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Congratulations to April & Brandon!

Barton Community Association are delighted to congratulate April and Brandon Chesterman on their marriage on Tuesday 25th February. Brandon even managed to make it down to the larder which allowed the larder to give them a heart shaped potato! We wish you all the best for the future!

Barton Community Larder Scores Top Marks with 5/5 in Environmental Health Inspection



From left to right, Susan who is a larder member, Sujon who is a larder volunteer, Tanya who is a member of BCA staff, and Phoenix and Cayla, who are both Duke of Edinburgh participants who help in the Larder

Congratulations to everybody involved in running Barton Community Larder who in January were awarded a five in their Environmental Health inspection.

If you would like to join the larder, here's the link – https://www.sofea.uk.com/community-larder/barton-community-larder/ or if you would like to volunteer in one of the many varied and flexible roles, please either call Tanya on 07929 868284 or email tanya@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

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Volunteer Focus

Mae

Volunteer



Hello, I am Mae Purcell. I have lived in this part of Oxford for 9 years. I came here to assist my daughter who has two children with Autism and ADHD.

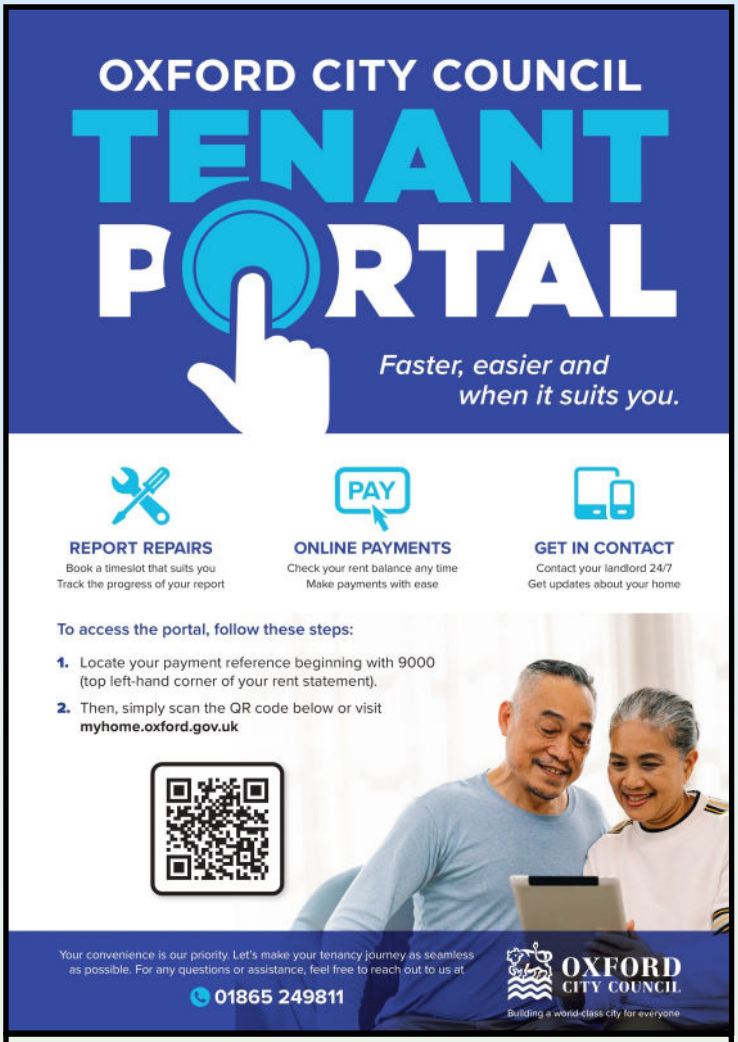
I joined Barton Community Church at that time and the Minister Paul Clark started a food bank. I and my good friend Joan began volunteering at food bank we both loved it, and it was in the very early days of food banks here in Barton we were wondering if enough people would donate food and somehow we always had enough for the people who needed it. We both had to stop during Covid 19 during March 2020 when lock down began I was asked to shield by the Government. It was a terrible time every day the Government would come on TV to tell us how many hundreds died each day . I stood on the doorstep every Thursday night at 7pm to cheer and clap for NHS but I also want to mention the unsung heroes in Barton. The people from Barton Community Centre and the food bank at Barton Community Church. Every week I received a box of food delivered by the staff and volunteers at the Community Centre, I WILL NEVER EVER forget those people and also the people in my church BCC who were able bodied enough to keep FOOD BANK GOING, thank you so so much.

