

CLERK'S COLUMN

- The January parish council meeting saw planning applications from The Peep Centre at The Oxford Academy, from the Sewage Treatment Works on Grenoble Road, to which the council had no objections, and from EIT for The Lodge & Chapel 3 Armstrong Road*, to which the council responded with concerns about the location of service provisions, some factual inaccuracies, and insufficient parking provision. The City Council advised us that 32 Cardinal Close has been approved & 5 Chapel Lane refused.
- The Neighbourhood Plan goes to referendum on 29 Jan. Please take the time to vote.
- Installation of new play equipment in Oxford Rd Recreation Ground is due to start the week commencing 6 Feb and is expected to take 7 weeks to complete. We fully expect the new play area to be open before the Easter holidays.
- Work on the trees and hedges in the Oxford Road Recreation Ground will be done before the nesting season starts in March. This is necessary tree work identified by the tree survey: it will ensure the parish council's tree stock is healthy and safe.
- The clerk can be contacted by phone (07377 682 216). If unavailable please leave a message, or email to clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk. For information, agendas etc. go to www.littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Tim Cann, Acting Clerk



St John Fisher Y3 & 4 girls run to first place in the Oxford City and Thame Cross Country Finals: see p 3

INSTEAD OF A SKIP: USE OXWASTE

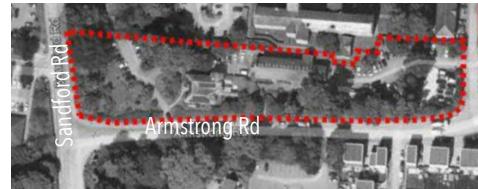
This is a new platform for Oxford City Council & ODS's waste removal service for Oxford residents & businesses. You can book bulky waste collections, and for your bins to be cleaned. Phone: 01865 252 039 if you can't book online.

NEW BOOKING SYSTEM AT LOCAL TIPS

It's now necessary to book a slot before going to a household waste recycling centre. The central phone number is 01865 519 800 during office hours, but you can book online 30 minutes before your visit (subject to availability) or up to 2 weeks in advance. Once you've booked, you'll get an email with the details you need. You must remember to take your booking number & proof of address to show you're an Oxfordshire resident, and must sort the recyclable bits of your waste either before you arrive, or at the sorting area on site.

*PLANNING MATTERS:

There's no detail this time as the website was down all week: however EIT's new plan for Armstrong Road is to make the Lodge & Chapel into a restaurant. The red line marks the site.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thurs 29 Jan 2026: Neighbourhood Plan referendum:** After 3 years of preparatory work and consultation, those eligible are now urged to vote, and to encourage others to vote. Find the Plan & associated documents on [Littlemore Parish Council website](http://www.littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk). If you still have questions, or want a brief summary of its benefits, please contact Tony Eaude on tony@edperspectives.org.uk.

- Police Priorities Survey:** end February is closing date for your views on how to shape policing priorities for Mar/April/May: see p 13 & <https://forms.office.com/e/sTuyzWcPBd>

- Littlemore Local History society meetings:** 7 for 7.30pm at LCC: Weds Feb 18: John Henry Newman by Philip Salmon, & Mar 18: Detroit on Thames, car production in Oxford, by Maurice East.

- Tea at the Village Hall:** 2.23-4.30 pm, Sats Feb 7 & March 7

- Littlemore Spring Litterpick: Sat 7 Mar 2-4pm.** Meet at 2 at the Community Centre to pick up bags, grabs, & a hi-vis vest. End at the Village Hall for tea & cakes. To join mail list contact Anna Railton: anna.railton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

- The Village Hall AGM:** 7pm: Mon 9 March, at the Hall in Railway Lane. All are welcome to come & share their views, although only Trustees can vote.

- The Oxford Academy events (TOA) Parent Coffee Mornings,** every Weds 9-10.30am in the school library

- Weds 25 Feb 3.30-6pm: TOA: Year 12 parents' evening
- Weds 4 Mar 5-6pm at TOA: Year 9 Guided Choices Evening
- Thur 12 Mar: 5pm: IFTAR Event at TOA: open to all



- Arts Hub's community photo competition:** What I love about my community. Prizes donated by Broad Canvas. Photos to be taken with a smartphone camera, & emailed by Sat 21 Feb to Eve McWilliam at ArtsHubLittlemore@gmail.com. They will be printed and displayed in StM & StN Church in March (tbc) and you will be able to vote for your favourite.

- Arts Hub Creative Workshop:** Sat 28 Feb, 2-3.30pm: StM & StN Church: poetry, dance, & art. Come & create something for the Easter outdoor Peace exhibition. See pics of the November Window Walkabout project on p 13.

- Easter church services and children's events:** see p 10

- Woodturners Club:** at VHL: 7pm start: On Feb 3 & March 3 we'll offer experience of using our lathes, & on April 7 we will have a demo from Keith Fenton. Newcomers are very welcome, no matter what level of experience. See: www.oxonwoodturners.com. Right, Box with finial: expert work by Charlie Jones.



