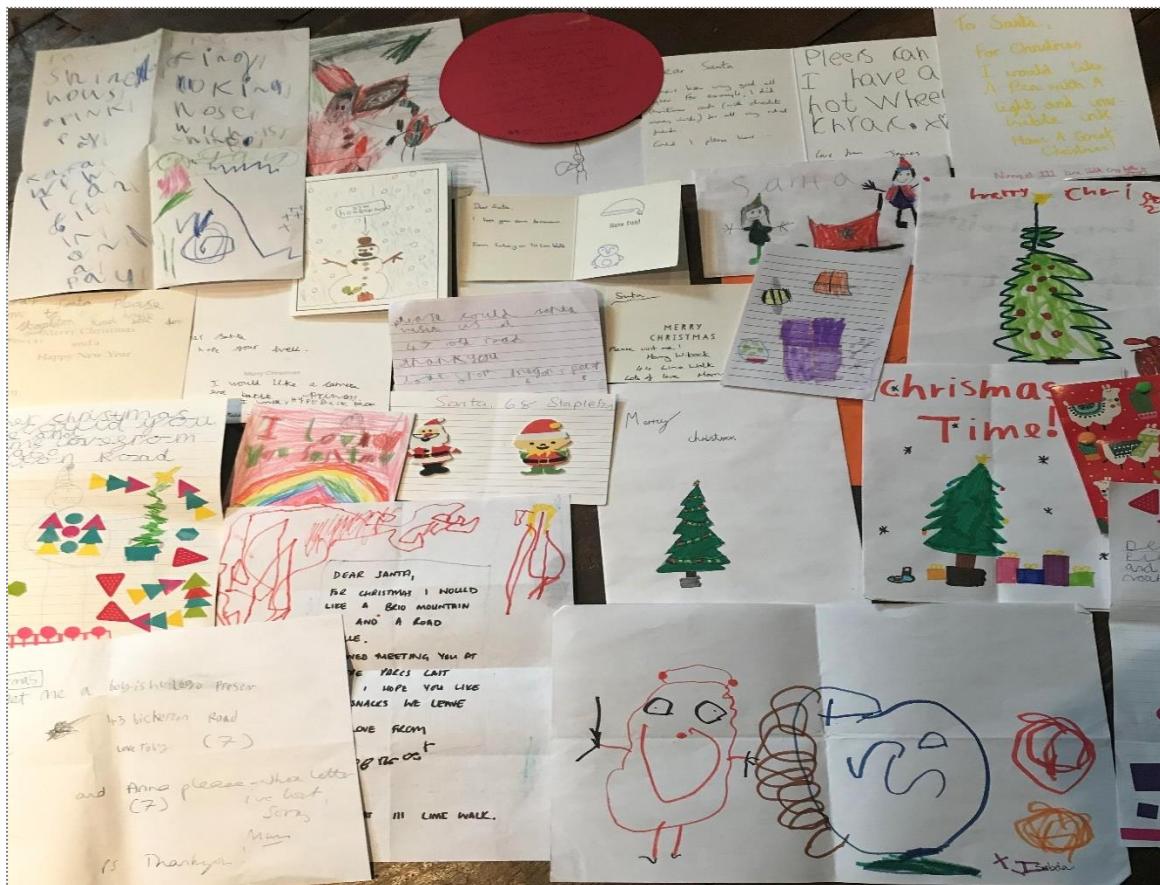


HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Update Thursday 7 January 2021, our twenty-eighth Update

Santa's Visit: Here is a selection of the many cards and letters that Santa received. Thank you to everyone who wrote to him and he hopes that you had a lovely Christmas.



Updated Message from Oxfordshire Libraries: 'Following the various announcements from the Government, we have taken the decision to extend all loans until the second week of April 2021. This is to avoid concern and confusion for customers who may wish to avoid social contact given rising infection rates.' Headington library is one of fourteen Oxfordshire libraries which are currently offering the following facilities:

- New [click and collect service](#).
- Reservation service via the [online library catalogue](#) or the [library app](#)
- [Pre-booked access to computers, scanning and printing](#)
- Returns facility.

Please see www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries for detailed arrangements

Oxford Tube Suspended until Further Notice: Information on the Stagecoach website states: "Following the new restrictions for the South-East, and the introduction of the new Tier 4 system, the Oxford Tube service is temporarily suspended from the last journey on Christmas Eve until further notice." NB A phone call (post Lockdown 3) confirms that this is still the case.

"We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. This has been a very difficult decision to make. Any customer who has booked travel or purchased a ticket is advised to contact customer services for a full refund."

Email: oxford.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com Phone: [01865 772250](tel:01865 772250)

For further updates see: <http://www.oxfordtube.com/servicedetails.aspx?update=686>

Streetscene email address: If needing to contact StreetScene about matters needing attention on our streets and pavements, please note there was an error in the email address given in the previous edition: our apologies. Please use: streetscene@oxford.gov.uk or 01865 252971

Households across Oxfordshire will be asked to take part in Census 2021 this spring:

The census, run by the Office for National Statistics, is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

'All households will receive a letter in early March with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on 21 March on their computers, phones or tablets. For some of our residents, this will make things easier, but we understand that for others it could be challenging. The Oxfordshire census team would like to understand: the communities and key groups in your division that may need support; which local community groups already provide help; the local resources that could be used to support census promotion and engagement; and where there could be risks.'

January Lockdown and Brookes: "In line with Government guidance, the semester will start on 25 January with remote teaching for the majority of students. Face-to-face teaching for most courses will not now commence until 14 February at the earliest. However, there are a number of previously announced exceptions to this and these specific courses will commence face-to-face learning as planned. The University will be in touch with students on these courses to confirm arrangements. Students on these courses should book and take two rapid Covid tests, three days apart, upon arrival or self-isolate for ten days before commencing face-to-face study.

The Government has advised that all other students should remain where they are and start the semester online, studying from your current residence, where possible."

For the full joint press release from Oxford University and Oxford Brookes University see HRA website.

With all good wishes for 2021; and let's hope for better things, contact with families and loved ones, plans that can be made (and kept) and a full HRA programme. HRA Committee

PS Have you heard this New Year Greeting?

"Here's to a year when Corona is just a beer, Donald a duck, tiers are layers on a cake and bubbles come from champagne."

For latest 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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<https://highfieldresidents.weebly.com>

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

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