Since then I returned to volunteer at food bank and I'm still there. Joan had to step down to nurse her husband. I have seen many people at foodbank we were able to help people from Ukraine who fled to UK because of the invasion by Russia in Feb 2022. I shed a lot of tears about the things those people seen and managed to tell us in broken English. It is an honour and a privilege to have served so many people. I am also a user of the Larder organised by Barton Community Association. I still think we receive value for money working out at about £3.50 a week. I often leave with two bags of food and veg, were else would we get that not to mention the items for sale SOME GREAT ITEMS ALL DONATED and the Cafe where I meet the other oldies and enjoy a time of putting the world to right (but if you interrupted us nobody can remember where we left off). See all you lovely people who contribute to my life have improved the quality of my life so much thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Mae xxx

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Oxford City Council Tenant Portal

Please see flyer above for more information.

Yoghurt bread or rolls

To make yoghurt bread or rolls, you only need two ingredients!

Ingredients

Yoghurt
Self-raising flour

Use the same amount of both ingredients, so take a one pot of yoghurt and then measure the same amount of flour and then mix in a bowl with a spatula or by hand. You can tip the whole thing into a tin and even up and bake 180degrees /30-45 mins for bread or you can form small balls and bake 180degrees 20/30 minutes for bread rolls.



Townsend House Coffee Morning

Please see flyer above for more information.

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Townsend House Dementia Focus Evening

Join us for an insightful evening on Tuesday, 4th March, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, led by our Admiral Nurse Team. Learn about the critical role of Admiral Nurses, how they support families affected by dementia, and how to recognize the signs and symptoms.

There will also be a Q&A session, so bring your questions!

Refreshments will be served, and Dementia UK literature will be available. We hope to see you there!



Townsend House Easter Fete & Egg Hunt

Please see flyer above for more information.

Food Allergy Training

Are you interested in doing free online food allergy training? This training is open to all and takes around 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes to complete - https://allergytraining.food.gov.uk/

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Community Dental Services at Barton Library - March 18th!

Join us at Barton Library on Tuesday, March 18th, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm for a free drop-in session with Community Dental Services. Our expert team will be on hand to share valuable advice and tips on all things oral health, from tooth brushing techniques to healthy eating habits and dental appointments.

Whether you're an adult or have young children, we've got you covered! Don't miss the chance to chat with us, ask questions, and get the support you need to maintain a healthy smile.

Oral health is a crucial part of overall well-being, and with CDS's expert tips, you'll be equipped to keep your teeth healthy and prevent pain or discomfort.

Be sure to stop by and say hello!



Cook & Eat

Please see flyer above for more information. To book, please click the following link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cook-and-eat-tickets-1257658613769?aff=oddtdtcreator

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Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025

We would like to hear how you access and use local pharmacy services

Oxfordshire County Council carries out a survey of pharmacy services in the area every three years, in order to understand what is working well and identify areas that need improvement. The results of the survey help us ensure that services meet the health needs of Oxfordshire residents in the future.

We would be very grateful if you can take five minutes to complete the confidential survey, and encourage your friends, family and colleagues to do it too. Your input and experiences are important. Visit https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxon-pna-2025 to provide your input before 9th March 2024.

