

LEST WE FORGET

On Sunday 9 November, both Blackbird Leys and Headington detachment were given the honourable opportunity of paying their courteous respects to all those who have fallen due to war or conflict. This year marked 80 years since the end of the Second World War, so during these present times of conflict & war, the message of peace & justice was brought home. The remembrance parade consisted of 37 cadets, 28 from Blackbird Leys, 9 from Headington, and 7 Cadet Force Adult Volunteers attending from both detachment and company level. Having marched down from St Giles Church towards the War Memorial, we were united with all the Armed Force personnel and their associated cadets. Following the speeches, a 2 minute silence at the 11th hour honoured, respected, and allowed reflection on the ultimate sacrifice made by the armed forces.



Cadet Corporal Amy Renny

PARISH COUNCIL: CLERK'S COLUMN

At the October parish council meeting there were planning applications from 3 Broadfields, to which the council had no objections, and Unit 6, Trade City Oxford, Sandy Lane West about which the council had concerns about the height of the flue, and nature of emissions.

At the November meeting there were planning applications from 32 Cardinal Close, & 5 Chapel Lane, to which the Council had no objections. Oxford City Council informed the Parish Council that 18 Denny Gardens, 38 Minchery Road and Unit 6, Trade City Oxford, Sandy Lane West have all been approved.

The two vacant Councillor seats were filled by co-option with Agnieszka (Aga) Mackowska and Peter White being successful. Thank you to everyone who applied, including those who were not successful.

We heard that the Littlemore Parish Council Fun Day in Oxford Road Recreation Ground on 27 September was well attended, with approximately 200 children and 100 adults. The parish council thanks everyone involved in organising the event, volunteering on the day, and helping set up and dismantle everything. We are considering a similar event next year.

The Parish Council has approved a final set of plans for new play equipment in the Oxford Road Recreation Ground. The project has been a long-time objective of the Parish Council, and we hope Phase 1 will start later this year or early next. Further facilities for older children are being planned, and outside gym equipment.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been approved by the Oxford City Council and will now go to referendum. For more information, please see Tony Eaude's entry, right.

Tim Cann, Clerk to Littlemore Parish Council

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

THE OXFORD ACADEMY NEWS: Celebrating Excellence

We are thrilled to congratulate one of our students, Chloe on being invited to participate in the 2025 JDC (Junior Darts Corporation) World Darts Championship in Gibraltar. This remarkable achievement reflects her dedication, skill, and commitment to excellence both in and out of school. Representing herself, her family, and The Oxford Academy on an international stage is a tremendous honour, and we couldn't be prouder. On behalf of the entire school community, I wish Chloe every success in the competition, and hope she enjoys every moment of this extraordinary experience.

Mrs Nora Ward, Headteacher

LITTLEMORE STATION: find new news on page 3



contributed by Lizzy Nesbitt

'An impeccably tidy Home Counties station in the last quarter of the 19th century, at Littlemore on the Oxford, Thame, and Princes Risborough line, which was opened as far as Thame on October 24, 1864. Milk churns at the end of the platform await collection by the approaching train, and the GWR noticeboard advertises cheap trips to London.'

PARISH COUNCIL: MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

It will soon be Christmas, a time of togetherness, which reminds me that our community is at its best when we work in partnership. As your Parish Council, we have made a commitment to work on your behalf, and to strive for a better Littlemore. The New Year is a time for resolutions, and ours is to redouble these efforts. But we cannot do it alone. We need your help and co-operation. Whether by volunteering, sharing ideas, or simply supporting a neighbour, your contribution is vital. Let us carry the collaborative spirit of Christmas into 2026 and work together to improve Littlemore for everyone. On behalf of the Councillors & employees of Littlemore Parish Council, may I wish you all a very merry Christmas & a peaceful New Year.

Peter George, Chair, Littlemore Parish Council

LITTLEMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

After more than 3 years of discussion & consultation the draft Neighbourhood Plan will be put to residents in a referendum, probably on **Thurs 29 Jan 2026** (to be confirmed). This is an important document affecting the future of Littlemore and we hope that there will be a good turnout. Those entitled to vote will receive polling cards in January. We plan in January to distribute to all houses a leaflet with information about the Plan and to arrange 2 public meetings (date & time tbc) where you can find out more & ask questions. Please let other residents and groups know about this. Meanwhile find the draft Plan on Littlemore Neighbourhood Plan | Oxford City Council. For more detail, see Neighbourhood Plan – Littlemore Parish Council or email nplan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Tony Eaude, Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I will be retiring from the post of Editor in late January 2026. The post will be advertised, but meanwhile if you are interested in applying, or have ideas about how the newsletter might develop, please contact the Parish Clerk, Tim Cann (see left).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- *At the Community Centre: Sat 29 Nov: 10-12noon: Table Top Sale. £5 a table (contact 07557 644 170). See flier p 15
- *On the Village Green: Fri 5 Dec: 4.30-7pm: Christmas tree event. As last year but now includes Santa, and a Raffle with a-maz-ing prizes: tickets will be on sale: various locations. See p 15 for flier and p 6 for more detail.
- *By the shops: Thurs 18 Dec: Carol singing with Emmanuel Christian School: from 5.30pm at the shops on Cowley Road or from 6pm at the shops on St Nicholas Road. A joyful event last year, so please wrap up warm & join us! See flier p 16
- *At John Henry Newman Academy:
 - * Weds 3 Dec: 2.30-5pm: JHNA Christmas Fayre: to help or take part please contact office2000@jhnacademy.co.uk
 - * 25 Dec: from 12.30 for 1pm: Littlemore Community Christmas Day Lunch. To book please call 07398 599 430 or email admin@littlemorechurch.org.
- *At the Village Hall: Saturday Tea: 2.30-4.40: see fliers p 16
 - * 6 Dec: Tea, Cake, last minute gifts, Prize draw tickets on sale.
 - * 3 Jan: Tea, cake and conversation. Prize Draw at 4pm.
- *At St Mary & St Nicholas Church:
 - * Thurs 4 Dec, 4.30pm: St Nicholas Festival: crafts, food and a lantern procession through Littlemore
 - * Sat 6 Dec, 11am-2pm: Christmas Bazaar (raffle draw at 2pm)
 - * Sun 7 Dec: 5pm: Christingle Service
 - * Mon 15 Dec: 7pm: Community Carol Service: contributions from local groups, churches & schools to showcase the variety amongst us. (Followed by mince pies & mulled wine.)
 - * Wed 24 Dec: 4pm: Crib Service
 - * Thurs 24 Dec: 11.30pm: Midnight Mass
 - * Thurs 25 Dec: 10am: Christmas Mass
- *At St Andrew's Sandford
 - * Sun 14 Dec: 6.30pm: Carol Service with the choir
- *At Blessed Dominic Barberi RC Church
 - * Weds 24 Dec: 4pm: Christmas Eve Mass
 - * Weds 24 Dec: 9pm: Christmas Night Mass
 - * Thurs 25 Dec: 11am: Christmas Day Mass
- *At Rose Hill Methodist Church
 - * Sun 14 Dec: 10.30am: Carol Service
 - * Thurs 25 Dec: 10.30 am: Christmas Day service

