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Sue Holden honoured as Freeman of Oxford for service to Barton Community

Sue Holden, our company secretary here at Barton Community Association, recently became a Freeman of the City of Oxford after taking the oath at a ceremony that was held in the Court Room at Oxford Town Hall on 20th March. Sue was nominated for this honorary position by Cllr Mike Rowley in his role as Lord Mayor of Oxford and as a result Sue now becomes The Lord Mayor's Childe, a tradition going back many hundreds of years. The award was given in recognition of Sue`s contribution towards the community of Barton.

Bonya Baby Formula

Barton Community Larder Easter Raffle proceeds have been used to purchase a large supply of baby formula at a highly subsidised cost and will be distributed to families within our area of benefit. We have already donated several boxes to the midwives working within the Hedena Health Centre and will also be making it available at our weekly Stay and Play sessions and Community Larder. We will also offer it to clients who visit the Breastfeeding service as a top up formula. So thanks to everyone who bought Easter raffle tickets and who made all of this possible.



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Barton Park Street Names

I'm sure many of you will have noticed over the past couple of years all the street names that have appeared at Barton Park.

Oxford City Council took an unprecedented step many years ago and allowed local residents to put forward suggestions for some of the street names in Barton Park. A large number of suggestions were accepted by the local authority after doing all the usual checks that are necessary when new street names are introduced.

Below is a list of the streets that have a strong connection to existing Barton and most of them appear as Secondary Primary Roads:

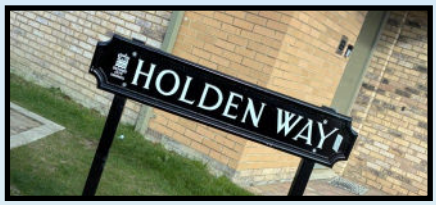


- Elizabeth Maud Place named after Elizabeth Smith who had been a resident of Barton for over 57 years.
- Norah Way is named after Norah O`Neill who campaigned for a Community Centre to be built as well as making our community safe.
- Jewell Street is named after Richard Jewell who was the local Lollipop Man for Bayswater School during the 80`s and 90`s.
- McLean Drive is named after Gerry McLean who was heavily involved in Barton United Football Club as well as turning the first SOD for our current Neighbourhood Centre.
- Stevenson Crescent is named after Jean "Eugenie" Stevenson who was a lifelong volunteer for Barton Community Association and ran the first Girls Group in Barton.
- Harris Drive is named after Cliff Harris who was for many years the treasurer of Barton Community Association and was President of the local branch of

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Bird Fanciers.



- Holden Way is named after Barry Holden who was Vice President of Barton Community Association and proprietor of Holdens News and Arkwrights mini supermarket. He also held the position of community rep during the SRB project.
- Pilecki Way is named after Witold Pilecki who was a WW2 hero and drew attention to the atrocities at Auschwitz.
- Boyce Crescent is named after John Boyce who was the first known occupier of Barton Manor and a Mayor of Oxford.
- Hounsfield Crescent is named after Godfrey Hounsfield who was a Nobel prize winner and invented the CT scan.

The primary road that runs through Barton Park, Barton Fields Road, was selected by the Labour party.

It's great that existing Barton has a real strong connection with its neighbouring community at Barton Park through the naming of local streets and remembering those who served our community well.

Hopefully, Oxford City Council will adopt this process again within our City so that even more local people can be both recognised and remembered.



Message from Annaliese Dodds

Are you looking for support with issues like housing, social security, or immigration? You can contact Anneliese Dodds, our local Member of Parliament, who will be happy to help wherever she can. She also holds face-to-face appointments in Barton, so email her team at anneliese.dodds.casework@parliament.uk if you would be interested in meeting her.

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Cook & Eat



Photos by Pippa Gwilliam

On Sunday 23rd March, residents spent a fantastic morning preparing, cooking, and eating food together, all fresh ingredients and so varied.



Photo by Pippa Gwilliam

Curries with rice, pan-roasted vegetables, home-made hummus and lovely flapjacks and bread-and-butter pudding for dessert. Well done to Angela Dickinson and Beautiful Barton for organising the Cook & Eat session, and to all those who helped and joined in.



