

HRA Update 27th June, our fifty-sixth Update

Right Royal Knees-up, aka HRA Jubilee Street Party: The weather perked up, All Saints' Rd. became a flowery paradise, bunting fluttered in the breeze, gazebos appeared, tables were lined up, and bedecked with flower arrangements; there was music from Horns of Plenty



and from Chris and Marilyn, and food offerings were borne in and savoured. With racing corgis, Jubilee pudding competition, tug-of-war, crafts, cricket, tea and cake courtesy of All Saints' Church, choral evensong, and a buffet at The Butchers Arms, this was widely reckoned to be the best ever street party thanks to the hard work of the Events Group and all those who helped set up, pack up, and took part in the fun.



If you missed this event, don't worry; it's a safe

bet we can look forward to another HRA street party in September.

Bayswater Brook development: Public meetings are being held to enable people to ask questions and make comments on Christ Church and Dorchester Residential Management's plans for 1,000 homes, new school, pedestrian and cycle bridge over the ring road and public amenities near Barton and Barton Park. Members of the public are invited to attend on:

- Sat. 2nd July 3.00pm-6.00pm - Barton Park Primary School, Barton Fields Road, OX3 9WN, or
- Weds. 6th July 4.30pm-7.30pm – Barton Neighbourhood Centre, Underhill Circus, OX3 9LS
- Additionally, an online feedback form and an online meeting on 14th July will be publicised on [their website](#) on June 29th. For details and for more information on the prospective development, see [the developers' website](#). No planning application has been submitted for this development yet, but it is likely to go before South Oxfordshire District Council's planning committee (not the City Council, as it lies outside our boundaries) later this year.

Planning Application: 22/00479/FUL: 60 Old Road Headington Oxford Oxfordshire OX3 7LL. "Erection of 4 x 2 bed dwelling houses (Use Class C3), 2 x 9 bed large Houses in Multiple Occupation and a detached single storey gatehouse building for incidental residential accommodation for bike and bin storage. Provision of shared amenity space, car parking and bin and cycle stores. Neighbour Consultation Expiry Date Weds 13th July."

HRA and some HRA members have posted comments, but there is still time to make your

views known about this proposed major development [.https://public.oxford.gov.uk/online-](https://public.oxford.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=dates&keyVal=R7R6PQMF18N00)

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Could You complete a Travel Diary? This would involve recording how and when you travel for up to seven trips, and your experiences of doing so. You'll then be eligible for a voucher as a thank-you reward! The objective is to understand how people currently use transport and how they could do so; diaries will give a snapshot of the journey, and of people's experience of travel, all of which will help develop new services and plan for the longer term. The data will be collected and analysed by Tracsis. or details go to: [https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/travel-](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/travel-research-volunteers?utm_source=Residents&utm_campaign=cd2b954481-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_05_26-YO&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_206c6fb447-cd2b954481-408155988)

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Paper banknotes: The days of spending paper banknotes in the shops are numbered: a mere 100 days. Our remaining £20 and £50 paper notes should be spent or deposited by the end of September. The Bank of England estimates that 163 million £50 paper banknotes and about 314 million £20 paper notes are still in circulation. The polymer notes that will replace them (like the £5 and £10 notes) have the twin benefits of being both more durable and harder to counterfeit. From October, people will be able to deposit the paper notes in their bank account or at the Post Office, but spending them will be impossible.

Communities for Zero Carbon Oxford: A new collaborative city-wide initiative running until Weds 29th, funded by generous grants from the Low Carbon Hub and Oxford City Council, offers the public the chance to see eco-homes and retrofitted houses across the city, showcasing energy- and carbon-saving measures and to discuss these measures with home-owners who have already taken the eco plunge. <https://lcon.org.uk/communities-for-zero-carbon-oxford/>

Highlighting energy-efficiency options, as well as renewable energy generation in the home, this event includes solar panels and storage, heat pumps, glazing and ventilation, insulation, and low-cost measures. The event is open to anyone. For Energy-Saving Grants and Offers, see: https://www.oxford.gov.uk/homepage/175/energy_saving_grants_and_offers

Ways to prevent keyless car theft: These tips may sound obvious, but many car owners have lived to regret not taking the following precautions:

- Put your keys in a blocking pouch
- Turn off keyless entry on your fob
- Use a steering wheel lock or alarm
- Consider outdoor motion detectors/CCTV
- Store keys away from an entry point to your house
- Position your car securely
- Keep the inside of your car tidy
- Consider etching your windows

Citizens' Jury on Travel in Oxford: A team of researchers, led by the Global Centre on Healthcare and Urbanisation based at Kellogg College, is organising a Citizens' Jury to help answer important questions about how people can travel where they need to in Oxford in a climate-friendly way that promotes health.

The Citizens' Jury is an opportunity for local residents to understand each other's views and experiences, and to try to reach decisions that people can agree on about how to make Oxford inclusive, fair and safe, helping communities solve local problems. 16 local residents have been chosen by "civic lottery" to form the "jury" to reflect the population of Oxford in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, disability and socio-economic group.

Having heard a range of views and evidence on issues related to how people travel within the city, how it affects people's health and the climate, and the benefits and challenges that can come with changing how people travel, Jury members will work together to explore ways forward and will develop recommendations for Oxfordshire County Council, which has endorsed the project and has agreed to listen to, and respond to, the recommendations. Further information can be found [here](#).

The Jury is meeting over 21 hours split over several sessions, the last being on Sunday 3rd July 1.30pm - 5.00pm.

The GCHU Twitter account ([@GCHUOxford](#)) is sharing videos, expert presentations, information and updates throughout the day's activities to ensure that the project is open, transparent and accessible. Their [announcement video is now live](#).

Scam BT direct debit email: BT is being impersonated by scammers in an email that asks you to change your direct debit details. As fraudulent emails go, this is a convincing one. It includes BT's branding, logo and even BT's customer service phone number. But the link behind the button directs you to a fake website. If you receive a message out of the blue about payment details, check with your provider before clicking.

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