NEW TO THE WHAT'S ON SECTION (see pp 8-12)

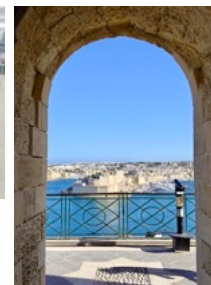
- Exercise class at the Village Hall for older people to improve balance & prevent falls: Tues: 10-11am, £5. Contact Sarah Wheatley 07970 100 286, or betterbalancewithsarah@gmail.com
- Soul Sessions: most Fridays, 5.30pm at St Mary & St Nicholas Church: find your voice &/or develop your music playing in a supportive group. Contact Malcolm Atkins on 07872 991 287 for exact dates.
- Events at Littlemore Hub, JHNA: there's a developing programme of regular and occasional events: you can drop in during school hours for a timetable & to find out even more

ALLOTMENTS

- 🌱 Small community plots are available at Thomson Terrace: see flier p 16. Contact: Kathleen O'Donnell Secretary@ttacic.org
- 🌱 Or join the thriving community at Minchery Farm Allotments! For more info or to apply for a Minchery plot, contact secretary Jerzy Konstanciak on konstanciakjerzy@yahoo.co.uk
- 🌱 The news from Denny Gardens site is that thanks to funding from Cllr Tiago Corais' Littlemore Ward Budget, they can appoint a part time co-ordinator to help set up a brand-new allotment and community gardening site. Funds will cover the first 14 weeks: they hope this can grow. If you are interested in helping, or having an allotment there, please contact Fran Ryan: fran.ryan@oclt.org.uk.

ANGELMEAD EXPLORER SCOUT VISIT TO MALTA

The day finally arrived when we flew to Malta - where only shorts and t-shirts were needed. We stayed with the



Maltese scout group in Birgu, which has an incredible view of Valetta. The scout hut is a fort so we felt like kings and queens for ten days. We were busy every day discovering the country, and meeting locals but the Explorers also had a 3-day mini explorer-belt adventure with challenges to complete, & daily duties such as cooking on a budget and keeping the hut clean. We visited towns, museums, & islands. We scuba-dived, snorkelled, paddled, & much more. More importantly we got to know local Explorers called "Ventures" and did fun activities with them. Scouting is a big international family so we can say that we spent some time with our Maltese cousins. *Camille Kalaja*

THIS TERM AT EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

We've had a busy term which began with learning about the Amazon Rainforest, and a trip to the Living Rainforest near Newbury. Next was a topic about Robin Hood, and our Open Morning featured Maid Marian, Little John and Friar Tuck. Sherwood Forest was very full and we enjoyed meeting many new people. We're now learning about Florence Nightingale before celebrating Christmas together. This term we welcomed another Littlemore Local, Miss Coad, into the staff team. Miss Coad will lead music in the school and develop our junior and senior choir as well as encouraging the children in other areas of performance. At the end of November our oldest children will be performing a play about Robin Hood in the Village Hall. Closer to Christmas, on 18 December, we'll be singing carols beside local shops: do join us! See: Dates for your Diary, left. *Lizzy Nesbitt*



JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY: SPORTS NEWS

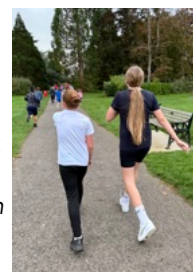
Year 3 & 4 children were lucky enough to have the opportunity to take part in **Fencing Sessions** provided by Premier Sports. They learned the terminology for Fencing equipment, how to score points, and how to defend. *Thank you, Premier Sports.*

Manor Cup Football: Year 5/6 Boys: JHN 7 - 1 Sandhills; JHN 6 - 2 St. Joseph's Year 5/6 Girls: (pictured) JHN 7 - 0 New Marston; JHN 8 - 0 St. Frideswide; JHN 1 - 0 St. Michael's)
Year 3/4 Boys: JHN 3 - 2 John Hampden Year 3/4 Girls: JHN 10 - 0 St. Frideswide

The **JHNA RunClub** took part in the 2K Florence Park Junior ParkRun on 19 October, with staff members, parents & siblings. Ibrahim was JHNA's quickest, with a time of 9 minutes 41s. Pictured are Annalise & Antonia, power-walking.

Thank you to all who took part, and remember ... you can attend any Sunday @ 9am: it's free! All images © JHNA: permissions received.

Jamie Surman



JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY NEWS

Proposed Lowering of the Age Range to include 2 Year Olds

We firmly believe that high-quality Early Years education gives children the best possible start, laying a strong foundation for learning and development throughout their primary school journey. So we are determined to establish Nursery provision for 2-year-olds at our school. Last years' bid was unsuccessful, but we are making a new application, and at the time of writing are inviting views: the consultation runs to Nov 25. Feedback will be reviewed by the Governors and by the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust, after which a formal request will be submitted to the D of E. If approved, we aim to implement the change by 1 Sept 2026, subject to securing the necessary funding.

Benefits of the Proposal

- **Continuity:** Welcoming children earlier ensures a seamless transition from Early Years to Key Stage 1, and a deeper understanding of their development, needs, and progress.
- **Enhanced Curriculum:** A progressive curriculum starting at age 2 supports the early development of skills & knowledge. Children will have access to the wider facilities on the school site at a younger age than before.
- **Community Support:** Increased availability of pre-school education responds to local demand, supports local families, and strengthens our role in the community.

The School Office, John Henry Newman Academy

CHILDCARE: PEEPLE & PEEP GROUPS:

new Video: [youtube.com/watch?v=KQv0wtGrW0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQv0wtGrW0s)

Peep groups which support early education take place across Littlemore. We are very proud of our new film *Magic of Everyday Moments*, which explains what we do and features local families.

Scan the QR code to watch or go to [Peeples - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQv0wtGrW0s)

Maisie Franklin, administrator



PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS for Sept 2026

If you're a parent or carer of a child born between 1 Sept 2021 & 31 Aug 2022 you can now apply for Primary school places: go to <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primary-school-application-process-opens-in-oxfordshire-for-september-2026>

LITTLEMORE'S PLACE in the INDICES OF DEPRIVATION

The English Indices of Deprivation 2025 includes data on the following 7 domains: income, employment, health, education, crime, housing, & living environment. The latest figures, which are typically updated every 3-5 years, have just been released.

What does the data show about Oxford?

It shows that there remains a stark divide between the least & most deprived areas. While 21 of Oxford's 83 neighbourhoods are now in the 10% least deprived areas in England, 2 areas (in Northfield Brook) are in the top 10% most deprived areas in England, and 4 areas (2 in Blackbird Leys, 1 in Littlemore, and 1 in Rose Hill) are in the top 20% most deprived areas in England.