The view from Rose Hill in 1836: among 'the most beautiful views in the world'

TALES FROM THE ARCHIVES: FIELD & STREET NAMES

Pipley Furlong: a Regal Name in the Landscape

We are fortunate in having records dating back to before the 19th C enclosures of Cowley and Littlemore's common fields. Pipley Furlong is recorded as an area beside the footpath linking Iffley & Cowley which ran behind Westbury Crescent along the ridge overlooking Oxford. (See front page for James Ward's 1836 painting of the view: note the lane on the far right). Historian Graham Jones has added evidence to suggest that Pipley is an early field name dating back to the 6th C, and to Anglo-Saxon times. Graham suggests that Pipley is a form of the personal name Pypba, who was one of the family of early kings of Mercia, an Anglo Saxon kingdom which extended south of the Humber and controlled the English South Midlands, and the Thames valley. Excitingly, there is a small triangle of open grass beside the footpath, which may be excavated in future.

Julia Brocklesby LLHS

LITTLEMORE GROWING MINDS PROJECT

Every child under five living in Littlemore can benefit from the Growing Minds project. Led by a partnership of local organisations (Peeples, Home-Start Oxford, & the Berin Centre) its purpose is to improve school readiness & support children's life chances. It runs groups in & around Littlemore (see p 5). Every child in the Growing Minds Project is also eligible to receive free books through the post thanks to our partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. To find out more email families@peeples.org.uk. Maisie Franklin, Peep Admin Officer

28th OXFORD SCOUT GROUP

We marked the start of our 100th year celebration with cake and a slight uniform change. We have new colours: our 'necker' is now Old Gold & Navy Blue. Known as 1st Littlemore (Lone) Troop in 1925, the group, then all boys, was registered at Scout Association HQ in 1926, and became known as 28th Oxford (Littlemore) Scouts. Our first HQ was a wooden hut, with no electricity, on rented land off Oxford Rd, owned by Mr Dewe, who ran the shop. In July 1929, nine Scouts from our Troop attended the 3rd World Jamboree at Arrow Park near Birkenhead (four will head to Gdansk in Poland for the 26th one in 2027!). In November 1929 our first Cub Pack began. In July 1934 the group purchased the land where we still meet today. The hut from Oxford Rd was dismantled and re-assembled ready for use in November. Electricity came in 1937 when a single electric light was fitted. The landowner, on seeing how much effort had gone into raising the necessary funds, decided to take a third of the amount raised in full payment. The Ground is held in Trust for use by Scouts. After more years of fundraising our current HQ building was opened in December 1952. Over the years it has seen many changes, which have added an extra meeting room, a garage, and an outside covered area, which allow us to have more space for activities and storage. And we've grown again with the addition of our Beaver Colony. Altogether we now have around 60 boys and girls in the group. Thank you to the Scouts, to the community and the Scouting family for all your work, effort, and support over the years. If you would like to find out more, to get involved or to share your memories please get in touch: pop.gsl.28thoxford@gmail.com . TicTac (Ruth Lloyd)



ANGELMEAD EXPLORERS: NEWS

Angelmead ESU celebrated the end of 2025 with a Christmas meal entirely organised by the Explorers (with three teams: catering, front of house, and entertainment to deal with it all). The coming term's programme includes Communications, First Aid and Navigation skills, as well as various other activities. The whole unit wishes the community a happy 2026. Camille Kalaja

NEWS FROM LITTLEMORE HUB AT JHNA

'Hi, my name is Hannah: I trained in Sports Rehabilitation, then spent 10 years teaching. I've been part of the JHN family since 2019, and my role has evolved over time. Now I work as a Community Development & Family Support Worker, supporting children and their families. I am a trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, helping children regulate their emotions. I'm originally from Littlemore, and three of my four children attend the school. I love community and family support work - no two days are the same! It's a privilege to meet members of the JHN family, and of Littlemore community, and to support them through life's challenges.'



Hannah is hugely skilled: she works closely with all groups at the Hub (see p 5), ensuring that we are offering the best possible sessions to the highest standard. Kate Rudman

LITTLEMORE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (LCP)

LCP is an active, collaborative network of representatives from local schools, early years providers, faith groups, voluntary organisations, health services, Thames Valley Police, the Parish Council, the Community Centre, the Village Hall, other local councillors, **and** Littlemore residents. Our shared aim is to work together to make Littlemore an even better place to live, learn, & grow by strengthening community infrastructure and access to services, improving communication & engagement, enhancing our built & natural environment, securing funding, promoting health & wellbeing, and building strong, connected communities. *We'd be happy to welcome new members!*

Through our collective effort, we've unlocked funding and added to the range of opportunities already available here (see the Hub Listings on p 5). New things include antenatal groups, baby book clubs, health visitor drop-ins, slow cooker sessions, adult learning, sports, gardening, & intergenerational activities. Community lunches, warm spaces, friendship groups, and the food larder provide support, connection, and inclusion for all.

Next, we're planning to develop a high-quality *Welcome to Littlemore Pack*, both in print and digital, to provide new and established residents a source of information about what's on.

We meet every three months and need a minutes secretary (this is a voluntary role). If you want to be part of shaping the future of Littlemore, now is the perfect time to get involved!

For more details or to volunteer please contact Katie Screamton via office.2000@jhncademy.co.uk .

LITTLEMORE PRE-SCHOOL IS HIRING!

