

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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DECEMBER 2025	Mon 1	Wreath Making Workshop (p. 7)	School	19:00 – 22:00
	Thurs 4 & 18	WeCare2 (p. 11)	River Room	11:15-12:30
	Fri 5	Bridge Afternoon (p. 16)	River Room	14:00-17:00
	Sat 6	Community Brunch (p. 11)	River Room	9:30-11:30
	Saturdays	The Abbey Café (for dates see p. 14)	The Abbey	10:00-14:00
	Sun 7	All Saints' Singers Concert (p. 13)	Church	19:00
	Wed 10	ADYP AGM (p. 5)	Drayton	18:30
	Thurs 11	Community Café (p. 11)	River Room	10:30-12:00
	Thurs 11	Together in Stitches (p. 11)	River Room	19:30-21:00
	Fri 12	SC School's Christmas Light Up Event (p. 7)	School	16:30 – 19:00
	Fri 12	Community Christmas Quiz & Bingo Night (p. 5)	Village Hall	18:00
	Sat 13	Friends' Yuletide Evening (p. 12)	The Abbey	18:30 – 21:00
	Mon 15	Knit & Natter (p. 11)	River Room	14:00-16:00
	Mon 15	RSPB Local Group Talk (p. 15)	Zoom	19:30
	Tue 16	Ladies' Tuesday Club (p. 4)	River Room	19:30
	Thurs 18	Village Carol Singing (p. 9)	See notice	18:30 - 20:30
	Sat 20	Christmas Tree Hunt (p. 10)	Village	From 09:30
	Wed 24	Torchlight Procession (p. 10)	School	18:00 start
JANUARY 2026	Fri 2 & 16	Bridge Afternoon (p. 16)	River Room	14:00-17:00
	Thurs 8 & 22	Community Café (p. 11)	River Room	10:30-12:00
	Thurs 8	Together in Stitches (p. 11)	River Room	19:30-21:00
	Tues 13	Parish Council Meeting (p. 3)	Village Hall	19:15
	Thurs 15	WeCare2 (p. 11)	River Room	11:15-12:30
	Thurs 15	Together in Stitches (p. 11)	River Room	19:30-21:00
	Sat 17, 24, 31	The Abbey Café (for dates see p. 14)	The Abbey	10:00-14:00
	Mon 19	Knit & Natter (p. 11)	River Room	14:00-16:00
	Mon 19	RSPB Local Group Talk (p. 15)	Zoom	19:30
	Tues 20	Ladies' Tuesday Club (p 4)	River Room	19:30
	Sat 31	Sutton Courtenay Singers' Quiz (p. 13)	Village Hall	19:00

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Parish Council: www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

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Oxfordshire CC: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Village Hall: suttoncourtenayvillagehall.co.uk

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VILLAGE HALL

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall is available to individuals and Commercial users to hire for adult or children's parties as well as other social/regular events. The hall has a bar/ kitchen area with fridge and hot water urn. A smaller Committee room for meetings/gatherings and a fully equipped Kitchen. Facilities include WIFI, Projector screen, microphones and a music centre.

A Registered Charity, we are funded by the revenue from this hire which is used to cover the cost of insurance, repairs and utilities. To book the hall go to: suttoncourtenayvillagehall.co.uk and follow the on screen prompts. If you need to contact the booking clerk please email: scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com

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N.B. The Milton Post Office is moving to Milton Park in January.

SUTTON COURTENAY DEFIBRILLATORS

The village has three defibrillators. One is located outside the front roller doors of Sutton Courtenay Tyres on the High Street. The second is outside the Football Clubhouse in the Recreation Ground. The third is outside the Fish on Appleford Road.





Grant awards for 2026-27

At its meeting on 18th November 2025 the Parish Council agreed to award the following grants during the 2026-27 financial year:

26th Abingdon Scouts	£2,000
Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project	£4,000
All Saints' Church	£2,500
Be Free Young Carers	£ 500
Citizens Advice	£3,000
Friends of Sutton Courtenay School	£1,500
Home Start	£ 500
Sutton Courtenay News	£1,750
SC Produce Show Committee	£ 220
The Abingdon Bridge	£1,000

Recreation Ground routes for dogs

We want to remind owners that dogs are not permitted on the central field of the Recreation Ground or in the fenced play area. There are signs on the gates to advise this. There are Public Rights of Way around the north and east sides of the Recreation Ground. On the southern side a specific dog friendly route is fenced off from the central field connecting the Rights of Way to the cemetery and beyond. Dogs can be walked through the cemetery. In the cemetery we request that owners to keep their dogs on leads and pick up after them.

