

HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

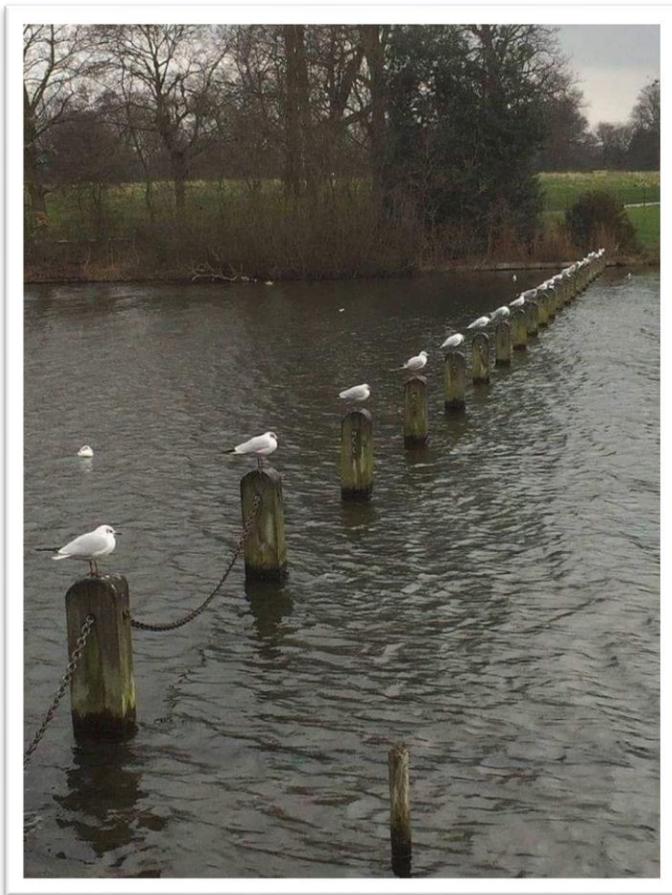
Update: Thursday 21 May 2020

Thursday has come round again, and with it our eighth weekly update, with the customary reminder that tonight we have our key workers' tribute at 8 p.m. Let's be out there on our doorsteps/ at our windows/ in the front garden/ on the pavement to clap, ring bells or play an instrument to show our gratitude.

Sad announcement: Readers will be sorry to hear that Karen Paton who had lived on Stapleton Road for many years, and had with her family been a loyal supporter of HRA, died recently. Given the very strict limit on the number of people allowed to attend a funeral during lockdown, an application has been granted to close Stapleton Road on Friday 29 May between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to enable friends and family to say a socially distanced goodbye to Karen. We send our condolences to Alex, Louis and Sacha.

If you wish to raise any concerns or have any questions, please email clairelgarton@yahoo.co.uk

Virtual Carnival Day and Resources for Families with Children: The Cowley Road Carnival will not be held in its usual format this year. Instead, Virtual Carnival Day will be celebrated on July 5, for which plans are afoot to stream a virtual carnival to bring the spirit of carnival to gardens, balconies and doorsteps. The website has been recommended as a particularly rich resource of activities for families with children. Follow this link for ideas to bring colour, joy and fun, while making carnival masks and bunting, a bee hotel, volcano, paper insect collection, tropical necklace, henna tattoos, mini drum kit and more besides. <http://www.cowleyroadworks.co.uk/carnival-online/carnival-arts-home/>



Social distancing

Household Waste Recycling Centres (aka 'tips'): As mentioned in last week's HRA Update, Redbridge is open again, at the revised time of 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. 7 days a week. Points to bear in mind: entry is via the Park and Ride, as is amply signed, though on Monday the old sign was still in place, directing one to the previous entry point. Queues are predicted to be long; marshals will warn drivers if there is little chance of their reaching the head of the queue before closing time.

Oxford Golf Club: Thank you to the diligent reader who pointed out the omission in last week's announcement about the re-opening of the Golf Club and our no longer being allowed to roam at random on Golf Club territory. The point should have been made that we can still go to the golf course if we stick to the official footpath across it, and it is important that we continue to use it.

Pick-Me-Up: Sadly, Oxford Bus Company's innovative Pick-Me-Up service will cease to operate on Saturday 30 June. Launched in June 2018, and the largest service of its kind in the UK, it aimed to improve connectivity in the eastern arc. Any unused credit will be refunded to passengers.

Bulky items collection: Oxford City Council has now resumed taking bookings for its bulky waste collection service, with collections restarting from Tuesday the 26th of May. For more information, a list of accepted items, and to book a collection, please visit:

https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20004/recycling_and_waste/7/book_a_bulky_waste_collection

Anti-social behaviour: Councillors and police are working on anti-social behaviour issues on the border of the HRA area. For the sake of those residents most affected by this, we are encouraged to report any untoward behaviour immediately to the police on 101.

Spring Bank Holiday: Would we ever forget a Bank Holiday? No, never; but maybe! In lockdown it is all too easy to lose track of time. Monday 25 May is our Spring Bank Holiday.

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

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HRA website: <https://highfieldresidents.weebly.com/>

Useful contacts for people seeking help outside the HRA area:

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 or 01865 249 811

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NB With the easing of lockdown, Update is likely to be circulated less frequently, until it ceases all together.