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Hands on News

The FREE newspaper for Barton produced by Barton residents and community workers

Barton Neighbourhood Centre Refurbishment

Barton Neighbourhood Centre, first opened in 1992, is functioning fully once again now that its refurbishment is complete - apart from the front doors, but you can't always have everything at once, and they are (definitely) on the way!

The works were speeded up when it was known that Prince Harry had agreed to reopen the Centre during his visit to Oxford in May, as featured in the June issue of Hands On News. Many local people were able to greet him, and inside he met Centre staff, as well as some local residents who were eating lunch provided by Eatwells café.

He chatted to youngsters who've been engaged over the past few years with Thrive Barton, the organisation that works to give children in the community an opportunity to achieve and shine. And he was presented with a decorated rock, especially painted by Claire Waldron of Rock Solid Memories to celebrate the birth of his son, Archie.

The prince finished his visit with the unveiling of a plaque marking the reopening of the Centre, before being driven away. After his departure, the BNC was opened up to the public, who had an opportunity to look around the newly-transformed building and share in the buffet, also laid on by Eatwells.

The council invested £1m into the project. Ian Brooke, Head of Oxford City Council Community Services, said "We were delighted that Prince Harry was able to reopen Barton Neighbourhood Centre. Our aim with the refurbishment was to create a vibrant and welcoming centre that meets the community, health and wellbeing needs of the existing and new residents of Barton".



Barton Community Association has a smart new office on the ground floor, and the GP surgery has grown into a fantastic new facility with extra space for doctors and Health Care Assistants, able to offer more services, and increase its list to include residents of Barton Park (see separate article). It also has more parking spaces. The Centre has a new entrance and foyer area, offering a brighter and more welcoming introduction to the building. Brickwork has been re-plastered and painted, and new windows installed.

Also renovated are the sports hall, whose lighting and heating systems were replaced; the toilets, which have new fixtures and fittings in bright (very bright!) colours; and the lighting throughout, upgraded to be energy-efficient. A brand new facility open to everyone in Barton will be the library, due to be finished by the end of October. The librarian will take up the post from September.

Ian Brooke again. "The new community library will be a great addition to the Neighbourhood Centre. The City and County Council have worked in partnership with the Community Association to enable this new service to be provided".

Barton and Sandhills Councillor Mike Rowley, said "It's great to see all the improvements to the Centre, especially the

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'Sveicināti un laipni gaidīti mūsu latviski runājošie lasītāji'
Hello and welcome to all our Latvian speaking readers!

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GP surgery, new BCA office, and the toilets, which really needed replacing. Thank you to BCA and user groups for being patient through what proved a longer process that we'd have liked. Next up at our Centre, a library for Barton - exciting stuff! Plus I'm glad to say I've secured funding for CCTV to improve security for all users of the Centre."

There are some mixed feelings about the refurb. Barton, Sandhills and Risinghurst County Councillor Glynis Phillips commented "I am really sorry to see the fabulous wood slatted wood ceiling painted white, and am still unsure about the green colour on the walls! However I welcome the changes to the surgery which has provided more rooms and a far better environment for both staff and patients. I am very pleased about the introduction of a new library facility which has been paid for by the developers of Barton Park; and moving Sue, Sharon and Tanya [of the BCA] downstairs is a positive change for all. And there can't be many Neighbourhood Centres who have received royal approval. BNC goes from strength to strength".

Sue Holden, Secretary of the BCA, said: "We are delighted to see the project come



to fruition. There have been times when it's been hard going for everyone, but looking at the finished result, the pain was well worth it. It's a great facility for the community to enjoy".

To access the excellent value classes, trips out and everything else you need join the Association. It's just £1 a year. The BCA looks forward to welcoming old and new residents to the Centre for information, medical services, classes and of course, on 28 September to the Barton Bash! ■

Beckley Church of England Primary School

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Chess Tournament

Beckley School WON the recent chess competition at Windmill Primary, and rather convincingly too! We played two rounds. The score in the first round was an amazing 6 - 2 to us. The second round we lost, but with a score that did not prevent an overall victory of 9.5 - 6.5. Well done, Chess Team!



Swimming Finals

A result of our success at the Wheatley Partnership Swimming Gala earlier this year was that we qualified for the South Oxfordshire Swimming Gala Finals in Henley. The event consisted of multiple individual and relay races. We were well represented by Billy, Luca, Lohan and Ross, who finished in 3rd place. A truly great achievement!



May Dancing

The annual May Dancing proved to be a highly enjoyable afternoon. The Orchestra and Choir contributions complemented the dances well and many books were purchased for the classrooms through The Book House Company, who have kindly donated an additional £100 of books to school.



Science Fair

Thank you to all who came to this magnificent celebration of science. A huge range of the pupils' investigations were on display and children explained the science behind the experiments to parents and younger pupils in school. ■

Keeping Barton, Sandhills & Risinghurst Safe – Community Police Report September 2019

A 51 year old woman from Barton was sentenced to 30 weeks in prison after being found guilty of three assaults, and public order offences.

A 53 year old man from Barton was sentenced to 56 days in prison after being found guilty of shoplifting.

A 31 year old man from Barton was sentenced to one year in prison after being found guilty of sexual assault.

The Barton Team assisted with the arrest of a 38 year old man and a 22 year old woman from Barton who were both wanted for robbery. (It happened to be the man's 38th birthday on the day – not much of a birthday present!).

The Barton Team assisted with the arrest of a 22 year old man from Barton who was wanted by immigration.

The team has actively been doing some crime prevention work regarding burglaries in the Barton, Risinghurst and Sandhills area.

The team has also been involved in Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) reduction work around the community centre involving youths.

The team did some engagement work after we attended JSC Summer holiday camps. ■

Bulldozing Barton's 'market square'

Let's face it, Underhill Circus is our 'market square'. True, we don't have a market, but the Circus is the space at the centre of our community, where we come & go for our groceries, chips, medicines and dosh. As we shop, we meet, chat and hang out. And Oxford City Council want to bulldoze it.

They have a point. Underhill Circus could use some modernising, it needs regeneration to connect with the new parts of Barton, and more accommodation is needed. The "Redevelopment of Underhill Circus is a great opportunity," writes Councillor Mike Rowley "to create a new community space linking the shops, Neighbourhood Centre and GP surgery." So well done, Oxford City Council, for finding the funds to rebuild.

