

HRA Update 24 February 2022 our fifty-first Update



Want to find out about the changes to the Highway Code? The Older Driver's Forum will be carrying out webinars about the recent changes to the Highway Code. NB You don't have to be an older driver to find these webinars useful!

Do you know what the changes are?
Do you have questions about the changes?

Alongside speakers from various agencies, PC Liz Johnson, of the Road Safety Team will be on the panel to answer your questions.

These webinars are scheduled for:

- Thursday 10 March at 2pm
- Monday 14 March at 7pm

To register for a place, visit the Older Drivers Forum website:

<https://olderdriversforum.com/webinars/>

Spring clearance: When the sun comes out and the temperature rises, there is an incentive to spring clean and clear surplus 'stuff'. Read on for three very important pieces of information.

1. Redbridge Recycling Centre: This remains closed for household recycling and will not reopen until at least **Tuesday 1 March, and potentially Wednesday 2 March**. Contractors are having to wait till the appropriate machinery is available before they can remove one fallen tree and about ten storm-damaged trees around the site. NB The site is open to trade recycling as this section is not in the vicinity of the damaged trees. All other recycling centres are open as normal. Check [Oxfordshire Recycles](#) for the latest information.

2. Permanent change of bin day: From 4 April 2022, recycling and waste collection days will be changing for 35,000 Oxford households. Letters are being sent to all households in Oxford to advise residents if they are affected by this change or not. Follow-up letters, stating the new collection day, will be sent out in March.

Why is this? Over the last 10 years, Oxford's recycling and waste collection rounds have remained the same, despite changes in both quantity and nature of materials collected. In order to rebalance collections, rounds are being revised to rationalise services and help to reduce carbon emissions.

3. Orinoco the Oxfordshire scrap store: This is now launching from a new location, and with more than a few changes. For starters, the surface area is bigger than that of the previous premises at the Bullingdon Community Centre. Expect to find a new focus on workshops and crafts, 'inspiring creativity and play through re-use'..... 'committed to banishing boredom and saving the world'. Another new initiative is the waste electrical repair section, with a morning repair café in conjunction with Share Oxford. Items repaired will be sold on. The above does not mean that any former items are now excluded: textiles, stationery, garden tools, DIY kit etc. are as important as ever.

Current hours, prior to full opening, are Wednesdays, 11a.m.-2 p.m. both to donate and purchase. Orinoco is currently recruiting for a store manager, volunteer co-ordinator and volunteers. Where is it located now? 111-113 Pound Way, Templars Square Shopping Centre, Cowley OX4 3XH. The Templars Square Arcade is the shopping centre on the opposite side of Between Towns Rd to TKMax. Opening hours will be changing; to avoid disappointment you are advised to check before going there. Tel 07763 92 37 46; mail@orinoco.org
www.oxorinoco.org

Boundary Brook and Pollution report no. 00108016 and job ref: SA-214884:



Anyone walking in the last couple of days along Boundary Brook just to the north of Roosevelt Drive will have been alarmed by the colour of the 'water' emerging from the pipe. Worryingly, a wagtail was hopping around there this morning, undeterred. Thames Water and the Environment Agency are aware, thanks to the speedy action of Spike Wilson who sent us this photograph. NB This is an excellent example of how reporting such incidents to the authorities and also to the HRA Incident Book via hacttee@gmail.com can result in prompt action, and provide a record of 'incidents'.

RSPCA scam warning: Scammers are targeting owners of missing pets: they call and claim to be from the RSPCA, saying that they have your pet, but it's been injured. They then go on to request payment for emergency treatment. Apparently, the caller sounds very genuine and plausible. On no account should you disclose your bank details or make any payments - this is a scam. The RSPCA will never call you in this way. If in doubt, ask them to send you a photo of your pet.

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

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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](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance) or 01865 249 811 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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