

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Littlemore has two new items of infrastructure organised & funded (or part-funded) by Littlemore Parish Council.

- A Bus Information Display screen is live & working at the bus stop outside the Littlemore Mental Health Centre on Sandford Road.
- The CCTV camera is now fully functioning beside the shops on Cowley Road: it was part-funded by a Thames Valley Police grant.

Cllr. Peter George, Chair



THE CLERK'S COLUMN

At the September parish council meeting there were planning applications from 18 Denny Gardens & 38 Minchery Road: the council had no objections to either. Oxford City Council has informed the parish council that the application for 12 Piplely Fulong has been refused while those for 12 Rahere Road, 244 Herschel Crescent & 15 Rahere Road have all been approved.

There are currently two vacancies on the parish council which were scheduled to be filled by co-option at the September meeting. However, there was an internal administrative issue which needs to be resolved before any co-options can be made. These were therefore deferred until the next meeting, by which time the issue will be resolved.

Cllr Peter George, chair of Littlemore Parish Council, is organising a meeting between parish councillors and the city council about the development in Railway Lane.

The Littlemore Parish Council Fun Day in Oxford Road Recreation Ground is scheduled for Saturday 27 September from noon until 4pm. Many activities will be available: climbing wall, go-carts, bouncy castle and much more. On show at the event will be the proposed designs for new play equipment for Ox Rd Rec, for parishioners to view provide feedback.

Oxford City Cllr Stares and County Cllr Henwood are in discussions with the Peabody Trust regarding the need for a play area to serve the housing estate along Armstrong Road. This is ongoing but looks positive.

Tony Eade, chair of the Littlemore Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, briefed the Council on the plan. The independent examiner made one or two points about strategic objectives and community aspirations. However, the Plan was ultimately approved to go forward to referendum which is anticipated to be in January 2026. Tony recommended that the Council create a robust campaign encouraging parishioners to vote in favour of adopting the plan. Find relevant documents at [Littlemore Neighbourhood Plan / Oxford City Council](#). Please contact Tony at nplan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk if you have questions.

The clerk can be contacted by phone (07377 682 216): if necessary please leave a message, or email: clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk. For information, agendas etc. go to www.littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Tim Cann, LPC RFO, and Acting Clerk

THE PILLAR BOX ON COWLEY ROAD, LITTLEMORE

Royal Mail is updating the red pillar box to provide a digitally-activated, solar-powered large-capacity drawer for sending small parcels, below a traditional letter slot.

For proof of posting it will have a barcode scanner for customers to use with the Royal Mail app. Those preferring not to use a digital device will still be able to use the Post Office.



NEW TO THE LITTLEMORE DIRECTORY WHAT'S ON PAGES

- **Updated info about Minchery Farm Allotments:** after a 5-year hiatus they have a new committee, and are establishing a waiting list for the upcoming growing season. If you're interested in growing your own vegetables and gardening, contact their new secretary, Jerzy Konstanciak. konstanciakjerzy@yahoo.co.uk.
- **Free Family-focused Wellbeing courses:** Henry's Healthy Families is a healthy lifestyle programme on Monday mornings at Rose Hill Community Centre for parents and carers of children aged 0-3 years. See: <https://oxf.maximusuk.co.uk/henry-oxfordshire>.
- **Vinaya Flow workshops,** Thurs 6.30-8.30pm, at Sandford Village Hall, 2 Oct, 30 Oct & 27 Nov. Hour 1: all-level Vinyasa Flow class. Hour 2: focus on specific poses & flows, with tips & coaching particularly aimed at 'sports' people. Contact Jo Zaremba: jzaremba99@gmail.com.
- **Events at Littlemore Hub @ JHNA:** see page 2 for more about the Hub.

ABOUT THE LITTLEMORE DIRECTORY

This was started 10 years ago as the first e-page of LITTLEMORE LOCAL: The What's On Page. It's grown to be about ten pages of local information. So far it's only been available electronically as a pdf, but that is soon to change. It will have its own place on the Parish Council website, where it will be easier to search. It will continue to be refreshed and updated every two months.

4th RUGBY CLUB FAMILY FUN DAY

The Littlemore Rugby Club once again proved its commitment to the community last month, by hosting its 4th annual Family Fun Day. The event was bigger and better than ever, creating a vibrant atmosphere for all who attended. This year's expanded attractions featured thrilling go-kart tracks, a bustling collection of local stalls, and an enlarged toddler's corner complete with delicious food options. The main stage was a highlight, with a great lineup of artists who performed to an enthusiastic crowd. The LRFC extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made the day possible, including our generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers, committee members, and tireless bar staff. Most of all, thank you to the community for turning out in such great numbers and making it a day to remember. We have a great social club here and are happy to open our doors to the local community. See you again on 30 August 2026.

Club Chairman, John Perry

Stop Press: *Blessed Dominic Barberi Church Bazaar & BBQ: 12-3pm on 22 Nov: bottle stall, cakes, Grand Draw etc: all welcome!

*To book ahead for the Community Christmas Day Lunch at JHNA, contact admin@littlemorechurch.org or phone 07398 599 430

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY + THINGS TO DO

- *27 Sept: noon-4:** Parish Council Fun Day @ Oxford Road Rec.
- *Sat 4 Oct: 2.30-4.30pm:** Afternoon tea at the Village Hall.
- *Thurs 9 Oct: 12.30** at Magdalen Centre Science Park: a free public event provided by IT security service, Opliciti. You will be shown how to protect data on your phone, how to use password managers & avoid scams, practical skills you can apply immediately. The sign-up link is at: [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--oxfordshire/opliciti/) or google www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--oxfordshire/opliciti/
- *Weds 15 Oct:** *Always ready, always willing: the story of firefighting in Oxford*: talk by John Lowe
- *Weds 19 Nov:** *Excavations from Trinity College* talk by Jamie Williams. Both 7 for 7.30pm: LM Local History Society @ the Community Centre.
- *Sat 1 Nov, 2.30-4.30pm:** Christmas Fair @ The Village Hall.
- *Sat 18 Oct and Sat 8 Nov:** 2-3.30 Arts Hub workshops at SM&SN Church: create a Window Walkabout display
- *21, 22 & 23 Nov, 6-9pm:** Window Walkabout: join Arts Hub members to walk around Littlemore & view decorated windows. For more information or to take part email Eve McWilliam: ArtsHubLittlemore@gmail.com
- *5 Dec: Littlemore Community Christmas Tree evening** on the Village Green: with carols, Jubilee Brass Band & hot chocolate. We invite you to donate a weather-resistant (but not glass) bauble to be hung on the Tree to represent someone you love or miss at this special time. Please leave it at Smarts Fish & Chip shop or Littlemore Post Office, from 10 Nov. (More details in next issue). *City Cllr Stares & County Cllr Henwood*
- *6 Dec, 11am-2pm: SM&SN Church Christmas Bazaar:** lots of festive fun and food, with a raffle to be drawn at 2pm.

LITTLEMORE LIBRARY EVENTS

October: *Black History Month* Book display, and *Make your own Animal/Bird Half Term* craft competition for Children.

November: *Local History* Book display, and International Games Month. Come in & play all sorts of games in the library and ask us about the library apps we have to offer.

WELCOME: FROM THE LITTLEMORE HUB at JHNA

As the school year begins, we're excited to welcome everyone back to The Littlemore Hub a community space for everyone from birth to older adulthood, whether or not you have a connection to the school. Whether you're seeking support, friendship, learning opportunities, or simply a warm and inclusive place to be, the Hub is here for you. We have a varied timetable and are now using LITTLEMORE LOCAL to advertise events: find us in the What's On Listings under Events @ The Hub, or drop by during school hours to pick up a timetable and find out more.

- **What's New This Term?** *Monthly Q&A Drop-Ins with Health Visitors *Peep Free Antenatal Classes *Expanded Community Cooking Group
- **Continuing this term:** *Two Stay & Play Sessions *Messy Play *Baby Massage *Baby Book Club *Feeding Your Baby *Intergenerational Lunches *Over 50s Friendship Café *SOFEA Food Larder *Beauty & Hygiene Bank

The time, energy, and kindness of volunteers are what make the Hub feel like home. Please apply to help run or support our groups. Whether you have a regular hour to spare, or just want to help occasionally, we'd love to hear from you. And, if you have ideas for new groups, or know of a need in the community, please get in touch.

Kate Rudman

CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

For City Council issues: contact:

- Cllr Tiago Corais cllrtcorais@oxford.gov.uk
- Cllr Anne Stares cllrastares@oxford.gov.uk

For County Council issues contact:

- Cllr David Henwood: david.henwood@oxfordshire.gov.uk

ANGELMEAD EXPLORER SCOUT NEWS

We weren't after all needed to help at a local summer festival, but alternative events were organised as a result of people's kindness, so the explorers had a wonderful summer-time. They had fun challenges to complete in town, they paddled the river and had their homemade pizzas, and they decorated the field to enjoy a festival atmosphere with friends and families. We listened to music by Josefina, the Jazzy Jeffs and the Novel.ban (and maybe you did, too as the music could be heard at a distance). An event to remember!

Camille Kalaja



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ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL NEWS

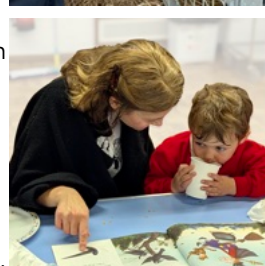
Autumn term has just started and our partnerships are already flourishing: that with Radley College provides our children with an opportunity for weekly sessions at their Countryside Centre where they can learn how to rear animals & grow plants, skills they can exercise on our allotment & with our school chickens.

The morning of our Bookie Breakfast to welcome back children and families was a busy one. Children & carers were provided with pastries and cooked breakfast sandwiches as they read together, reinforcing the excellent reading culture at the school.

We are delighted to announce that for the second year running our children have taken part in filming for the new series of *Operation Ouch*. A group from the school will appear on TV in the New Year when Drs Xand & Chris van Tulleken investigate blisters: keep your eyes peeled!

Families will be delighted to know that we have expanded our nursery provision to meet demand, providing spaces for children applying to join in January & April, and easing the pathway into our oversubscribed reception class.

A **big thank you** to all of you who supported our fundraising events last year: the children are thrilled by the new climbing frame in our KS2 space!