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Barton Community Larder Visits the 37th Oxford Beavers

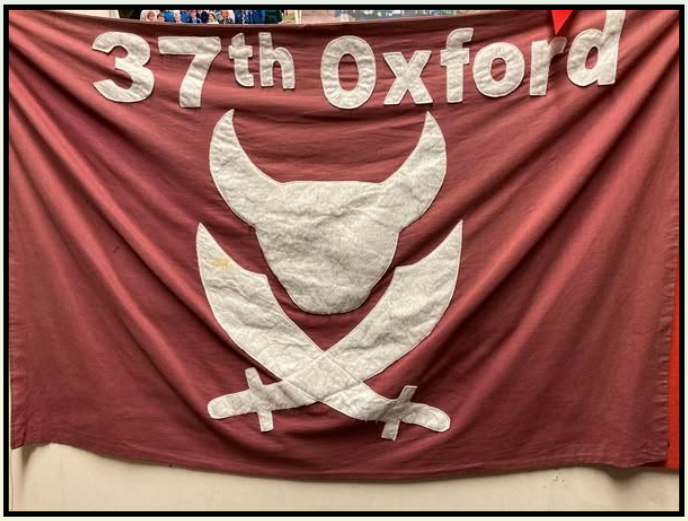


On 27th March, Les, a volunteer from Barton Community Larder and Tanya who works for BCA were invited by

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the 37th Oxford Beavers to speak to the Beavers about the Larder. Les and Tanya took along a typical larder shop and enjoyed a discussion with the Beavers about food waste, best before dates, how to preserve food by canning it, distributing surplus food to avoid it going to landfill, volunteering, the very important social aspect of the larder, caring for each other and the friends you can make by either volunteering in the Larder or being a member. They covered an awful lot! Their visit contributes towards the Beavers' My World Challenge Award. Les and Tanya left the larder shop with the Beavers who enjoyed trying



chocolate sauce with a best before date of February 2025 and following week going to try tins of FareShare potato and bean soup and tins of FareShare pork and mash potatoes.



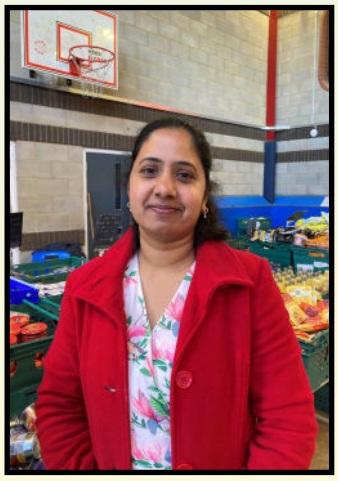
Thank you Beavers, Les and Tanya enjoyed their visit and good luck with your My World Challenge Award.

If you know of a community group local to Barton Community Larder who would like the Larder to visit to talk about their work, please email tanya@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

Volunteer Focus

Priya

Volunteer



I have lived in Barton since last April 2024, great place with lovely people around. Excellent transportation to Oxford and local amenities.

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I do volunteer work in SOFEA larder in Barton on Tuesday mornings, met many people and made new friends, mainly learning and improving my commute skills and language. It's a great place with wonderful volunteers and people, I really enjoyed spending my time here and help what I can.

This improved my mental health a lot especially when I was stressed out, I don't even know how time flies when I'm in.

I would advise to anyone interested to volunteer here, it's a great place to help and improve your skills.

Facts about me:

- Do you have any pets? No pets
- What's your favourite place to go on holiday? Spain
- What's your favourite place to go for a meal locally? Bhoomi Restaurant in Headington
- Do you drink tea or coffee? I love Coffee
- What's your favourite vegetable? Carrots and Cauliflower
- What's your favourite colour? Black, pink and white

Hero's Holiday: Dave Rewarded with Well-Earned Getaway for Exceptional Volunteering Efforts



We are delighted to have hosted David Houghman thanks to our friends Room to Reward. Meet David, a true embodiment of kindness and dedication. During the challenging Covid lockdown, David Hougham went above and beyond as a volunteer at a local food bank, selflessly helping those in need. His tireless efforts didn't go unnoticed, and as a token of gratitude for his remarkable service, he was awarded a complimentary night stay at the Cottage Lodge Hotel.

After the pandemic, David has continued to support countless families and organizations, working

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behind the scenes to make a difference in his community. His



unwavering loyalty and compassion have been a beacon of hope for many, and his volunteer work has touched the lives of those who needed it the most. For years, David has given so much of himself—time, energy, and heart—to ensure that no one feels forgotten. His story is a reminder that even in the toughest of times, we can all make a difference. Thank you for your dedication, your selflessness, and for inspiring us all to give back.