However, flattening a site and rebuilding will not be repeated any time soon – there is just one shot at getting it right. The key is having the shops right by the 'community square'. Even better if other community services are in the same place as well. The presence of these services give people a reason to go there, and the safe space means we can stop and chat.

This principle is shown by the Headington Shops. Why do they fail to work really well as a community square? Answer, the shops front onto busy roads rather than a safe, pedestrian space. In fact, in 2010 the Council went to the trouble of filling in the subway under the London Road to make bigger pavements. These enlarged paved areas in front of the shops, including seating and trees, have helped, but it is not a community square, is it?

The 'initial design ideas' for our new Underhill Circus, which the Council showed us back in January, did not make a great job of surrounding the proposed community square with shops and other services. That should concern us. As Councillor Rowley says, "there's a right way and a wrong way of doing development of this kind: the right way is with the community, listening to local input. The goal is to understand how the design will actually be seen and used by actual people from day to day, and so to design something that will really work as a community space."

We don't know what the Council will be proposing in the next round of consultation, due soon. It is still early stage planning, there will need to be a traffic assessment, and they will be asking us for more comment. It's up to us to engage. Let's help the planners and tell them what we like, and there is lots to like, and what we think is not going to work. ■





What's happening next with Beautiful Barton?

We've made another successful funding application to Oxford City Council's Green Neighbourhood funding stream, so are delighted that we will be producing two signs to help us all identify some of the amazing wildlife that we have on Barton.

These will be beside the path that runs along the Bayswater Brook. We need your help to advise us on what we should put on the signs, flowers, trees, birds, butterflies, bees etc. Come and visit us at the Barton Bash and let us know what your favourites are, and what you would like some help with. We will be working with Oxford artist Merlin Porter to produce the artwork. Thanks to our local councillor Martyn Rush who is supporting the production and installation of the signs. We hope this will make your walks along the Brook more interesting and informative!

You can also get involved by joining our Facebook page 'Beautiful Barton'.

Also at the Bash, we will be giving out our litter picking bags… FREE! So if you want to keep your bit of Barton tidy, come along and sign up.

As you will see from the article by Bruce in this issue, we're still working hard to fight the development of the land adjoining the Brook (called the Land North of Bayswater Brook). Some of the group spoke at the South Oxfordshire District Council meeting and we invited all SODC councillors to come and visit us for a walk and refreshments at the BNC. We were delighted to host 2 councillors. We have a new Facebook page called 'Friends of Bayswater Brook' which includes our friends and neighbours from the local villages, Headington and Marston who would also be affected. We're on Twitter too @bayswaterbrook if you want to follow us!

And finally. After the positive response to the daffodils we planted last autumn, we've decided to have a new project… Barton in Bloom! We're looking for people to get involved… Do you love flowers? Are you a keen gardener? Would you like to develop some gardening skills and knowledge? Would you like to encourage your children to get involved in growing? Would you like to get involved in organising this? If so- we would love to hear from you!



If you would like to get involved in whatever way… let Sue or Sharon know in the BCA office or email/phone them and we will be in touch. Or come to the Beautiful Barton stall at the Bash- we will have activities for children too. ■

Interview with Jason Carbon

Tanya Field of Barton Community Association interviewed Jason Carbon about life and work supporting the young people of Barton.

Q: What's your connection with Barton?
A: I have some very fond childhood memories growing up in Barton. My most memorable being in 1977 for the "Queens Silver Jubilee party" organised by the late Eugenia Stevenson, who ran the Youth Centre (along with other various roles) with many years' service to Barton.

Q: How have you found working out of Barton Neighbourhood Centre this summer?
A: It's been lovely returning to the "Heart of The Community" obviously there are always safeguarding issues, however working in close partnership with BCA, Oxford City Council, TV Police & Barton Youth Partnership it's been a pleasurable experience.

Q: What ages of children have joined in with your summer activities?
A: Our programs are for girls & boys aged 8 - 16

Q: Do you hope to repeat the summer holiday activities next year here at the Neighbourhood Centre?
A: YES... Most definitely! JSC has been so encouraged with the kind reviews from children & parents alike. The way the kitchen, youth club & sports hall flows into one opening up onto the MUGA makes it a very functional space.



Q: Other than summer holiday activities, what else do you plan to do in Barton?
A: I'm currently writing a plan to deliver a Young Leaders Course from the Centre, commencing September 2019. The main aim of the program will be to build the children's Self Esteem, Empathy, Well-being & improve their motivation.

Q: How can people contact you?
A: Email is Best: jsc@jsc4kids.com or Text: 079 3131 5450

Q: What do like best about working in Barton?
A: I don't have a "Best Bit" I have enjoyed it all, the "Bad bits" gave me a chance to learn a lesson & made me stronger & the "Good bits" made me smile & appreciate more!

My company JSC is in its 25th year of trading & I have lived & worked in Barton & completed much voluntary work here within this time.

JSC "Enhancing lives & Promoting Talent of Young People"

Thank you for the opportunity
Jason S. Carbon
JSC Managing Director ■



Barton's newest Officer reporting for duty:



Paul Marlow joined Police at the festival in the park on Saturday the 13th of July, with lots of adults, families and children and adults speaking with them, and one almost getting recruited! ■

Books for Barton!

Do you have any children's books that you no longer need? If you do, we would love to have them for a book project we are going to be doing in Barton. We will be collecting them at the Bash, so when you come along, you can drop of any children's books which you would like to donate.

Thank you! ■



CIVIL ENFORCEMENT TEAM

If you need to report an illegally parked car in your area then please call the Civil Enforcement Officers on 03453371138 who will respond as soon as possible

THAMES VALLEY POLICE
Phone: 101
Email:
OxfordBartonRisinghurstNHPT
@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

CARE HOME OPEN DAY 28th of JUNE at Townsend House

The activities we on the day were amazing and everyone enjoyed the day.

It was a lovely sunny day allowing all to be outside and having a wonderful time taking part in all the events that were taking place.

The children from Little Pioneers Nursery started the day off by coming along and playing games with the residents. The children were also very excited when they heard that the fire engine was coming, (residents on picture 3: Joy, Colin, William). BBQ party in the garden.

Next event was the fire engine arriving. Their show was very interesting and lots of questions were asked. They showed us how to use the equipment and the truck (picture 1).

After lunch Cody (a singer) wooed us with his wonderful voice, (resident on picture 5: Muriel)

Finally, the Creative Mojo closed the day. Emma had a great idea of making butterflies and designing a dress! (Resident on picture 2: Mary).