Christmas tributes at the Old Wallingford Way cemetery

The Parish Council appreciates that many families will be making a special visit to the cemetery over the Christmas period. In February 2026 the Parish Council will arrange for the removal and disposal of any remaining Christmas wreaths and tributes.

Visitors to the cemetery are requested not to leave glass or plastic items (except artificial flowers). Objects made from glass are prone to being broken due to weather conditions and wild animals who often take a great interest in objects at the cemetery. Glass items are likely to be removed by the Parish Clerk.

2026 Community Litter Pick

Following the success of the October litter pick, and considering feedback from people who would like to be involved in future events. The next litter pick will be held on Saturday 18th April 2026 at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to join Councillors in litter picking designated areas of the village. Equipment is provided on the day. On your return to the hall there will be refreshments.

Councillor Vacancy

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council can have a maximum of 11 Councillors. At present there are two vacancies and the Council is looking to fill the positions by co-option.

Individuals who are on the electoral register and who live or work in the parish or within 3 miles of the parish can be considered for co-option. If you are interested in working in a small team to contribute to local life, taking forward projects which benefit people across the parish, then please contact the Clerk.

Please note the role is unpaid, as a minimum you would be expected to attend monthly meetings and check your Council email account at least once a week. You would be asked to take an active role in a couple of areas of the Council's work across recreational amenities, the cemetery, planning policy, community infrastructure (defibs, benches, bins), community events and representing the Parish Council at meetings with local charitable and commercial organisations.

Council meetings and contact details

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council meetings. The dates of the next meetings are Tuesday 13th January, 2nd February and 3rd March 2026. Meetings normally start at 7.15pm and are held in the Committee Room at Sutton Courtenay Village Hall.

The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Council's website www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk and on the noticeboards located outside Hari & Esha News, High Street; near Costcutter, Bradstocks Way; and on the open space at Skylark Fields.

Councillors: Rita Atkinson (chairman), Robert Dalby (vice chairman), Paul Galliver, Cathy King, Joanna O'Callaghan, Lia Plowman, Ian Pratley, Hugo Raworth and Jason Warwick.

Correspondence should be sent to the Clerk, Sutton Courtenay Parish Council, c/o Village Hall, Hobbyhorse Lane, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4BB info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk 07496 924 685 (new number April 2025). Alternatively, you can contact Councillors directly, their email addresses are on the website.



NORDIC WALKING

With a qualified instructor
Wednesdays & Fridays from 09:30 at the
Sutton Courtenay Recreation Ground (OX14 4AR)
For more information contact Graham Wells
at graymar.wells@btopenworld.com



This month has been incredibly busy, full of constituency engagements alongside exciting activities in Parliament.

In Parliament, I secured a commitment from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to help unblock progress on the GP surgery in Great Western Park. At Prime Minister's Questions, I challenged the Prime Minister on the Government's decision to delay SEND reforms until 2026, asking what he has to say to parents and education staff who are deeply worried by these delays. I also led a debate on the proposed cuts to funding for the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme - an issue that affects many families at Europa School - and spoke on the need to improve statutory maternity and paternity pay.

I have also been busy in my new role as Transport Spokesperson - speaking in Westminster Hall debates on sustainable aviation and on headlight glare, and pressing the Secretary of State for Transport on the environmental impact of the proposed third runway at Heathrow.

It is always a pleasure to meet constituents in Parliament. Recently, I've met with residents campaigning to end cages for farmed animals, and with local pharmacists attending the launch of the new *Shot in the Arm* vaccine campaign.

Back in the constituency, I've held surgeries in Wantage and Didcot and met residents on the doorstep in East and West Challow. I joined members of CulBug (the Culham Bicycle User Group) for a cycle trip and opened the new visitor centre at Culham Campus - planting a tree and recognising 60 years of remarkable work at the site. I also had the pleasure of visiting Fitzwaryn Special School and Wantage Primary Academy to see Bikeability training in action alongside the Local Transport Minister, Lilian Greenwood. It was wonderful to attend SOFEA's "Donate What You Can" community meal in Didcot, where all proceeds support the charity's Nourish and Flourish programme. I also visited the Thames Travel bus depot in Didcot and made further progress on improving the Orchard Centre, where parking is now free after 7pm every day. Lastly, it was a privilege to lay a wreath in both Wallingford and Didcot at Remembrance Day events, alongside laying a wreath on the Poppy Train at Didcot Railway Station. Lest we forget. As always, if there is anything you feel I can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact me and my team at olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk, or by leaving a voice message on 0207 219 7657.

