking for Carl Whitehead, or Enforcement if he is not available.

Oxford's universities prepare for return of more students: News release of 26 February 2021
Students on practical courses needing access to specialist facilities and equipment will return to both universities in March and April, in line with the Government's latest guidance for higher education. Students on other courses who have not yet returned have been advised to stay where they are and continue with online learning. The Government has committed to reviewing the options for the timing of their return by the end of the Easter holidays (mid-April). Certain other students are permitted by the Government to return to Oxford if they do not have suitable study space or accommodation where they currently live, or for health and safety reasons, including mental health and wellbeing. Students can also return to collect any medical equipment or items needed for online learning.

Returning students will be asked to take two Covid-19 tests on arrival, to wear face coverings where appropriate and abide by safety measures that are kept under constant review to ensure they meet the latest government guidance and advice from Public Health England.

Councillor Susan Brown, Leader of Oxford City Council, said: "We look forward to welcoming back more students to the city as lockdown begins to lift for all of us. Students are an essential part of this city, and their return is another step towards ending lockdown. Since September the measures to manage infections among students have been well tested and improved, and we continue to work with the universities to support these. The universities' regular testing, household bubbles and the well enforced codes of behaviour have been proven to keep infections down. As we begin to unlock it is vital that all of us, university and residents, stick to the guidelines and play our part in keeping Oxford safe."

Read the full news bulletin on the HRA website:

https://highfieldresidents.weebly.com/uploads/2/8/0/5/28053145/news_release_student_return_feb_2021.pdf

Oxfordshire County Council Interactive Covid-19 Dashboard: See the facts at

https://phdashboard.oxfordshire.gov.uk/?utm_source=YourOxfordshire&utm_campaign=41e26f4a48-EMAIL CAMPAIGN 2021 02 26 11 02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_206c6fb447-41e26f4a48-408038548

For information on COVID-19 from each university: <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/alerts/coronavirus/> and <https://www.ox.ac.uk/coronavirus>

Headington News website: <http://www.headington.org.uk/news/items/coronavirus.html>

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HRA Covid-19 Support Group: hra-covid19-support@googlegroups.com

Useful contacts for people seeking information or help outside the HRA area:

Local data on Covid-19 <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/coronavirus-covid-19/controlling-local-coronavirus-outbreaks/stopping-spread>

Oxford Hub: <https://www.oxfordhub.org/>

The City Council provides a single point of contact for people to ask for help they may need as a result of Covid-19: oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance or 01865 249 811 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Disclaimer: The information we give each week is, as far as we can tell, correct at the time of circulation but be aware that it can change. NB As previously mentioned, Update is being circulated less frequently, until it ceases all together.