How does the City Council tackle deprivation & inequality?

It provides council homes, and has invested in Oxford's five leisure centres to tackle health inequality. It provides low-cost youth clubs and holiday activities for young people, including in Blackbird Leys, Rose Hill and Barton; it will provide over £1m in grant funding in 2025/26 to the city's community groups and charities to provide support for local communities, and it invests in the city's community centres. It has built new community centres in Rose Hill, Blackbird Leys & East Oxford.

For more see: www.oxford.gov.uk/news/article/1765/deprivation-across-oxford-has-reduced-but-city-remains-unequal—new-data-reveals

THE COWLEY BRANCH LINE

The Department for Transport announced on October 23 that the two-mile line will reopen to passenger traffic, they hope by 2029/30. Two new stations at Littlemore and Cowley will be built to support up to 10,000 new homes and jobs in south-east Oxford, and support the Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor, which has been described as a national asset for science, technology, and innovation. Reinstating passenger services is expected to cost £155 million. The government is committing £120m with the rest sourced locally.

Reopening the Cowley branch line will help free up Oxford station, allowing East West Rail to terminate in Oxford when it goes to 4 trains an hour. Work to upgrade the freight-only line (which serves BMW Mini) will be done by breaking the route into sections to establish what needs to be done. Network Rail non-negotiables include track layout enhancements south of Oxford, upgrading the 5 level crossings along the branch line, raising the line speed from 25mph to 50mph, adding a new passing loop to allow freight and passenger trains to pass, and an improved signalling system. The plan is to extend London Marylebone / Oxford services to Cowley. Paths for increases in freight traffic will be possible.

The long-running campaign to get the line reopened to passengers is successful now because Network Rail spent approximately £1m on a Strategic Business Case, Oxford City Council spent £4.75m on a Full Business Case, and the Ellison Institute of Technology plans to invest up to £10 billion locally, and employ around 7000 staff at its growing campus near the Littlemore station. ARC Oxford, formerly Oxford Business Park, is located near what will become Cowley station. The local authority has incentivised landowners who will benefit from the railway to help contribute to the business case, and to the additional £35m needed to help fund the upgrade of the line.

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LITTLEMORE ACTION PARTNERSHIP NEWS

LAP is our local charity, set up by Sandy Douglas

Our **summer appeal** raised £300 which was shared equally between The Oxford Academy & John Henry Newman Academy resilience funds, to help parents struggling with the extra costs of the school holidays or the start of the new term.

We have welcomed **new trustees**, Littlemore Parish Councillor Chris Smowton, local resident & author Judith Anderson, and local resident Jan Pullen. We look forward to working together.

We've launched our 2025 Christmas appeal. Please donate using these bank details: LITTLEMORE ACTION PARTNERSHIP, sort code: 20-99-50, account number: 37349463, Reference: 2025 Christmas appeal. Every donation is welcomed, large or small. Last year we raised over £800 for local good causes.

We welcome good ideas for projects from members of the local community. If you have a good idea, want to get a project off the ground and need funding, LAP can help by providing a secure home for holding and allocating funding through its charity framework and bank account: please get in touch via: littlemoreactionpartnership@hotmail.com. We recently worked with Jasmine Ramdeen, (pictured) Organiser of Littlemore's first community Halloween party, which was advertised on social media. Jasmine had 49 guests, & raised just over £150 to go towards a future community event. She offers thanks to those who helped, to the Trustees of Littlemore Community Centre who hosted the event free of charge, and to Oxford City Council who provided the funding.

Laura Davis (Photo permissions received)



Since 1974 Oxfordshire has 6 local councils arranged in 2 tiers. There's 1 county council (Oxfordshire), and 5 district councils (Oxford City, Cherwell, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse, & West Oxfordshire). Each tier has different areas of responsibility, laid out in the table on p 6. In Littlemore, different services are provided by the City & County Councils.

The Government has asked councils across England for interim proposals on simplifying the structure of local government in their areas. Oxfordshire's six councils submitted joint proposals on 21 March (see [LITTLEMORE LOCAL Issue 463](#)).

The county's 6 councils would be abolished and replaced with:

ONE UNITARY COUNCIL:

Proposed by [Oxfordshire County Council](#), this option would replace all existing district & county councils with 1 new council.

or TWO UNITARY COUNCILS:

- **Oxford and Shires Council:** covering all of the existing district areas of Cherwell, Oxford City and West Oxfordshire
- **Ridgeway Council:** covering all of the existing district areas of South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse, and the whole of West Berkshire Council's area

or **THREE UNITARY COUNCILS:** this model is favoured by Oxford City Council

- **Greater Oxford Council:** Oxford with expanded boundaries to include its Green Belt
- **Northern Oxfordshire Council:** much of the existing West Oxfordshire & Cherwell districts
- **Ridgeway Council:** much of the existing South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse districts & West Berkshire, but with villages within the Green Belt closest to the city becoming part of Greater Oxford

In each model the new councils would be single tier, and responsible for all council services in their area.

Timeline: Consultation closed in late July. Proposals will be submitted by November 28, 2025, with decisions expected in mid 2026 and new councils potentially launching in April 2028.

In support of its ideas, in March, the City council said:

- the creation of a greater Oxford council would enable them to join up and improve services that are currently split between Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council.
- a new central Oxfordshire unitary council would reflect local identities, bringing the design and delivery of these services much closer to local residents than is currently the case. Improving bus services into the city from neighbouring villages would be a priority for the new council.
- a greater focus on prevention of inequality, and on ensuring access to good jobs would be central to tackling the inequalities that drive pressure on the social care system. A greater Oxford council would work with institutions, businesses and grassroots organisations to prioritise action on inequalities, like health issues, supporting young people, ensuring community safety.
- a Greater Oxford council might accelerate the delivery of both affordable homes, and secure, well-paid jobs for residents in Oxford and the surrounding area.
 - This is because Oxford City council's current administrative boundaries are drawn tightly around the city's existing housing estates & business parks, and there is little available space to meet the significant demand for new housing, office space, laboratories, leisure facilities, and so on.

- However, sites outside the city (for example, land currently in South Oxfordshire, south of Grenoble Road) have already been allocated to provide additional housing to meet Oxford's need. City council says that a unitary authority based on the city with expanded boundaries could take charge of some of these sites, and increase housing density where appropriate to produce well-planned new communities.

- It would also release Grey Belt land as the Government has directed: this is essentially land within the Green Belt that, according to some, may be suitable for development. It is anticipated that city-adjacent housing sites would be higher density low-rise developments.

- The City council said they were exploring different boundary options, taking into account local geography, economic and transport links, and the Green Belt, and will be engaging with stakeholders, residents, and businesses.

- Oxford has one of the UK's most successful local economies: it's a net contributor to the Exchequer – generating £7.6bn annually. In 2023 & 2024 it was ranked the top performing city in the UK by PricewaterhouseCoopers. It's fifth in the UK for attracting overseas investment. The City council says that:

- a greater Oxford unitary council would be financially robust, inheriting the Oxford Model, with significant assets and wholly owned companies that deliver services for the council and private clients, and generate income.
- millions of pounds would be saved across Oxford and West Berkshire though the proposed changes
- and more economic growth could be unlocked.