Olly Glover, MP for Didcot and Wantage



Milton Minors Playgroup

Every Wednesday
- including school holidays
9:30 until 11:30 am

Come along and join us
£4 per family, refreshments included

Milton Methodist Church Hall,
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Do you need financial help?

Sutton Courtenay (National Power) Trust may be able to give some help.

- The Trust is a charity based in Sutton Courtenay.
- It can make grants to individuals living in Sutton Courtenay and organisations based in Sutton Courtenay which operate for the benefit of the residents of the civil parish of Sutton Courtenay.
- Grants MAY be available to assist with a number of charitable purposes e.g. personal financial hardship, education, illness, charitable activities that benefit Sutton Courtenay residents.

For more information, in confidence, about the type of applications the Trustees will consider or how to apply for a grant, please email the Clerk to the Trustees clerk.scnpt@gmail.com or write to 8 Church Street, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4NJ.

Merry Christmas Everyone

Christmas is a great time, and I hope this year will be no exception. Enjoy the break and relish the time with friends and family. I don't know about you, but I have found 2025 to be a frustrating year – I have worked really hard all year trying to juggle several different roles, and I have achieved quite a bit, but not nearly all that I wanted. So I am hoping for much more in 2026; to finish unfinished business, edge closer towards resolving long-standing issues, and push forward towards creating a better place locally. My 2026 wish list includes:

- For the new HIF1 road and bridge across the Thames to be planned and built to finish on time and within budget, creating safer and less congested routes in our area.
- Safe traffic lights for children and parents travelling to and from Europa school.
- A better train service for Appleford.
- New cycle routes linking Abingdon, Milton Park and Steventon being shown to be feasible.
- An agreed solution for Steventon Bridge.
- Exciting new sports facilities in Drayton.
- Sound and sensible plans for a new unitary council that delivers better public services at lower cost.
- More local, socially responsible investment from our pension funds.

Last but not least, in November my motion that the district council should request Thames Water to re-evaluate their options given the ballooning costs of SESRO was passed unanimously. I am hopeful for an open dialogue with Thames Water on the best – the safest, most environmentally-friendly, flood-mitigating and most cost-effective strategy - for water management for the next 100 years, rather than a presumption that is the SESRO mega-reservoir.

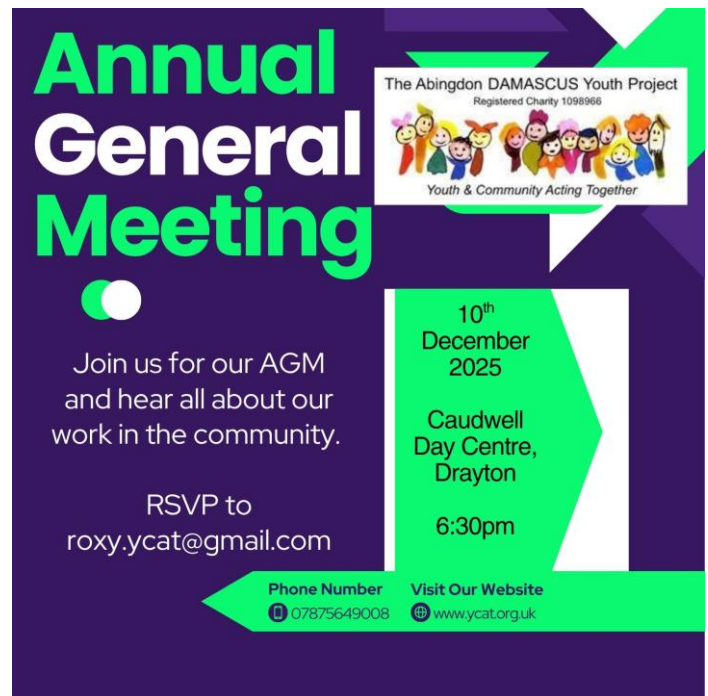
Moving beyond our area, I am hoping for so much more in 2026 from central government and internationally:

- Peace in the Middle East. Justice for war crimes. Realism around the risks of extremism. The centre to take control of the moral high ground around our national flag - growth has and should be turbo-charged by immigration, not cursed by it.
- A safe, secure, clean and cheap energy sector in the UK, along with double-digit growth for our local clean technology and advanced sciences sector, regardless of foreign subterfuge.
- Global commitment, led by COP30, to mitigate, minimise and become resilient to climate change.

Let's voice our ambitions for the coming year. The more we articulate, the more likely positive change will happen.

Bring on the New Year!