(Emma Polin Owner - Creative Mojo Chipping Norton & District, picture 4).



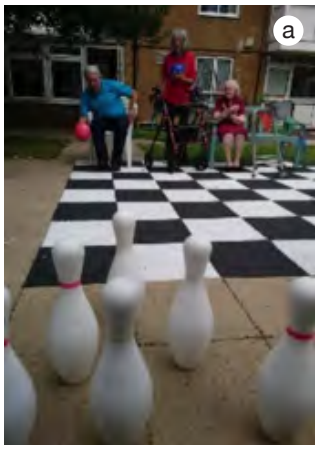








Daily Activities













Our house is very diverse in its events and activities. For example: Playing skittles with Joy, Colin and Hazel (pic a). Kathleen is baking cookies for our coffee morning (pic d). Rod is enjoying board games (pic b). Knitting away at knitting club with Kenneth, Rita and Muriel (pic e). Patrick is enjoying his favourite hobby – gardening (pic f). Hazel has a fantastic voice at karaoke (pic c).

NEW Project with CREATIVE MOJO

GARDENS AROUND THE WORLD for the upcoming NATIONAL DAY OF ARTS IN CARE HOMES 2019.

The National Day of Arts in Care Homes is being celebrated on the 24th September 2019 and Creative Mojo, in association with NAPA, has developed an exciting new project based on Gardens Around the World.

Moroccan Garden, Nong Nooch Thai Botanical Garden, A Dutch Keukenhof Tulip Garden and finally a Dubai Miracle Garden. These projects will then be exhibited in chosen homes and other communal spaces around the UK from the 24th September 2019 onwards.

Townsend House participated in the exhibition too. ■

COFFEE MORNING

Last Friday of every month

Drop in anytime from 11am - 12pm

Townsend House, Bayswater Road, Headington, Oxfordshire, OX3 9NX

Call to find out more: 01865 762232

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Please do come along as our residents would love to meet you and have a chat. There will also be some lovely homemade cakes to try as well.



Mural and questionnaire

WHAT DO YOU WANT IN YOUR COMMUNITY MURAL?

A professional artist will be working with people in Barton to create a new mural on Barton underpass and we need your ideas!

SHOULD THE MURAL INCLUDE...?

Local landmarks? **YES/NO**	If yes, which ones?
Local people/individuals? **YES/NO**	If yes, who?
Any particular groups of people, e.g. older people? **YES/NO**	If yes, which groups?
The natural landscape? **YES/NO**	If yes, what?
How people feel about Barton? **YES/NO**	If yes, what should we show?
Any hobbies or activity groups? **YES/NO**	If yes, which ones?
Any particular styles or designs? E.g. patterns, 3D elements **YES/NO**	If yes, what?

What else should we include?

Using the new Barton Community murals for inspiration, have a go at drawing your own Barton subway mural on the blank wall below!







OBS OXFORDSHIRE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT
Supporting your family from pregnancy to weaning

Oxfordshire Breastfeeding Support

Oxfordshire Breastfeeding Support is coming home to Barton: same support, new name!

OBS team, service users and supporters with local MP Anneliese Dodds at our "Rebirth" party, April 2018. Photo: Oxford Mail

Oxfordshire Breastfeeding Support is a small charity that makes a large difference to local families by providing evidence-based breastfeeding information and support. Our small size belies our big impact. Each week, we see up to 40 families at community drop-in sessions and more than 1,400 women belong to our Facebook virtual support group. We are there for breastfeeding families from pregnancy to weaning from the breast, providing a place to meet other local families alongside offering help for feeding issues, common or complex.

You may remember that our story began in 2006 when a local mum, Julie Osborne, started a Baby Café at The Roundabout Centre on Waynflete Road. It was one of the first in the country.

Fast forward a couple of years, and Barton Baby Café was thriving. I joined the team in 2008 and we eventually expanded to 9 weekly sessions around the county, first on the Baby Café Bus and later in various Children's Centres. We ran our Roundabout Centre sessions for 10 years in total, which allowed us the joy and privilege of meeting and supporting many local mothers as they learned to feed each new baby.

Sadly, in 2016, all our funding was cut and our future looked very bleak. We had to cut our service in half in order to survive.

However, thanks to our amazing service users and volunteers, strenuous fundraising efforts, and donors, we're still here three years on, providing the same warm welcome, skilled feeding support and sense of community.



In April 2018 we were 'reborn' as a new independent charity, Oxfordshire Breastfeeding Support. Our trustees are all local women who have used our service and they are now working on plans for expansion, including new drop-ins and exciting pilot projects.

And in October 2019 we will be coming back to our roots thanks to a new partnership with Barton Neighbourhood Centre. I'll be back from my own maternity leave in the Autumn and will be facilitating these sessions along with our wonderful volunteers. I'm so thrilled to have the opportunity to come back to Barton after three years away.

We'll be in Eatwells Community Café on Tuesdays from 10.30 to 12.30, starting 1st October. If you are pregnant or breastfeeding (or trying to) please do come along for a cuppa and a chat. Partners, grandparents, children and other supporters are very welcome too. We look forward to meeting you and your little ones soon and maybe seeing some familiar faces.

We'll also be at the Barton Bash with a fun activity for little ones, so please come and say hello.

Very warm wishes, Lisa Mansour IBCLC and the OBS Team.

Oxfordshire Breastfeeding Support
team@oxbreastfeedingsupport.org
www.oxbreastfeedingsupport.org
Donations can be made at https://localgiving.org/charity/obs/ ■

Transport to Supermarkets Chosen for Scale-up in Cities-4-People Project

At the Cities-4-People Presentation Day on the 16th August, "Transport to Supermarkets" was selected as the pilot with the most potential for scale-up. Over the coming months, it will be re-designed and improved into a larger and sustainable solution that will also reach nearby neighbourhoods and villages.

Oxfordshire County Council is a partner in Cities-4-People: a 3 year European Union funded research project seeking to increase the role of citizens in urban transport design by testing co-creation methods in 5 cities across Europe. The County Council has been working together with people in Barton to test the Cities-4-People methods in developing transport solutions by and for community members.

Transport to Supermarkets was chosen from 3 pilot transport solutions developed with Barton residents that were tested in Barton last Spring. These pilots also included "Information with the Concessionary Pass" and "Face to Face App Training." The "Transport to Supermarkets" intervention was designed to provide affordable and convenient access to affordable supermarkets from Barton. During last April a total of 9 shuttle services went from Barton to affordable supermarkets including Aldi, Asda, Lidl, Tesco, and Sainsbury's. The service was popular with users, who on average saved between 32% and 39% compared to supermarkets accessible by the number 8 bus.