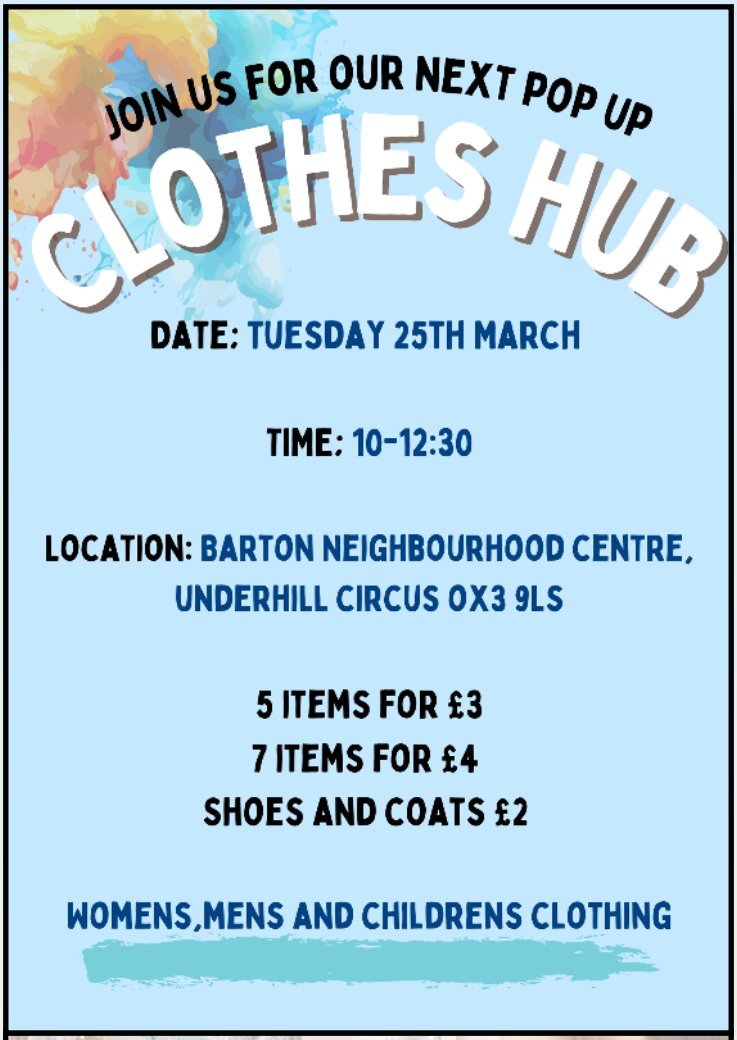


Daffodil Day

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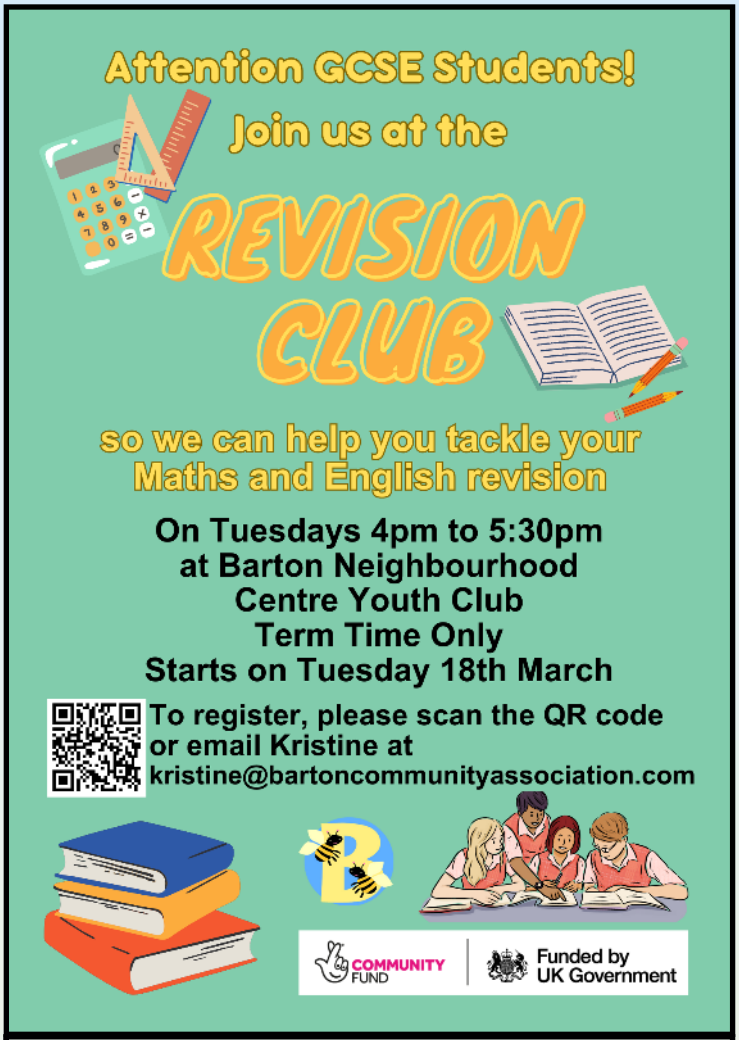
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Pop Up Clothes Hub and Prom Pop Up Event

Please see flyer above for more information.