Cottage Lodge Hotel

Words from a Larder member

It was lovely to receive these kind words from Mae Purcell about the Larder, thank you Mae.

"Do you know Tanya, I really value your volunteers every last one of them is genuinely keen to help and the cafe staff are so nice to us I really look forward to Tuesday I enjoy meeting up with the group and listening to their stories a lovely relaxed outing so thankyou everyone involved and the new friends I've made really gives me a happy buzz when I realise it's Tuesday."



The Barton Big Lunch

Please see flyer above for more information.

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Larder Heroes: Volunteers Celebrate Success in Food Safety Certification

Congratulations to Dorian, Lavern, Richard, and Tara who are our latest Barton Community Larder volunteers to complete their Level 2 Food Safety & Hygiene Course. Well done and thank you for all you do for the Larder!



Oxford Breastfeeding Support

Please see flyer above for more information.



Stop for Life Oxon

Want to quit smoking? Start your journey to a smoke-free life today with the support from Stop for Life Oxon They offer a free weekly support and a range of quitting aids that can help guide you to a happier and healthier future. Everyone's journey is unique. For some, it might involve establishing a new routine or keeping themselves occupied. For others, having a friend or family member join in can provide the encouragement needed to stay motivated. No matter what approach suits you best, Stop for Life Oxon is here to support you every step of the way www.stopforlifeoxon.org/well-worth-it.

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Move Together

If you are pregnant or post-natal and would like support to move more in a way that works for you, Move Together is here to help! Please see flyer above for more information.

Swimming Sessions at Barton Leisure Centre

Barton Leisure offers women's only swimming sessions every Tuesday at 6:15-7:45pm. Also, at certain times, children and young people under 17 are able to go swimming for free, so long as they have proof of address within Oxford and proof of ID.

Table showing free swimming sessions for young people at Barton Leisure Centre

Session	Pool	Day	Times
Swimming for All	Main	Monday	4pm to 6pm
Swimming for All	Main	Wednesday	6pm to 7pm
Swimming for All	Main	Thursday	6pm to 7pm
Swimming for All	Main	Friday	4pm to 6pm
Swimming for All	Main	Saturday	12pm to 1pm
Swimming for All	Main	Sunday	12pm to 1pm

Leaf it to Grow: Sapling Springs to Life with First Leaves



Last November, the International Tree foundation gave Barton Community Larder members saplings, they looked

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like twigs! Sharon, a Larder Member took a Crab Apple tree and sent us a photo of it now. It's a real transformation and we are looking forward to seeing how it grows this year.

Did you have a tree, and if so, please can you send a photo to Tanya at tanya@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

Selected News from Barton Park Primary School

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International Women's Day Football Tournament

On Friday 7th March 2025 Mr Trafford ran a women's football tournament for International Women's day. We gathered the year 3,4,5 and 6 Girls. Two of the boys from KS2 helped with being referees for the matches. The winning team was called Fulham and had these players:Razan, Emily, Imogen cox, Andrea/Antonia. The score in the final was 2-1 Emily and Alaa





The children in KS1 also had a morning of football just for girls. Here is what some of Cherry Class had to say about it:
Nahla: We played in a big football competition which was just for the girls. It was fun, I enjoyed it.
Deyala: I liked playing in a team with the other girls. I enjoyed playing without the boys.
Lilly-Rose: I like football!

Football Finals - *By:Lyra, Camilla, Antonia and Andrea*

On Thursday 6th March, Camilla, Andrea, Lyra, Antonia and some girls from Bayards Hill played a football tournament in Twickenham. We were chosen to represent Oxfordshire because we won the Oxfordshire girls football tournament last term.

Minibus trip

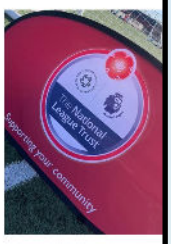
When we got on the minibus, it took 1 hour and 15 minutes to get there. It was very hot and when we got there we had to get everything sorted.We had to find seats in the stadium and we also had to change in the bathroom.

Games

In our first game, we played against a blue team and we won 2-0. Next, we played against a red team and we drew 0-0. We then had lunch. Afterwards, we had our semi-finals. Unfortunately, we lost 1-0 and everyone was upset and then we had to go home. We were unlucky but we were all grateful for this experience.