They seek **both**: someone qualified to level 2 or 3 in childcare for maternity cover from March 2026 to April 2027, **and** a preschool assistant. No qualifications are necessary for this second post but experience of working in a childcare setting is desirable. Please contact Manager Hayley Cox for more information: 01865 396 449 (M-F 9am-3pm), or email her at littlemoreplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk .

LOCAL ENTERPRISE: Inspires Community Provision CIC

Littlemore's Rose Carter, who offers Maths & English classes for children has founded a Community Interest Company, a UK social enterprise designed to use profits for social good rather than private gain. Its focus is on helping families - particularly those with children with Special Educational, Social, Emotional & Mental Health needs &/or who are neurodivergent. She is hoping to run a fully inclusive activity club in the Summer Holidays. Meanwhile her after school Maths & English sessions are now subsidised, so the cost is dramatically reduced!

Contact Rose at: inspirescommunityprovision@gmail.com . See listings p 5.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY SPORTS NEWS

Hockey: our Year 5/6 Hockey Team managed a 3-1 win against Emmanuel Christian School before Christmas: Jake & Kareem scored the goals. Well done, everyone.

Football: our Year 5/6 Boys' Football Team (see pic) performed tremendously well at the Oxford City National League tournament, they won seven, drew one, and lost one.

Bowls: we hosted a Bowls competition with St. John Fisher, the children had great fun learning new skills & playing different Bowls activities. Thank you to Mr. Thomas of TOA for lending the Bowls equipment, and to the Kitchen Staff @ JHNA for the hot chocolate!

Mr Surman



ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas is always a time of wonder at St John Fisher and this year there was lots for everyone. Our donkey returned for the Nativity performance, and behaved itself.



Mary arrived safely in Bethlehem, our EYFS and KS1 children acted and sang their hearts out, and we welcomed residents from a local care home to share the joy. We were lucky to be invited



into Mansfield College to perform our carol concert in their beautiful chapel. It was an amazing time in an inspirational setting, which opened our minds to all the city has to offer. There was no snow at Christmas,

so we made our own and pumped it around the school while the children enjoyed their 'Santa Run' to raise money for charity.

The last few weeks of term also saw our Y3 & 4 girls run to first place in the Oxford City and Thame Cross Country Finals. (See pic on front page.) This was a first-ever victory in this competition for our children! We are immensely proud of them pushing through the mud and grime to bring victory to Littlemore. The Spring term brings lots more opportunities at school, including educational visits for all classes, a Y4 residential trip and rich sporting opportunities as the weather improves.

Mr Higgins

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LITTLEMORE YOUTH COUNCIL

In December representatives from all 4 schools in Littlemore (The Oxford Academy, St John Fisher, Emmanuel Christian School and John Henry Newman), met to found a new Littlemore Youth Council. TOA kindly hosted an event which introduced children to local representatives, including our MP Anneliese Dodds, and Local Councillor Tiago Corais (see back page). The children will work together to decide on a local community project they will plan, campaign and deliver on. We hope to publish photos in future updates.

Mr Higgins

LOCAL BUS NEWS

- 3 & 3A: has a new timetable with enhanced frequency. The 3A now runs between the railway station and either Kassam Stadium or Cowley Lidl (it longer serves Templars Square).
- The 5A takes us to Templars Square, but will not loop through Herschel Crescent in future.

ELLISON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

from: Sue Stewart, Littlemore Resident

EIT has purchased the freehold of the western half of the Science Park (which falls within Littlemore parish). This includes the 3 new Daubeny buildings (visible as you go through Sandford), and work has halted there while EIT submits new plans for the buildings. The underground lecture hall at Littlemore House is complete. Precast cladding is arriving on site to be lifted into position by cranes. The developers Laing O'Rourke hold regular meetings to report progress and check if there are local problems. A representative of EIT is usually there to give an update. Anyone can attend. To be notified, email OxfordEIT@laingorourke.com.

EIT has bought two properties on Armstrong Road - the Lodge, currently used by the Wildlife Trust, and the former chapel of the old Littlemore Hospital (see front page). It has also bought 4 houses on the St George's Park estate and is converting them into accommodation for students and visitors. The Institute has already recruited some students, for the time being based elsewhere in Oxford.

EIT is a major contributor to the reopening of the Cowley railway line, which is still subject to detailed planning.

EIT expects to provide 7,000 jobs in Littlemore by 2030. Oxford City Council will require a Community Employment and Procurement Plan. This will create apprenticeships, make jobs available to local residents, and ensure that some goods and services are provided by local businesses. The City Council is keen to keep car movements to a minimum and is looking at ways to improve bus access to Littlemore from parts of Oxford not currently easy to reach.

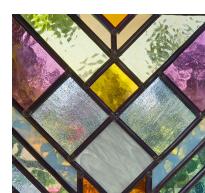
from Amanda Thompson, Communications Manager, Laing O'Rourke

A major construction milestone was reached in December with a topping-out ceremony at the EIT Oxford site. The new Institute will be an interdisciplinary research & development campus for a world-class faculty of scientists, technologists, change-makers, economists, & entrepreneurs. Designed by Lord Norman Foster of Foster + Partners and delivered by Laing O'Rourke, the campus will include more than 300,000 sq ft of research laboratories, and educational & gathering spaces. The development comprises two buildings, Littlemore Brook and Littlemore House linked by an elevated Woodland Walkway designed to encourage collaboration. The ceremony took place on the roof of Littlemore Brook, where members of the 150-strong construction team marked the occasion. In keeping with construction tradition, an evergreen tree was lifted into place by crane to symbolise good fortune and respect for both the workforce and the environment. (For photo see p 13.)