Peter Stevens



LADIES' TUESDAY CLUB

Ladies' Tuesday Club
Every third Tuesday @ 7:30 pm
River Room
All welcome –
Come and see your friends and make new ones
Next meeting 16th December



The first term at Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School has been a powerful celebration of growth, leadership, and togetherness. From the very first week, our children have embraced opportunities to lead themselves and others—guided by the values of democracy and tolerance.

Our Year 6 pupils set the tone early. Thanks to our new handwriting approach and raised expectations, nearly half the class earned their pens within weeks. Their pride in presentation and the quality of their work has been exceptional, inspiring younger pupils and reinforcing the value of effort and excellence.

Leadership has flourished across the school. Our Junior Leaders, Reading Ambassadors, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, Eco Ambassadors, Playground Buddies, Community Leaders, and Librarians have stepped into their roles with confidence, helping to shape a culture of ambition, compassion, and inclusion. Whether supporting peers, assisting staff, or representing the school, these young leaders are learning that leadership begins with self-awareness and grows through service.

We've launched Forest School for Reception and Years 1 and 2, where children explore nature, build resilience, and develop teamwork in the great outdoors. Our Forest Lead, Mrs Aitio, is tireless in providing children with the best experiences possible. Our Harvest Festival brought the community together in gratitude and generosity, while this week's trip to Ramsbury Manor promises to be an outstanding art, nature, and science experience for our Year

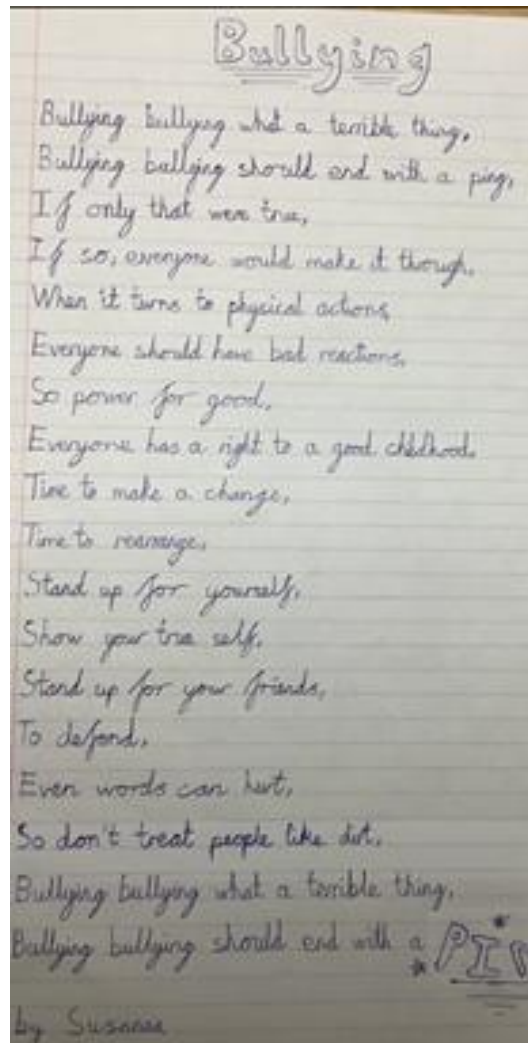
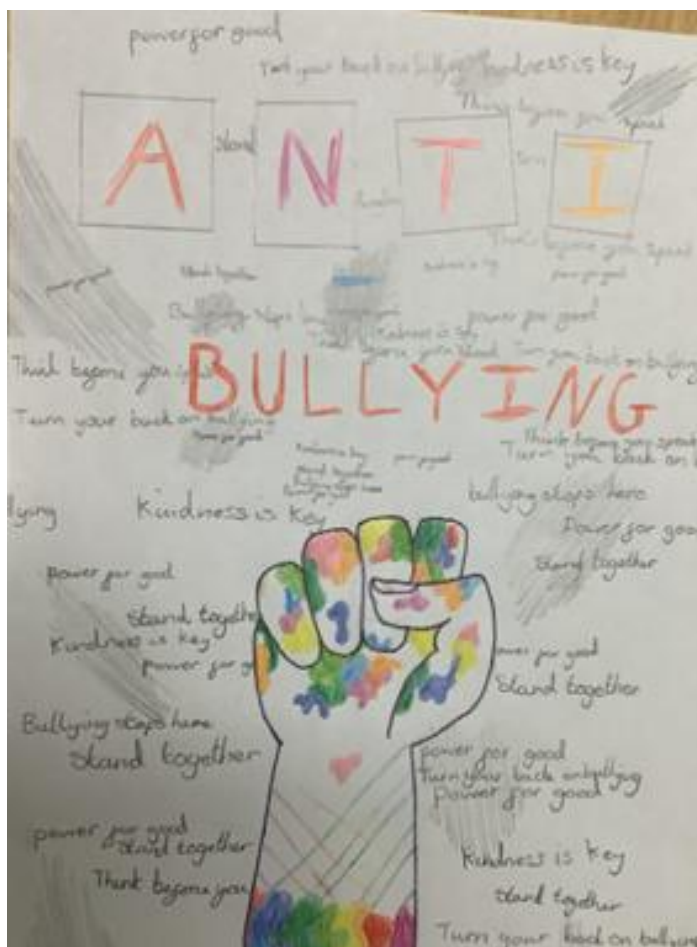
5 pupils—offering rich learning beyond the classroom. Physical activity and creativity have thrived through tennis and rugby taster sessions, a newly equipped playground, and a wide range of after-school clubs—from art to sport. The excitement of more trips and opportunities to come is already building.