Mr Trafford was very proud of us and how well we played and said we were unlucky to be beaten in the end by a team that we had won against earlier in the day.





Science Week

During science week, everyone in the entire school created different questions to explore and experiment with. We have been curious and excited about finding and observing the results of our science experiments!

Some of the questions we asked included:

- Which boat is best for Snow White to cross the river?
- Can we grow a crystal for our dragon?
- What happens if we put eggs in 5 different solutions?
- How far can a rubber band car travel?
- How does the amount of star jumps affect how long it takes to run a lap?
- How do running laps affect our body temperature?
- How does the amount of activator used affect slime?
- How does the temperature of slime affect the structure of slime?
- How many rubber bands does it take to affect the shape and strength of a watermelon?
- How does red cabbage indicator react to alkaline and acids?
- Will the amount of salt impact a PH scale?
- What different liquid affects the shell of a boiled egg and how?

We also welcomed parent visitors who worked in Science and Technology, including an eye doctor, a dad who works in coding and AI, a mum who develops vaccines, a mum who told us about blood and we looked through microscopes and even an auntie who works with Space!



Thank you to all the adults who came to talk to us and show us how they use science in their work.

Road Safety in Barton Park

On Tuesday 1st April a group of children from Key Stage 2 went with Mrs McCraw to take our petition to improve road safety by our school. We called for the council to adopt Barton Fields Road so that they can then install traffic calming measures around our school and a safe crossing. We will hear back from the council within 10 days. After the meeting, the children were interviewed by BBC South Today and were featured on the news on 2 April!

It is important that we keep fighting to be heard - 5 years is too long to wait for the council to put our children's safety first!



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Beautiful Barton: Barton's Tallest Sunflower Competition 2025

Please see flyers attached for more information.





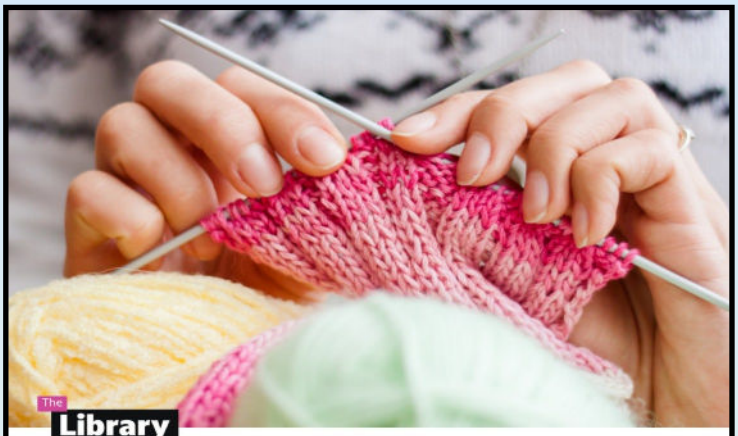


Stop For Life - Tuesday 3rd June

On Tuesday 3rd June, between 10 am and midday, Stop for Life will be in the larder café (which is in the youth club that you can access through the sports hall), so if you would like any advice with stopping smoking, please come along. This session is open to all, you don't need to be a larder member and if you have any friends, family, or neighbours who you think might be interested, please let them know. Here's the link to Stop for Life's website - stopforlifeoxon.org

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The Library Barton

Crochet, Knit and Natter

Come and get creative with us with some woolly fun. Bring your own project or learn a new skill and let the chat and yarn flow!

Come and join us:

Third Wednesday of the month
Starting Wednesday 14th May
12.30 pm - 2.00 pm

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Crochet, Knit and Natter

Please see flyer above for more information.

Boxes by WhatNot Theatre presented by Tiny Ideas Festival Oxford



The perfect first show for the tiniest adventurers and their grown-ups!