The City's argument for a unitary model that would increase its lands and its powers was re-iterated in September in [The Case for Cities report](#) which was prepared on behalf of Cambridge, Exeter, Gloucester, Ipswich, Lincoln, Norwich, Oxford, Peterborough, Reading, and Swindon, and published on Sept 23. Our local MP, Anneliese Dodds contributed the foreword. **The report argues that:**

- Cities are England's growth engines, but too many are still governed by outdated boundaries defined a generation ago: local Government reorganisation presents a once in a generation opportunity to create a connected network of high-performing cities that drives national prosperity, while also addressing the needs of these cities and their public services. **It goes on to say that we need to:**
- empower cities by creating a new generation of city-led unitaries, distinct from county-scale models, so cities can govern at the right scale to deliver growth, reform, and prevention for their communities.
 - make city-led unitaries the right size by reforming outmoded boundaries.
 - commit to a long term national cities' strategy that recognises their role in delivering national missions and key commitments such as the spending review and industrial strategy.
 - back a polycentric England by investing in a connected network of high-performing cities, beyond the core city-led metropolitan areas, to drive balanced growth across England and the UK.
 - hardwire prevention into public services by equipping cities to lead on prevention by aligning health, housing, and care services at the urban scale, with the data, powers, and partnerships needed to act early.

Ed

From: TIAGO CORAIS:

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Community Engagement and Visibility

As City Councillor for Littlemore, I believe in building hope through action. Positive energy and meaningful engagement are essential to delivering lasting change. Our role as local representatives is not to complain or shift blame, but to listen, act, and lead.

Each week, I knock on doors across Littlemore, aiming to reach every household at least once a year. In November, I visited residents at Newman Place, Armstrong Road, where several urgent concerns were raised.

Residents Raise Urgent Concerns Over Conditions at Newman Place

Residents expressed frustration over the absence of a promised playground, despite it being included in development plans and service charges. For a community with many young families, this is a serious omission. Repeated lift breakdowns have left some residents—especially those with mobility challenges—effectively trapped in their homes. Safety concerns are growing, with reports of crime and anti-social behaviour. Parking remains difficult, worsened by construction vehicles and the lack of designated spaces. These issues have been formally raised with Peabody Housing Association and Thames Valley Police, and I've requested a meeting to explore solutions.

Investing in Denny Gardens: A New Chapter for Community Growing

Elsewhere in Littlemore, I've allocated Ward Member Budget funding to support the Oxfordshire Community Land Trust in launching a new community gardening site at Denny Gardens. A part-time Project Coordinator will help establish an allotment committee and co-design the space with residents. We aim to open the site to plot holders by February 2026.

Support for Grassroots Initiatives

I continue to champion grassroots creativity through the Littlemore Arts Hub. On 7 September, I attended another inspiring Visual Arts Workshop at St Mary & St Nicholas Church, this time led by local artist Alex Singleton. I'm proud to sponsor this initiative, which fosters imagination and connection. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alex for generously sharing his talent in service of our community.

The November Littlemore Window Walkabout was also funded through my budget. Organised by Eve McWilliam and supported by local artists, the event invites residents to decorate their windows across three evenings (21 to 23 November). Promotional materials were delivered to every household, and the event has received coverage in the Oxford Mail, Oxford Times, and That's TV Oxford. Two workshops supported residents in preparing their displays, and I contributed a decoration at Littlemore Village Hall to help light up the space.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Eve for her care and attention to detail in organising this event, which I believe has the potential to become a proud annual tradition for Littlemore.

Youth Empowerment Initiative

I'm also working with four local schools to launch a youth empowerment initiative focused on creativity, leadership, and aspiration-building. More details will follow soon.

Your Voices Drive Highway Improvements in Littlemore

Following the September closure of Oxford Road, I invited County Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr Andrew Gant, and senior officers to witness firsthand the traffic challenges affecting Littlemore. I then called on residents to share their experiences — and the response was both thoughtful and urgent.

Concerns centred on congestion, unsafe junctions, pollution, and neglected infrastructure across key hotspots: Newman Road, Cowley Road Littlemore, Oxford Road, and Spring Lane during football matches. Residents described chaotic parking, ignored signage, and the cumulative impact of new developments and heavy vehicle use. Suggestions included introducing yellow lines on Oxford Road to ease morning gridlock and adjusting bus gate timings to reduce peak-hour pressure.

Sandy Lane West was also flagged, where construction traffic is already causing disruption. Once new homes are occupied, additional vehicles are expected to spill into neighbouring streets, worsening access and safety.

These insights have been passed directly to Cllr Gant.

I now invite residents to consider supporting a full traffic analysis and a collaborative workshop with Oxfordshire County Council. Please share your views: cllrcorais@oxford.gov.uk.

Your lived experience is vital to shaping a safer, fairer future for Littlemore's roads.

City Council Meetings and Services Attended

Recent meetings and events include the Oxford Service of Remembrance, Scrutiny and Audit Committees, and a partnership workshop on health and wellbeing.

Empowering Littlemore

Littlemore's strength lies in its people. I'll keep listening, acting, and working with you to build a brighter future.

Thank you in advance.

From: ANNE STARES:

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Community Champions:

In a bid to encourage community spirit David Henwood and I have introduced & funded the monthly Littlemore Community Champion. After a slow start we now have folk actively nominating their Champions, which is great. Our recent champions are: September: Maggie Willis, for all the hours & love she provides to Littlemore, and October: Stacey, Tracey & Jen who work tirelessly in the JHNA Hub helping families, and providing necessary teaching skills in cooking & housekeeping.



Nov & Dec Champions have already been nominated by the community but please do keep your nominations coming.

Bins & Flytipping

A replacement bin outside fish & chip shop is installed. After multiple complaints from concerned residents bins have been removed from permanent pavement storage and residents advised. Fly tipping is a real problem with some real hotspots—the top of St Nicholas Rd being one of them, *con't*

please report these issues to me or FixMyStreet, and let's get Littlemore tidied up.

Minchery Farm Playground

In August after an accident involving a child, minor repairs to the flooring were made quickly by ODS. I met concerned parents: the playground is used daily by many, the equipment is very tired, and there are concerns that some is unsafe. The City Council doesn't list its renewal as a priority. However the flooring has again lifted and become a trip hazard. I have now requested a full safety inspection of the playground and its flooring and am awaiting a date for this.

Friday Social Club

This runs on Friday 11-1 at the community centre. We provide lunch, pudding, endless cups of tea, bingo/raffle/a talk/ a music interlude or a quiz, and lots of laughter. We have regular attendance of 30-40 each week and it has built to become a warm and friendly group. David has found cooking skills he didn't know he had!! We will have our last meeting of the year on the 28 November as there is to be some decorating to the Community Centre and will re start on 2 January 2026.