THE ART AND CRAFT SUMMER SCHOOL

During the summer holiday The Oxford Academy hosts a week long non-profit-making summer school of art, craft and music, now organised by Anne Griffith. This year it runs Mon 3 to Sat 8 August. It offers a wide range of courses for adults, and caters to people of all levels of experience. This year's courses range from Art to Woodcarving, Botanical Illustration to Stained glass (see pic), Calligraphy to Upcycling. Find out more and book at : <https://oxfordshireartandcraft.co.uk> .

People attend from all over the country: if you can offer accommodation, please contact Anne via the website.



LITTLEMORE DIRECTORY

WHAT'S ON: GROUPS, CLASSES ETC: Regular Events: February / Easter 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 & Peoples' 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>
- **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:** offering Stunts, Acrobatics, Aerial, Trampoline & Parkour. *Epic Easter Action Camp ON SALE NOW: 7-10 April: 6 Hours Daily, 10:30 - 4:30. *Summer Stunts Action Camp: 17-20 August 2026: 6 hours daily as above: tickets Released April 1 2026. See flier p 8
- **Advice Centre: RHCC:** See entry on p 11. 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
 - **Drop in & meet our local Age UK Ox Rep:** Valerie Hunt at **SM+SN** Coffee Morning 10.30-12noon first Mon of month
- **Art & Craft Courses:** Oxford Summer School @ **TOA:** yearly. www.oxfordshireartandcraft or insta 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:
 - **Denny Gardens:** if you are interested in having a plot contact: Megan Harcourt: megan@oclt.org.uk
 - **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:** we have 3 plots available plus 4 community beds: 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)
- **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: Various Littlemore locations:** A collective of local creative people who offer occasional free workshops and events around the local community. See front page for details of next one. Everyone is welcome to join in. To get connected in please contact Eve McWilliam at 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 littlemorerbl@gmail.com
- **Bowls (Indoor): IBC:** see www.oxbowls.co.uk
- **Childcare: Littlemore Preschool: LCC:** open M-F 8.45 till 3pm: term-times: for pre-school children from 2-4 yrs. Session run: 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 Peeple Nursery:** **TOA** Northfield Close entrance: 8am to 5.30pm, 48 weeks a year. Manager: Lindsey Hart: 01865 397 972, littlepeeplenursery@peeple.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 Events: Special needs and neurodiversity:**
 - **Inspires Community Provision:** **VHL:** community projects to help families, particularly those with children who have Special Educational Needs / Social, Emotional & Mental Health needs and/or are neurodivergent. Plans to run a fully inclusive summer activity club: for more information contact Rose Carter: inspirescommunityprovision@gmail.com
 - **Inspires Tuition:** see Maths & English below
- **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, Ashurst 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 10
- **Coffee mornings:** **SM&SN:** Mondays & Wednesdays 10am-noon: drop in for coffee, cake, & chat: 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
- **Events at Rose Hill Methodist Church:** Contact: Liz Spain Community Chaplain: rosehillcommunitychaplain@gmail.com
 - **Drop In: RHMC:** Monday 2-4.30pm. Chat, board games, puzzles, drinks: all welcome, with free Knitting Workshop on 9,16, & 23 March 2 -4 pm. Web: rosehillmethodists.org.uk/community-drop-in
 - **Christian Aid, Bread & Cheese Lunches:** **RHMC:** 2nd Thursday of the Month 12.30 - 1.30: 12 Feb, 12 Mar. Suggested donation £5.
- **Events at Littlemore Hub: JHNA: term-time only except** subscription only SOFEA Food larder, & Feeding Your Baby. **Contact:** Please drop in during school hours for a timetable & to find out more
- Mondays**
 - **Stay and Play:** 9-10.15
 - **Eating Together Intergenerational Lunch:** 12-2pm: dates: 09/02 16/03 20/04 11/05 15/06
 - **Friendship Café:** 12-2pm: dates 02/02 09/03 13/04 04/05 25/05 08/06 06/07
 - **English Course, Oxfordshire Adult Learning:** 1-3pm (26/01-23/03) **NEW GROUP**
 - **Beauty and Hygiene Bank:** 3-3.30pm: JHNA families only
- Tuesdays**
 - **Stay and Play:** 9-10.15
 - **Questions and Answers with Local Health Visitors:** (monthly) 10.30-12.30: dates: 13/01 10/2 10/03 14/04 12/05 09/06 07/07
 - **Tune Tots:** 10.45-11.45 (Jan-March) **NEW GROUP**
- Wednesdays**
 - **Cooking Together - Community Slow Cooker Groups:** 8.45-10.45 and 12.30-2.30
 - **Baby Massage with Hannah:** 3.15-4.30
- Thursdays**
 - **PEEP Antenatal Class:** 9.30-10.30
 - **Feeding your baby:** 12-2: fortnightly from 15/01
- Fridays**
 - **Tiny Tales:** 9-9.45
 - **Messy Play:** 10.30-11.30
 - **SOFEA Food Larder:** 1.30-3.30
 - **SOFEA Food Larder during School Holiday:** 11.30-1.30