At the Presentation Day, participants found out about the pilot solutions and their impact based on monitoring carried out by University College London, a partner in the Cities-4-People Project. Following this, participants took part in co-creation activities that were used to decide which of the pilots had the most potential and where it should be scaled up into in addition to Barton.

Cities-4-People will now be focusing on improving and re-designing the Transport to Supermarkets intervention together with people from Barton and nearby neighbourhoods and villages, transport providers, local authorities, and innovation experts. The goal is to create a larger and sustainable transport solution that helps solve transport problems faced by people in Barton and Oxford. Several possibilities will be developed at a Hackday on the 18th September from 2-5pm at the Makerspace in Oxfordshire County Library. All are welcome at this event. Following the Hackday, one of the possibilities will be chosen through a public vote. You can take part by coming to the Cities-4-People stand at the Barton Bash or keep you eye on the BCA Facebook page for a link to the online vote.

If you would like to find out more about the Cities-4-People project, email: cities4people@oxfordshire.gov.uk. Results from the C4P pilots in Barton can be found at: cities4people.eu/2019/08/14/pilot-analysis/ ■

Barton's Busy Bee's

Barton Busy Bee's stay and play is a friendly baby and toddler group that runs every Tuesday during term time from 9.30am to 11am. We meet in the hall next to Eatwells in the Barton Neighbourhood centre. The group is free to attend and is run by local parents and carers. A free hot drink is available for the adults and a tasty snack and drink for the children.

Every week there is a 'focus' activity for children to enjoy with their carer. The activity is different each week and we plan our activities from parents' suggestions. Some of the things we did last term include planting sunflower seeds, making pasta necklaces, building towers with blocks and shaving foam, play dough, painting, and making smoothie yoghurt cones. We were also very excited to have a visit from the police and fire brigade. The children loved trying on the hats and helmets, looking in the vehicles and having a go at using the fire hose.



Of course, as well as the planned activities, there is lots of time for free play too, and children are under no pressure to join in with the planned activities. Children enjoy playing on the ride-ons, engaging in role play, playing with the train set, cars, or chilling out with a book.

During the sessions, we also have a singing activity, which includes an appearance from our cheeky donkey mascots and a time when the children can help to blow and pop 'Tiny Tim's' bubbles at the end.

We start meeting again from the 10th September. Please see our facebook page for more information: Barton Busy Bees Stay & Play ■

Barton Surgery

Great changes have been afoot at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre with the major refurbishment that's taken place. Not least of all has been the major expansion of the doctors' surgery, enabling it to welcome its clients into a bright, high-tech looking reception. The NHS surgery, which is run by Hedena Health, has also been able to expand its services to support people in the community with more than just a strictly medical focus. These changes have been taken place with help from the Barton Healthy New Town Project, in conjunction with the original Barton Park developers, Grosvenor Estates, the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Council.

Laura Shaylor, the Operations Manager at the surgery, explained how the expansion has meant moving on from the old-fashioned consulting rooms. She pointed out how much more space there is for doctors and healthcare assistants, and how much better the waiting room is. There's even new air conditioning so that patients can feel more comfortable.

The surgery has virtually tripled in size, and is well placed to welcome new residents from Barton Park, as well as maintain its current base. Sarah Flexem sits at the reception desk in the surgery, from where she facilitates many of the activities associated with its services. "We've been able to increase the number of GPs here, we have more equipment for patients, and we've also been able to network with charitable organisations to provide more services for our patients. What we now provide is a lovely environment so that they want to come and be part of it," she told Hands On News.

Part of the project funding has been used to enable "social prescribing", piloted by Barton surgery a few years ago. Social prescribing is the provision of things other than chemical medicines to those in need of help with their health. Working in partnership with the community and the voluntary sector has brought organisations such as the mental health charity Mind into the surgery.

Networking with the wider community services means that the medical staff at the surgery can support vulnerable and needy patients, for instance those who might be isolated at home or have family problems.

The Children's Centre, other mental health services, even swimming pools are all part of the mix. Exercise, which can contribute to the well-being of both mind and body, can be prescribed by the GPs. Direct referrals are made to sports facilities, sometimes at reduced cost or no cost at all. It doesn't stop there. Hedena Health has worked with an organisation called Fluid Motion, referring people with physical and mobility issues to specialist osteopaths and chiropractors at £3 a session. Improving the quality of life for people makes for positive results.

There are now rooms at the surgery available to lots of other support networks as well, providing the community with services and appointments which they might have had to travel to before. These include ultrasound and AAA (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening), and other services are now asking to operate from the centre, such as Bowel & Bladder screening.

To have to get to the city centre or even out of town is not always practical, or even affordable, for some. Any increase in the services available in Barton means that the people here, some of whom are on limited incomes, don't have to pay to travel to appointments, or risk missing them if a bus doesn't arrive on time. Also, people from other parts of Oxford can now come to Barton instead of having to travel to places such as Witney or health centres in other towns.

Sarah thinks that having such a modern, efficient and wide-ranging service right at the heart of Barton will also help with the integration of Barton Park into the community, something she believes is very important. People are already starting to filter through now, she told HON, and they're just as diverse as the people who've been here a long time. Laura added that she feels the practice is well-equipped to deal with every different kind of people because of the combined experience of the other centres that are part of the Hedena group, such as Bury Knowle and Marston.



Left to right Sarah Flexem, Laura Shaylor and Cihan Redknapp

Barton surgery is open from Monday to Friday, 8 o'clock to 6 o'clock. Bury Knowle sometimes opens earlier, and has a nurse-led session on Saturday mornings which is great for nursing appointments. If you are registered with Barton, you can use all the other sites and their facilities.

What's important to the staff at Barton surgery is to feel that despite the expansion, the community spirit is being maintained. They see people in the community supporting each other, for instance picking them up to take them to appointments or to bring them to classes at the Centre. This means that people who might have been isolated at home are able to meet others at classes such as Zumba, Body Toning, dance, and even Bone & Balance classes. Laura particularly mentioned the Dementia Choir, which she finds very moving.

If you haven't got a doctor, signing on is easy. Just take yourself to the Barton Neighbourhood Centre and get yourself registered now. ■

It's not worth the risk

Do you know that 95% of collisions are due to human error? Distraction, speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and driving under the influence of drink or drugs are the big fatal four on our county's roads.

