

HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Update: Friday 2 October 2020, our twentieth Update

Residents' Parking Permits: if your permit expires relatively soon, you might want to take the precaution of applying for your new permit sooner rather than later. We gather there is delay in the system. If you have already applied, and have been waiting an unexpectedly long time, please let us know on: hracttee@gmail.com



Great Sunflower Initiative:

Inspired by the New Headington Residents' Association's Sunflower Initiative, some champion sunflowers have beamed at us from HRA gardens and added joy to the daily round. Others are hidden away in back gardens, concealed by houses, except for their uppermost leaves and flower heads which peer cheerfully over fences. There is still time to let us know the height of your tallest sunflower by emailing: hracttee@gmail.com Deadline: Tuesday 6 October.



Garden Sheds: Warning, there has been a spate of break-ins into garden sheds. Items taken include bikes and tools; these latter are then used to gain entry to people's houses.

And yet another tall one overleaf



Headington Hill Park Work Day, Saturday 17 October: Volunteers will work in groups of no more than four - socially distanced, with a supervisor, in areas away from the main paths, in open areas of the Park. Being in the open air, the risk of infection is considered to be low. A register will be kept for Track and Trace. Please meet at 10 a.m. near the noticeboard, bringing the usual gloves, tools and safety equipment. Everyone welcome to join in. Work usually continues till 12 noon, but on 17th permission is extended until 1 pm

Headington Hill Park Video: To discover something of the beauty of the park and its features, see:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSbcfY914CmFIfMrJlqTUhg>

<https://www.facebook.com/HeadingtonHillPark/>

Report on Virtual Event at the Town Hall re Covid-19 Safety Arrangements as Students Return: This event, streamed live on Monday 28 September (6.00-7.30 p.m.) can still be watched with no sign-up required (click on this link) [City Council's YouTube channel](#)

Chaired by Councillor Ed Turner, Deputy Leader of Oxford City Council, it demonstrates the degree of collaboration and exchange of good practice between senior staff of both Universities, representatives of the Student Unions, of City and County Councils and Thames Valley Police.

Issues most relevant to Headington: To minimise numbers on campus, access to Brookes is restricted to staff and students with a pass, with academic staff working from home whenever possible. Additional measures have been taken to enforce good practice, but it was emphasised that procedures are only as good as the behaviour of individuals. The Police have to balance Covid-19 control with other services, but will operate extra late-night patrols, working alongside the Council and University services. Although their priority is dealing with large gatherings, officers will engage with groups of more than six, who will face a penalty if they refuse to disperse. They will call back on those breaching regulations. Enforcement was described as a team effort, and anyone witnessing behaviour contrary to what is allowed is requested to contact Thames Valley Police online or via 101.

Testing stations: The Brookes testing station in the former Brookes Restaurant is open to staff, students and the general public (via the normal NHS test booking system – <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk>), or if you have difficulty with this, by calling 119. Oxford University's testing stations in North Oxford and the Old Road Campus are open only to staff and students; however, they help relieve considerable pressure on NHS testing.

HRA Addresses:

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HRA Website: <https://highfieldresidents.weebly.com>
HRA Covid-19 Support Group: hra-covid19-support@googlegroups.com
Headington News website: <http://www.headington.org.uk/news/items/coronavirus.html>

Useful contacts for people seeking help outside the HRA area:

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

The City Council provides a single point of contact for people to ask for the extra help they may need as a result of Covid-19: [oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance) or 01865 249 811

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, with the easing of lockdown Update is being circulated less frequently, until it ceases all together. This may turn out to be our last edition, depending on developments.