

# HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Update Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021, our thirty-sixth Update

## **Reminder about HRA AGM by Zoom on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30-9.00 (max):**

Joining instructions will be sent on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and again on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to members who have given us their email address. We hope to see you there!

**Do you know how to identify your mobile phone if it's stolen?** Every phone has an IMEI number which helps police and insurance companies to identify it if it's stolen. How to find your IMEI number? Dial \*#06# from your mobile phone and keep a written note of the IMEI number; if the phone is stolen, report the number to your mobile provider to stop the phone being used.

Remember, never confront a thief or risk your own safety for the sake of your mobile phone. And why not play safe, and register your valuables on an accredited property database?

**Thames Valley Alert re Royal Mail Scam:** Criminals are taking advantage of reliance on online shopping to scam people. We've been alerted to scam text messages allegedly from Royal Mail, asking the recipient to click on the link and pay in order to receive their parcel. These text messages are not from Royal Mail, and may ask residents to enter their payment or personal details via the link.

**Local elections:** On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May, you can have your say on who you want to represent you in the Council. All Oxfordshire County Council seats are up for election, as well as Oxford City, and West Oxfordshire and Cherwell District Councils. The Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley, who is responsible for securing efficient and effective policing of the area, will also be chosen.

**Message from Barton Vaccination Clinic:** 'We would love more volunteers!' The clinic administers 300-400 jabs in a morning, up to 1000 in an all-day clinic. Volunteers are required for the foreseeable future for Friday clinics and the slots are generally for two hours, marshalling out-of-doors. You can take your own high-viz top, or use one of theirs. Volunteers find it enjoyable and worth-while. For further details please contact Mandy on [mandy@bartoncommunityassociation.com](mailto:mandy@bartoncommunityassociation.com)

**Make it hard for the virus:** The government is encouraging everyone to take part in twice-weekly lateral flow device (LFD) testing. Why is this? Because one in three people with COVID-19 do not display symptoms, and regular testing will identify these asymptomatic cases and help stop further spreading of the virus.

How to get tested? Any of the following: workplace testing programmes, secondary school and college testing, rapid testing at one of the symptom-free sites, or by collecting home test kits from a pharmacy, or having kits delivered to your home.

[Find out more about getting tested](#)

**About Update:** Update was created to meet a need for information in the early stages of the pandemic. As previously mentioned, circulation would, and has, become less frequent as we return to near-normality, until it ceases all together. The situation will be kept under review. This edition might even be the last!

**Dreaming of foreign travel?** From the Martin Lewis Website: Warning - new passport applications and renewals may take 10 weeks.

**Successful start to School Streets in Headington:** Windmill Primary is one of several schools in Oxford piloting a School Street – a road closure that restricts access by motor vehicles at school drop-off and pick-up times during school terms.

The trial, which began on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, involves closing short sections of Margaret Road and York Road between 8.30 a.m.-9.15 a.m. and 2.45 p.m.-3.30 p.m. during school terms. The aims of the trial are to reduce pollution levels around the school and to make the roads safer for children getting to school on foot or by bike or scooter.

Volunteers on the School Street barriers reported many positive comments from parents and passers-by about how safe the street outside the school feels without the traffic.

**Headington Library:** This library is now open for browsing, [reservations](#), returns and [computer access](#). [Click and collect](#) is also available.

All loans have been extended till 11<sup>th</sup> May, at which point all loans will be due for return or renewal. A maximum of ten people are allowed in at any one time, and one computer is available for use by appointment (30 minutes per day). However, all activities in libraries remain cancelled until further notice, and residents are advised to contact the library (01865 762 867) for validation of such as:

- Blue badge
- Bus passes
- Resident parking permits

You can still [apply online](#) for any of the following:

- [New resident parking permit](#)
- [Renew a resident parking permit](#)
- [Change of vehicle](#) (on your parking permit)
- [Replace a lost, damaged or stolen parking permit](#)
- [Visitor permits](#)

Once your application has been approved you will be notified that it has been posted to you.

**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](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)

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

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HRA Covid-19 Support Group:	<a href="mailto:hra-covid19-support@googlegroups.com">hra-covid19-support@googlegroups.com</a>

**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://oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance) or 01865 249 811 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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