Could you?

- put your phone in your glove compartment or set your phone to do not disturb before you start your journey
- adjust your speed and make sure you have time to react to the unexpected
- make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelt before you set off
- get a taxi, the bus or be the designated driver on a night out
- make sure you're safe to drive the morning after, you could still be over the drink drive limit, even if you feel fine

Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service have put together top tips to help you avoid the fatal four, and have created an handy **'don't get caught out the morning after'** guide 365alive.co.uk/fatalfour. ■

Meet the BCA staff



Sharon Keene

Sharon is BCA's longest serving member of staff, and she's at the heart of the engine that keeps everything ticking over smoothly.

Ask Sharon a question about Barton and she's sure to know the answer



Tanya Field

Although Tanya says she is a BCA administrator the title really doesn't do her justice.

Tanya fights tirelessly for equality for everyone in our community, and has recently enabled several residents to enjoy days out using our minibus



Mandy Parsons

Mandy is the mastermind behind all the lovely meals we enjoy through Eatwells Café, and makes sure there is a varied menu on offer every day to suit everyone's taste.

She also welcomes work experience students to join her in the café helping them to develop skills, both in the workplace and through improving social skills



Emma Jacob

Emma works alongside Mandy in the café as well as carrying out caretaking and cleaning duties within the Centre. Emma also manages our weekly Arts and Crafts Club and regularly waves her magic wand by encouraging all the children to produce some fantastic work. Congratulations to Emma and her new husband Matty on their recent wedding in Cyprus!



Claire Waldron

Claire is our newest member of staff, and has made a great impression amongst all the users of the Centre.

Claire also weaves miracles with her rocks art work, recently acknowledged by no less than HRH Prince Harry when he visited the Centre in May



Sue Holden

Sue is known through her work for BCA, but also in her former life as the local corner shop newsagent and running Arkwrights mini supermarket.

She makes sure that the BCA mission statement "to improve the quality of life for everyone living in Barton" is achieved wherever and whenever possible

Barton updates

A NEW HEAD FOR BAYARDS

We are pleased to welcome Gareth Griffiths to Barton when he takes up his new post as Head Teacher at Bayards Hill School. Gareth will, no doubt, want to put his mark on the day to day running of the school, and make improvements wherever possible. We look forward to working in partnership with Gareth and all the staff at the school to create direct benefits for all its students as well as our community.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES FOR ONE AND ALL

Here is a list of what we have planned so far for the October half term:

Monday 28th October	Bingo and Quiz for 8 – 12 year olds 10.00am – 12 noon followed by free lunch
Tuesday 29th October	Arts and Crafts for 6 – 12 year olds 10.00am – 12 noon followed by free lunch
Wednesday 30th Oct	Day trip to Blackpool
Thursday 31st October	Bingo and Quiz for 8 – 12 year olds 10.00am – 12 noon followed by free lunch
Bingo for Adults	1.00pm – 3.00pm – free vouchers for either Eatwells or Saturday/Tuesday Bingo for all attendees
Friday 1st November	Oi! Games and Arts and Crafts for 6 – 12 year olds 10.00am – 12 noon followed by free lunch

And don't forget FREE breakfast will be available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.00am – 10.00am for all children aged 16 and under.

For a registration form please pop into the BCA office (opposite Doctors surgery) between 9.30am-2.30pm Mondays to Fridays and speak to either Sharon, Tanya or Sue. All children will need to be registered before 28th October so that we can correctly cater for expected numbers.

For further information please call Sue on 07866460446 or email sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com

T.V LICENCES NO LONGER FREE FOR OVER 75'S FROM 2020

We are ever hopeful that someone with a bit of common sense will see the value in many over 75's being able to watch T.V at will, and not have to worry about finding the money to pay for a licence.

However, if the BBC does pursue this and free licences are abolished one of the ways in which to avoid this cost is being in receipt of pension credits, one of the most under claimed benefits available. Make sure if you are entitled to pension credits you claim your benefit, which, in turn, will mean you continue to receive a free T.V licence.

Oxfordshire age UK

FILM CLUB

Come join us for a cosy, relaxing afternoon.



Chocolat
Thursday 5th September

Barton Neighbourhood centre
Underhill Circus, Headington, Oxford OX3 9LS

Film starts at 2pm arrival from 1.45pm for tea/coffee, biscuits.
£1 Donation suggested.
Every 1st Thursday of every month

No need to book

For information on the film showing, please contact David on 07827 235432

Registered Charity Number: 1091529

Oxfordshire age UK

Coffee Club and Gadget Drop In

at Barton neighbourhood centre

Underhill Circus, Headington, Oxford OX3 9LS

Join us the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 1.30 to 2.30 pm

A great opportunity to socialise with coffee, tea and cake and, if you need it, get help with your phone, tablet or laptop.

Starting date
11th September 2019

No fee. Small donations requested.

Contact David for further details.

David Garces
Mobile: 07827 235 432
E: davidgarces@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk

Registered Charity Number: 1091529

BARTON COMMUNITY UPDATES

YOGA CLASSES



Our new yoga classes started during August and we would like to invite anyone to come along on a Tuesday evening between 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the Red Room for a peaceful and relaxing experience. The cost is the same as all our other classes i.e. £5 for five sessions (cheapest in Oxford – we've checked!) and you don't pay for any sessions you are unable to attend once you are registered, they are simply carried forward. All attendees will need to be members of BCA, and this costs just £1 per year. If you are already a member of BCA then you don't need to pay again. Please come along on a Tuesday evening and give it a try

ZUMBA CLASSES



George will once again be strutting his stuff on a Thursday evening between 6.30pm – 7.30pm and the classes resume on Thursday 12th September after the summer recess. We are keeping the cost the same – just £5 for 5 sessions, what's not to like??

BODY TONING



Wendy will return to her classes on Saturday 14th September between 9.30am – 10.30am in the Blue Room. Once again, we've resisted increasing the cost so remains at £5 for 5 sessions, best value in town. Great way to get fit and stay fit!