This week, we are celebrating the official opening of our new school library. Staff and pupil leaders will welcome Jo Cotterill, our RET Patron of Reading, to help us mark this milestone. On Friday 17th October, we'll host our first **Library Reading Café**—a joyful event led by our Junior Leaders, Reading Ambassadors, and Librarians. Families are invited to choose a book together in the new library, then enjoy quiet reading time in our Hall Café with tea, coffee, and biscuits. Every child will receive a small gift and have the chance to write a mini review of their chosen story.

This term has shown us what is possible when children are empowered to lead, learn, and connect. It's been a term of stories—written in books, lived in experiences, and shared across our school community.

Raluca Chende

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Meet Santa!

ALL WELCOME!

ENJOY THE FOLLOWING GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR FREE:

- GUESS THE CAKE INGREDIENT & WIN THE CAKE!
- FIND THE LOST REINDEER
- SPLAT THE ELF
- DECORATE YOUR OWN SNOWMAN BISCUIT
- WHATS INSIDE THE BOX?
- PIN THE NOSE ON THE REINDEER

& MORE!

LIGHT SWITCH ON & CAROLS AT 6PM

SANTA'S GROTTO (INC. GIFT) £6

Sutton Courtenay Primary School's Christmas Light Up Event

REFRESHMENTS & RAFFLE DRAW!

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY, OX14 4DA

RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE SMEG SODA MAKER, BLENHEIM PALACE ANNUAL PASS & MUCH MORE!

FOR GROTTO (£6) AND RAFFLE (£1) TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT FERN ON 07525825189.



Wreath Making Workshop

Monday 1st December

7 to 10pm

£35 per person

includes a mince pie and festive drink

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Your voice in Thames Valley

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Presented by Matthew Barber on his own behalf, of Watlington House, 18-20 High Street, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX29 6BL

£200,000 taken from criminals going to local crime prevention initiatives

I have recently announced the award of nearly £200,000 to 49 community and voluntary organisations to support crime prevention initiatives.

My Community Fund is always hugely over-subscribed with 248 applications submitted for over £1.7m of funding, so unfortunately, I know many will be disappointed.

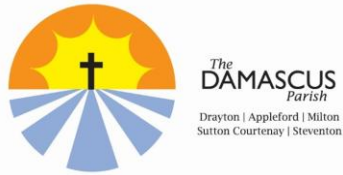
The Community Fund provides support to voluntary and community groups that help to prevent crime and keep communities safe. Importantly money for the Community Fund comes from proceeds from the sale of items seized from criminals that cannot be returned to their rightful owners. This ensures that the criminals pay, rather than the cash coming from taxpayers.

I am delighted that we are able to take money away from criminals and use it in a positive way, to support many of our hard-working communities and voluntary organisations in the Thames Valley to reduce crime further. In total there are 49 schemes funded across the whole of Thames Valley. To give a flavour of the types of projects supported, here are a few of the local applications that were successful:

- Bright Futures Oxfordshire, Youth mentoring scheme - £5,000.00
- Didcot and Wallingford Didcot TRAIN, Inspiring young people - £6,000.00
- Improving Road Safety in Long Wittenham - £5,700.00
- Sandford-on-Thames Road Safety Initiative - £3,300.00
- Gloves Not Gangs, Spartans Boxing Club, Abingdon - £4,000.00
- Sweatbox Youth Work, Wantage - £5,000.00
- Abingdon Damascus Youth, The Gazebo Project - £4,000.00
- CCTV at Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall - £1,500.00
- Fraud and Scam Awareness, Vale Community Impact - £5,000.00

Successful recipients will attend a presentation event with members of the judiciary and Chief Constable in November.

