

# HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**Update: Thursday 29 October 2020, our twenty-second Update**

**Reminder: HRA's delayed AGM is being held by Zoom on Tuesday 3 November, 7.30-8.45 (latest).** Members on our email circulation list will receive the Zoom invitation for the AGM on Friday 30 October, and a reminder on Monday 2 November. Anyone still wishing for help up to 30th October on setting up and using Zoom for the AGM please contact the HRA webmaster on [hra.website@gmail.com](mailto:hra.website@gmail.com)

**COVID ALERT: We are Level 2 from 00.01hrs Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>: For what this means, go to: <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/tier2>**



**Calling all witches, wizards and zombies of Highfield!**

**We may not be able to trick or treat this year but all younger HRA neighbours are invited to...**



**THE PUMPKIN**

**TRAIL!**

**Please meet on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> from 5.00 at the Post Box on All Saints' Road to collect your trail and return for sweet treats (individually wrapped of course)**

**You will need a torch and a pen**

**Bonfire Night: Don't let the fun turn sour:**



For tips on keeping safe with Covid-compliant good practice see the recommendations of Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. Go to:



[http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/bonfire-night?utm\\_source=YourOxfordshire&utm\\_campaign=96b1cb581b-AIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_07\\_13\\_11\\_44\\_COPY\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_206c6fb447-96b1cb581b-408038548](http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/bonfire-night?utm_source=YourOxfordshire&utm_campaign=96b1cb581b-AIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_13_11_44_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_206c6fb447-96b1cb581b-408038548)

**Oxford Playhouse:** The Playhouse has been awarded £458,026 as part of the Government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund. Administered through Arts Council England, the funding will enable Oxford Playhouse Trust to survive in the short term, with a view to re-opening fully in 2021, engaging with its audiences and the communities it serves.

**Inappropriate parking:** The Council's new civil enforcement company to which we should report illegal parking is: 0345 337 1138.

**Warning about communications purporting to be from HMRC:** 'We are aware of an increase in scam emails, calls and texts. If someone gets in touch claiming to be from HMRC, saying that financial help can be claimed or that a tax refund is owed and asks you to click on a link or to give information such as your name, credit card or bank details, please do not respond. You can forward suspicious emails claiming to be from HMRC to [phishing@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gov.uk) and texts to 6059'.

**Saving Lye Valley from development:** On Wednesday 4 November, 10.30-11a.m. Friends of Lye Valley (FOLV) will be demonstrating against the plan to build houses on Warren Meadow, adjacent to Warren Crescent, Town Furze, Headington. FOLV opposes this development as:

- It is on top of builders' rubble; the deep foundations required will disrupt and eventually completely cut off the crucial water supply to the Valley fen
- The slope into the Valley is at 32-42 degrees - far too steep to be secure – the disturbance and tree removal will cause a landslide into the Valley, risking taking the houses with it
- The development will deprive local families of much needed recreational space

Feel free to support FOLV. People are asked to wear a mask, keep 2m apart and stand in groups of no more than 6. It is suggested that supporters bring a supporting slogan on cardboard or paper with wording such as: Stop The Build/ Save The Valley/ Don't Starve The Fen/ Don't Build Unsafe Houses/ Stop The Death Threat To The Valley. The Oxford Times/ Mail will be there.

**Sending a parcel?** Without queuing at the Post Office and without arranging for a courier to collect, adding to traffic congestion and vehicle fumes? Why not try Pedal Post? It operates a cost-effective green service, and even collects outgoing Royal Mail parcels. In addition to its local service, it can also handle national deliveries, liaising with a different courier service. Pedal Post also offers storage. For information go to: [www.pedalandpost.co.uk](http://www.pedalandpost.co.uk) Tel. 01865 791 866



Spectacular autumn sights in Stapleton Rd. These trees are Pillar Apples, distinctive in their upward-pointing branches. Some years they produce fruit, shaped like baby apples. In this they differ from crab apples, whose fruit is shaped like small plums.



**Lost Property:** We are informed that "The police no longer accept unidentifiable or low value lost property such as jewellery (unless high value). The finder is advised to make reasonable enquiries, which could include asking people nearby, making enquiries in nearby premises and advertising the find on social media. If still unidentified, there is nothing more the police can do and the finder should dispose of the property as seems appropriate."

**Headington News** website:

<http://www.headington.org.uk/news/items/coronavirus.html>

**HRA Addresses:**

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HRA Website:

<https://highfieldresidents.weebly.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 the extra help they may need as a result of Covid-19: [oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance) or 01865 249 811

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