Mr Higgins, Head

IMPACT OF OXFORD ROAD CLOSURE

from: City Cllr Anne Stares & County Cllr David Henwood

We know that the closure of Oxford Road for necessary roadworks has caused significant disruption. To date we have been unable to persuade the county Council to relieve the pressure on Cowley & Newman Roads. We've been out every morning and have witnessed how hard it's been for this community, and we want to recognise and thank Littlemore residents for the patience shown. Work will continue along Sandford Road, with the return of temporary traffic lights. We understand that disruption will continue until late November/December. We will keep monitoring, and raising road safety concerns. City Cllr Anne Stares & County Cllr David Henwood

LITTLEMORE COMMUNITY CHAMPION

David Henwood and I had been giving consideration to the recognition of a Community Champion when one surfaced in the shape of Russell Hager. Russell had contacted me about overhanging bushes making the passageway at the bottom of College Lane difficult to use. I was making enquiries as to who would be responsible when I received another message from him to say that he had cut & cleared it himself - *thank you Russell!* This is an example of the community spirit that we want to recognise. We are happy to report that Russell is the first to be awarded the title **Littlemore Community Champion**. We know there are many unsung heroes who go that extra mile for their community, and others that might be encouraged to, so, for the next year, each month, we will be looking to thank and recognise these wonderful individuals. We will also have a Junior Community Champion where relevant. Please put names forward, and say why (find our contact details on p 2). It could be someone that consistently helps in the community, or someone who's offered a one-off kindness. For now, this is Russell's moment, and we applaud you. *City Cllr Anne Stares*

If you're thinking of taking action, please check that what you intend to do is both safe and legal: Ed

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER



- ✓ **Restore**, which runs a Shop & Café at Littlemore Hospital is currently recruiting volunteers. Shifts are available mornings, throughout the week. Contact Amelia Barnard for more information or to get involved: call 08165 455 822 or email volunteer@restore.org.uk.
- ✓ The Village Hall needs more volunteers in its management team. If you could help, regularly or occasionally, please contact Claire Drinkwater: c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com.
- ✓ Love dogs? Have time to spare? Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is looking for kind-hearted dog-lovers interested in volunteering to care for, and train a puppy who will go on to transform the life of a deaf person. All costs are covered. No experience is necessary. Call 01844 348 129 or visit hearingdogs.org.uk/volunteer/ or to find out more.
- ✓ Join Cllr Tiago Corais' team of passionate volunteers to help shape a stronger, fairer, and more vibrant Littlemore. Contact him at: cllrtcorais@oxford.gov.uk.
- ✓ Do a little litter-picking: just outside your own home would make a difference. If you'd like to do a lot, register with Callum at ODS: Callum.Dickerson@odsgroup.co.uk or 07561 601 896, and get official community litter-picking bags.
- ✓ Help run or support a new group offered at The Littlemore Hub at John Henry Newman Academy, Grange Road. See pp 2 & 6 or drop by reception during school hours to find out more.

EMPOWERING LITTLEMORE: It deserves the best

from: City Councillor Tiago Corais

What brings us together is simple: we all care deeply about Littlemore. It's our home, our community, and it deserves the very best. I'm building a team of passionate volunteers to help shape a stronger, fairer, and more vibrant Littlemore. Whether it's improving housing, protecting our green spaces, or investing in young people, there's a role for everyone. If you want to make a difference, I'd love to hear from you.

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Thanks to Littlemore Arts Hub, for empowering Littlemore

On 6 September, I had the pleasure of joining the Littlemore Arts Hub for their Visual Arts Workshop at St Mary & St Nicholas Church. It was fantastic to see our community come together to enjoy a creative afternoon in such a welcoming space. *Thank you* to Alex Singleton and all the volunteers who made it happen. Your dedication brings colour, connection, and joy to Littlemore. I'm proud to sponsor this grassroots initiative. Its next 2 workshops focus on Window Art, ahead of the Littlemore window Walkabout (see pp 2, 4 & flier p 15). Let's keep the creativity flowing!

Cllr Andrew Gant's visit during the closure of Oxford Road

The road is shut while Energetic Electricity installs high-voltage ducts to strengthen our local power network. Like my Councillor colleagues, I've been out monitoring the morning traffic. To find practical solutions, I arranged a meeting on Friday 12 Sept from 7.15 to 8.15am between Oxfordshire Highways Officer Phil Whitfield, Cllr Andrew Gant, Cabinet Member for Transport Management, and fellow councillors Anne Stares and David Henwood. Although the peak congestion began around 8.10 - just as the visit was ending, I shared a video showing the full extent of the traffic jam on other days. It stretched from Newman Road almost to Littlemore Church. Both Cllr Gant and Officer Whitfield listened attentively, welcomed community input, and committed to reviewing the proposals put forward. If feasible, they promised swift action to ease the disruption.

- **Residents' Voices Matter:** several residents took the opportunity to share their concerns directly with the visiting officials. Issues raised included:
 - Repainting white lines near the Cowley Rd chicane, to prevent parking that blocks visibility for residents leaving their homes.
 - Safety concerns at the Newman Road junction with Iffley Rd.
 - The ongoing pressure on Oxford Road, with calls for long-term solutions.
 - Mixed views on Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs), reflecting the diversity of opinion in the community.
 - Increased traffic volume causing delays on the Ring Road.
 - Parking congestion on Sandford Road especially during school drop-off & pick-up times.
 - **Data and Next Steps:** Phil Whitfield shared preliminary traffic data and committed to preparing a comprehensive traffic analysis for Littlemore, which will help shape practical solutions. The team also proposed regular follow-up visits with Oxfordshire Highways and Cllr Gant to develop a shared vision for the future of transport in Littlemore. Cllr Gant agreed to attend future sessions.
- Cllr Gant requested a formal proposal outlining the community's needs. In response, we are preparing a detailed document that will include:
- A full list of traffic and highways concerns.
 - Proposals for advance planning and mitigation measures for any future roadworks.
 - A collaborative approach involving Parish, City, and County Councillors for any future roadworks to mitigate traffic issues.

• Your Voice Is Needed

This initiative is about more than traffic: it's about collaboration, resilience, and standing up for our community. We want to hear from you. If you live in Littlemore and have thoughts, concerns, or ideas, please email me at cllrtcorais@oxford.gov.uk. Your feedback will be included in our follow-up with Cllr Gant. Let's work together to keep Littlemore moving—and to keep our community strong. Let's get things done.

Cllr Tiago Corais

BBOWT 2025 PHOTO COMPETITION

These photos are among those shortlisted for the People's Choice Award in the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust 2025 Photo Competition.

Above: *Common Tern* by Helaine Cadman

Below: *Bee and pollen* by David Maw

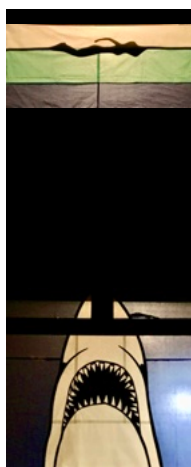
The winner will be announced at the [2025 BBOWT Celebration](#) on Saturday 25 October, alongside the other category winners and the Trust's volunteer awards. If you wish to attend, please register your place at bbowt.org.uk/celebration-2025.

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT), which is based in Littlemore, is one of 46 Wildlife Trusts across the UK working to achieve the shared aim of securing a better future for wildlife. Its experts work with more than 1,700 volunteers to look after over eighty nature reserves & five education centres, and offer hundreds of events. BBOWT brings people and nature together to protect our environment. It relies on the generosity of individuals, charitable trusts and businesses.

Find out more at www.bbowt.org.uk.



LITTLEMORE WINDOW WALKABOUT: NOVEMBER



This November the Littlemore Arts Hub, a collective of local artists and writers who offer monthly workshops at St Mary and St Nicholas Church, are organising a Window Walkabout. Similar to the one that happens annually in Florence Park, it aims to brighten up three winter evenings (21st, 22nd and 23rd) by asking residents and businesses to decorate their windows for people to walk around and view between 6 and 9pm. The success of the event lies in the hands of the residents of Littlemore, but the Arts Hub aim to make things easier by offering two preliminary workshops, and making tissue paper and black paper available for free to residents who'd like to take part.

Window decorations can be as simple or complex as people wish to make them, and we hope that the weekend will be a real family-friendly celebration of light and joy in the community!

If you would like to decorate a window of your home, email ArtHubLittlemore@gmail.com to let us know, so that we can add you to a map, to be available nearer the time.

You can find out more on the Arts Hub Facebook page [@LittlemoreArtsHub](#).

Eve McWilliam

Left: [Inspiration from Florence Park](#) : ground & first floor windows of the same house, photographed at night!

NEWS FROM THE VATICAN! [vatican news](#)

Pope Leo XIV has announced that St John Henry Newman will be declared a Doctor of the Church. A Doctor of the Church is a saint who is recognised for demonstrating outstanding holiness and making significant intellectual and theological contributions to the Church's doctrine through their research and writings. John Henry Newman lived in Littlemore at [The College](#) from 1842 to 1846. He established a semi-monastic community here, and it was here that he was received into the Roman Catholic Church on October 9, 1845.

*Sr. Mary and all the sisters
at the International Centre of Newman Friends, Littlemore*

COST OF LIVING HELP

Please visit <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/help-cost-living-crisis> or call 01865 249811. There is a wide range of support available across the city to help you.

FOOD PROVISION:

- See food banks in the What's On Listings
- visit Good Food Oxfordshire's Website where they have a food map that outlines food provision initiatives: <https://www.gfo.org.uk/food-support/community-food-services-map/>
- See also: www.oxford.gov.uk/people-communities/free-low-cost-food-oxford

RECYCLING REMINDERS for those who use sacks not bins

Around March/April and again around September/October, free supplies of clear recycling sacks, and lilac rubbish sacks are delivered to properties that cannot accommodate wheelie bins. Residents don't need to order the sacks, as they are automatically delivered to eligible properties.

The supplies are calculated to last for three sacks per collection, so they add up to the same capacity as a 240-litre bin.

👏 A huge thank you to all households recycling with sacks – your efforts have helped Oxfordshire become the best in England for recycling, reusing, and composting for the 10th year in a row, with residents recycling an impressive 57.2% of household waste.