Matthew Barber
Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner



St Peter's, Drayton
St Peter & St Paul, Appleford
St Blaise, Milton
All Saints', Sutton Courtenay
St Michael and All Angels, Steventon



From the Ministry Team

Many years ago, when I worked in a busy open plan office, a phrase often heard was, 'Look busy, the boss is coming!'. Nowadays many of us are past-masters at applying this to the season of Advent. This season in the church year is meant to help us focus on the coming of Christ but all too often it is the most frantic and distracting of times. We set ourselves artificial deadlines to get 'everything' done; our diaries are crammed with seasonal events; our shopping trollies are over-loaded and our bank balances very often turn red. Advent was originally intended as a quiet time to prepare for baptism, involving prayer and fasting; but this season of quiet contemplation has turned into a season of stress, worry and exhaustion, and for those going through a tough time in life all the negatives become magnified. How can we refocus our thoughts on the key themes of Advent – hope, peace, joy and love? With thanks to Michael Pffunder of the Bible Society here's how:

On the first Sunday of Advent we light a candle for

HOPE: Advent is about tuning into Christmas. Before long, Christians will be celebrating the twofold arrival of the Saviour: back then, in Bethlehem; and in future, when he returns to establish his eternal reign. Most church traditions include the advent wreath in their celebrations. The nights leading up to the winter solstice keep getting longer. Meanwhile, the light increases, week by week, candle by candle. A symbol of hope as darkness falls. Advent is a chance to spend a few minutes a day calming down and refocussing on our hope in Christ, which lies beyond our present circumstances.

On the second Sunday of Advent we light a candle for

PEACE: Given how hectic December can be, church traditions which treat Advent as a time of contemplation and renewal can help. Peace may be a case of saying sorry, letting go, or simply resting in the Lord's presence, in anticipation of his coming. The apostle Paul led a life of suffering and hardship. Yet he found that the 'peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 4.7). Could this be our own discovery, this Advent, whatever our situation?

On the third Sunday of Advent we light a candle for

JOY: Pick a quiet weekday to visit an open, but empty, peaceful church, which has a nativity scene as part of its Advent tradition. Or look up a painting in a book or online. Take a moment to settle down and look carefully at the characters. The shepherds: social outsiders with a taxing day job. The Magi: facing an evil, scheming ruler. Mary and Joseph, about to run for their lives and seek asylum in a

foreign land. No-one in the nativity scene is happy because of their circumstances; but all of them are full of joy because of the child in the manger. Advent invites us to discover a 'joy to the world' that isn't of the world.

On the fourth Sunday of Advent we light a candle for

LOVE: By now, all four candles are burning in many churches and homes. The light is shining in the darkness. Jesus is about to arrive. The wait is almost over. Christians celebrate Advent to receive the message of God's love as if they were hearing it for the first time. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

So, this Advent, remember the Lord is coming. Don't look busy – prepare inwardly. Take time to pray and reflect in silence. Keep your eyes fixed on the light that shines in the darkness and find the joy in Christmas once again.

With love and prayers

Helen - The Reverend Canon Helen Kendrick, The Rector of the DAMASCUS Parish

Services of Worship

1st Sunday: Family service at 11:00 am
2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 11:00am + Junior Church
3rd Sunday: Morning Worship at 11:00am + Junior Church
4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 11:00am + Junior Church
5th Sunday: Special services across the Damascus Parish – please see church noticeboard for details

Holy Matrimony

We send our best wishes and congratulations to **Robert James Akers** and **Bryony Jane Alexandra Landsbert** who were married in St Laurence's Church, Upwey in Dorset by the Reverend Canon Helen Kendrick on Saturday 1st November 2025.

Rest in Peace

We send our condolences and the assurance of our prayers to the family and friends of the following people who died recently:

Stella Hamlett whose funeral was held at the graveside in Sutton Courtenay Cemetery on 22nd October 2025

And the following whose ashes were interred in the churchyard:

June Florence Luther (21st October 2025)

Carol Ann Lidbetter (22nd October 2025)

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

(All services take place in All Saints' Church, unless otherwise indicated)

Wednesday 3rd 19:30 Advent Course, River Room

Thursday 4th 11:15-12:30 WeCare2, River Room

Friday 5th Deadline for receipt of crafted Christmas trees in the parish office

Saturday 6th 9:30-11:30 **FREE** CHRISTMAS Community Brunch, WITH TURKEY, STUFFING AND PIGS IN BLANKETS, and all the usual breakfast fare, River Room. All welcome - WARM SPACE

* **Sunday 7th** 11:00 Christingle Family Service.

