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Older People's Day at Oxford Town Hall



On Wednesday 1st October 2025, an Older People's Day was held at Oxford Town Hall. This popular annual networking event provides an opportunity for a wide range of organisations, including statutory bodies and local voluntary groups, as well as advice, support, and information networks, to share valuable information about their work and to promote activities of interest to older people and their families.

The Barton Community Association had a stall at the event, which was attended by Mandy, the BCA Centre Manager, and Sharon, the BCA Operational Strategy Manager. They were situated in the magnificent Old Library in the Town Hall alongside other community centres.

Hundreds of people attended, and the stall was kept very busy (it may have been the temptation of free pots of chocolate sweets!). Information was given out about the BCA, including the events and classes held at the centre. Information about coach trips was also very popular!

There was a lot of interest in the BCA and the services it provides for the Community and the low cost of our exercise classes compared to others was commented on. We also managed to speak to other community centres to see what they were doing and if it would be something we could incorporate at the Barton Community Centre.



It was an informative and interesting day and hopefully it will be held again in 2026.

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Community Fund Presentation



On Friday 21st November 2025, Mandy Parsons and Sharon Gellatly attended The Community Fund Presentation at Reading Town Hall. Barton Community Association had been awarded £3,000 to fund additional CCTV.

The Barton Community Centre were one of 34 charities who were lucky enough to receive funding. The funding had been awarded to charities between the counties of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

Barton Community Association has been awarded this £3,000 for:

1. Committed to improving the quality of life for residents through the promotion of wellbeing, continued support for employment and providing a central meeting hub
2. Delivering a range of activities and events for the benefit of the community
3. Funding to support the purchase of additional CCTV AT Barton Neighbourhood Centre to help make the area safer by discouraging crime and anti-social behaviour

The event was attended by all the charities that benefited, and it was enlightening to see the range of charities that were awarded funding, all working for the good of their neighbourhoods - from homelessness to youth work through to dance and mental health.

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Help Shape Future Research into Brain Ageing

For further details, please see flyer attached.

If interested, please email (or ask a friend/relative to email): rebecca.frake@ndcn.ox.ac.uk

Volunteer Focus



Richard

Volunteer

My name is Richard . I am 62 years old. My hobbies include cycling and being outside. My favourite colour is black and my favourite animal is a tiger. I support Aston villa and enjoy watching it both on tv and at a stadium.

I live local to Barton. I enjoy being at the neighbourhood centre as it is very welcoming and friendly. I have been volunteering at the neighbourhood centre for around 18 months. I began volunteering after struggling with the loss of both of my parents. I initially began volunteering to get out and meet other people.

My role in the larder is very varied. I do everything from setting up to managing stock. I enjoy being out and interacting with other people. Knowing I have made a difference within the community makes me feel happy. I enjoy meeting like-minded people and sharing life experiences.

My hope for the future would be to find full-time work but for now I'm happy with volunteering and gaining more knowledge, experience and confidence.

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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

Barton Community Larder

Barton Community Larder runs every Monday 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 1pm to 6pm, last shop at 5:45pm. The larder café is also open from 11am to 4pm and are serving basic, inexpensive lunches. The new entrance is through Youth Club next to main centre doors.

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Sharon at sharong@bartoncommunityassociation.com or on 01865 761987 .

Exercise Classes at Barton Neighbourhood Centre

Come and join for some fun exercise classes which are open to everyone!