Quick reminders:

- Clear sacks (for recycling) and lilac sacks (for rubbish) are provided free if your property can't fit a wheelie bin.
- **Crews will never take more than three lilac sacks per collection.**
- If you have extra recycling, please use unbranded clear sacks (available from supermarkets or online).
- If you have any doubt about what goes in recycling, consult the [Waste Wizard](#) which will also give advice about recycling items that the County Council cannot take.

Oxford City Council & ODS Group

LITTLEMORE DIRECTORY

WHAT'S ON: GROUPS, CLASSES ETC: Regular Events: October / November 2025

KEY: LOCATIONS IN and around LITTLEMORE

ACF	Army Cadet Force Building, OX4 6LD
ATC	Air Cadet Forces Centre, OX4 6LD
BDB	Blessed Dominic Barberi Hall, OX4 4JX
EKH	Edith Kempson Community Hall, OX4 4QB
FSS	Family Solutions Service: Ashhurst Way OX4 4UY
IBC	Indoor Bowls Club, OX4 6NA
JHN	John Henry Newman Academy, OX4 4LS
LCC	Littlemore Community Centre, OX4 4NL
OSP	Oxford Science Park, OX4 4GA
RHCC	Rose Hill Community Centre, OX4 4HF
RBL	Royal British Legion Hall, OX4 4LZ
RHMC	Rose Hill Methodist Church: Rose Hill, OX4 4HS
SAC	St Andrew's Church: Sandford, OX4 4XZ
SHQ	Scout HQ, Fairlie Road, OX4 3SW
SVH	Sandford Village Hall, OX4 4YN
SM&SN	St Mary & St Nicholas Church, near OX4 4PB
TOA	The Oxford Academy, OX4 6JZ (except for Rugby Club which is via Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH)
VHL	The Village Hall, Littlemore, OX4 4PY

- **Acrobatics, Parkour, Aerial & Stunts:** Director: Oliver Ward 03302 233 995 or info@ukcfacademy.co.uk . Booking: <http://www.ukcfaction.co.uk> . See flier p 15
- **UKCF Academy®:** **TOA:** Parkour park, Tumble track & Stunts: trapezes, silks, hoops, handstand canes & more. Sundays: *10am-6pm: age 11-17 years
- **UKCF Action Holiday Stunt Camps:** **TOA:** Book online for camps offering Stunts, Acrobatics, Aerial, Trampoline & Parkour
- **Advice Centre:** **RHCC:** See entry on p 12. We can also offer you time *by appointment only* on a Thursday morning, between 10 & 11:30am at **SM&SN** Church, Littlemore
- **Aerial Arts Academy:** **TOA:** Aerials & Pole Dance. Weekday & weekend dance & fitness classes for all abilities. Use code OAA1STFREE for your first class free when you book online at aerialartsacademy.co.uk . Or book at: <https://goteamup.com/p/3353560-aerial-arts-academy-oxfor/c/schedule> . Contact: Nicola Ghalmi 07909 974 256, info@aerialartsacademy.co.uk
- **Afternoon Tea at VHL:** Tea, coffee & delicious home-made cakes, and an opportunity to meet some of your Parish Councillors: first Saturday: 2.30-4.30pm. Contact Claire Drinkwater 07791 365 412
- **Age UK Oxfordshire:** we offer a range of services apart from local events listed below: for our support call 0345 450 1276, visit www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire or email contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk
 - **Drop in & meet our local Age UK Ox Rep:** Valerie Hunt at **SM+SN** Coffee Morning 10.30-12noon last Mon of month
 - **Stay Strong & Steady: Falls prevention programme:** **LCC:** to self-refer for the next course please contact active@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or 01235 849 403
- **Art & Craft Courses:** Oxford Summer School @ **TOA:** yearly. www.oxfordshireartandcraft or insta [oxford_summer_school](https://www.instagram.com/oxford_summer_school)

- **Art Exhibitions:** **SM&SN:** Regular events showing work of local artists: see littlemorechurch.org/the_arts
- **This Year's Harvest of Talents** is running until 25 Oct and is open on Mondays & Wednesdays (10-12noon), Saturdays (10am-3pm). Check our website for more information: www.littlemorechurch.org/the_arts/exhibitions
- **Air Cadets:** **ATC:** see www.aircadets.tv/2210 . 2210 (Cowley) Sqn parade Mon & Wed from 7.30-9.30pm. Please send enquiries to Flt Lt O'Riordan, oc.2210@rafac.mod.gov.uk
- **Allotments** are available to Littlemore residents at:
 - *Thomson Terrace: see our website www.ttacic.org , email Kathleen O'Donnell Secretary@ttacic.org , or phone Field Secretary Tom Dyra 07867 931 487. *Minchery Farm (see flier p 15): contact secretary Jerzy Konstanciak on konstanciakjerzy@yahoo.co.uk) *Elder Stubbs (see Restore or City Council websites) & *Denny Gardens (see www.odfaa.com)
- **Angling Society: Local still, & flowing waters:** Littlemore Angling Society run trophy matches throughout the season on our club waters, on ODAA waters and at some prolific away venues. We always welcome newcomers. Permits are available on our website: www.littlemoreanglingsociety.co.uk . Contact Alan Campbell, 07789 334 710, alancampbell0811@gmail.com . Find fixtures on p 9
- **Army Cadets:** **ACF:** If you're over 12 and under 18, and are interested in learning new skills & making new friends, the Army Cadets is for you. We parade 7.30-9.30pm on Thursdays. See www.armycadets.com/county/oxfordshire-acf/Oxfordshire . Detachment Commander: 2Lt Kyle-Davidson, 8204kyleda@armymail.mod.uk
- **Arts Hub:** **SM&SN:** a collective of local artists and writers who offer monthly workshops at the Church: 2-3.30pm. The workshops welcome any form of creativity, despite there being a monthly theme, so feel free to come along! *Sat 18 Oct and Sat 8 Nov: create a window display ahead of the Window Walkabout on *Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Nov. Decorated windows will be lit up between 6-9pm for everyone to see as they walk around Littlemore. To take part contact Eve McWilliam: ArtsHubLittlemore@gmail.com
- **Baby Massage:** see **Events at the Littlemore Hub**
- **Beezee by Maximus:** see under Weight Loss
- **Bingo:** **RBL:** 1st & 3rd Friday: 7pm for eyes down at 8. For more info and additional dates contact Katie Tutty 01865 778 869 or littlemorerbl@gmail.com
- **Bowls (Indoor):** **IBC:** see www.oxbowls.co.uk
- **Childcare: Littlemore Preschool:** **LCC:** open M-F 8.45 till 3pm: term-times: for pre-school children from 2-4 yrs. Space available: mornings 8.45-11.45am, all day 8.45-2.45pm, & afternoons 12-3pm. Please pop in, or email for an application form. Manager: Hayley Cox. When we are open phone 01865 396 449, or email littlemoreplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk
- **Childcare: Little People Nursery:** **TOA** Northfield Close entrance: 8am to 5.30pm, 48 weeks a year. Manager: Lindsey Hart: 01865 397 972, littlepeeplenursery@peeples.org.uk

- **Childcare: The Old Station Nursery:** Heatley Road, OX4 4GE: **Oxford Science Park:** open all year for children aged 3 months-5 years. Please contact Charlotte Dagg: 01865 777 167 or osp@tosn.co.uk
- **Children's Events at JHN:** see **Events at Littlemore Hub**
- **Children's Groups: Growing Minds (0-4s) and Peep Groups:** see www.peeple.org.uk. For more information, and where there is a need to book please call or text Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278 or email families@peeple.org.uk
 - **Growing Minds Project:** if you live in Littlemore and have a little one aged 0-4yrs, do get in touch to find out more about the Growing Minds project, and receiving free books.
 - **Growing Minds Stay & Play: VHL:** Thursdays 10-11.30am. Do drop in: no need to book. For further information, please contact Camille as above
 - **Growing Minds Peep group: at the Peeple Cabins: TOA Northfield Close entrance:** Tuesdays 1.30-2.30pm: for all Littlemore parents/carers with babies under 12 months old. For more information contact Camille as above
 - **Growing Minds 1-2s Peep group: at the Peeple Cabins: TOA Northfield Close entrance:** Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am: for Littlemore parents/carers & their children. For more information contact Camille as above
 - **Antenatal Peep Group: JHN:** an opportunity to prepare & connect: a 5-week course for those 28 weeks pregnant and beyond: for more information, and to book contact Camille, as above
 - **Multi-language Peep Group for 0-4s: FSS:** (Rosehill Family Solutions Service, Ashhurst Way, OX4 4UY: 9.30-10.30am Tuesdays: for Littlemore families for whom English is a developing language: to book a place contact Camille as above
 - **Singing, stories, & time to talk to practitioners: various locations:** for babies, 1- & 2-yr-olds. For more information contact Camille as above
 - **TALK Peep Group: JHN Hub:** a group to support development of your child's speech, language & communication: 1:30-2:30pm. To book a place contact Camille as above
- **Children's Groups: Sing & Sign for 0-2 year olds & their parents/carers: VHL:** Mondays 9.45am, 11am and 12.15pm: learn baby signing the fun way in our fun-filled music classes. For more info, and to book contact 07795 005 832 or oxford@singandsign.co.uk. Lead: Emily Percy
- **Choirs:** see under **Singing**
- **Churches:** see separate Faith Groups listing p 10
- **Coffee morning & Sing-along: SM&SN:** Mondays 10am-noon: drop in for coffee, cake, conversation & song: contact: contact Eve McWilliam admin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Coffee morning: SM&SN:** Wednesdays 10am-noon: drop in for coffee, cake, conversation: contact Eve McWilliam admin@littlemorechurch.org or see www.littlemorechurch.org
- **Coffee Morning: Parent Power @ TOA: TOA Library:** termtime: Wednesdays 9.10-10.30am: for parents/carers of TOA pupils: contact: Kerrisa Lawrence, Oxford Hub parent support worker: kerrisa@oxfordhub.org, 07903 174 415