19:30 All Saints' Singers Christmas Concert

Wednesday 10th 19:30 Advent Course, River Room

Thursday 11th 10:30-12:00 Community Café, River Room – WARM SPACE.

19:30 Together in Stitches, River Room

Saturday 13th 18:30 Yuletide Evening in the Great Hall, The Abbey

Wednesday 17th 19:30 Advent Course, River Room

Thursday 18th 11:15-12:30 WeCare2, River Room.

* 18:00 Carol Singing Around the Village.

Friday 19th 9:30 School Christmas Carol Service, All Saints' Church. From 12 noon Christmas Hamper Delivery around the village

* **Sunday 21st** 18:00 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

* **CHRISTMAS EVE** 15:00 Crib Service – The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas – all ages are welcome to dress up as a nativity character to take part in the storytelling.

* 18:00 Torchlight Procession from outside the school to the Churchyard for Carols around the Bonfire.

* 23.30 Midnight Mass.

* **CHRISTMAS DAY** 11:00 Family Communion

Sunday 28th 11:00 Holy Communion for the DAMASCUS Parish

DIARY FOR JANUARY

Sorry NO Community Brunch in January

Sunday 4th 11:00 Family Service for Epiphany

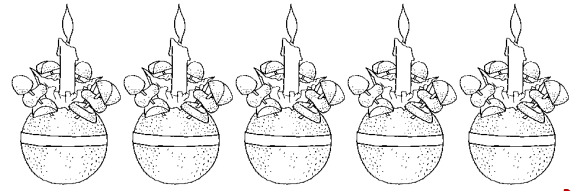
Thursday 8th 10:30-12 noon Community Café in the River Room – WARM SPACE

Monday 12th – 19:30 The DAMASCUS Parochial Church Council Meeting, St Blaise, Milton

Saturday 24th – 16:00 Movie Matinee, River Room – WARM SPACE



Come and celebrate the JOY of Advent and Christmas at All Saints' Church



Sunday 7th December



11:00 Christingle Family Service – for all ages
Come and make your own Christingle, support the work of the Children's Society and find the Joy of Christmas
The service will be followed by refreshments in the River Room.



VILLAGE CAROL SINGING



Thursday 18th December from 18:30

The Singing Saints and friends will be singing around the village to raise money for Helen and Douglas House (the hospice for children and young people) and the Sutton Courtenay Tower and Bell Appeal.

Please come and join us!

18:30 outside 9 Spring Field Way

19:15 Outside 2 Tullis Close

20:00 The George

All are welcome to join us at any or all of our destinations – carol sheets provided!

* Service of Nine Lessons and Carols *



**6pm on Sunday 21st December 2025
at All Saints' Church**

Supported by the Singing Saints and their friends and relations from Drayton and Sutton Courtenay

* Christmas Eve Crib Service *

15:00 Christmas Eve

Dress (in your own costume or one of ours) as a nativity character and join in the story of The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas



Christmas Eve



23:30 Midnight Mass

this year Midnight Mass returns to All Saints' Church.
Come and join us to celebrate the first communion of Christmas

CHRISTMAS TREE HUNT

(and you might find some owls too)!

Around the village on Saturday 20th December



Thank you to all the knitters, sewers and crocheters who have already made trees. We are nearly ready for the Great Tree Hunt on

Saturday 20th December from 9.30am.

Everyone is welcome to join in with the hunt and keep the tree to put on their own Christmas Tree. If you find more than one, why not share it with a friend or neighbour to spread the love of Christmas?

If you can help with distributing the trees around the village on Friday 19th and early on Saturday 20th then please phone 01235 847179 or email

admin@damascusparish.org.uk or contact us via our Facebook page.

If you still have some trees ready, please do pass them on – as we are hoping to gift them via the hampers this year and to decorate the church Christmas Tree – none of them will be wasted!

Thank you!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are planning, once again, to make up Christmas Hampers for distribution around Sutton Courtenay on Friday 19th / Saturday 20th December. If you know of an individual, a couple or a family who would appreciate the gift of a hamper then please let us know their name and address and we will do our best to ensure a hamper is delivered to them.

The aim of the hampers is simply to spread the love of Christmas around the community.

Please email the name and address of the person(s) you wish to nominate (letting us know how many adults and children in the household and any allergies / dietary requirements of which we should be made aware)

admin@damascusparish.org.uk

or 'phone 01235 847179 by

Sunday 7th December 2025

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS 2025

Would YOU like to join in?