ART CLUB FOR 6 – 12 YEAR OLDS

Emma will be restarting the Arts and Crafts Club on Friday 13th September at the Neighbourhood Centre between 3.30pm – 5.00pm. All children aged between 6 – 12 years old are welcome to attend these FREE sessions where FREE refreshments are provided each week. A lovely, safe environment for your children to spend time exploring their arty crafty skills

BARTON BUSY BEES STAY AND PLAY

Stay and Play takes place in the Blue Room every Tuesday between 9.30am – 11.00am. These sessions are free to attend and refreshments for both children and adults ae available throughout. Lots of seasonal activities to get involved in, and a great chance to meet other like-minded parents/carers in your community. Great opportunity to develop your child's social skills as well as watching them interact with others around them. Come along and give it a go – the sessions resume on Tuesday 10th September - there's nothing to lose, but a great deal to be gained (see separate article)

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

We are very excited to announce our brand-new Breastfeeding Support Group that will operate at the Centre to coincide with our Stay and Play sessions on Tuesdays. Some of you may remember the Baby Café that ran from the Roundabout Centre some time ago. There will be lots of advice and signposting on hand during these sessions, and if you just want to share your experiences with others then this is the place to be (see separate article)

TWO NEW LIBRARIES COMING TO BARTON



Hopefully, by the time Autumn arrives and the nights start drawing in you will be able to pop into our brand-new Adult library that will be situated in the foyer at the Neighbourhood Centre. There will be a great selection of books to choose from, and if you feel passionate about the written word then there will be some great opportunities to volunteer to help run the library on behalf of your community.

Our dedicated Children's Library will be placed in the café space and will be a great resource not just for our community at large, but for the Stay and Play and Breastfeeding sessions. Again, anyone wishing to volunteer will be very welcome.

READING CLUB

Following on from the news of our new libraries we are planning on running fun Reading sessions at the Centre specifically, but not exclusively for primary school children. We are hoping that this will start sometime in October so if you would like your child to be included in this new activity please do get in touch and register an interest

NEW FRONT DOORS

We are looking forward to the installation of our brand-new front doors that should be well and truly installed this side of Christmas. This, alongside the installation of the libraries, will see the completion of the refurbishment at the Centre. During this process there will be some disruption regarding access to the building, but everyone will be kept fully informed and updated. We think the community of Barton is worthy of this investment by Oxford City Council, and is there for the benefit of all our users, visitors and staff alike

FUN TO LEARN HOMEWORK CLUB

Our homework club will restart again in the Autumn and will be run by staff members from Bayards Hill School, although the project will no longer be run in partnership with Bayards. Our focus will continue to be on Year 5 and 6 students to help and support them towards their transition to secondary school. Emphasis will be on improvement of key skills needed at this time in their educational journey, but will always be delivered in a fun way and within a safe and friendly environment. Attendance is free as well as the refreshments available throughout the sessions.

We are now inviting students from Sandhills Primary School as well as Bayards to attend the weekly club so please do get in touch, regardless of which school your child attends, if you would like them to be included in classes starting in the new academic year. Although we want to contribute towards improved SATS results we also want to give each individual child the opportunity to work in very small groups (maximum 10 children per session with 2 staff) and to develop social skills alongside their curriculum subjects.

BUDDYING UP WITH AGE UK

We are embarking on a series of activities being delivered by Age UK. You will see the return of the popular Gadget Drop In sessions twice monthly as well as a monthly film show at the Centre, refreshments included. This is a great opportunity to get out and socialize with others, meet friends old and new, find out which buttons to press on all your gadgets and get involved in social media! (see separate flyer with all the details)

BARTON JOB CLUB

Rod, who manages the Job Club on behalf of BCA, is on hand each Wednesday morning to offer support and advice to anyone who is actively looking for work, who needs help with job applications or simply searching the market for suitable job availability (see separate article for more information)

SAGALOUTS ARE COMING BACK TO BARTON

After three fantastic visits to Barton throughout 2018 the Sagalouts are returning on Saturday 9th November. For all of you who attended the last gig in December2018 you will remember what a great night we all had with fabulous music throughout the evening. Tickets will be on sale from mid- September and will be the same price as last year - £3 including free refreshments. Tickets are limited so don't leave it too late! Travel back in time to the best music era ever – 50's and 60's – bring it on!!!!

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



Although the new academic year has only just started we are looking ahead to providing some activities for children and young people throughout the half term period.

Monday 28th October, Tuesday 29th October and Friday 1st November we will be running activities for 8 – 12 year old's between 10.00am – 12 noon after which everyone attending will be offered a free lunch. Free breakfast will be available between 9.00am – 10am throughout the week.

All activities will have an educational theme attached, but in a very fun way! So, bingo will help with maths, quizzes will improve general knowledge and Oi games will help with general co-ordination skills. Cooking healthy, affordable meals will also contribute to all round improvement in diet and healthy lifestyle choices. Arts and crafts activities will allow everyone to explore their "inner Picasso".

You will need to fill in registration forms if you would like your child (ren) to attend on any/all of the days, and the best bit of all is that everything will be FREE!!

TWO COURSES FOR TWO POUNDS



We are still able to offer a two-course hot meal on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for just £2 in Eatwells Café, thanks to the generosity of our local county councillor, Glynis Phillips. The menu changes regularly, and the dishes produced by Mandy and Emma are both nutritious and mouthwatering. Eating in the café is a great way to socialise with others and spend less time shopping and in your kitchen at home preparing, cooking, eating and clearing up! And we haven't even mentioned the great value for money offered by Eatwells.

WEEKLY FOOD BANK



We receive deliveries from Food Bank on Mondays and Tuesdays, and is available to collect from the café staff between 12.30pm – 1.00pm on each of these days. We would suggest that you arrive at the Centre between 12.30pm – 12.45pm. All recipients are asked to sign in on each visit and become members of BCA. All beneficiaries of the food bank are treated equally, depending on their needs, and all food received from the suppliers is put to good use either through the café or directly to members of our community. Please feel free to pop in on Mondays and Tuesdays to receive your share of grocery items.

COACH TRIPS



Now that all our summer coach trips have taken place we can now look forward to our Autumn/Winter trips that have been arranged through feedback from the community. The big one for us this year is our day trip to Blackpool, yes your heard right – day trip to Blackpool, a long day but oh so worth it. We are going on Wednesday 30th October during the half term holiday week leaving Barton at 6.30am in the morning and returning by 11.00pm at night. The cost per person is £16 which, again, is superb value for money. Please don't leave it until the last minute to book this trip and end up disappointed. You can take advantage of our Coach trip savings club which means you can pay for it over a period of weeks rather than all in one go. Remember to book a day off work on 31st October so no need to get up early the following day!