- **Conservation Work Parties:**
 - **Berks Bucks & Oxford Wildlife Trust: based in Littlemore:** we have nature reserves for days out, and outdoor opportunities to volunteer. Contact: info@bbowt.org.uk or see www.bbowt.org.uk
 - **Oxford Preservation Trust:** Green space volunteering at **Heyford Meadow, Heyford Hill Lane:** 9:30am-12:30pm, 3rd Friday every month. All welcome, no experience necessary, instructions & tools are provided. Contact 01865 242 918 or info@oxfordpreservation.org.uk. For more opportunities & events see www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk
- **Crafting for children + carers: Saturdays:** see **Library**
- **Dance for Wellbeing: LCC:** Thursdays 12-1pm. Fun, casual drop-in Dance session for all abilities: provided free by Sport in Mind for everyone 17+ experiencing isolation, loneliness, low mood, or a mental health condition. With Nuria Franchy Afonso. See: www.sportinmind.org/oxfordshire
- **Drop In at RHMC:** Monday 2-4.30pm. Chat, board games, puzzles, drinks: all welcome. Contact: Liz Spain Community Chaplain: rosehillcommunitychaplain@gmail.com. Web: rosehillmethodists.org.uk/community-drop-in.
- **Events at Littlemore Hub: JHNA: term-time only.** Please drop in during school hours for a timetable & to find out more:
 - **New This Term @ The Hub:**
 - **Q&A Monthly Drop-Ins with Health Visitors:** an informal space for JHN parents and carers to ask questions, share concerns, and get trusted advice from health professionals.
 - **Peep Free Antenatal Classes:** listed under Children's Groups/Peep
 - **Expanded Community Cooking Group:** a warm, inclusive group where people cook together, build confidence, and take home slow-cooked meals
- **Continuing this term @ The Hub:**
 - **Stay & Play for 0-5s & parents/carers:** Mon & Tues 9-10.15am. Join us for toys, a run around, & fun. No need to have a sibling at the school. For details call Hannah Jamieson on 01865 772 495
 - **Baby Massage Course:** Thurs mornings: at least one, free, 5-week course is offered each term: please register with Hannah by email: h.jamieson@jhnacademy.co.uk
 - **Messy Play**
 - **Baby Book Club**
 - **Feeding Your Baby**
 - **Intergenerational Lunches** detail to come later
 - **Over 50s Friendship Café**
 - **SOFEA Food Larder**
 - **Beauty & Hygiene Bank**
- **Fitness: LivingFit for 55+: VHL:** Mondays 5.30-6.30pm: strength, balance, mobility: we provide weights, steps & more. Reduced cost per session for monthly package. Carl Davis: 01865 920 460, www.livinginfitness.co.uk
- **Food banks, larders, free & low cost food etc:**
 - **Community Emergency Food Bank: EKH:** Thursday 10am to 11.30 am. Referral needed: see www.cefoxford.co.uk

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- **Community Cupboard Food Bank: RHMC:** Weds 1.15-3.30
Referral is needed for the food bank, see <https://rosehillmethodists.org.uk/groups/community-cupboard/cc-referral-organisations> . All are welcome to a hot meal and drinks (no referral is needed)
- **See also Food Provision** p 13
- **Football Coaching:** Oxford United in the Community: see: <https://www.ouitc.org/programme>
- **Skills Centre at our Training Ground, Horspath, OX4 2RR:** for girls & boys age 5-11 years: Wednesday evenings: *5-6pm age 5-8 *6-7pm age 9-11: contact Alex Blane at community@oufc.co.uk
- **Football Holiday Camps at TOA 3G Dome:** for girls & boys of all ability age 5-13 yrs: contact Kerrie Bates community@oufc.co.uk
- **Friendship Group: SM&SN:** 2nd Thurs each month at 10am in church. Contact Benjamin Johnson benjamin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Gym: TOA:** weekdays 5pm-10pm, weekends 9am-9pm. We have Cardio machines, free weights, & assisted weight machines. For more see: toaleisure.schoolbookings.co.uk . To arrange your monthly membership: either pop in at reception during gym opening hours or contact us on toaleisure@theoxfordacademy.org
- **Halls for Hire:** see separate listing p 9
- **Healthy Living: RHCC:** Service Manager: Emma McGill
 - **Henry's Healthy Families:** fun, free 8-week healthy lifestyle programme for parents & carers of children aged 0-3 years: Mondays 9.30am-12.30pm. Free creche spaces available. Sign up to secure your place: <https://oxf.maximusuk.co.uk/henry-oxfordshire>
 - **Healthy living courses** for pregnant people, families, young people & adults. Create lifelong habits that really make a difference! Find out more at: <https://oxf.maximusuk.co.uk>
- **Karate:** Thursdays: at **JHN:** *age 4-6yrs Thursdays 3.30-4pm *age 7-14yrs Thursdays 4-5pm. Chris Wilmott, 07880 636 123 or chriswilmott2000@yahoo.com
- **Kickboxing:** Oxfordshire Freestyle Kickboxing Academy: **LCC:** to express interest text Mal McKeon: 0771 345 9337
- **Knitting Group: SM&SN: all levels: other crafts welcome:** Tues 11am-1pm. Contact: admin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Lacrosse: TOA:** 7-9pm Monday evenings. All ages and abilities welcome - no experience needed. Juniors welcome. Message Annabel Campbell: OxfordCityLacrosse@hotmail.com for details. Follow us on Instagram #OxfordCityLacrosse or FB OXLAX
- **Library: Home Library Service: Home Pick Up & Delivery.** Contact Kevin Salway, homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk 01865 810 259
- **Library: Littlemore Public Library: TOA:** Monday 2-5pm | Tuesday 2-5pm | Thursday 9.30am-5pm | Friday and Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Contact Sharon Ingram: 01865 714 309, littlemore.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk .
- Regular free events at the Library:**
 - **Book Group:** monthly: 1st Monday 2pm: for adults to discuss what they've read over tea and biscuits

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- **Rhymetime and Storytime:** for Under 5s & their carers: Tues 2.15-2.45pm
- **Stay & Play** for Under 5s & their carers: Thurs 10am-12 noon: with toys for under 5s to play while their parents/ carers relax and chat
- **Friendly Friday** Social event for adults: refreshments, games, crafting, chat: weekly: Friday 10.30am-12noon
- **Saturday Craft:** for children & carers: weekly 9.30-12noon: a chance for kids of all ages to be creative
- **Littlemore Local History Society: LCC:** Contact Buffy McClelland, history.littlemore@gmail.com, or see littlemorelocalhistorysociety.wordpress.com See table (p 9) for next meetings.
 - **Talks:** 3rd Wednesday 7 for 7.30pm, except summer months.
 - **Walks:** 1st Saturday: walks start at 1.30pm the church gate, and end at the Village Hall for optional tea. Free: for members and visitors.
- **Martial Arts: VHL:** mixed monthly class: age 11 upwards. To register your interest, please contact Christopher Hughes: christopher.hughes@littlemorebaptist.org.uk
 - see also: Karate and Kickboxing
- **Maths & English Tuition for children:**
 - **Explore Learning Oxford: upstairs at Sainsbury's:** Maths & English tuition for 4-16 year olds: now includes GCSE classes. Contact: Paul Drake & Kate George, 01865 595 509. See: explorelearning.co.uk/oxford
 - **Inspires Tuition: VHL:** Neuro-inclusive Maths & English Tuition: **taking a break 'til January**
- **Meditation day retreats: with Oxford Insight Meditation: VHL:** Beginners are welcome, as well as those with experience of meditation practice. Next day retreat Saturday 25 October with Mat Schencks. For more information & to book, see: www.oxfordinsightmeditation.org
- **Men's Breakfast: SM&SN:** A space for men to meet, chat and enjoy a full English. To express interest & find out more, please email Russell Hager: Breakfast@littlemorechurch.org
- **Music: Cowley Orchestra: TOA:** Weds 7-9pm term times. New members are always welcome, aged 18-98+ : there are no auditions, we just play for fun! Please contact us via www.cowleyorchestra.weebly.com
- **Music: Concerts at SM&SN:** to stage a concert contact Eve McWilliam: admin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Music: Jubilee Brass:** a friendly brass band, all players are welcome. We rehearse Monday & Friday evenings at Grace Church, Cowley, OX4 2ES. Please contact Cliff Sadler: jubileebrassoxford@gmail.com for details.
- **Music: Jubilate Band: SM&SN:** for budding or experienced musicians: the Band plays in the monthly Jubilate Church Service at SM&SN church: contact Malcolm Atkins malcolm.atkins1@ntlworld.com
- **Music: Oxford Village Band: VHL:** Weds 8-9.30pm termly. For over 18s only: Folk Music in Harmony in the style of English village bands of Thomas Hardy's time. Suitable for most squeeze-box, woodwind, brass, fiddle, viola, cello & double bass players. Contact Dave Townsend: dtmellstock@aol.com or 01865 714 778