- **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/centrefor-referral-organisations> . All are welcome to a hot meal and drinks (no referral is needed)
 - **See also Food Provision** p 13
- **Football Holiday Camps at TOA 3G Dome:** provided by Oxford United in the Community: see: <https://www.ouitc.org/programme> . 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 Eve McWilliam: admin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Gym: TOA:** weekdays 5pm-10pm, weekends 9am-9pm. We have Cardio machines, free weights, & assisted weight machines. For more see: toaleisure.schoolbookings.co.uk . To arrange your monthly membership: either pop in at reception during gym opening hours or contact us on toaleisure@theoxfordacademy.org
- **Halls for Hire:** see separate listing p 9
- **Healthy Living Groups: RHCC:** commissioned by the County Council: Service Manager: Emma McGill: For more info & to sign up, visit: <https://oxf.maximusuk.co.uk>
- **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 Insta #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

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free events at the Library, continued...

- **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
- **Litter picking:** the Parish Council organises a spring clean every March, but if you'd like to do more under your own steam, and you need yellow bags and pickers, contact Poly at Poly.Smart@odsgroup.co.uk
- **Martial Arts Mix: TOA:** Tuesdays: age 15 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: Emma Palmer, 01865 595 509. See: explorelearning.co.uk/oxford
 - **Inspires Tuition: VHL:** Neuro-inclusive Maths & English Tuition: Wednesdays 4pm KS2 & SATs revision with Lily, and KS3 & GCSE Revision with Rose. Now only £7.50 per session. For more information contact: Rose Carter inspirescommunityprovision@gmail.com
 - **Inspires Community Provision:** sister company to Inspires Tuition: see under Children's Events: Special needs and neurodiversity: contact as above: see flier p 8
- **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:** Second Saturday each month: 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 termtime. 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 01865 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/littlemorercf/), contact info@littlemorercf.org Find fixtures p 9
- **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@littlemorercf.org for more information.
- **Scriptural Reasoning Group: SM&SN:** evenings, monthly: for more info visit www.littlemorechurch.org/what's on/scriptural reasoning
- **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, Mens' Breakfast, Women's Institute, the Library listings, Knitting Group, Wellbeing in Nature, and Events at Littlemore Hub & at the Methodist Church
- **Wellbeing in Nature:** Thurs 10.30-12.30: free allotment drop-in session for adults (meet at Rose Hill Community Centre at 10am if it's your first time). 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: 1st Tues each month except Dec (club AGM). February 3rd and March 3rd will be hands-on nights which offer experience of using our lathes, while in April (7th) we will have a demonstration from Keith Fenton. Newcomers are very welcome, no matter what level of experience. We offer two Hands On evenings free to newcomers, and non-members are welcome to attend our demonstration evenings for £8. The remaining 2026 programme is available at www.oxonwoodturners.com Contact: owc_secretary@yahoo.com
- **Yoga with Jo: SVH:** workshops & private classes: 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](http://Activities.Oxfordshire)
- **Youth Ambition and other Youth Clubs**
- **Youth Ambition: Littlemore Youth Club: LCC:** Thursdays 4-6pm: term-times. Free: for young people aged 11-16. 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 groups open to Littlemore residents. For up to date info see: 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 . We now have a waiting list: to express interest please 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 steffi@halldance@gmail.com
- **Zumba: LCC:** *Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm *Zumba & Toning. Thursdays 6.30pm-7.30pm Zumba. All are welcome: fun classes suitable for all fitness levels. No need to book: £7 per class (concession if attending both classes in the same week). For more info please contact me: Pat Meade 07957 491 868 or patsimeade63@gmail.com



listings continue below

2026

Saturday 7th February
2.30-4.30pm

AFTERNOON TEA



**at the village hall
Railway Lane**

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

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

2026

Saturday 7th March
2.30-4.30pm

AFTERNOON TEA



**at the village hall
Railway Lane**

all are welcome to
tea, cake, & conversation,
and we especially welcome the
Littlemore Spring Clean Litter Pickers

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

ARTSHUB
PHOTO COMPETITION

FREE TO ENTER, ALL AGES WELCOME,
PRIZES TO BE WON!

HOW TO ENTER:

- TAKE A PHOTO ON THE THEME "WHAT I ❤ ABOUT MY COMMUNITY"
- SEND IT TO ARTSHUBLITTLEMORE@GMAIL.COM BY SATURDAY 21ST FEB.
- ENTRIES WILL BE EXHIBITED IN MARCH (DETAILS TBC) FOR THE COMMUNITY TO VOTE FOR WINNERS!
- PRIZES HAVE BEEN KINDLY DONATED BY BROAD CANVAS AND WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:
AGE 12 AND UNDER — AGE 13-19 — AGE 20+



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



**LITTLEMORE
LITTER PICK
2026**

Join your neighbours in cleaning up Littlemore!

Sat 7th March 2-4pm



Start: Community Centre (Giles Road)
Finish: Village Hall (Railway Lane)

All supplies provided (including kid-sized litter pickers)
Come play with sign cleaning kit too!



