

HRA Update Thursday 30 September 2021, our forty-fourth Update

Street Event: Sunday 19 September, the chosen date for our first street party in two years, dawned dreary, cold and damp, a far cry from the conditions we had dreamed of. But, hey presto the sky cleared, the sun came out, you all came along, and All Saints' Road became a hive of activity, with fun being had by all. Many thanks to those who helped set up the



gazeboes, bunting, chairs and games, who brought goodies for the refreshment stall, those who served on it, those who entertained children on the Craft stall, to our resident musicians, the resident cricket team, those who packed everything away, and last but not least, to the Events Group for

all the planning, including organising the road closure. This was a great occasion, and a fitting finale for Patrick Coulter for his unwavering dedication as Lead of the Events Group.



You may be wondering about the Cakes for Charity stall; the children were grateful for the opportunity to sell their cakes and the proceeds totalling £45 were paid into Cancer Research, Headington. Many thanks to all who contributed to this splendid effort. The Craft stall, meanwhile, was also a great attraction.



Sunflower champions: As the photos show, sunflowers brought joy to Highfield in a range of colours, achieving different heights, and with different numbers of flower heads, and different sizes of flower heads. Thank you to all sunflower growers for bringing colour to our streets and gardens, and providing food for our wildlife. What the photos do not show is that growing them is an all-age activity



Among the young people producing some exceptional specimens was one who grew a range of flowers in St Luke's garden as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



You were all winners, but pride of place has to go to those who submitted photos of sunflowers reaching 11 ft (3.35m.) and 3.37m. You know who you are!

Recycling of plastic: The Co-op at Brookes and the Co-op in central Headington both accept for recycling the kinds of plastic wrapping that are rejected by many recycling facilities (e.g biscuit wrappers, chocolate wrappers, bags from rubber gloves and from kitchen scourers).

Bring and Fix Café: Do you have any small Electrical and Household items that need fixing, but for which you lack the skills? Don't condemn these items to landfill. The Repair Café, formerly at Bullingdon Community Centre, has moved to Gladstone Rd Community Centre, OX3 8LL, and is open every Tuesday 10-12. Free tea/coffee and biscuits, parking available; donations welcome. Any questions? Phone 07792 49 13 50

Nobody is immortal! Free Wills Month happens in Oxfordshire every October and March, allowing those aged 55 and over to get a solicitor-drafted (or solicitor-updated) will for free – though it is hoped those using the scheme will leave something to charity. Booking opens on Friday 1 October; appointments are limited and on a first-come-first-served basis. Go to <http://freewillsmoonth.org.uk> to find your nearest participating solicitor with availability. Make an appointment, mentioning the Free Wills Month scheme. NB Due to the pandemic, most solicitors are offering video and phone call appointments, as well as face to face.

HRA Subs: In view of the reduced programme of activities during the pandemic, the HRA Committee has decided to waive subs until April 2022.

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

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

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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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