Xmas Tree Event

Friday 5 Dec 4.30-7pm will see our Christmas tree event on the village green. It's put together by David, myself and a committed community team, and supported by the Littlemore Community Centre. This year will see: the return of the Jubilee brass band, hot chocolate, and mince pies donated by the Coop, Littlemore Road. As last year, folk will be able to donate weatherproof and non breakable baubles in memory of a loved one: please hand them in at Smarts Fish & Chip shop or the Post Office. This year the event will grow to include Father Christmas, some craft stalls and a fantastic raffle with prizes ranging from Bed Breakfast & Evening meal at the Voco worth £500, a signed Oxford United football, Dinner for 2 at Malmaison, and at Isis Farmhouse, an Annual family pass for Blenheim Palace, tickets for Gravity Golf, Laser Quest & Partymania, Feelfit Gym tickets for the Gym & Martial Arts, and more. 1st Choice Scaffolding are providing scaffolding this year so that we can decorate the tree to the top. We are just left praying for no rain! Many thanks to all the local business that have supported the raffle. The £1 tickets will be available in many locations but do contact David or me if you want updates on how to get hold of some.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: ELDER STUBBS CHARITY

Part-Time Charity Manager

The Elder Stubbs Charity is seeking a part-time Charity Manager (approx. 12 hours/week) to support the Trustees in managing its work, employees, and relationships with partner charities. The salary will be in the region of £1,055/month, subject to final confirmation.

We are looking for someone with:

- Good communication skills
- Administrative, financial, and managerial experience
- An understanding of the responsibilities of charity Trustees

The successful applicant will be organised, proactive, and able to build strong working relationships with staff and local charity partners. Work is mostly from home with regular visits to the site. Willingness to learn about charity law is a strong advantage.

References will be required. Interviews will be held in December with a view to appointing someone to begin no later than January 2026.

To express interest or request further information, please contact **no later than 28th November 2025:**

The Chair of Elder Stubbs Trustees,
Revd Canon Geoff Bayliss, 07759 393 023, g.bayliss41@gmail.com .

Elder Stubbs Charity owns and leases Grade 1 agricultural land for allotment purposes. Littlemore residents are amongst those who can benefit from them. Ed

From: DAVID HENWOOD:

Oxfordshire County Councillor for Littlemore

• david.henwood@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Cllr Henwood submitted a report, but in a form that I could neither download nor edit: I invited him to send it again but he didn't reply. Please contact him if you would like to know more about what he is doing apart from what I put in the précis in the print issue. Ed

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	

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF THE FIRE SERVICE

As Oxfordshire grows and changes, so do the needs of our communities. The County Council is reviewing how our fire and rescue service operates to make sure it's fit for the future, and will keep people safe day and night.

They want the views of people across the county. The consultation is open until 20 January 2026.

See: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ofrs-consultation>

Or join an online event to find out more, ask questions, and share your views:

- 18 November
- 28 November
- 3 December
- 12 December

Book your place: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ofrs-event-booking-form>



Please share this with others so more voices can be heard.

WILDLIFE PAGE

A shot of a common frog reflected in a golden pool has been crowned the winner of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust wildlife photography contest. The winning photo was taken by Peter Smith at BBOWT's Letcombe Valley Nature Reserve.

Peter said: "I knew that common frogs congregate every year to breed in a small pond at Letcombe, but no one knows exactly when. So I kept an eye on the local nature reports, and visited Letcombe several times until I got the right day. I captured this bird in the late afternoon sun: reflections from the background foliage make the water appear golden."

Thomas Roberts won the People's Choice Award with his capture of great-crested grebe chicks riding on their parent's back. Thomas said: "I had to lie down on the ground and wait patiently: it finally paid off when the great crested grebe family swam past me allowing a window into their world."

The winners were chosen by BBOWT's Wild Magazine editor Ben Vanheems, BBOWT's membership assistant Beth Milner, 2024 People's Choice Award finalist Jo Brown, and wildlife photographer Steve Gozdz of GG Wildlife Experiences.

Ben Vanheems said: "What I look for in a photo is something with a story to tell. It's also great when you get to see something from a fresh perspective or an unexpected angle. The quality this time has stepped up even further and it becomes even more difficult to judge. Is it the equipment or the fact that the competition is becoming more and more popular? Whatever it is, you don't make it easy for us!"

The winners (* = pictured)

* Mammals and other animals (and overall winner): Peter Smith (common frog).

Birds: Tom Eastwood (great crested grebes).

* Butterflies and other insects: Paul Jaskulski ('Aurelia' bee covered in pollen).

Children and teenagers' section: Ben Gray (ladybird). Runner-up: Everly Admans (hawthorn shield bug)

* Flowers & fungi: John Cawkwell (dancing dogwood flower buds).

Landscapes and people: Paul Jaskulski ('Autumn Drops').

* Mobile phone photography: Craig Allen (Thatcham Reedbeds Nature Reserve).

Nature on your doorstep: Grace Miller (drying duckling).

* People's Choice Award: Thomas Roberts (great crested grebe family).

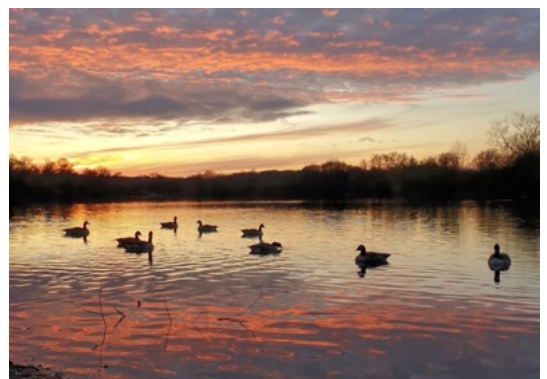
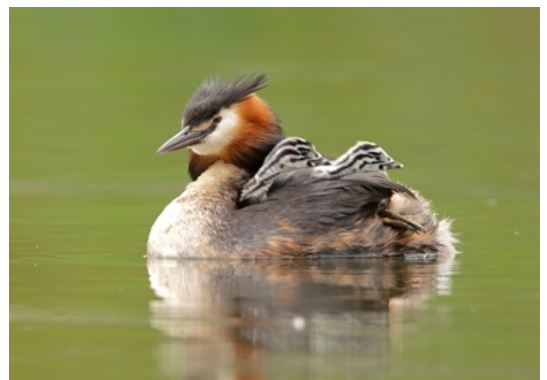
The Trust is extremely grateful to GG Wildlife Experiences for sponsoring this year's competition.

See all of this year's winning photos at bbowt.org.uk/photo-competition-winners-2025

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust is a charity based in Littlemore.