We are also going to Birmingham Christmas Market on Saturday 30th November and Wellesbourne Market on Saturday 7th December. The cost of seats for these trips is £10 per person. We currently have seats left for Birmingham and a few left for Wellesbourne so make sure you book yours sooner rather than later. Please call in the BCA office for further details

BREAKFAST CLUB – SORRY THAT SHOULD READ FREE BREAKFAST CLUB



We continue to offer a free Breakfast Club to all pre school and school aged children Mondays – Fridays between 8.00am – 8.45am. There is always a variety of options on offer at the café, and if you want to avoid that problem each morning of sorting out breakfast before the school run then just pop along to Eatwells and let us take the stress out of the start of your day.

CCTV AT THE CENTRE

We are hopeful that by the time you are reading your copy of Hands on News the CCTV system will be fully installed in the foyer at the Centre. This has been done partly to offer everyone who uses the Centre an added sense of security, but also to act as a deterrent to those in the minority who feel its ok to carry out acts

of anti-social behavior within a community building. We take our responsibilities towards members of the public very seriously, and will use the system to ensure that the Centre is a welcoming place to be.

BINGO, BINGO AND EVEN MORE BINGO



Just a quick reminder that Tuesday night is Bingo Night at the Centre with doors open at 6.30pm and first game starting at 7.30pm, everyone welcome

The occasional Saturday night bingo is decided on a whim, and for all future dates please take a look at our facebook page. We are planning on running a bingo session on Saturday 14th December as well as one sometime during November.

As we have done over the past few years we will be running a bingo session at this year's Barton Bash on Saturday 28th September starting at 2.00pm with lots of lovely prizes to be won.

BARTON BASH

As mentioned above this year's Bash will take place on Saturday 28th September starting at 12 noon and running through til 4.30pm. Once again our local MP, Anneliese Dodds has agreed to do the honours of officially opening the Bash round about 12.15pm. (see separate article for more details of what is included in this year's Bash)

BARTON BROWNIES

The local Brownies group meet each Wednesday in the Green Room between 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Please contact the office for more information

MARTIAL ARTS AND YOUTH SESSIONS AT BARTON

Each week we host Kung Fu classes (Mondays) Karate (Wednesdays and Saturdays) and youth sessions (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays). Please call the office if you would like to know more

VETERANS SUPPORT GROUP



Each month we play host to the Veterans and their specialist support team who offer help, advice and signposting on a variety of issues. Future dates are available from Sharon

GENTLE EXERCISE AND DANCE CLASSES + BARTON SINGERS

These classes take place each week on Mondays – exercise in the morning and dance in the afternoon. The classes are aimed at the older age group, but everyone is made welcome, regardless of age.

FREE TRANSPORT FOR BREASTSCREENING APPOINTMENTS



Please feel free to give us a call if you have an appointment at the Churchill Breast Screening Clinic and need transport. In almost all cases we will be able to help you with free transport, or if not we can arrange for the Pick Me Up bus to take you there and back.

HOW ABOUT A VISIT TO THE NORTHERN LIGHTS FOR JUST £16 PER PERSON? (AKA BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS)

Tickets are now available for our first ever day trip to Blackpool on Wednesday 30th October leaving Barton Neighbourhood Centre before the crack of dawn – 6.30am – and returning before the clock strikes midnight – 11.00pm.

A great day out with plenty to do, whether you ascend the Tower and look down to the streets below through the glass floor, visit the famous Tower Ballroom and Madame Tussauds, take a ride on the famous trams right the way through to Fleetwood, spend time in the Pleasure Beach and enjoy all the white knuckle rides, visit all three of the piers and enjoy what they have to offer (might even find somewhere for a game of bingo!) donkey rides on the beach (weather permitting) or just walking along the prom taking in the atmosphere and enjoying fish and chips and candy floss, and don't forget to bring home a stick of Blackpool Rock.

At the end of the day just before we leave you will be able to see first hand the famous Blackpool illuminations.

You can book your tickets at the BCA office on the ground floor at the Neighbourhood Centre. It will be a long, fun day with time to sleep on the way home after an exhilarating time enjoying the Northern Lights

CHILDREN'S BOOK AND READING ACTIVITY

We have some exciting plans for a new activity for all children in Barton, but to make this happen we need a supply of children's reading books suitable for all children up to 12 years of age.

If you have any books that are in good condition that you no longer have a use for then please bring them along to the Barton Bash on Saturday 28th September to our Book Deposit Station any time between 12 noon – 4.30pm.
All will be revealed soon

EVERGREENS CLUB

We are very keen to revive the Evergreens Club at the Neighbourhood Centre which traditionally took place each Thursday afternoon between 2.00pm – 4.00pm. The sessions involved a quick game of bingo, raffle, puzzle books, jigsaws, board games and just generally socializing with other like-minded people. We will make sure there are endless cups of tea and coffee available to all attendees! We would also like to include some trips using the minibus to local garden centres or maybe a trip to the cinema – open to suggestions on this one, it could even be a mystery tour!

There will be a small charge to everyone attending of £1 per week and this will be used to cover the overheads of providing everything needed for the sessions. We would also ask that everyone is a member of Barton Community Association.

It doesn't need to be a Thursday afternoon, it doesn't need to be 2.00 – 4.00. What we do need to make it happen is a couple of committed volunteers to take a lead on this, and with the support of BCA staff, this could be set up very quickly. Please do get in touch if this is something you would like to get involved in and let's make it happen. Please contact Sue on 07866460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com or alternatively tanya@bartoncommunityassociation.com

ROOM FOR HIRE

We currently have a room available for hire, and after some minimal upgrade work is carried out, we are looking to commission an assortment of various therapists, beauticians and/or counsellors to use the space as a treatment room.

This can be hired on a daily/weekly basis at very reasonable rates on the understanding that charges implemented to clients are kept affordable. The room will be available seven days per week and in most instances can be accessed from 8.00am – 8.00pm (weekends 9.30am – 5.00pm)

If you would like further information then please contact Sue on 07866460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com This would be an ideal venue to use if you are starting up your own business or if you are established but don't want to be paying huge rents which then has to be passed on to clients. There is ample free parking in and around the Neighbourhood Centre, and we benefit from a brilliant public transport system. ■

And, please remember, the next time someone says to you "Nothing ever happens at the Centre" please show them this article

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO REPORT A CRIME?

Obviously if you need an emergency response for example a crime is in progress or someone's life is at risk then call 999, otherwise you need to call 101.

101 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You should call 101 if you want to talk to your local police officer, get crime prevention advice, or report a crime that does not need an emergency response, for example: if your car has been stolen. if your property has been damaged.