- **Pilates: Iffley Village Hall:** physiotherapy-led classes & individual sessions. Three class formats now offered: face to face, live online via Zoom & a pre-recorded class (available for repeat use). For more info see: www.clevermovement.co.uk. Contact Jane Callaway: janecallawaypilates@hotmail.co.uk
- **Pop-Up Pilates: VHL and online:** Physiotherapist-led classes on Weds at 5.30pm & 6.30pm, & Thurs at 6.30pm. Contact Lauren McLeod 07731 321 991, info@pop-up-pilates.com or see www.pop-up-pilates.com
- **Reading Group for adults:** see Library
- **Restore Shop & Café at Littlemore Hospital: Restore Shop & Café at Littlemore Hospital:** Shop open 10am-2.30pm, Café open 10am-1.30pm, Monday to Friday, for coffee, snacks & lunches. We are currently recruiting volunteers for our Littlemore shop and café. Shifts available throughout the week, 9am-1pm. Contact Amelia Barnard for more information or to get involved: call 08165 455 822 or email volunteer@restore.org.uk
- **Rhythmic Gymnastics Club:** for girls from the age of 3 years: **TOA:** Tues 5-6pm & 6-7pm | Sat 9-9:45am & 10-11am: contact: Zuzana Gergelova info@oxfordgymnastics.co.uk, see: www.oxfordgymnastics.co.uk
- **Rugby Training (Littlemore Rugby Club Senior): TOA:** **Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH:** Thursdays 7:30pm - 9pm: newcomers welcome. Info updated daily @ fb: [RFC-Littlemore Rugby Club](https://www.facebook.com/LittlemoreRugbyClub), contact info@littlemorerfc.org Find fixtures p 9 and flier p 15
- **Rugby Training Littlemore Rugby Club Mini & Junior: 5-14 yrs,** all abilities welcome: **TOA: Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH:** Training Sundays 9:45 -11:30am. Please contact John Perry 07766 954 922 or minis@littlemorerfc.org for more information. See flier p 11
- **School Uniform Swap Shop: TOA School Library: Term time:** fortnightly: Tuesdays 3.15-4pm (Sep 23, Oct 7, and so on). A *Pay what you can* swap shop. We accept preloved uniform donations anytime/day: please drop them off at Reception in a bag labelled 'donations'. Contact: Susy Brouard, susanna.brouard@theoxfordacademy.org
- **Scriptural Reasoning Group: SM&SN:** monthly, Mondays 7-8pm: see Faith Group listing: for more info visit [www.littlemorechurch.org/what's on/scriptural reasoning](http://www.littlemorechurch.org/what's%20on/scriptural%20reasoning)
- **Singing: St Andrew's Church Choir: SAC:** We're always happy to accept new members. Choir Practice is 7.30pm Wednesday evening except August. There's no need to be a regular church goer: contact Christian Bradley cwwbradley@gmail.com
- **Singing: Sing & Sign for 0-2 year olds & their parents/ carers:** see under Children's Groups
- **Social Groups:** see: Afternoon Tea at VHL, Coffee morning +sing-along, Coffee Morning, Mens' Breakfast, Women's Institute, the Library listings, Drop-In, Knitting Group
- **Weight loss with Beezee by Maximus: RHCC:** Weds 7.30-9.30pm: Adults group. Create long-term change through free 10 to 12-week programmes. We also offer support for families, for men-only, and for groups with specific needs including pregnant women, & those with mental health issues. Find out more at : <https://oxf.maximusuk.co.uk>. Service Manager: Emma McGill

LITTLEMORE ANGLING SOCIETY FIXTURES			
	Fixture	Venue	Draw : Fish
SEPTEMBER			
28	W Henwood Cup (Points/SL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9-2
OCTOBER			
5	Thame Teams of 4	River Thame	D 8 : F 10-3
12	APC Challenge Cup (Prior Cup)	Holme Grange	D 8 : F 10-3
19	Aggregate Cup 6	Tunnel Barn (Jenny's)	D 8 : F 10-3
26	Sumner Cup (Points/SL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9-2
NOVEMBER			
2	Chairman's Cup (Points/WL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9-2
16	M Whipp Cup (Prior Cup)	Green Farm	D 8 : F 10-3
30	S H Taylor Cup (Points/WL)	Northmoor	D 7.30 : F 9-2
Permits are available on our website. www.littlemoreanglingsociety.co.uk Alan Campbell			

LITTLEMORE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY	
Walks	1 st Saturday: walks start at 1.30pm at SM&SN church gate
Talks	Oct 15 Always ready, always willing: the story of firefighting in Oxford: by John Lowe
	Nov 19 Excavations from Trinity College: by Jamie Williams
Indoor Meetings are Wednesday: 7 for 7.30pm at the Community Centre: £15 yearly membership: visitors £5 a meeting. Walks are free and open to all. more info / booking: Bryan & Buffy McClelland, history.littlemore@gmail.com	

 LITTLEMORE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	
30 Aug 2026	RUGBY CLUB FAMILY FUN DAY
Counties 3 Tribute Berks Bucks & Oxon North	
4 Oct	Swindon College Old Boys H
11 Oct	Aylesbury II A
8 Nov	Abingdon II H
22 Nov	Grove II A
29 Nov	Didcot II H
Keep up to date @ fb: Littlemore RFC-Littlemore Rugby Club	
Find us at The Oxford Academy: (Northfield Close Entrance). Our clubhouse has a fully licensed bar with live sports on a big screen. <i>John Perry</i>	

Sandford-On-Thames Women's Institute	
Meetings are held in Sandford Village Hall at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of the month.	
9 Oct	Brush painting
13 Nov	Christmas Cake Decorating
11 Dec	Members' Christmas celebration
Contact: Jill Love or Carole Tasker (see our listing for detail), or message our Fb page: Sandford-on-Thames Women's Institute.	

- **Wellbeing in Nature: Thomson Terrace Allotments:** **Kempson Crescent Gate:** Thursdays 10.30-12.30: free drop-in session for adults: meet new people, chat, enjoy some refreshments, & try a little gardening. Contact Megan Harcourt: Megan@rhjyc.org / 07525 055 267
- **Women's Institute: SVH:** meets at 7.30pm on 2nd Thursday in each month usually in Sandford Village Hall. Contact: Jill Love: jpappslove@hotmail.com (01865 716 557 / 07900 907 477) or Carole Tasker: caroletasker27@gmail.com (01865 748 300 / 07876 701 151), or message our Fb page [Sandford-on-Thames Women's Institute](#). For programme see 9
- **Woodturners Club: at VHL:** 7pm start: Club nights are 1st Tues each month except Dec (club AGM). Newcomers are very welcome, no matter what level of experience. We offer 2 Hands On evenings free to newcomers, and non-members are welcome to attend our Demonstration evenings for £8. Contact owc_secretary@yahoo.com. For more information see www.oxonwoodturners.com.
- **Yoga with Jo: SVH:** workshops, Thursdays 6.30-8.30pm, 2 Oct, 30 Oct & 27 Nov. Hour 1: all-level Vinyasa Flow class (£12.50). Hour 2: focus on specific poses & flows, with tips & coaching particularly aimed at 'sports' people (£25 for whole workshop: £60 all 3). See flier p 11. Contact Jo Zaremba: jozaremba99@gmail.com
- **Young People: Activities, Info, Education, Employment & Training support :** visit Oxfordshire County Council's dedicated webpage: www.oxme.info or Activities Oxfordshire: [Activities Oxfordshire](#)
- **Youth Ambition and other Youth Clubs**
 - **Youth Ambition: Littlemore Youth Club: LCC:** Thursdays 4-6pm: term-times. Free: for young people aged 11-16.

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- Free hot food & fun activities. Come along to find out more & get involved, or for more info call 07483 011 069.
- Local young people are welcome to attend **other nearby Youth Clubs and Sports sessions** listed on the Youth Ambition webpage, Instagram and Facebook. Contact: Youth Ambition: Senior Youth Worker: Twalha Omar: tomar@oxford.gov.uk / 07483 010 021
- **Rose Hill Junior Youth club:** Acting Director Aimee Winkfield: **RHCC: term time:** free after school youth clubs. Safe, fun & positive space with lots of activities + a hot meal at every session. **Wednesdays:** *3:15-5:15pm, School Years 1-3 *5:30pm-7pm, Senior boys club, ages 11+ **Thursdays:** *3:15-5:15pm, School Yrs 4-6 *5:30pm-7pm, Senior girls club, ages 11+ . Sign up on the day or visit: rhjyc.org . Follow: www.facebook.com/RoseHillJYC
- **Youth Groups:**
 - **Air Cadets, and Army Cadets:** see under 'A' above
 - **Scouts** (age 10½-14): **SHQ:** see www.scouts.org.uk/groups
 - **Explorers** (age 14-18): **SHQ:** Fridays, 7-8.30pm: see: www.oxfordspires.org.uk . Just turn up, or contact group leader Shane Clark shane@teemclark.org.uk or Camille Kalaja camille.scout.kalaja@gmail.com
- **Zumba: TOA:** Mondays 7-8pm. My classes are high energy, good fun and burn over 500 calories! All ages (14+) and abilities welcome. Pre-booking required via: www.zumba-steffi.co.uk or email me steffihalldance@gmail.com
- **Zumba: LCC:** *Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm Zumba & Toning. All are welcome: fun classes suitable for all fitness levels. No need to book: £7 per class (concession if attending several classes a month). For more info please contact me: Pat Meade 07957 491 868 or patsimeade63@gmail.com

OTHER LOCAL INFORMATION

LITTLEMORE HALLS FOR HIRE

- **Community Hub:** at John Henry Newman Academy, Lakefield Rd OX4 4LS. Modern kitchen, office space and large event space. Web: <https://jhnacademy.co.uk/jhn-community-hub> , contact community@jhnacademy.co.uk
- **The Newman Meeting Place:** various flexible spaces including a kitchen able to cater for 100: suitable for meetings, conferences, exhibitions, groups, concerts etc: at St Mary & St Nicholas Church, Sandford Road, near OX4 4PB. See www.littlemorechurch.org/venue-hire.html. Contact Julian Armitstead: churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org
- **The Oxford Academy:** at TOA, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, OX4 6JZ. Beecroft Theatre, Bistro Hall, Events Rooms, Sports Hall, 3G Full size floodlit pitch, 3G Dome, Astrotrurf pitches, Grass pitches, Dance Studio, Fitness Suite, Drama studio and Classrooms. See: <https://toaleisure.schoolbookings.co.uk> Contact TOA Leisure: 01865 783 238 or toaleisure@theoxfordacademy.org
- **The Royal British Legion Littlemore:** Functions rooms, Games room with snooker tables, darts boards and Bar: at Lakefield Road, Littlemore, OX4 4LZ. Now also available for hire on Sunday evenings. Contact Katie Tutty 01865 778 869 or littlemorerbl@gmail.com

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- **The Village Hall, Littlemore:** Hall and secluded rear garden each with wheelchair access: car park, wifi, kitchen, stage: at Railway Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4PY. Available to hire for occasional or regular organised classes, meetings, training sessions, worship, & family gatherings. See: www.littlemorevillagehall.org. Preferred route of contact: littlemorevillagehall@gmail.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS open to residents to join

- **Littlemore Parish Council:** responsible for making decisions on behalf of the people in the parish, addressing community concerns, and representing the community's interests. Parish Councils are apolitical, and should play a role in providing a democratic voice. See: littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Littlemore Partnership:** representatives from various local organisations, & interested members of the community whose aim is to improve communication between residents and service providers, and campaign for improved services Chair: Katie Screation, JHN Academy. To find out more, contact: finance@jhnacademy.co.uk
- **The Trustees of the Village Hall:** run the Village Hall which provides buildings, facilities and open space for Littlemore residents to use. They welcome new help: their Chair is Claire Drinkwater: c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com