Free refreshments



LITTLEMORE ANGLING SOCIETY FIXTURES		
Fixture	Venue	Draw : Fish
JANUARY		
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.
22	R C Smith Cup (Points/WL)	Sandford D 7.30 : F 9-14
MARCH		
1	Steve Trotter Cup (Points/WL)	Sandford D 7.30 : F 9-14
8	Canal Cup (Prior Cup)	Oxford Canal TBC D 7.30 : F 9-14
Permits are available on our website. www.littlemoreanglingsociety.co.uk <i>Alan Campbell</i>		

LITTLEMORE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY		
Walks	Join the mail list (below) to receive details of Saturday walks	
Talks	Jan 21 AGM, then Littlemore in the early 1600's by Buffy McClelland	
	Feb 18 <i>John Henry Newman</i> by Philip Salmon	
	Mar 18 <i>Detroit on Thames</i> : how car production started in Oxford by Maurice East	
	Talks are 3rd Wednesday of month: 7 for 7.30pm at the Community Centre: £15 yearly membership: visitors £5 a meeting. Walks are free and open to all.	
	<i>To join mail list, for more info, & booking: Bryan & Buffy McClelland, history.littlemore@gmail.com</i>	

LITTLEMORE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURES				
Sun 30 Aug	RUGBY CLUB FUN DAY 2026			
Counties 3 Tribute Berks Bucks & Oxon North				
24 Jan	Didcot II	A		
14 Feb	Swindon College Old Boys	A		
14 March	semi-final *			
28 March	final...if we win the semi! *			
	* details not yet available!			
* 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>				

OXON WOODTURNERS		
	We meet in Littlemore Village Hall, 7pm, 1st Tuesday	
3 Feb	Hands on theme: Spindle techniques	
3 Mar	Hands on theme: Fruit	
7 April	Demo: by Keith Fenton	
	www.oxonwoodturners.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://jhncademy.co.uk/jhn-community-hub> , contact community@jhncademy.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 Eve McWilliam: admin@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, Astroturf 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
- **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 Community Partnership:** representatives from various local organisations, and interested members of the community whose aim is to improve communication between residents and service providers, and campaign for improved services Chair: Katie Screamton, JHN Academy. It has subgroups which include Health & Welfare, and a Charity which raises funds and manages funds for community members' events. To find out more, contact: finance@jhncademy.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 need new volunteers: their Chair is Claire Drinkwater: c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com



listings continue below

LITTLEMORE FAITH GROUPS

- **Blessed Dominic Barberi Roman Catholic Church**, Cowley Road, OX4 4JX. See: www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk
- **God and People Centre (GAPC)**: meets at the Community Centre, Giles Road, OX4 4PL every Sunday 11am-1pm: refreshments are served after the service. Everyone is welcome for Bible Study, Prayer, & Fellowship: contact Mrs Stone: Jstone@cogop.org.uk
- **Littlemore Baptist Church**: Sunday worship is at 10.30am at Edith Kempson House, Chapel Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4QB: www.littlemorebaptist.org.uk
- **Rose Hill Methodist Church**: Rose Hill, OX4 4HS. All are welcome to Sunday Worship at 10.30am. Wednesday Food Bank, & Social Events 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**
 - Tues 17 Feb, 3.30-4.30pm: **Party, Crafts and Pancakes!**
 - Weds 18 Feb, 7pm: **Ash Wednesday Service**. Join us to mark the beginning of Lent.
 - Sun 15 March, 10am: **Mothering Sunday Service**.
 - Sun 29 March, 10.30am: **Palm Sunday**. Gather on the village green (near the fish & chip shop) to process through Littlemore for a dramatic reading of an account of Jesus' last week on earth.
 - Thurs 2 April, 7.30pm: **Maundy Thursday Service**
 - Fri 3 April, 2pm: **Good Friday Service**. Join us to reflect on Jesus' death on the cross.
 - Sunday 5 April, 10am: **Easter Sunday Service**. Join us to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.
 - Sunday 5 April, 3pm: **Easter Egg Hunt**. Join us for crafts in the church followed by an egg hunt!



❖ 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 Morning: 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
- 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**: occasional workshops and events run by local creative people open to all to join: 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

Rose Hill: **Truwel 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.

For the second time in a couple of years, permission has been granted for a pharmacy to re-open on **Cowley Road, Littlemore**. The applicant didn't take up the permission last time, so let's wait and see!

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](https://www.twitter.com/TVP_Oxford) or Facebook: [Thames Valley Police](https://www.facebook.com/ThamesValleyPolice)

To report crime anonymously go to Crimestoppers:

- Online: [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.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 Mezui, Manager

USEFUL COUNCIL WEBSITES & APPS + a few others

FREE, KERBSIDE TEXTILES RECYCLING SERVICE

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

INSTEAD OF A SKIP: USE OXWASTE

Oxford City Council and ODS have launched a new waste removal platform for residents & businesses in Oxford. As well as bulky waste collections, you can book for your bins to be cleaned. Phone line: 01865 252 039

NEW BOOKING SYSTEM AT LOCAL TIPS

It is now necessary to book a slot before going to a household waste recycling centre. The central phone number is 01865 519 800 during office hours, but you can book online: you must remember to take your booking number and proof of address to show you're an Oxfordshire resident.