Calls to 101 (from both landlines and mobile networks) cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call, or how long you are on the phone. The 15p cost of the call goes to the telephony providers to cover the cost of carrying the calls. The police and government receive no money from calls to 101.

Getting Heard

At the end of September 2019, Getting Heard will close.

Getting Heard was a major partner in the Appointment Buddies project which has already closed. seAp who worked in partnership with Getting Heard will no longer operate in the area and all statutory advocacy under the Care Act 2014 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005 will transfer to POhWER, a national advocacy organisation.

POhWER can be contacted on 0300 456 2370 or by email pohwer@pohwer.net ■

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QUOTES FOR TODAY

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To the world you may be just one person,
But to one person you may be the world

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Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.
It's about learning how to dance in the rain.

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Shoot for the moon, even if you miss
You'll land among the stars

Barton Fields Allotment Association

We are well into harvesting all the fruits of our labours in what has been, at the time of writing, another dry summer (always a chance for it to change!). Dry summers are also hard for the wildlife. We can help birds in our gardens, for example, by putting out water for them to drink and bathe in.

We also need to think, through our planting, what will attract certain wildlife, particularly endangered species such as hedgehogs, bees and butterflies, all no longer nearly as common as they were even ten years ago. Hedgehogs are friends to gardeners, tucking into snails, slugs and insects. To help them, leave an area of 'wilderness' in your garden where they can get insects. Create a 'hedgehog home' by putting a board against a wall. Give them water, never milk (gives them diarrhea!). Butterflies feed on nectar in flowers. They love phlox, marigolds, buddleia, candytuft, aubretia and Michaelmas daisies for example. They are all harmless to your plants apart from cabbage white butterflies which will enjoy your brassicas. Plants that bees like include mint, lavender, snapdragons, asters, sage and zinnias.

Many of our allotment Members are now creating areas for wildlife including insect hotels which encourage the solitary bee and give bugs somewhere to over winter safely. Did you know the ladybird larvae are ferocious eaters of aphids and greenfly? A welcome addition to any growing area.

Many of you will be growing tomatoes which will be ripening in the next few weeks. They are easy plants to grow and do well in greenhouses or in the open ground. They are excellent not only to eat ready picked but for making into sauces and soups for the freezer to be eaten in the depths of winter – a reminder of the summer.



Here at Barton Fields Allotments we have various size plots available and the autumn is a good time to start. If you are interested, come and talk to us at Barton Bash in September or ring Janette on 07795263383 or contact us through our website www.bartonfieldsallotment.co.uk ■

Theatre News

Young actors from Oxford are waiting to hear if they will be awarded last-minute funding to allow them to perform a new play in twin city Grenoble, France in July.

'Lucifer and Miss Primrose' was performed open-air in both Florence Park and Gloucester Green in front of huge audiences. Devised, written and directed by Yasmin Sidhwa, the play is a joint production between Mandala Young Company, Histoires 100 Fins and Crearc from Grenoble. The French company using fire and pyrotechnics to create exciting theatre.

Now the Anglo-French troupe has an agonising wait to see if there is enough funding to take the show to the Rencontre, an international young people's theatre festival in Grenoble this summer run by Crearc (Centre for Creation, Research and Culture), a French organisation dedicated to promoting exchanges between young actors across Europe.

"We need around £4,000 to pay the young actors travel, accommodation and living costs if they are going to be able to go to the Crearc Festival and perform together again", commented Sidhwa. "Longer term Mandala Young Company needs to find partners and support to continue its work providing access to performing to young people from diverse backgrounds from all over Oxford."

Time is running out fast to find the funds as Mandala's actors are due to leave for France in just six weeks time and perform in the Festival on 2nd July in front of an international audience.

"Mandala wants to hear from Oxford businesses and people interested in the development of young people in our city, so we can continue to provide life-changing opportunities to perform theatre in the future", added Sidhwa.

The company can be contacted via its website www.mandalatheatre or email info@mandalatheatre.co.uk

USEFUL INFO

Health

Barton Surgery 01865 227788
Bury Knowle Health Centre 01865 227788
Manor Surgery 01865 762535
Churchill Hospital 01865 741841
John Radcliffe Hospital 0300 304 7777
Nuffield Hospital 01865 741155
NHS Direct 111

Local Dental Practices

310 Dental Care
310 London Road, Headington 01865 766975
Bury Knowle Dental Practice
207 London Road, Headington 01865 308400
Euro Dental Practice
61 London Road, Headington 01865 308865
John Miller Dental Practice
6A The Parade, Windmill Road, Headington, 01865 308050
Kennett Road Dental Practice
3 Kennett Road, Headington 01865 761965
Manor Dental Practice
7 Osler Road, Headington 01865 750056
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Oxford Brookes University, Colonnade Building, 3rd Floor, Gypsy Lane, Headington, 01865 689997

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Barton Pharmacy
6 Underhill Circus, Headington 01865 763106
Boots Pharmacy
96 London Road, Headington 01865 762518
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Bury Knowle, Headington 01865 765559
Roundway Pharmacy
3 Roundway, Headington 01865 766994

Schools

Bayards Hill Primary School 01865 761656
Cheney Secondary School 01865 765726
Sandhills Primary School 01865 433000
Wheatley Park Secondary School 01865 872441

Local Shops

Chippy 01865 761712
Spar 01865 763606

Other Useful Numbers

Age Uk 01235 849400
Childline 0800 1111
Gas Emergencies 0800 111999

Other Useful Numbers (contd.)

Thames Valley Police Non Emergency 101
Oxfordshire County Council 01865 792422
Oxford City Council 01865 249811
Oxford City Council
Out Of Hours 01865 252900
Samaritans 08457 909090
City Council Tax Team 01865 249811
Free collection of up to 3 bulky items
0800 227 676
Furniture Recycling 01865 763698
Social Services 08450 507 666
Social Care Safeguarding Team
To report a concern about a child/vulnerable adult call 01865 323048 (out of hours number is 0800 833408)
Residents Parking Permits 08456 344 466
Planning Application Updates
For live updates to plans in the local area go to http://ox.planningtracker.co.uk

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(Free service) 0800 3280006
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Barton Pavilion 01865 452616
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Oxford Mail 01865 425262
First Homecare 01865 744174
Barton Advice Centre 01865 744152
Getting Heard
(Oxfordshire Advocacy) 0300 3435718
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01865 764952
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