BOXES is a sensory show developed especially for under 3's about what our imaginations conjure when we look inside a simple cardboard box. Discover



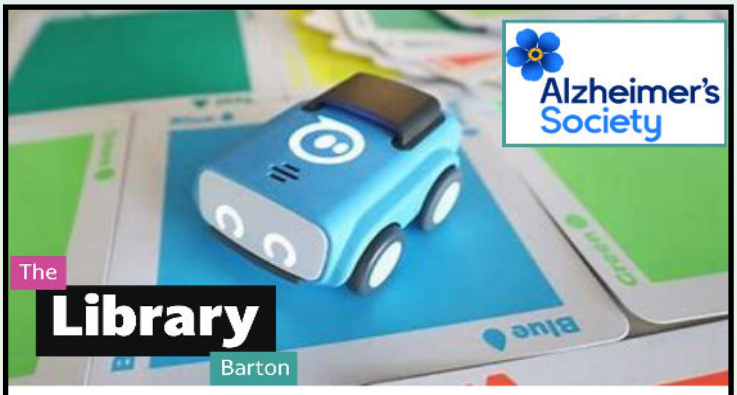
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the magic when we lift the lid… encounter hidden lands and enchanting characters, brought to life through the senses and an un-extraordinary cardboard box.

Showing at Barton Library
Monday 19th May, 3pm
Booking is essential.

To book your free space, email barton.library@oxford.gov.uk or call 01865 815112 (Monday 2pm-5.30pm, Tuesday-Wednesday 9am-5.30pm).



Brain Activities with Racing Robots by Alzheimer's Society

Join us for a fun, 1-hour family workshop on brain health and memory! Learn about dementia and discover tips to keep your brain healthy and active at any age.

Wednesday 28th May
11 am-12 pm and 2pm-3pm

Barton Library
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
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Please see flyer above for more information.



Headington Festival

On Sunday 1st of June 2025 at Bury Knowle Park. Please see flyer for more 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.

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Bright Sparks and Movement Power Sessions

Bright Sparks for ages 5 to 11 from 3:30pm to 4:45pm and Movement Power for ages 11 to 18 from 4:45pm to 6pm. Please note that both sessions are free! Please see flyers for more information.



Drink Coach

Please see flyer above for more information. Coaching sessions can be booked directly via the DrinkCoach website.

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Barton Fields Allotments Open Day

Please see flyer above for more information.



Cowley Centre Weekend—60th Anniversary Celebration!

On Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May at 12noon to 4pm. Please see flyer above for more information.



Elmore Community Services

Please see flyer above for more information.

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Barton Community Health Development Officer Update

Did you know there is a community health development officer, Asan, for Barton and Barton Park?



Asan's role builds on work which began in 2022, where Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford City Council worked together to find out what it is like to live in Barton and Barton Park and what makes it easier or more difficult to stay healthy. You can read the full community insight report here.

Asan continues to work with local groups to take forward your suggestions on what could be working better. If you would like to get in touch with her, please email aedwards@oxford.gov.uk.

Here is a brief introduction from Asan below:

My role focuses on supporting the health and wellbeing of Barton residents and helping to reduce 'health inequalities'. Health inequalities happens when there are differences in the care and opportunities that people receive and lead to healthy lives, this can be influenced by living conditions, education, employment and environment.

I work closely with local community groups and organisations to understand the health and wellbeing needs of our community. I then support the work that the groups and organisations do to try and make sure everyone in Barton has the same opportunities to maintain or improve their health and wellbeing.

My role changes from day to day and no two days are the same! You can often find me chatting with people at the community larder, or I could be organising 'Health Promotion Events', or helping to run the Barton Health & Wellbeing Partnership meeting. At these meetings, residents and workers in Barton come together to discuss how we can support better health and wellbeing for everyone in our community. It's all about working together to help people live healthier, happier lives.

Based on your suggestions of what you would like to see in the area, we have supported several local groups to run healthy activities for all ages. Here are a few examples below of activities we've helped make happen:

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Families and Children

- At The Bus
  - Art and reading for children aged 5-11 years at Sandhills Primary School, Barton
- Parents & Toddler Group
  - Soft play equipment at St Mary's Church Barton

Young People

- Lift Youth – Project PT
  - Support for young people (aged 12-16 years) to learn practical life skills through physical activity and completion of a fitness qualification at Barton Neighbourhood Centre

Adults

- Here 4 You – Love Barton
  - Free listening service based at Barton Community Church for adults living in and around Barton.