Find out more at www.bbowt.org.uk

Logan Walker: Communications & Media Officer



LITTLEMORE DIRECTORY

WHAT'S ON: GROUPS, CLASSES ETC: Regular Events: Dec 2025 / Jan 2026

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
Hub	building behind main entrance at JHNA (below)
IBC	Indoor Bowls Club, OX4 6NA
JHNA	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 & Peeples' Cabins which are 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 16
- **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 14. 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: for our support call 0345 450 1276, visit www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire or email contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or
• **not confirmed, may not be accurate:** Drop in & meet our local Age UK Ox Rep: Valerie Hunt at **SM+SN** Coffee Morning 10.30-12noon last Mon of month
- **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: please 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: *Minchery Farm: 🌱 Looking to grow your own fruit and vegetables? Join the thriving community at Minchery Farm Allotments! Enjoy fresh air, friendly neighbours, and the satisfaction of home-grown produce. For more information or to apply for a plot, contact contact secretary Jerzy Konstanciak on konstanciakjerzy@yahoo.co.uk * Thomson Terrace: see our website www.ttacic.org , email Kathleen O'Donnell Secretary@ttacic.org , or phone Field Secretary Tom Dyra 07867 931 487. *Elder Stubbs (see Restore or City Council websites) & *Denny Gardens: if you are interested in having a plot, and/or in helping develop the site contact Fran Ryan: fran.ryan@oclt.org.uk
- **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! To take part contact Eve McWilliam: ArtsHubLittlemore@gmail.com
- **Better Balance:** **VHL:** Tues 10-11am: with Sarah Wheatley: £5 per session. Aimed at older people who want to improve their balance and prevent falls. Contact Sarah 07970 100 286, betterbalancewithsarah@gmail.com or just turn up
- **Bingo:** **RBL:** 1st & 3rd Friday: 7pm for eyes down at 8. For more info and additional dates contact Katie Tutty 01865 778 869 or littlemoretbl@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** (focused on learning through play, singing, stories, talk-time, fun activities and ideas) see www.peeple.org.uk.
 - **Antenatal Peep Group: Hub JHNA:** an opportunity to prepare for your new arrival and strengthen your bond with your unborn baby. A 5-week course for those 28 weeks pregnant and beyond (open to all Oxfordshire residents)
 - **Growing Minds Peep groups:** at the Peeple Cabins: **TOA** Northfield Close entrance: Tuesdays: baby group and toddler group (to book a place contact see below)
 - **Growing Minds Stay & Play: VHL:** Thursdays 10-11.30am. No need to book, just drop in.
 - **TALK Peep Group: VHL:** a group to support development of your child's speech, language & communication. Open to all Oxfordshire residents (to book a place see below)
 - **Multi-language Peep Group for 0-4s: FSS:** (Rosehill Family Solutions Service, Ashhurst Way, OX4 4UY: 9.30-10.30am Tuesdays: for families for whom English is a developing language (to book a place see below)
 - **Peep groups: various locations Mondays to Thursdays:** focused on learning through play, singing, stories, talk-time, fun activities and ideas (baby and toddler's groups). For more information contact Camille as below

All groups are FREE. In addition, 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 Imagination Library books.

***For more information, & where there is a need to book for the groups listed above, please call or text Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278 or email families@peeple.org.uk*
- **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 13
- **Coffee morning & Sing-along: SM&SN:** Mondays 10am-noon: drop in for coffee, cake, conversation & song: 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
- **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:
 - **Already established: weekly or occasional**
 - **Q&A Monthly Drop-Ins with Health Visitors:** an informal space for JHN parents and carers to 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
 - **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:** at least one, free, 5-week course is offered each term: 2026 dates: Jan 14, Feb 25, April 22, June 10: 3.15-4.30pm: please register with Hannah by email: h.jamieson@jhnacademy.co.uk
 - **Tiny Tales Baby Book Class** with Natalie: Fridays, 9-9.45am
 - **Intergenerational Lunches**
 - **Over 50s Friendship Café**
 - **Pre-Walkers Messy Play** with Jen and Stacey
 - **Baby Book Club**
 - **Feeding Your Baby**
 - **Gift Giving Tree:** Please ask to see Stacey Cook for more information
 - **SOFEA Food Larder**
 - **Beauty & Hygiene Bank**
- **Still to come at The Hub**
 - **Christmas Fayre: Weds 3 Dec: 2.30-5pm:** to help or take part please contact office2000@jhnacademy.co.uk
 - **Free English Course:** Jan 26 – Mar 23: 1-3pm Mondays (except Feb 16): To book a place please contact Kate Rudman: 01865 772 495 k.rudman@jhnacademy.co.uk
 - **Couch to 5K**
 - **Men & Boys Mental Health Group**
 - **Health events**
 - **Community Forest School**

- **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
 - **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 12
- **Healthy Living Groups: RHCC:** commissioned by the County Council: Service Manager: Emma McGill: For more info & to sign up, visit: <https://oxf.maximusuk.co.uk>
 - **For Adults:** BeeZee Adults meets Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm: it's about learning simple, lasting habits that fit your lifestyle. Together, we'll bust common health myths, explore easy ways to eat well, move more, and keep positive changes going for good.
 - **For Families:** Starting Weds 21 January, 4-5:30pm, families with children aged 4-12 can join our fun, 12-week BeeZee Families programme. It's about spending quality time together, learning healthy habits, and discovering new foods and activities the whole family will love. Each session also includes 45 minutes of multi-sports for the kids, so they can get active and have fun while parents pick up simple tips to support healthy living at home. Free parking is available on site.
- **Karate:** Thursdays: at **JHNA:** *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
 - **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:** Saturday walks start at 1.30pm the church gate, and end at the Village Hall for optional tea. Free: for members and visitors. Please join email group for dates
- **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: explorellearning.co.uk/oxford
 - **Inspires Tuition: VHL:** Neuro-inclusive Maths & English Tuition: from Weds 4 January: KS2 & SATs revision with Lily, and KS3 & GCSE Revision with Rose. £25 per session. Contact: Rose Carter office@inspirestuition.co.uk for more information
 - **Meditation day retreats: with Oxford Insight Meditation:** returns to VHL in the spring. For more information, 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
- **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/RFC-LittlemoreRugbyClub), contact info@littlemorerfc.org Find fixtures p 12
- **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.
- **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:** evenings, monthly: 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
- **not confirmed: may not be accurate: 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: 01865 716 557 / 07900 907 477 or Carole Tasker: caroletasker27@gmail.com, or message our Fb page [Sandford-on-Thames Women's Institute](https://www.facebook.com/Sandford-on-Thames-Women's-Institute).
- **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. On 6 January we have a demonstration by world-renowned professional, Gary Rance, starting at 19:30. Remaining 2026 programme available soon at www.oxonwoodturners.com. Contact: owc_secretary@yahoo.com.
- **Yoga with Jo: SVH:** workshops & private classes - dates for next term not yet available: contact Jo for detail: 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](https://www.facebook.com/ActivitiesOxfordshire)
- **Youth Ambition and other Youth Clubs**
 - **Youth Ambition: Littlemore Youth Club: LCC:** Thursdays 4-6pm: term-times. Free: for young people aged 11-16. 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