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:

- [www.uniformly.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

THAMES VALLEY POLICE: NEW SURVEY

Neighbourhood Priorities Survey: Oxford South East

We are committed to giving communities a say in the future of local policing. Please fill out our survey at: <https://forms.office.com/e/sTuyzWcPBd> or via the QR code before the end of February. You will help shape local policing and our priorities for the 3 months of March, April and May 2026.

You are welcome to share the survey with friends, family and neighbours in your area to help us receive more responses.*

Check out [the local police website](#) to find your local officers, see our current priorities are and how your local team are working towards them. You can also get the latest crime statistics, advice and help us with appeals for information.

submitted by Jonathan Little (C9645)

***the more LM residents respond, the more likely it is that our concerns will become a priority. Ed**

Oxford South East Neighbourhood Policing Priorities (Mar-May)



THE ELLISON INSTITUTE (OXFORD) PICTURE

A topping out ceremony took place on the roof of Littlemore Brook, where members of the 150-strong construction team marked the occasion (you can just see them on the top, in orange!).

In keeping with construction tradition, an evergreen tree was lifted into place by crane to symbolise good fortune and respect for both the workforce and the environment.

Find more about The Ellison build on page 3



LITTLEMORE ARTS HUB: WINDOW WALKABOUT:

Here are a couple of the wonderful black paper and coloured tissue paper designs residents made to add warmth to their winter windows.

The Arts Hub is hoping that this event will become an annual tradition.



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 cllrstares@oxford.gov.uk

For County Council issues contact:

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

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

LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Telephone: 07377 682 216.

There are 16 seats on the Parish Council.

See next page for members' details.

POLITICAL WARD AND PARISH COUNCIL BOUNDARIES

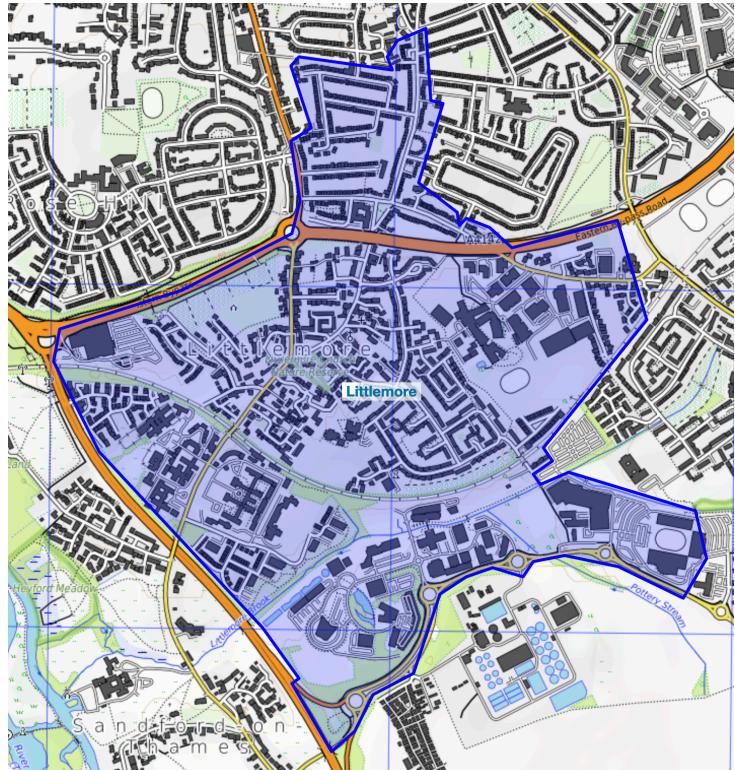
The Parish Boundaries (map on top) are unchanging, but the ward boundaries (map below) change over the years in response to changes in the population. So the boundaries are not identical.

The Parish Boundary defines 'Littlemore Neighbourhood Area' which is the area covered by the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

LITTLEMORE PARISH: LITTLEMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA



LITTLEMORE WARD



LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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

MEMBERS

Cllr Susie Aldridge: susie.aldridge@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Lynne Davies: lynne.davies@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Michael Evans: michael.evans@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Peter George: peter.george@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Dorian Hancock: dorian.hancock@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr David Henwood: david.henwood@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
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Cllr Sadiea Mustafa-Awan: smawan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
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Cllr Alex Singleton: alex.singleton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Chris Smownton: chris.smownton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Anne Stares: anne.stares@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Peter White: peter.white@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Maggie Willis: maggie.willis@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

CONTACT DETAILS FOR FULL COUNCIL

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

COMMITTEES

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

Finance & General Purposes

Chair: Chris Smownton

Members

Susie Aldridge
Dorian Hancock
Sadiea Mustafa-Awan
Maggie Willis

Parks & Environment

Chair: Anna Railton

Members

Peter George
David Henwood
Chris Smownton
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 Smownton
Maggie Willis

REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Iffley Charities Representatives: Susie Aldridge, Dorian Hancock

Littlemore Community Association Representatives: Lynne Davies, Sasiea 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.



