

## HRA Update 27 January 2022 our forty-ninth Update

**Big Garden Bird Watch 28-30th January:** RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch is for everyone, whether you're a complete beginner or a birding expert. Simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 28 and 30 January 2022. [Sign up for free](#)

**HRA will Celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023:** In readiness for this event we would like to gather as much material as possible about the history of HRA. If you have any materials, whether written or photos, or if you know someone who has some, please contact [hracttee@gmail.com](mailto:hracttee@gmail.com)



**ALL WELCOME!**  
39-41 New High St,  
Headington,  
OX3 7AL

Snacks & light refreshments  
Come on your own or with others  
£2 suggested donation

**BOARD GAME CAFÉ**  
7PM -10PM  
EVERY SECOND FRIDAY

FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL: [MINISTER@ALLSAINTSHEADINGTON.ORG.UK](mailto:MINISTER@ALLSAINTSHEADINGTON.ORG.UK)

**Board Game Café:** A reminder, now that people may be feeling slightly freer about mixing. All Saints' Board Game Café is open 7-10 p.m., every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month (i.e. 11 February, 11 March, 8 April) at All Saints' Church House, New High Street, Headington, OX3 7AL. All are welcome. No need to be a member of the church. For information contact: [minister@allsaintsheadington.org.uk](mailto:minister@allsaintsheadington.org.uk)

**Scammers impersonating the DVLA:** Be alert to emails and texts claiming to be from the DVLA. Scammers impersonating the DVLA have been targeting motorists in recent weeks with attempts to gather personal and financial details from them.

**Calling all coffee pod users:** Oxford Direct Services offers a recycling option for used aluminium/plastic coffee pods. Sign up at <http://podback.org> for free Podback collection bags. Place the filled Podback bag on top of your green or blue bin lid on your collection day for recycling. For more info, visit [www.oxford.gov.uk/podback](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/podback)

### Plastic recycling at the Co-op:



The Midcounties Co-op, 152 London Rd. accepts clean soft plastics of types that are not accepted in many other places. The photograph on the left shows the plastic recycling bin, positioned by the windows, near the check-outs. The photo on the right lists some of the kinds of plastic wrappers that can be taken there: among them pet food pouches, sweet wrappers, crisp packets. NB No hard plastics, plastic bottles, plastic trays or compostables.



**Orinoco Oxford Scrap store is re-opening shortly in its new location:** 111-113 Pound Way, Templars Square Shopping Centre, Cowley, OX4 3XH.  
Tel. 07763 92 37 46 Email [mail@oxorinoco.org](mailto:mail@oxorinoco.org)

**Safe and Well Visits:** This is a free service offered by Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service. A firefighter or adviser will visit and offer practical advice on where risks in the home could lead to falls, fires, or other emergencies, and how to keep safe in the event of any such emergency. They will also check fire alarms, or fit them, and discuss with you or the person you care for how to keep safe in the event of a fire. They can also offer advice on health and crime prevention. If you regularly care for or are in touch with young families, or visit older or vulnerable people in their own home, a Safe and Well visit might be advisable. To go to the 2-minute survey: [Help us keep Oxfordshire safe and well | Let's Talk Oxfordshire](#)

**The New Highway Code:** Reminder, this comes into force this Saturday 29 January, with its new 'hierarchy of road users'. It places at the top of the hierarchy those road users most at risk in the event of a collision. It does not remove the need for everyone to exercise caution.

NB Many people are unaware of the changes, and the changes in themselves are likely to give rise to confusion. The updated code will clarify that:

- When people are crossing or waiting to cross at a junction, other traffic should give way.
- If people have started to cross and traffic wants to turn into the road, the people crossing have priority and the traffic should give way.
- People driving, riding a motorcycle or cycling must give way to people on a zebra crossing. The same applies on a parallel crossing (i.e. a crossing that includes a cycle route alongside the black and white stripes).

**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: <https://www.headington.org.uk/news/today.htm>

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HRA Website: <https://highfieldresidents.weebly.com>  
HRA Covid-19 Support Group: [hra-covid19-support@googlegroups.com](mailto: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://oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance) or 01865 249 811 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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