LITTLEMORE FAITH GROUPS

- **Blessed Dominic Barberi Roman Catholic Church**, Cowley Road, OX4 4JX. See: www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk
- **God and People Centre (GAPC)**: meets at the Community Centre, Giles Road, OX4 4PL every Sunday 11am-1pm: refreshments are served after the service. Everyone is welcome for Bible Study, Prayer, & Fellowship: contact Mrs Stone: Jstone@cogop.org.uk
- **Littlemore Baptist Church**: Sunday worship is at 10.30am at Edith Kempson House, Chapel Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4QB: www.littlemorebaptist.org.uk
- **Rose Hill Methodist Church**: Rose Hill, OX4 4HS. All are welcome to Sunday Worship at 10.30am. Harvest Festival Service is 10.30 Sun 5 Oct. Messy Church is 3-4.30 pm on Sun 26 Oct, at Rose Hill Community Centre: see: <https://rosehillmethodists.org.uk/messy-church>. Wednesday Food Bank, & Monday Drop-In are listed in the What's On section
- **Maranatha Christian Church**: meets at the Community Centre, Giles Road, OX4 4PL.
- **New Life Church**: Sunday services at 11am in Nepali, at **VHL**: see: www.nccuk.org/site/church/new-life-church
- **Church of England Benefice of Littlemore & Sandford on Thames**: Priest in Charge: Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org
The benefice comprises:
 - ❖ **St Mary and St Nicholas C of E Church**, Sandford Road, near OX4 4PB: website: www.littlemorechurch.org
Vicar: Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org
General enquiries: admin@littlemorechurch.org
 - ❖ **St Andrew's Church**, Church Road, Sandford on Thames, OX4 4XZ : website: sandfordchurch.org.uk .
Vicar: Rev John Findon 01865 434 256 or
Rev Bob Morgan 01865 748 848

EVENTS AT ST MARY & ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

❖ SPECIAL EVENTS & SERVICES

- **5 Oct, 10am: Harvest Festival Service** at which we collect food that can be donated to the local food bank and distributed to those in our community who need it.
- **7 Oct, 4pm: Blessing of Animals Service**: celebrated on the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals: bring your pets along to the church for a blessing
- **2 Nov, 10am: Memorial Service**: light a candle in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us
- **9 Nov, 10am: Remembrance Service**: an opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life
- **4 Dec, 4.30pm: St Nicholas Festival**: crafts, food and a lantern procession through Littlemore
- **6 Dec, 11am-2pm: Christmas Bazaar**: lots of festive fun and food, with a raffle to be drawn at 2pm
- **7 Dec: 5pm: Christingle Service**: a family service bringing the community together to share a message of hope

- ❖ **BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS**: Please contact Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org or phone 01865 748 003

❖ REGULAR EVENTS: THE WEEK at SM&SN Church

Sundays

- Eucharist Service at 10am in church or Zoom (Meeting ID: 853 9014 0153, Passcode: Eucharist), with Junior Church provision for children. The First Sunday of each month is an all-ages Jubilate Service.

Mondays:

- Silent Prayer: 8.30am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- Coffee & Singalong: 10am-12noon
- Scriptural Reasoning Group: 7-8pm monthly: meet people of other faiths & explore scriptures together. For more info see: <http://www.littlemorechurch.org/scriptural-reasoning.html> . If you'd like to come please email oxford@dialoguesociety.org

Tuesdays

- Silent Prayer: 8.30am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- Knitting Group (other crafts welcome!) 11-1pm

Wednesdays

- Silent Prayer: 8.30am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- Church coffee morning for all, 10am-12noon

Thursdays

- Silent Prayer: 8.30am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre Sessions: pre-book only: call 01865 438 634
- Littlemore Friendship Group, 2nd Thursday each month at 10am in church. For more info, contact Benjamin Johnson: benjamin@littlemorechurch.org
- Bible Study Group: 5.30pm. For more info contact Josh Stenner: curate@littlemorechurch.org

Fridays

- Silent Prayer: 8.30am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome

Saturdays

- Men's Breakfast 9-10am: 2nd Saturday each month: a full English Breakfast & time to talk. Suggested donation is only £5: if you'd like to come please contact Russell Hager: Breakfast@littlemorechurch.org

❖ ARTS EVENTS: see: www.littlemorechurch.org/the-arts

- **Arts Hub**: monthly workshops with local artists & writers at the Church: 2-3.30pm.
- Sat 18 Oct and Sat 8 Nov: create a window display ahead of the Window Walkabout between 6-9pm on Fri 21-Sun 23rd Nov: when decorated windows will be lit up for everyone to see. To take part contact Eve McWilliam: ArtsHubLittlemore@gmail.com
- **Annual Harvest of Talents**: This Year's Harvest of Talents will run 'til 25 Oct. You can view the exhibition on Mondays & Wednesdays (10-12noon), Saturdays (10am-3pm). Check our website for more information: www.littlemorechurch.org/the-arts/exhibitions
- **Concerts**: see our noticeboard and our website. If you wish to hold a concert in our church please contact vicar@littlemorechurch.org
- **Exhibitions**: We regularly hold exhibitions of local artists' work. If you would like to exhibit please contact churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org
- **Jubilate Band**: budding or experienced musicians are welcome our informal group which plays in the monthly Jubilate Church Service: to join contact Malcolm Atkins malcolm.atkins1@ntlworld.com

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES

Northwood Chiropractic: OSP: at John Eccles House.
Suffering from Pain? We Can Help! Dr Steven Hulme:
Specialising in the spine and nervous system, we offer:
*detailed spinal analysis (including nerve scans) *in-depth
movement and neurological assessments *photographic
structural analysis, and, when needed *access to state-of-the-
art digital X-rays. Book via WhatsApp at 01865 597785 or at
www.northwoodchiropracticoxford.co.uk

Yoga Flow Workshops

3 Workshops Thursdays 18:30 – 20:30
Sandford on Thames Village Hall

All – level Vinyasa / Flow Class for 1st Hour
Workshop focusing on Yoga for Athletes during
2nd hour with tips and coaching on *sport-*
specific postures, moves and approaches

Thursdays
18:30 – 20:30
Oct 02
Oct 30
Nov 27

Suitable for ALL levels
£ 12.50 for 1st hour only
£ 25 per 2-hour workshop –
Sign up to all 3 workshops for £ 60!

Contact Jozaremba99@gmail.com
for more information / to sign-up



NEIGHBOURING NEWSLETTERS

- **Rose Hill:** find the latest Newsletter at:
rosehillnewsonline.com/editions or follow their Facebook
page: www.facebook.com/RoseHillNews . To get in touch,
email Aimee Winkfield at aimee-rosehillnews@hotmail.com
- **Sandford on Thames:** find The Sandford Link at <https://sandford-on-thames-pc.gov.uk> local links / the-sandford-link/
- **Blackbird Leys:** find Blackbird Leys Local at: <https://www.blackbirdleys.co.uk/our-newsletter/>



UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

The OXFORD Academy

LOCATION: TOA Library

DATES

FORTNIGHTLY TERM-TIME

- September 23rd
- October 7th

OPEN FROM 15:15 – 16:00



Saturday 4th October
2.30-4.30pm



AFTERNOON TEA

at the Village Hall
Railway Lane

all are welcome to
tea, cake, conversation,
& an opportunity to meet some of your
parish councillors

organised by Littlemore Village Hall Committee

to join, or to help, please contact
c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com



FUN FITNESS FRIENDSHIP

MINIS AND JUNIOR TRAINING
BOYS AND GIRLS 5-16YRS
9:45 – 11AM SUNDAYS

OXFORD'S FRIENDLIEST RUGBY CLUB!

FAMILY FRIENDLY
COME TRY FOR FREE





Saturday 1st November
2.30-4.30 pm



AFTERNOON TEA and FAIR

at the Village Hall

Railway Lane, Littlemore
Tea, coffee, cake, & conversation - with
Prize Draw & gift stalls...

an opportunity to get ahead with
your Christmas shopping ...
and meet some of your parish councillors

organised by the trustees of the Village Hall
contact: Claire Drinkwater: 07791 365 412

GENERAL PRACTICES

There are neither GP nor Dental services in Littlemore.

The following GP surgeries cover Littlemore area:

Donnington Medical Partnership: 1 Henley Ave, OX4 4DH:
01865 771 313

Cowley Road Medical Practice: Manzil Way, Cowley, OX4 1XD:
01865 791 850

Hollow Way Medical Centre: 8 Ivy Close, Cowley, OX4 2N:
01865 777 495

The Leys Health Centre: Dunnock Way, OX4 7EX:
01865 778 244 www.theleyshealthcentre.nhs.uk

St Bartholomew's Medical Centre: Manzil Way, Cowley Rd,
Cowley, OX4 1XB: 01865 242 334

Temple Cowley Health Centre: Temple Rd, Cowley, OX4 2HL:
01865 777 024



LOCAL PHARMACIES

details checked with NHS.UK, 25 Aug 2025

Rose Hill: **Truwell Pharmacy:** 6a Courtland Rd, OX4 4HZ:
01865 777836: open M-F 9am-6.30pm

Cowley Centre: **Superdrug Pharmacy:** Unit 5 Templars Square,
OX4 3UZ: 01865 779 299: open M-F 8.30-5.30 and 9am-5.30
Saturday

Ring Road: **Boots:** Oxford Retail Park, OX4 6XJ: 01865 717699:
open 8am-9pm M-Sat, and 10.30-4.30 Sunday: offers
emergency contraception & blister-pack recycling.

150 Oxford Road COWLEY OX4 2EA: **Ahmeys Late Night
Pharmacy:** 01865 770121 open 9am-6pm M-F and 9-1am
Saturday

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE

Rose Hill Community Centre, Carole's Way, OX4 4HF



Contact the team:

- Ring 101 for non emergency calls, or 999 for emergencies
- email RosehillTeam@thamesvalley.police.uk .