Revision Club at Barton Neighbourhood Centre

New Revision Club for GCSE students starting on Tuesday 18th March 4pm to 5:30pm. To register, please click the following link: https://forms.office.com/e/GgWdtdC4Kv . For more information, please see attached flyer or contact Kristine at kristine@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

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Barton Community Larder

Barton Community Larder runs every Tuesday from the sports hall at Barton Neighbourhood Centre. The larder is open to everyone, and we welcome visits anytime we're open so you can look around and chat to volunteers to see if the larder will work for you.

The larder is now open from 10am to 7pm with no break. The larder café is currently open from 10am to midday, and again from 2pm to 4pm. The larder café is hoped to be able to also open in Spring 2025 from midday to 2pm to serve a basic, inexpensive lunch.

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Tanya at tanya@bartoncommunityassociation.com or on 07929 868284.

Special offer!



In the Larder café every Tuesday between midday and 2 pm, for February and March you can have a bowl of soup and a bread roll for just 50p!

The Larder café is held in the Youth Club of Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

All welcome, and you don't need to be a larder member to join us.

Bowl of Soup & a Roll for 50p!

Please see flyer above for more information.

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Coach Trips 2025

Thursday 15th May departing at 9.30am to Windsor	£16
Friday 6th June departing at 9.30am to Bourton on the Water	£16
Sunday 20th July departing at 9.30am to Stratford	£16
Tuesday 29th July departing at 7.30am to Eastbourne	£16
Wednesday 6th August departing at 7.30am to Brighton	£16
Thursday 14th August departing at 7.30am to Weymouth	£16
Friday 22nd August departing at 7.30am to Bournemouth	£16
Thursday 28th August departing at 7.30am to Southend-on-Sea	£16

If you would like to book seats on any of the above trips, you will need to have a current BCA membership (£2 for 2025 for anyone aged 16+ or free for anyone under the age of 16)

Please call Sue on 07866 460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com

or Mandy on 07566 755544 or mandy@bartoncommunityassociation.com

or Sharon on sharong@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Seats can be paid for by instalments and either by cash, cheque or BACS transfer

Bank details: Metro Bank Barton Community Association Account No. 42609781 Sort Code 23-05-80 Please use your surname for reference if paying by BACS

For any further information, please call or email using the details above.

All trips are subsidised by Barton Community Association

Coach Trips 2025

Please contact either Sue at sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com or Mandy at mandy@bartoncommunityassociation.com to book a place.

BCA Website and Facebook Pages

The Barton Community Association website can be found on the following link: https://www.bartoncommunityassociation.com/

Contact Number: 07566 755544

The main Barton Community page can be found on the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/bartoncommunity

The Barton Youth Activities page can be found on the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/BartonYouthActivities

Exercise Classes

Come and join for some fun exercise classes here at Barton Neighbourhood Centre! The following exercise classes are open to everyone.

Mondays

Zumba Gold 11.00am – 12 noon £5 for four sessions

Line Dancing 6.30pm – 7.30pm £5 for four sessions

Tuesdays

Yoga 6.30pm – 7.30pm £10 for five sessions – please bring a mat with you or we have them available for purchase £5 each

Thursdays

Zumba 6.30pm – 7.30pm £10 for five sessions

Saturdays

Body Toning 9.30am – 10.30am £10 for five sessions

All classes run term time only and all attendees need to have a current BCA membership costing £2 per year. This can be completed when you attend your first session if you don't already have a membership.
For further details please contact Sue on 07866 460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com

Exercise Classes at Barton Neighbourhood Centre

Come and join for some fun exercise classes which are open to everyone! For further details, please contact Sue on 07866460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

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Bingo

Taking place at Barton Neighbourhood Centre on Saturday 8th March, doors open at 5 pm, eyes down at 6 pm. Please see attached flyer for further information.

Birthday Cakes

Do you know a child who would love a birthday cake, but their carers cannot afford one for them? If so, Free Cakes for Kids may be able to help. Further details can be found here.



Eatwells Café

A variety of reasonably priced items is available on the menu. Please come and support the café. Grab a quick bite or a drink, or maybe use it as a friendly meeting place to catch up with friends and neighbours. There is a warm cosy space available in which to enjoy your food and drink. We are also looking for some volunteers to come along and help us run the café during opening hours. If you have a couple of hours spare, please get in touch with Kristine at kristine@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

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Coffee Mornings at Barton Pavilion

Please see above flyer for more information.