CLLR TIAGO CORAIS' REPORT

Building a Safer, Stronger Littlemore

From Denny Gardens allotments to the Future Leaders of Littlemore Youth Council, we're strengthening community pride and turning your concerns into action:

The Youth Council (see p 3)

I am proud to lead and fund this project, to nurture the Future Leaders of Littlemore. In my address at the launch event I reminded students that British democracy, which is built on participation and shared responsibility, has one of the most inspiring stories in the world. Over the coming months, they will develop ideas, listen to community priorities, and work collaboratively. They will meet councillors, hold a final session at Oxford Town Hall, and visit Parliament. This journey marks the beginning of their path as future leaders who listen, care and act, and I can't wait to see the positive change they will bring to Littlemore. I hope to submit photos when parental permissions have been organised.

Residents' Voices to Drive Highway Improvements

Residents are speaking out about congestion, unsafe junctions, pollution, chaotic parking & neglected infrastructure in Littlemore's Newman, Oxford, & Cowley Roads. To ensure these issues were fully understood, I involved County Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr Andrew Gant, and other senior officers. The County Council has committed to a full traffic analysis and a public meeting in Littlemore, to shape long-term solutions. This meeting on 22 Jan (doors open at 7.45pm for 8) at Littlemore Community Centre is open to Littlemore residents only, and booking is essential: [available here until 22 Jan](#).

Newman Place Residents' Concerns

I've taken Newman Place residents' concerns about parking pressures, disrepairs, broken lifts and the long-awaited children's playground directly to Peabody, and I'm pushing for urgent action. I'm also pressing Thames Valley Police to tackle anti-social behaviour near Armstrong Road.

Community Safety Report: December

After repeated tyre-punching incidents, I asked victims to be sure to report the crime, and Thames Valley Police for reinforced patrols. Thank you to everyone: reporting crime ensures Littlemore receives the attention and action it needs.

Denny Gardens Allotments

With funding from my ward budget, Oxfordshire Community Land Trust appointed Megan Harcourt to take forward the work to get Denny Gardens allotments up & running for community use. She will pull together an allotment committee and co-design the space with local residents. Please contact her as below.

DENNY GARDENS ALLOTMENTS: NEWS

My name is Meg and I've just taken on the role of Project Manager for the allotment site in Denny Gardens. I'm a keen allotment-er and already run a community plot on Thomson Terrace allotment site, so I'm really excited to help set up a whole new site for the benefit of the community. We will be hosting some social events. If you are interested in having your own allotment or being involved in anyway please email me and I'll add you to the WhatsApp group: megan@oclt.org.uk Megan Harcourt



NEW PHARMACY IN LITTLEMORE?

For the second time in a couple of years, NHS Commissioning has given an applicant permission to open a Pharmacy on **Cowley Road, Littlemore**. The first time, the applicant didn't take up the offer within the necessary time frame, so let's wait and see!

FROM THE EDITOR

Careful readers will know that this is my last issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL. I'm retiring after 11 years.

I've very much enjoyed growing the newsletter from its folded A3 paper format to include online pages of local news, with a Directory of What's On & Who's Who. My purpose has been to tie together a community fragmented by the ring road, the railway, Littlemore Brook, the Hospital, & TOA campus, and give residents some sense of how lively Littlemore is. It's been a privilege and a delight to serve the community in this way.

Thank you both to those who have helped me by keeping in touch, and to everyone in the delivery team.

Littlemore faces monumental change: much of the news here remains parochial, but we are now a source of national and global news. Keen readers will already know that:

- Since its first purchase of UK land during the pandemic, the Ellison Institute has continued to buy property here. (See entries on p 3.) There is talk of their employing 7000 people here, and of £10Bn of investment in Oxford.
- Oxford City Council has ambition to expand its boundaries to include Sandford on Thames, so as to hasten the building of a Science Village there, with 3000 homes, primary & secondary schools, shops, and so on. There are plans for several thousand additional new homes further round Grenoble Road in Greater Leys.
- A passenger railway station is to be reopened here after a break of some 60 years.
- A new 'HIF1' highway is to be built from the A34 at Milton to Clifton Hampden: it will encourage more traffic to join the ring road at Heyford Hill (or to cut through Littlemore).
- The leisure resources provided by the Ozone Leisure Centre and Kassam stadium site are to be replaced with housing and more research buildings.

We are encouraged to celebrate 'growth' and the investment in our shared future. But sadly, none of the agencies involved has shown me evidence that they are concerned about the negative impact of all this on existing residents, and on our roads and other infrastructure.

If such news is to be reported it has to be chased. I think it's worth reporting: I think that residents deserve to be informed, and I've done my best, but it's getting harder. It would be easier with a few reporters, but some may feel that's beyond the remit of a Parish Council Newsletter. So I think it's time to consider the way forward. If you have views, please share them with the Parish Council.

Avid readers will know about Littlemore Community Partnership, a networking group set up by the City Council and now run by its members (see p 2). It is working towards creating a **welcome pack**, with a **dedicated website similar to 'Leys Engine'** to carry the sort of info that The Directory covers. I don't yet know how this will work, but I will be helping the project to develop: my email address for this work will be directory@btinternet.com. This may leave the future editor of LITTLEMORE LOCAL with more time to focus on the news.

I won't say 'goodbye' because I'm not planning to go anywhere! I plan to keep my eyes and ears open to what's going on, and I hope to do more drawing...



Judith Godsland