Follow us on:

- Twitter: [TVP Oxford](#) or Facebook: [Thames Valley Police](#)

To report crime anonymously go to Crimestoppers:

- Online: crimestoppers-uk.org
- Phone: 0800 555 111

To find your local officers, get the latest crime statistics and advice, help us with appeals for information and see our current priorities go to: <https://orlo.uk/kic4o>

For the whole Thames Valley see:

www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

COMMUNITY WATCH

GO TO oxford.gov.uk/report or fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk

- to report environmental problems like Dog Fouling, Noise, Fly Tipping, and / or ...
- to report lost, or stray dogs, and / or ...
- to report things that need clearing like fly-tipping, fly-posting, needles, sharps, offensive graffiti, or graffiti on public buildings, Council properties and in parks, cemeteries and bus shelters, and / or
- to report concerns about houses & property, like cuckooing, illegal subletting, unlicensed HMOs, breaches of Planning control, empty or dangerous structures

GO TO The Police on 101 (999 if it's an emergency)

- to report Anti-Social Behaviour, including drug dealing, and criminal damage, say by dogs biting park play equipment

GO TO <https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/reportparkedvehicle>

- to report Illegal parking
- If a road or pavement is obstructed, call the police on 101

GO TO www.ourwatch.org.uk

- to join or form a local Neighbourhood Watch Group

ROSE HILL ADVICE CENTRE

We serve Rose Hill, Donnington & Littlemore, and offer free advice in confidence to all local residents looking for help sorting out benefits, debt, and housing issues.

Find us: in the **Rose Hill Community Centre**, Carole's Way, off Ashhurst Way, Rose Hill, OX4 4HF

- Mon: 9.30-12.30 (Drop in) 1.30-4pm (Appointments)
- Tues: 9.30-12.30 (Appointments) 1.30-4pm (Drop in)
- Weds: 9.30-12.30 (Drop in)
- Thurs: 9.30-12.30 (Appointments) 1.30-4pm (Drop in)

We can also offer you time *by appointment only* on a Thursday morning, between 10 & 11:30am at SM&SN Church, Littlemore

Contact us:

online at rhdadvice.org email: admin@rhdadvice.org
freephone 0800 170 0156 or 01865 438 634 . Phones are manned Mon/Tue/Thurs: 9am to 4.30pm & Wed 9-1.

Sarah Meziu, Manager

LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

There are 16 seats on the Parish Council: 2 are currently vacant. See page 14 for LPC details.

OUR LOCAL MP: Anneliese Dodds

Address: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Oxford address: Unit A Bishops Mews,
Transport Way, OX4 6HD

email: anneliese.dodds.casework@parliament.uk .

telephone: 01865 595 790 (9am to 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday).



CITY and COUNTY COUNCILLORS for Littlemore

For City Council issues: contact:

- Cllr Tiago Corais cllrtcorais@oxford.gov.uk
- Cllr Anne Stares cllrastares@oxford.gov.uk

For County Council issues contact:

- Cllr David Henwood: david.henwood@oxfordshire.gov.uk

LOCAL COUNCILLOR TO CONTACT and current areas of responsibility

Oxford City Council	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllrs Anne Stares & Tiago Corais	Cllr David Henwood
Planning	Schools
Council housing	Social services
Homelessness	Concessionary bus passes
HMO licensing	Adult Learning
Housing options advice	Major road maintenance
Council Tax collection & reduction	Libraries
Housing Benefit	Children and young people
Business Rates collection	Fire and Rescue Service
Environmental health	Waste recycling centres
Licensing	Waste disposal
Recycling and waste collection	Trading standards
Leisure centres and facilities	Registration (births, marriages, deaths)
Building control	Street lighting
Minor road maintenance	Carers' support
Street cleaning	Transport planning
Parks	Residents' parking permits
Community grants	On-street parking
Community Response Team	Youth offending service
Park Rangers	Music service
Markets	
Community safety	
Electoral registration	
Cemeteries	
Car parks	
Community centres	
Public toilets	

LITTLEMORE SCHOOLS

Emmanuel Christian School: www.ecschool.co.uk, email: admin@ecschool.org.uk

John Henry Newman Academy: www.jhnacademy.co.uk

Mabel Prichard Secondary School: www.mabelprichard.org

The Oxford Academy: www.theoxfordacademy.org.uk

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School: www.st-john-fisher.oxon.sch.uk

USEFUL COUNTY COUNCIL & CITY COUNCIL WEBSITES & APPS + a few others

FREE, KERBSIDE TEXTILES RECYCLING SERVICE

offered by the City Council+Recycling Solutions. [Request a textiles collection](#) or phone 01865 249 811, 8am-5pm, Monday to Friday, or go to the collection point at Rose Hill Community Centre. **They will take CLEAN textiles in good condition:** clothing, shoes and boots (incl Wellingtons), handbags & soft fabric bags (such as cotton, linen, tote bags), blankets, sheets & throws, duvets & duvet covers, pillows & pillow cases, sleeping bags, curtains, cushions, table linen, towels!

3 NEW COUNTY COUNCIL WHATSAPP CHANNELS

- **News:** [Follow us for the latest news](#)
- **Careers:** [Follow us for the latest careers](#)
- **Travel updates:** [Follow us for the latest travel updates](#)

MAPS OF ALL THE BUS ROUTES IN OXFORDSHIRE

Provided by the County Council and local bus operators, to help you navigate Oxfordshire and its towns with ease. [Find out more](#) at www.mybusoxfordshire.org.uk / bus maps.

TRAVEL OPTIONS WEBSITES

- www.oxfordtraveloptions.co.uk : info & advice on alternatives to travelling by cars provided by Low Carbon Oxford North and the Zero Carbon Oxfordshire Partnership
- www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/better-travel : the County Council's new Better Travel webpages are packed with info @ buses, cycling, quickways, sharing etc:

EARN REWARDS FOR HEALTHY ACTIVITIES

Help reduce air pollution & congestion while improving your health. Using the [BetterPoints Oxfordshire](#) app, you can earn rewards by recording your walking, cycling and public transport journeys, as well as other healthy activities. Spend the rewards on vouchers from national and local businesses, or donate them to charity.

THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE (FIS)

The County Council's [FIS homepage](#) leads to info @ support, providers, practitioners and activities including arts & music, sports, and outdoor adventures.

DAILY INFORMATION

[Daily Information](#) posts info @ things to do, Jobs, things for free & for sale - a guide to staying, living and working in Oxford

CARERS OXFORDSHIRE

<https://www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk> is a free service that offers information, advice and support to unpaid adult carers (aged over 18) of someone living in Oxfordshire.

OXFORDSHIRE'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S WEBPAGE

Oxme.info is our website for children and young people, providing lots of helpful information about next steps in education, work and training, opportunities and activities, health and wellbeing support, and access to local services.

HELP FOR NEW DADS

DadPad provides practical parenting advice, essential insights into child development and other handy information. This app is available to all expectant and new fathers within the county. [Read more](#) at <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/dadpad>.

NOTES FOR NEW PARENTS: For more detail see:

www.climateactionoxfordshire.org.uk/articles/making-climate-conscious-decisions-new-parent

Reusable nappies

Washable (reusable) nappies are made of bamboo, hemp, cotton or microfibre. A baby needs only around 20 to 30 of them: they can save parents several hundred pounds with their first baby, and even more if re-used for subsequent children.

- The [Reusable Nappy Week website](#) has a guide on sizes, materials and how to get started.
- The [Oxon Cloth Nappy Library](#) has a loan scheme.
- Oxfordshire County Council has a [dedicated page for reusable nappies and where you can get them](#).
- The County Council also runs a [real nappy loan scheme](#).

Maternity Clothes Libraries

Because it is used for a short time, maternity clothing contributes to the problem of [textile waste](#) generated by the fashion industry.

- Oxford has a [Maternity Clothes Library](#), which loans out good quality pregnancy and breastfeeding clothing at £3 per item, or £6 for coats.

Baby Carrier and Sling Hire

- You can hire carry slings for your baby from a variety of sources including the maternity library above.
- There is also the Oxford Sling Library, which is a social enterprise. Click here for [home visits](#) or [group sessions](#).

Find more pre-loved stuff

- on eBay, Facebook Marketplace, Vinted, gumtree, preloved, and at www.mum2mummarket.co.uk which holds local nearly-new sales.

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

- Swap shop at TOA (see What's On Listing)
- www.uniformerly.co.uk: A free online marketplace where parents can buy, sell, or give away uniform within their school community
- www.oldschooluniform.co.uk: A national platform where you can sell or give away school uniform for free.
- <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/schools>: gently-used and new school essentials at low cost or for free.

FOOD PROVISION:

- See food banks in the What's On Listings
- <https://www.gfo.org.uk/food-support/community-food-services-map/> Good Food Oxfordshire's Website where they have a food map that outlines food provision initiatives
- See also: [free low cost food Oxford/](#)

OTHER COST OF LIVING HELP

Please visit <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/help-cost-living-crisis> or call 01865 249811. There is a wide range of support available across the city to help you.

OXFORDSHIRE ADVICE WEBSITES

Find your way to local support from advice teams:

- oxfordshireadvisenavigator.org.uk is about benefits, debt management, support services, and more: 01865 410 660
- <https://livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk> is about health, wellbeing, community support and social care: 01235 849 410

LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

2025-6: Council Chair: Cllr Peter George Vice Chair: Cllr Sadiea Mustafa-Awan

MEMBERS

Cllr Susie Aldridge: susie.aldridge@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Lynne Davies: lynne.davies@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Michael Evans: michael.evans@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Peter George: peter.george@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Dorian Hancock: dorian.hancock@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr David Henwood: david.henwood@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Adrian Kowalski: adrian.kowalski@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Cllr Anna Railton: anna.railton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Gabriele Santi: gabriele.santi@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Alex Singleton: alex.singleton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Chris Smowton: chris.smowton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Anne Stares: anne.stares@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Maggie Willis: maggie.willis@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

There are 16 seats: the seats are distributed: Littlemore ward (13 seats), Bodley Road ward (2 seats), Sandy Lane West ward (1 seat)
Cllrs Aldridge and Hancock represent Bodley ward Cllr Evans represents Sandy Lane West ward All others represent Littlemore ward

CONTACT DETAILS FOR FULL COUNCIL

Acting Clerk: Tim Cann: clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk . Telephone: 07377 682 216.
Write to the whole Parish Council via the Acting Clerk: 8, Nicholas Avenue, Marston, Oxford, OX3 0RN

COMMITTEES

NB: At its first meeting, a committee may co-opt members of the public onto the committee if it believes it is appropriate.