Something for all

- Oxford Clothes Hub
  - Pre-loved clothing at an affordable rate occasionally at Barton Neighbourhood Centre
- Eatwell's Café
  - Affordable, low costs meals at Lunchtime at the Neighbourhood Centre
  - Low cost hot and cold drinks at Barton Park Pavilion
- Coffee Morning
  - Coffee and chat for older and all adults at St Mary's Church and Barton Park Pavilion

People with Mobility Issues and/or Long-term Health Conditions

- Dancin' Oxford
  - £3 Dance sessions for everyone, including wheelchair users. Mondays at the Centre for Music and Wednesdays at Barton Neighbourhood Centre. For term dates, please see https://www.oxford.gov.uk/dance/dance-classes-oxford

There is even more happening in in Barton and Barton Park. Want to join in? Find these activities and more on Live Well Oxfordshire, Headington Action, Well Together and the BCA Calendar.

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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 also now open from 10am to 4pm and are serving basic, inexpensive lunches.

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

£1 Meals @ Barton Community Larder Café!



Served every Tuesday (other than 27th May when the larder is closed) in the youth club which you can access through the sports hall at Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

Our current menu is:

Bacon Roll
Beans on Toast
A bowl of soup (a variety) with a roll

Our café is open between 10 am and 4 pm and we are serving beans on toast, or a bowl of soup and a roll for **just £1** of your finest British money.

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

Larder Café

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



Supported by well together

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

Fridays

Pilates 11.00am - 12noon £5 for four 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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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.



Save the date! Barton Big Buffet!

Please see flyer above 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)
Bright Sparks—Wednesdays 3:30pm to 4:45pm (For ages 5 to 11)
Power Movement—Wednesday 4:45pm to 6pm (For ages 11 to 18)

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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.

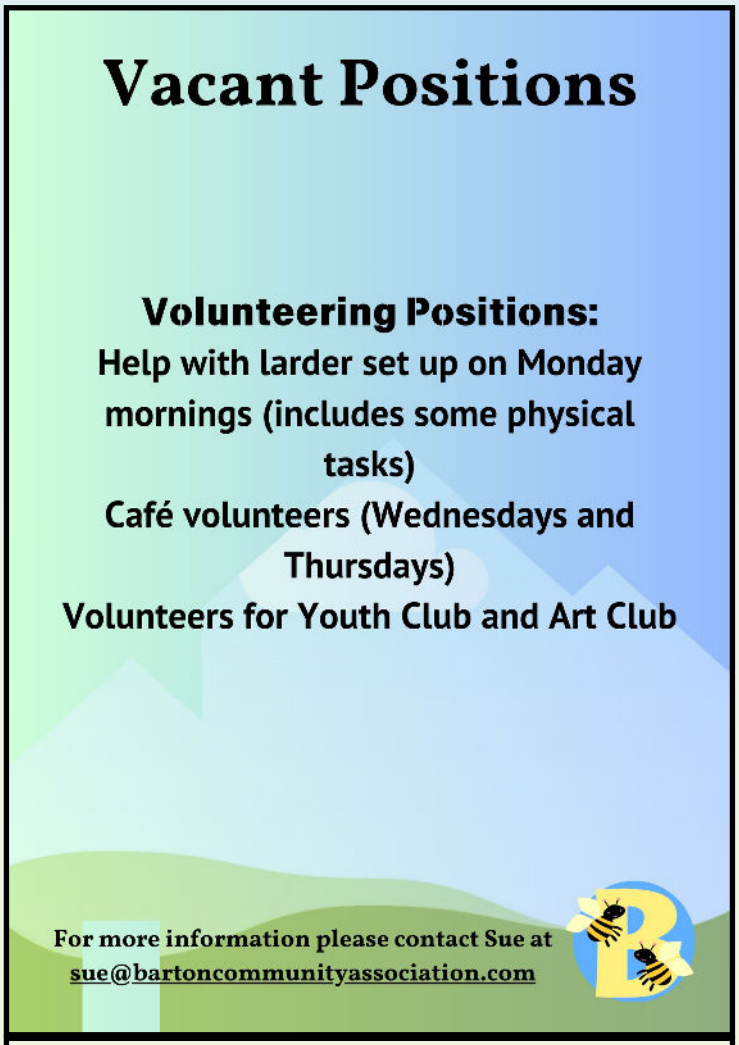
Each month we would like to feature someone who volunteers in either Barton or Barton Park. If you are a volunteer who would like to be featured, or know somebody who would, please can you send Tanya a photo and a bit about them, so for example how long they've been connected with Barton or Barton Park, 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.

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.**



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.

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Community Activity Directory

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

Throwback Photos of the Month