	LITTLEMORE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURES		
Sun 30 Aug	RUGBY CLUB FUN DAY 2026		
Friendlies			
Counties 3 Tribute Berks Bucks & Oxon North			
22 Nov	Grove II		A
29 Nov	Didcot II		H
6 Dec	Aylesbury II		H
13 Dec	Abingdon II	NB: venue change!	*H
17 Jan	Grove II		H
24 Jan	Didcot II		A
14 Feb	Swindon College Old Boys		A
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>			

LITTLEMORE ANGLING SOCIETY FIXTURES			
Fixture		Venue	Draw : Fish
NOVEMBER			
30	S H Taylor Cup (Points/WL)	Northmoor	D 7.30 : F 9-14
DECEMBER			
14	Chandlers Cup (Prior Cup)	Tunnel Barn (Club)	D 8 : F 10-15
21	Christmas Shield (Points/WL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9-14
JANUARY			
4	K Mills Cup (Points/WL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9-14
18	S Denny Shield (Points/WL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9-14
FEBRUARY			
8	Blind Pairs (Prior Cup)	Manor Farm Fishery (Ash)	D 8 : F 10-15.
Permits are available on our website. www.littlemoreanglingsociety.co.uk Alan Campbell			

LITTLEMORE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY		
Walks	Join the mail list (below) to receive details of Saturday walks	
Talks	Dec	No meeting
	Jan	AGM, then a talk on <i>Littlemore in the 1600s</i> by Buffy McClelland
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. to join mail list, for more info, & booking: Bryan & Buffy McClelland, history.littlemore@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, Astro turf 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
- *continued in next column*

- **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 Screaton, 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
Christmas Mass Times:
 - Weds 24 Dec: 4pm: Christmas Eve Mass
 - Weds 24 Dec: 9pm: Christmas Night Mass
 - Thurs 25 Dec: 11am: Christmas Day Mass
- **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.
Special Services: *Sunday 14 Dec Carol Service 10.30am
*Thurs 25 Dec Christmas Day service 10.30am
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

- ❖ **BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:** Please contact the Vicar by email as above or phone 01865 748 003
- ❖ **SPECIAL EVENTS & SERVICES**
 - **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
 - **15 Dec: 7pm: Community Carol Service** with contributions from local groups, churches & schools to showcase the variety amongst us. (Followed by mince pies & mulled wine)
 - **24 Dec: 4pm: Crib Service**
 - **24 Dec: 11.30pm: Midnight Mass**
 - **25 Dec: 10am: Christmas Mass**
 - **25 Dec: 1pm: Community Christmas Day Lunch:** see p 2

❖ 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

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
- **NEW*** Soul Sessions: most Fridays at 5.30pm: a musical gathering for anyone who wants to find their voice and/or develop their music playing in a supportive group. As the group doesn't run every week, please contact Malcolm Atkins on 07872 991 287 if you plan to come

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 Saturday workshops with local artists & writers at the Church: 2-3.30pm. To take part contact Eve McWilliam: ArtsHubLittlemore@gmail.com
- **Annual Harvest of Talents:** 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

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

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

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/>

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

- **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 oxford.gov.uk/report or to
fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk
- **to report Anti-Social Behaviour**, including drug dealing, and
criminal damage, say by dogs biting park play equipment
GO TO The Police on 101 (999 if it's an emergency)
- **to report illegal parking**
GO TO <https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/reportparkedvehicle>
- **If a road or pavement is obstructed, call the police on 101**
- **to join or form a local Neighbourhood Watch Group**
GO TO www.ourwatch.org.uk

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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 cllrcorais@oxford.gov.uk
- Cllr Anne Stares cllrastares@oxford.gov.uk

For County Council issues contact:

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

LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Acting Clerk: Tim Cann: clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk .

Telephone: 07377 682 216.

There are 16 seats on the Parish Council.

See page 18 for members' details.

PEEPLE & PEEP GROUPS: new You tube Video





TABLE TOP SALE

**Saturday
29th November**

**Littlemore Community Centre
Giles Road**

£5 per table - booking in advance
FREE ENTRY FROM 10AM TO 12PM - FOR BUYERS

To book a table text: **07557 644170**



FREE ENGLISH COURSE

FREE course for Parents and Carers at Littlemore Hub

- Practise your English skills
- Improve your confidence
- Get to know other families

Day: Mondays

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Dates: 26th January - 23rd March
No session Monday 16th February (half-term holiday)

**Littlemore Hub
John Henry Newman Academy
Grange Road
Littlemore
Oxford
OX4 4LS**



To book a place please contact Kate Rudman:

01865 772495 k.rudman@jhnacademy.co.uk

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

Littlemore Christmas Tree Event

Friday 5th December

Grand Raffle Amazing Prizes

**Littlemore Village Green
(opposite the chip shop)**

Starts at 4.30pm

- 5.00pm - Lighting the tree and Father Christmas
- 6.00pm - Jubilee Brass Band
- 6.00pm - Grand Raffle Draw

Hot Chocolate *Mince Pies*
Seasonal Craft Stalls

IMPROVE YOUR STRENGTH AND BALANCE

with Sarah's

Better Balance Classes

Every Tuesday 10-11am

Littlemore Village Hall,

Railway Lane, OX4 4PY

£5 per class

Contact: Sarah Wheatley:

07970 100 286

or

betterbalancewithsarah@gmail.com

Call me, or just turn up!





CHRISTMAS FAYRE

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
2.30 - 5PM

Can you help?

Volunteers needed to run stalls and set up.

Would you like to run a stall?
Get in touch ...

office.2000@jhnacademy.co.uk





EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CAROLS AROUND LITTLEMORE

JOIN TOGETHER TO SING CAROLS ON
DECEMBER 18TH FROM 5.30 P.M.

Join us for some or all of the evening.

We'll be at the Cowley Road shops at 5.30 p.m.
and the shops on St Nicholas Road from 6 p.m.



THOMSON TERRACE ALLOTMENTS CIC

Community Plots Available Now!

Perfect for those wishing to be more active in community!

See ttacic.org or email
secretary@ttacic.org

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Saturday 6th December 2025
2.30-4.30pm

AFTERNOON TEA

AT THE VILLAGE HALL
RAILWAY LANE



all are welcome to
tea, cake, & conversation
with last minute gifts and
Prize Draw tickets on sale

organised by Littlemore Village Hall Committee:
to join, or to help, please contact
c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com

Saturday 3rd January 2026
2.30-4.30pm

all are welcome to

AFTERNOON TEA

AT THE VILLAGE HALL
RAILWAY LANE



tea, coffee, & conversation
with Prize Draw at 4pm

organised by Littlemore Village Hall Committee

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

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AT THE OXFORD ACADEMY LITTLEMORE

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PLUS Holiday Camps:
at Easter, Summer,
and Christmas

Book now for
Christmas at

www.ukcfaction.co.uk

Director: Oliver Ward



Inspires Tuition Ltd

Helping young minds grow

November Newsletter

Inspires Clubs RE-STARTS
WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY @ 4PM

KS2 Maths & English Club
— with Lily
KS3/GCSE Revision
— with Rose





Autumn Term

We have been very busy since September! Our CEO Rose won an award & our team were invited to the World Inclusion Congress - in Kazakhstan!

