

HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Oxford Tube: the Oxford to London and London to Oxford coach service resumes on Monday 29 March with some fare changes. Website www.oxfordtube.com Tel 01865 772250.

Tube 12 Pass: are you in possession of one of these cards (12 single Tube journeys) and have you been unable to use all the single journeys before it expired? Hope is at hand. Email Stagecoach with a photo or scan of the pass, an explanation (service suspended due to the pandemic), your postal address, and they will issue a new card to the value of the remaining journeys. Email. oxford.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com

Thames Valley Police warnings: Dog Theft Prevention:

DOG THEFT PREVENTION!

KEEP LOTS OF GOOD PHOTOGRAPHS
Front, back, sides and any specific distinguishing marks.

ENSURE YOUR DOG IS MICROCHIPPED
Make sure that the details are registered and kept up to date.

BEWARE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
Don't give away too much about your pets and location - you don't know who is watching.

MOST DOG THEFTS HAPPEN FROM GARDENS & HOMES, FOLLOWED BY OUTSIDE SHOPS/IN CARS

NEVER LEAVE YOUR DOG LOCKED IN YOUR CAR OR VAN

NEVER LEAVE YOUR DOG TIED UP OUTSIDE A SHOP

NEVER LEAVE YOUR DOG ON ITS OWN IN THE GARDEN

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR DOGS IN SIGHT
Vary the time and route that you take when walking your dog
If a stranger approaches put your dog on a lead and walk to be near others
Don't walk alone in quiet areas with nobody else around
Never let your children walk the dog alone
Always be VIGILANT, pay attention, don't get distracted by looking at your phone
ALWAYS REPORT ATTEMPTED THEFTS & SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS TO THE POLICE

DOG LOST

Pet Theft Awareness
www.pettheft.org.uk

Stolen & Missing Pets Alliance

tel: 01633 673 859 e-mail: admin@doglost.co.uk www.doglost.co.uk

Acquiring a puppy has been very popular during lockdown; when else might potential dog owners spend a length of time at home to train a puppy? However, the downside of this is the increase in dog theft throughout the UK. If a pet goes missing, your first step might be to approach neighbours or residents living in adjacent roads where it might have got locked in a garage or garden shed. Also, some people may think they are being kind giving a stray or unwanted pet a home when it is actually a much-loved pet. Bear in mind that you can put details of any missing or stolen pet on: www.petsreunited.com/local/oxford

Increase in Thefts from Garages and Sheds in Headington: We are reminded not to give thieves the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime. Lock everything away securely. Tools can be locked inside a box or secured with a chain. Property-marking your possessions is advisable; some tools can be painted with your name or postcode. Forensic marking is also an option; why not register certain items on the Immobilise website for free. See: www.immobilise.com.

For further crime prevention advice see the Thames Valley Police website <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/> Meanwhile, we are asked to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police [online via our website](#) or on 101.

English prescription charges go up by 20p to £9.35 on 1 April. Research shows, however, that 100,000s who pay and get prescriptions could save with an [NHS prescription 'season ticket'](#) whereby you pay a one-off fee to cover all prescriptions (available for 3 months or 12 months). The price of these is going up in April too.

Watch Out for Census Scams! Following on from Census Day of 21 March, The Office for National Statistics is carrying out home visits, knocking on doors, following up non-responders, and helping the public with queries. Census officers will be carrying official identification cards with a photograph and the officer's name. They will work through the day to make contact with residents but will not call before 9:00 a.m. or after 8.00 p.m. and will never ask for any money or bank details. All census officers will work in a socially distanced way; they will all be wearing PPE and they will not enter anyone's home.

The Office for National Statistics has several other important studies and surveys continuing alongside the census. It is therefore possible that an address will be visited by staff working on other surveys too. Any member of the public concerned that the person on their doorstep is not a census officer can call the number on the critical workers letter that the officer can show them.

Reminder to Report to Action Fraud: If you have spotted a scam or have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber-crime visit the website (www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call Action Fraud on 0300 123 20 40.

Citizens Advice Consumer Service: You can visit their website www.citizensadvice.org.uk or call Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.

Hewlett Packard ink and toner waiting to be recycled? Use this link to request a pre-paid return label to send off spent HP ink and toner cartridges:

<https://inktoner-recycle.ext.hp.com/ui/index.html?languageCode=en&countryCode=GB#/recycle/shipit-in/get-started>

Electric scooters: As mentioned in the previous Update, Voi e-scooters are being trialled in Headington and Marston. Further trials will extend to cover Cowley and East Oxford. The scooters are legally licensed through the County Council and a driving licence and phone app. are required to use them. All other e-scooters remain illegal whether on pavements, cycle tracks or roads.

We are encouraged to fill in their consultation form:

For Headington and Marston (closes 13 August)

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/HeadingtonEscooterExperimental/consultationHome>

For East Oxford Arc (closes 17 September)

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/EasternArcEscooterExperimental/consultationHome>

Or email: christian.mauz@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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 of Oxford's universities:

<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 Website:

<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 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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