Mondays
Zumba Gold 11am to 12 noon
Line Dancing 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Tuesdays
Zumba Gold Toning 11.30am to 12.30pm
Yoga 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday
Funkfit 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Thursdays
Zumba 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Fridays
Pilates 11am to 12noon

Saturdays
Body Toning 9:30am to 10.30am

All classes run term time only and cost £10 for five sessions. All attendees need to have a current BCA

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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 07866460446 or sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

BARTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Friday 16th January 6.00pm

Barton Neighbourhood Centre
All BCA members welcome
Followed by an Open Forum

FREE REFRESHMENTS & RAFFLE

For further information call Mandy on 07566755544

Barton Community Association AGM

On Friday 16th January 6pm at Barton Neighbourhood Centre. All welcome especially residents of Barton and Barton Park. If you require transport please email sue@bartoncommunityassociation.com



Art Club (for ages 6 to 11)

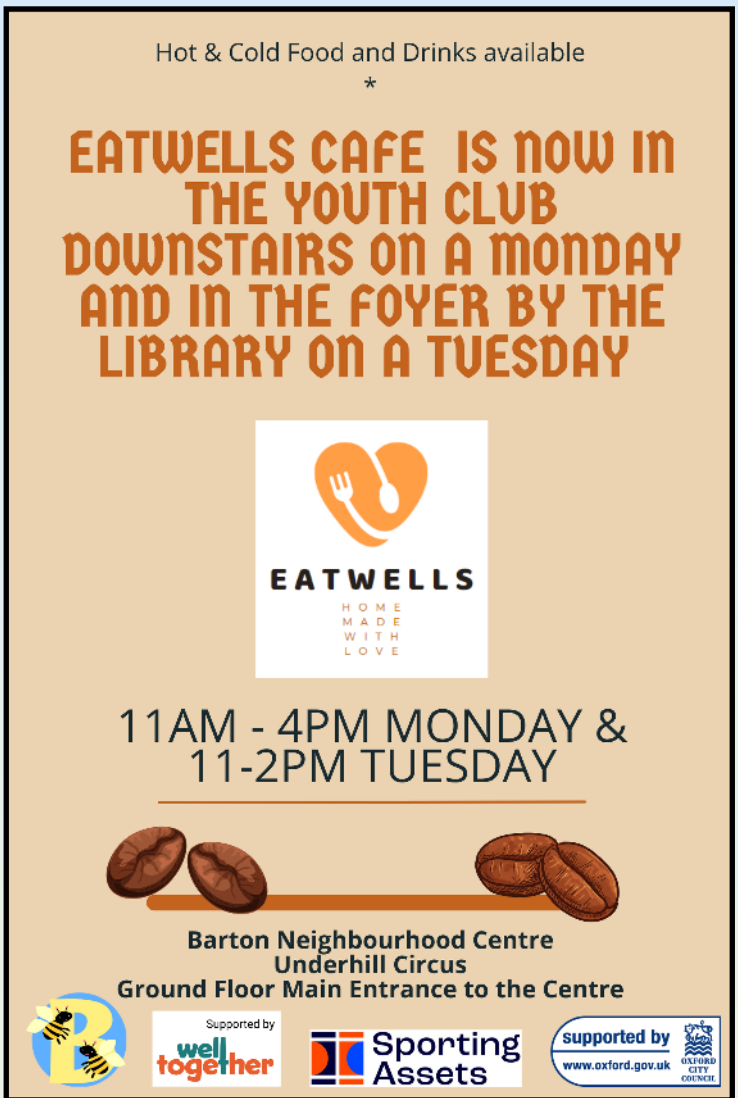
On Thursdays (term time only) in the Youth Club at 4pm to 5pm. For a registration form, please collect from Barton Neighbourhood Office or email sharong@bartoncommunityassociation.com.

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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Eatwells Café

A variety of reasonably priced items is available on the menu. Please come and support the café now downstairs in the Youth Club on a Monday 11am to 4pm and upstairs in the foyer by the library on Tuesdays 11am to 2pm. Grab a quick bite or a drink, or maybe use it as a friendly meeting place to catch up with friends and neighbours. We are also looking for some volunteers to come along and help us run the café during opening hours.



Eatwells Café Breakfast Club

On Wednesdays 8:30am to 10:30am at Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

Each month we would like tonfeature 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 Kristine a photo and a bit about them, so for example how long they've been connected with Barton or Barton

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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. Kristine's email is kristine@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.

Throwback Photos of the Month



Barton International Food Festival 2016



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