

HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Update Thursday 11 March 2021, our thirty-third Update

STOP PRESS: The Oxford Tube service will resume on Monday 29 March with a temporary timetable seven days a week.

REMINDER! 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 at 7.30 p.m. (join from 7.15 p.m.)**. 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=VHppSIVtb1lqdklIU2U0VGUrUHNPZz09>

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

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

All are welcome so come along for a grand night out! Look forward to seeing you at the quiz.

Best wishes, HRA Committee

Would you like to support Street Champions in Headington with a part-time role?

Street champions, set up by Oxford Together, have been highly effective in supporting and empowering street communities. In Headington, the charity Headington Action (HA) is keen to develop the street champion network working alongside Oxford Together, and HA has secured funding to employ someone part-time on a contract basis to do this.

The job will entail supporting existing street champions and recruiting more people to fulfil this really important role. This would be for an average of one day a week though not necessarily all in one day. You would be liaising with Street Champions and Oxford Together. It will also entail working within one of HA's project teams, called Connected Communities, which was formed to reduce social isolation and increase community support in Headington.

The job isn't just for the duration of the pandemic, HA wants to make Headington one of the most friendly and supportive places anyone might choose to live. If interested please contact HA for discussion: the Job Description is on: <https://www.headingtonaction.org/scpost>

Spring is in the air: What better time to report any wildlife sightings? Email details to hractee@gmail.com with the header WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS, stating what animals, birds, plants you have seen and where. If seen in your garden please include your address as we are now planning to log sightings on a map of Highfield. For wildlife sightings to date visit the HRA website at <https://highfieldresidents.weebly.com/nature--wildlife.html>

Census on Sunday 21 March 2021: The census takes place every 10 years, and all households are required by law to complete the census form, quoting the reference number shown on the letter delivered to their household. The census gathers vital information that helps plan services such as transport, education and healthcare. The form should be completed on 'Sunday 21 March or as soon after as possible'. However, earlier submission of the completed form is acceptable for those householders who know who will be resident there on 21 March, provided that any change in household circumstances between submission and the census date is notified. The preferred mode of completion is online; anyone needing assistance may phone 0800 141 2021.

Voi e-scooters: For rules and regulations about using the orange Voi e-scooters, how to hire them, the no-park zones, no-ride zones, speed limits, the e-scooter guide to parking, hire charges, safety recommendations and the reward for helmet-wearing, see <https://www.voiscooters.com/>

First message from Thames Valley Alert, re e-scooters: “These have a positive effect on the environment but there have been several complaints since the introduction of the trial in Headington. I have asked the County Council how to report complaints and received this They suggest that for low-level matters where trial e-scooters (the orange ones) are being misused, members of the public should email Voi at: support@voiapp.io

All e-scooters in the trial have a registration plate and unique identifying numbering. If this detail together with a time/ location is provided, users can be identified and penalised/ ultimately barred from the service if misusing.

For matters relating to the operation of the trial/ or concerning the county’s facilitation of the e-scooter trial, email: escooter.trial@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

Where a criminal offence has taken place, Thames Valley Police should be notified.”

Second message from Thames Valley Alert, re Bulk waste charges: “From 1 April new charges will apply for the collection of bulky items. Charges will be £20 for a bulky waste collection that does not include large electrical or white goods; collection of large electrical or white goods will be charged at £30 per item. It is feared that these charges will add to fly tipping problems. However, the Council decided to impose the charges due to the pandemic costs.” We are asked to report fly tipping on: https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20060/street_cleaning/174/report_flytipping

Contributions to mitigate the effect of the pandemic in poor countries: With the vaccination campaign in the UK advancing at such an impressive pace, you may wish to support a campaign to assist countries that lack the resources that we have here. Donors are invited to give the equivalent of the cost of their COVID-19 vaccine (or more or less, if they prefer) to help protect front-line healthcare workers in Africa until the vaccine reaches them. This campaign is currently running on Just Giving at: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bumpitforward>

A similar campaign, run by Unicef, invites donations to help deliver vaccines, tests and treatment to protect health workers and people at high risk in the poorest and most remote places in the world.

To donate: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/coronavirus/>

NB Donations to both campaigns can be Gift Aided: Gift Aid is a simple scheme that allows charities to recover the tax at no extra cost to the person making the donation, with no extra work either. By reclaiming tax relief from Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs (HMRC), Gift Aid is a great way of increasing charitable donations; every £1 donated by a tax payer is worth an extra 25 pence.

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](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance) or 01865 249811 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.