Barton Youth Activities (Term time only)

Art Club—Mondays 3:45pm to 5:15pm (For ages 6 to 11)
Revision Club—Tuesdays 4:00pm to 5:30pm (For GCSE students)
Body Politic —Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm (for ages 11 to 18)
Science Club (by Science Oxford)—Wednesdays 4:00pm to 5:30pm (For Key Stage 2)
Junior Youth Club—Thursdays 4:00pm to 5:30pm (For ages 8 to 12)
Senior Youth Club—Thursdays 6:00pm to 7:30pm (For ages 12 to 16)
Cooking Class— Fridays 4:00pm to 5:15pm (For ages 11 to 16) FULL
Messy Jam—Fridays 6:00pm to 7:00pm (For ages 11 to 18)

For more information, please contact Kristine at kristine@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

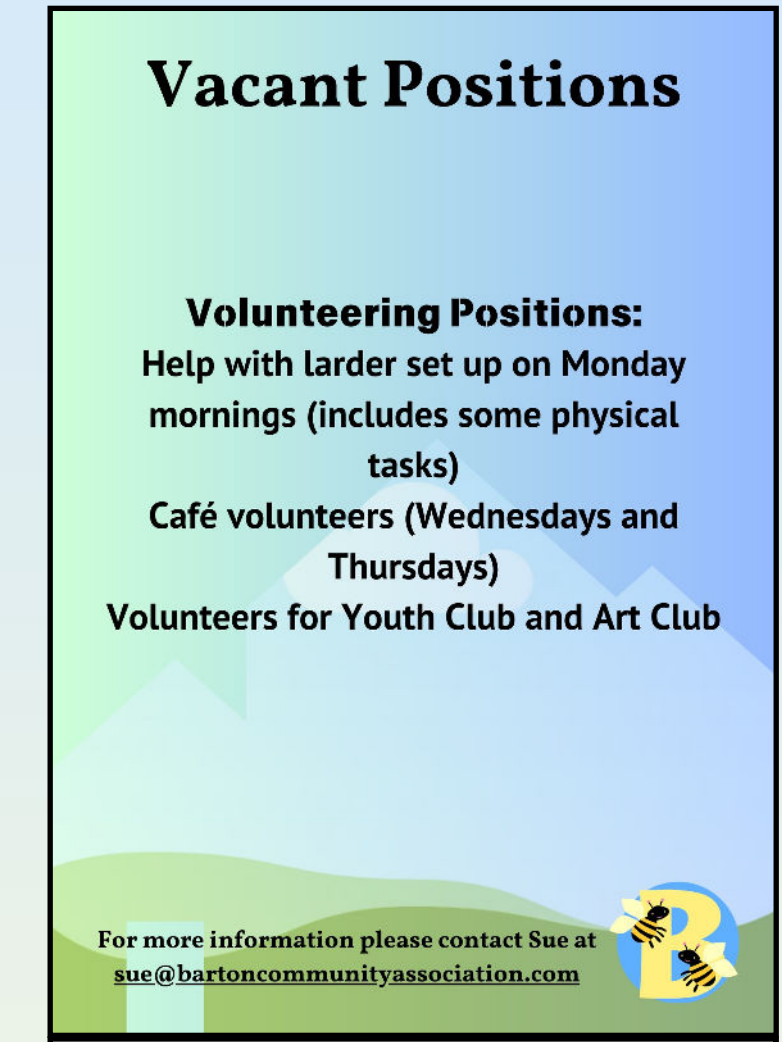


Save the date! Barton Big Buffet!

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Volunteering

We at Barton Community Association are so lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers helping us in various ways, but we still have some areas that we need more help with. Please see flyer above for more information or contact Sue at sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

Each month we would like to feature someone who volunteers in either Barton or Barton Park. If you are a volunteer who would like to be featured, or know somebody who would, please can you send Tanya a photo and a bit about them, so for example how long they've been connected with Barton or Barton Park, what voluntary work they do, what they feel they gain from volunteering, how long they have volunteered for, their advice to anybody thinking about volunteering etc.

Tanya's email is tanya@bartoncommunityassociation.com.



Community Activity Directory

Headington Action have complied a handy Community Activity Directory. For further details please see the flyer attached or click here.

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Bric-a-brac donations

We welcome limited donations of items such as books and toys for the larder, **but you must speak to Sherrie first to check we have capacity to take them or email** sherrieneil250@gmail.com **.**

Items need to be delivered on Monday mornings. Thank you. We sell items very cheaply, prices starting from 10p. **It you wish to buy items, please bring cash with you as we can no longer accept IOUs.**

Throwback Photos of the Month