Inspires Clubs are fully inclusive & welcome neurodiversity



Littlemore Village Hall,
Railway Lane, Littlemore,
Oxford, OX4

Contact: office@inspirestuition.co.uk

Web: inspirestuition.uk

ABOUT THE DIRECTORY:

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It's not a complete account of everything that goes on here - new listings are welcomed. There's no charge. The only requirement from the advertiser is that they give permission for publication when they get a reminder every two months.

Thank you to those who reply quickly! Ed

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

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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

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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

Dorian Hancock
David Henwood
Sadiea Mustafa-Awan

Alex Singleton
Anne Stares
Maggie Willis (Lead)

Neighbourhood Plan

Tony Maude (Lay member) (Lead)
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 .



PRÉCIS OF REPORTS from our City & County Councillors

please find full reports on pages 5 & 6

From: TIAGO CORAIS: cllrcorais@oxford.gov.uk

Oxford City Councillor for Littlemore

Tiago explained the philosophy that underpins his work for us. After meeting residents he has taken forward to Peabody and to Thames Valley Police urgent concerns about conditions at Newman Place. He has allocated funds to support 2 new community initiatives: the development of Denny Gardens allotments into community space and the Littlemore Arts Hub November Window Walkabout. He is working with local schools to launch a youth empowerment initiative, and, in preparation for meetings with Cllr Gant has collated initial information from residents about chaotic parking, ignored signage, and the cumulative impact of new developments and heavy vehicle use on Littlemore's roads.

From: ANNE STARES: cllrastares@oxford.gov.uk

Oxford City Councillor for Littlemore

Anne names the community champions for September and October and invites residents to continue making suggestions for future champions. She describes how fly tipping beside street bins has caused some bins to be removed, though there is a new one by the fish & chip shop. She is concerned about Minchery Farm Playground, and has asked for a full safety inspection. She describes the Friday Social Club at the Community Centre, & the Christmas tree event on December 5 (see Dates for Your Diary).

From: DAVID HENWOOD: david.henwood@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Oxfordshire County Councillor for Littlemore

David thanks the Parish Council for funding the CCTV camera on Cowley Rd LM. He acknowledges that his campaign to have the temporary congestion charge scrapped was unsuccessful: however a workshop for residents to support congestion charge pass applications will be provided at the Community Centre, whose Friday Lunch Club goes from strength to strength. He plans a survey to address a request to make Oxford Road one way, and has asked officers to consider adding extra double yellow lines to Oxford Road between the shop and the ring road*. He has asked ODS to raise the profile of a manhole cover in Swinbourne Road which has had some resurfacing leaving the cover low. He mentions his support for the return of a pharmacy to Littlemore**. He had a walkabout with Mogridge Drive residents and noted serious problems on the new estate, including lack of safe pedestrian access and road signage (which officers are already aware of), and unusable EV charging points***.

* Such changes would require formal public consultation Ed

**The provision and distribution of pharmacies is an NHS clinical commissioning decision and is not within the gift of local county or city councils. Ed

*** The roads on the estate have not yet been adopted by the Council as is normal with new estates still under construction, so they are not fully a Council responsibility. I asked Royal Mail for a letter box to be placed on the estate @18 months ago and was told that it had to wait until the road was adopted. Ed

TEMPORARY CONGESTION CHARGE

Six congestion charge points for those travelling by car in Oxford are now in place. Residents can apply for a limited number of passes, and permits are available for other groups including Blue Badge holders and mobile traders. See: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/oxfordshire-temporary-congestion-charge-cars/congestion-charge-permits>

OXFORD LIVING WAGE TO INCREASE for 2026/7

The OLW is a local rate beyond the statutory National Living Wage that employers can choose to adopt to ensure that employees earn enough in our expensive city. From April 2026 it will increase from £13.16 per hour to £14.06. Find local accredited employers at: www.oxford.gov.uk/living-wage.

VOLUNTEERING

- ☑ Can you spare 90 minutes from 10am on a Thursday to help at the Littlemore Community Emergency Food Bank in the Baptist Chapel on Chapel Lane? We are a small, friendly group & would love more help with talking to visitors, making up the food parcels, & maintaining stocks & records. Even if you can help only some weeks, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact David Hodges on 07871 299 732 or info@ceffoxford.co.uk. Read @ CEF at www.ceffoxford.co.uk.
- ☑ Can you offer volunteering placements to TOA Students for their Duke of Edinburgh Challenges? Year 9 students at The Oxford Academy are starting their Bronze Award and are looking for opportunities to Volunteer. So we're reaching out to: *Local charities, *Sports clubs & teams, *After school & youth programmes, *Community groups & projects, and *Retirement & care homes. Volunteering placements usually involve 1 hour per week over a 3-month period (about 12–13 hours in total). If you can offer a supportive environment for a young person to give their time, we'd love to hear from you at: toa-dofe@theoxfordacademy.org.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Trustees are running a **Prize Draw** to raise funds for roof insulation and new lighting. Tickets at £1 each are on sale until 20 December at Tracy's shop on St Nicholas Road, at the Village Hall Christmas Afternoon Tea on Sat 6 December, & the Christmas Lights event on the Green on Fri 5 December. You can also assist us by filling out a questionnaire showing your support for the improvement project – and, of course, by making a donation! The draw will take place at the Afternoon Tea at the Village Hall on 3 January. *First Prize: £200, second prize £50, third prize 2 x £25. For more information about the Village Hall, our improvement projects, or how to make a booking, email littlemorevillagehall@gmail.com, or visit our website. Claire Drinkwater, Chair of Trustees

*STOP PRESS: ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL: NEWS

We're flourishing this term: our growing network of Partnerships brings immense value to our school community. We've worked closely with Magdalen College School music department to provide high-quality 1:1 lessons for our Year 3 & 4 children, and Oxford High School led by the wonderful Maria Whittington continues to collect our Year 5 pupils each week and transport them to OHS for science lessons in their exceptional laboratories. Our Year 6 pupils have had the privilege of performing at Oxford Town Hall as part of a concert involving all the Catholic schools in Oxfordshire, a truly special event which paid homage to Littlemore's Saint John Henry Newman, who has been made a Doctor of the Church, the first to receive this title in 1000 years.

We have been delighted to work with MACE Construction, which is delivering the Daubeny Build at the Science Park. They invited our pupils for a tour of their site and encouraged thoughtful questions @ the future of our community. We are very aware that we cannot currently meet the demand for places in our oversubscribed school. To help more local families access St John Fisher earlier, we have increased the capacity of our nursery provision and are continuing to look at expansion opportunities. Mr Higgins, Head (photo permissions granted)



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