Finance & General Purposes

Chair: Chris Smowton

Members

Susie Aldridge
Dorian Hancock
Sadiea Mustafa-Awan
Maggie Willis

Parks & Environment

Chair: Anna Railton

Members

Peter George
David Henwood
Chris Smowton
Maggie Willis
Ruth Corrigan (Lay member)
Jan Pullen (Lay member)

Transport

Chair: Sadiea Mustafa-Awan

Members

Lynne Davies
Michael Evans
David Henwood
Dorian Hancock
Adrian Kowalski
Anne Stares
Alex Singleton

Personnel

Chair: Susie Aldridge

Members

Lynne Davies
Peter George
Dorian Hancock
Sadiea Mustafa-Awan
Anne Stares
Maggie Willis

The **Planning Committee** has been absorbed into Full Council.

WORKING GROUPS

Littlemore Fun Day 2025

Dorian Hancock
David Henwood
Sadiea Mustafa-Awan

Alex Singleton
Anne Stares
Maggie Willis (Lead)

Neighbourhood Plan

David Henwood (Cllr reporting to Full Council)
Chris Smowton
Maggie Willis

REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Iffley Charities Representatives: Susie Aldridge, Dorian Hancock

Littlemore Community Association Representatives: Lynne Davies, Sadiea Mustafa-Awan

Littlemore Partners & Communities Meeting Representatives: David Henwood, Anne Stares

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council Meetings are held at Littlemore Village Hall, Railway Lane, OX4 4PY, from 7-9pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month except August. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Finance & General-Purpose Committee meets monthly, Personnel, Parks and Transport Committees meet 3 times a year.

For news about the meetings, and for minutes of meetings, please check the Parish Council website:

www.littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk .



2025 LITTLEMORE WINDOW WALKABOUT

FRI 21, SAT 22 & SUN 23 NOVEMBER
WINDOWS LIT UP EVERY EVENING 6-9PM

Littlemore residents and businesses are invited to decorate their windows to brighten up three winter evenings. We will produce a map for all to enjoy a family-friendly "walkabout" to see the magical lit-up windows.

- Register to take part
<https://forms.gle/hsV4CKvWypWDw2r68>
- Join the Facebook Group
@LittlemoreArtsHub
- Contact the team:
ArtsHubLittlemore@gmail.com



THE UK'S FIRST INDOOR STUNT ACTION EXPERIENCE PARK

AT THE OXFORD ACADEMY LITTLEMORE

Weekly youth program in Acrobatics, Trampoline, Parkour, Free-running and Aerial Dance

PLUS Holiday Camps: at Easter, Summer, and Christmas

Book now for Christmas at

www.ukcfaction.co.uk

Director: Oliver Ward



Minchery Farm ALLOTMENTS

Looking for an Allotment in Minchery, Littlemore? Join our Waiting list now

Contact: Jerzy Konstaciak
konstanciakjerzy@yahoo.co.uk



Join Littlemore RFC Come Play Rugby



IT COSTS ADVERTISERS NOTHING

to have space on these pages.

All that is asked in return is that they confirm their details every two months when they get a reminder.

If you know of anything that should be added, please contact the editor at
editor@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

MIGHT YOU HELP?



The Parish Council needs new people to help deliver the print issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL to every home in Littlemore.

Can you offer about an hour 6 times a year?

Please contact Cllr Chris Smowton

chris.smowton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

ABOUT THE DIRECTORY:

The pages may look the same each issue, but most of the information is listed afresh every time, in the hope of keeping it as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

It's quite a challenge, so, a big

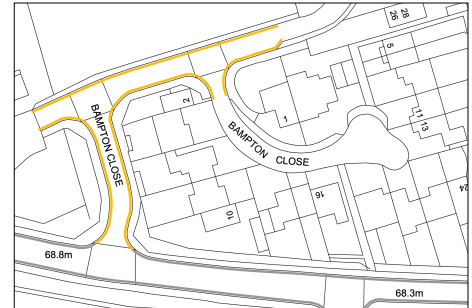
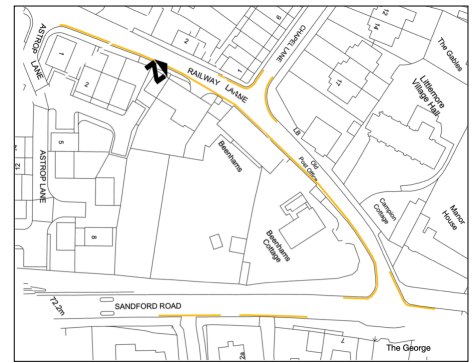
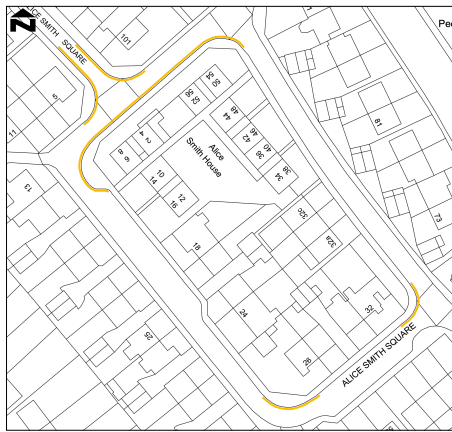


to those who reply quickly to my reminders!

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PLANNING MATTERS

- **Community Infrastructure Levy:** City Council has approved an increase for new office, and research & development buildings, including labs. From 15 August, the rate rose from £33.74 per m² to £172.28 per m². CIL is a planning charge used to fund infrastructure. A small amount of the money goes to the immediate neighbourhood, but this will increase if our Neighbourhood Plan is adopted.
- Proposal to introduce **new double yellow lines** following complaints, & site visits by Highways officers. Locations: Alice Smith Square, Railway Lane, Sandford Road, and Bampton Close (see maps, right). Consultation opened & closed between issues of LITTLEMORE LOCAL. See the next issue for updates.
- **8 Lanham Way:** 25/01546/FUL: Demolition of existing detached building & garage. Erection of 4 x 2 bed houses & 4 x 1 bed flats. This is a house at the far end of Lanham Way, next to the 10 new affordable homes built by the Council. The application was listed and closed for comments in the window between issues of LITTLEMORE LOCAL. The most serious reasons for objection were well covered by the Parish Council, and by local residents (who reported that the land was protected from development by a covenant).
- **Ozone Leisure Park:** 25/01588/FUL: Demolition of existing buildings then a phased redevelopment of the site with mixed use R&D laboratories, restoration of Grade II* Listed Minchery Priory, construction of community leisure building, and Cowley Branch Line mobility hub, etc. Though there has been some preliminary public consultation, this application was listed and will be closed for formal comments in the window between issues of LITTLEMORE LOCAL. At the time of writing, local residents, BBL Parish Council and Oxford Preservation Trust have objected. There is a concern that the proposals for the Grade II* Minchery Farmhouse lack detail. Firoka has failed to keep to the original agreement for maintaining it: this is an opportunity to right this: OPT suggests that its sensitive restoration should be a focal point and not an afterthought.
- **Plot 27 Oxford Science Park:** 22/02555/FUL: Development of a laboratory and office building with associated access road, landscaping, car parking, cycle parking, site infrastructure and engineering works and related works. This application was approved on August 14.
- On 14 August Cherwell District Council's Planning Committee approved **Oxford United's application for a new stadium**. The Kassam Stadium and some of its car parks are already earmarked for development.
- **Dominion Oil site Railway Lane:** scaffolding is off the first 24 houses of this development, which may be occupied for social rent in early 2026. The 100% affordable development will provide 47 social rent and 43 shared ownership homes with 0.4 parking spaces per household.
- Work has started on 51 new homes at the **Northfield Hostel site off Sandy Lane West**. These shared ownership & social rent homes are being built by OX Place, working with Equans.
- **Oxrail 2040 and the Cowley Branch Line:** County Council has published its plans to improve rail transport across the county over the next 15 years. Details, and a survey (open for replies until 23.59 on Wednesday 1 Oct 2025), are available at <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxrail-2040>. They include the plans to re-open the Cowley Branch line to passenger traffic. Previous consultations have suggested that there will



Locations of proposed new double yellow lines (see text, left)

be no parking at the station, but there will be vehicular access via Oxford and Newman Roads, and therefore Champion

Way and St Nicks, Giles, Priory & Minchery Roads with the max impact on Priory & Minchery whose residents may see little benefit from a train to Marylebone, and where, unless something is done to prevent it we may expect drops offs & turning. It has been proposed that the whole of Littlemore will have to be residents-only parking. Funding for re-opening the Cowley Branch Line to passenger traffic is not yet in place: though the Ellison Institute and other labs already in the pipeline are pushing very hard for the stations, money will have to come from developments yet to be agreed/ completed, like the 3000 houses in Sandford, other thousands round Grenoble Road and on Sandy Lane Sports Ground, replacement of the Ozone Leisure Centre with (mostly) lab space, and the replacement of Kassam stadium and its car parks with housing (ie loss of most of Littlemore's potential leisure space).

ELLISON INSTITUTE NEWS

LITTLEMORE LOCAL has learnt that [Professor Sir John Bell has stepped down as the first President of EIT](#), and that the University of [Oxford has launched a new AI vaccine research program with EIT](#). We don't yet have news about the ways in which EIT will benefit Littlemore, but [the build in Littlemore](#) is due for completion in 2027, and will comprise: 30,000m² of research laboratories, plus an oncology and preventative care clinic, with educational & meeting space.

LITTLEMORE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Trustees of the Village Hall are holding a **Prize Draw** to raise funds for planned building improvements. *1st prize is £200, *2nd prize £50, and *3rd prizes are £25 each. Tickets at £1 each will be on sale at Village Hall events until 20 December. The draw will take place at our Afternoon Tea on 3 Jan 2026. Please support us generously.

Are you a craftsperson? Do you make craft or gift items? We are looking for more stall holders for our annual **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 1 November, from 2.30-4.30pm. As well as our usual tea, coffee and cake there will be craft and gift stalls (and a chance to buy tickets for the Prize Draw). Tables are just £10 (large) or £5 (small or shared). Please contact me 07791 365 412, email c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com if you are interested.

Claire Drinkwater, Chair of Trustees

The copy deadline for the Dec / Jan edition is 6pm on Thursday 13 November. The e-version will be published on Monday 17.

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