Grab a cardboard box and start to fill it!

Once again we are encouraging people to fill a box this

Advent with the following items:

Coffee; tea; biscuits; chocolate; long life milk; cereals; tinned vegetables; tinned soup / meat; pasta / rice.

Toiletries; toilet rolls.

New men's / women's underwear and socks.

These Reverse Advent Calendars will then be used to support 'Homeless Oxfordshire' throughout the year.

If you have any spare cardboard boxes – all shapes and sizes – please could you drop them off at the Church

Office as soon as possible? Thank you!

The full cardboard boxes need to be brought back to the church by 3pm on Christmas Eve – thank you!

* CHRISTMAS EVE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION AND BONFIRE *



Torches will be on sale in the local shops from **Saturday 6th December.**

Price: **£3.50** each

(NOT FOR SALE TO UNDER 16s).

On **Christmas Eve** the procession begins at 6pm from outside the school gates – please supervise your own children and follow the guidance of the stewards and keep to the pavements – culminating in the churchyard at All Saints' for carols around the bonfire.

This Christmas we will be raising money to be shared between Helen and Douglas House and the Sutton Courtenay Tower and Bells Appeal – cash and contactless payments taken.

HELP NEEDED!

To make sure this event runs as safely as possible we need plenty of stewards along the route. If you would be willing to act as a steward on the night – please do let us know as soon as possible.

01235 847179 or admin@damascusparish.org.uk



Cleaning Volunteers Needed



All Saints' Church has a band of weekly cleaners who come and keep the church clean but we have found that we could do with a few more as we have vacant weeks to fill. Cleaners usually work in pairs – it takes about an hour or so dusting, sweeping the porch, mats etc., and vacuuming the carpets with our cordless vacuum cleaner.

Can you help with 1 hour of cleaning in the church every 5 weeks or so? If you can, please contact Mary Warrington on contrary63@gmail.com.

Thank you. - we really do need your help."

CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

DAMASCUS Parish online prayer meeting

A time to gather together online to praise our Father God, to listen to Jesus, and to join the Spirit in interceding for each other, our community, our country, our world.

Interested? We meet on-line every Tuesday at 07.45 - 08.15

Please contact: DAMASCUSonlineprayer@gmail.com



"they raised their voices together in prayer to God... After they prayed....." things began to happen!
Acts 4:24,31

MOVIE MATINEE

in the River Room

Sorry no Movie Matinee in December.

We start again on Saturday 24th January – 4pm

For a full programme to be sent to you please email:

admin@damascusparish.org.uk

or pick one up from the back of the church

Entry is **FREE**. Themed Refreshments.



WeCare2



This is a small and gentle group welcoming people with dementia, their carers and those older members in the village who live alone and would enjoy an hour in company.

We meet in the River Room, All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay on the first and third Thursday each month, from 11.15 to 12.30. Transport can be arranged if needed.

The group has a cup of coffee/tea and we try varied armchair exercises and then finally sing together some well-known traditional songs.

Music is recognised as being so beneficial to positive mental activity.

If you are interested and would like more information please phone/contact

Morna 07787 521039/morna28whitlock@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY BRUNCH



The NEXT Community Brunch will be from

9:30-11:30 in the River Room on

Saturday 6th December

With Turkey, stuffing, pigs in blankets and cranberry sauce in addition to bacon and Sausage Butties with Vegetarian and GF/Dairy Free options. Croissants and pastries. Fruit and Granola. Fruit Juice. And plenty of coffee and tea! **All welcome** – donate as you can – surplus funds go to the Abingdon Food Bank.

Please note there will be NO Brunch in January.

KNIT AND NATTER



Afternoons of chat and craft

Come along with your own knitting / sewing / craft and enjoy free refreshments and company.

Every 3rd Monday of the month 2:00 – 4:00pm

The River Room, All Saints' Church, The Green, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, OX14 4AE

Tel: 01235 847179 for more information

Community Café in the River Room



Run by the church for the whole community

Only one Community Café in December (raising money for Helen and Douglas House) Thursday 11th December

And in January

Thursday 8th January

Thursday 22nd January

from 10:30-12:00 all welcome!

Why not drop by for coffee or tea & delicious homemade cake & conversation and to browse the books or jigsaw puzzles on offer?

Open to all – a good place to meet with friends or make new ones. If you need transport to and from the River

Room please 'phone the Parish Office on 01235 847179



British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025

The total raised this year is £1342.68.

I should like to say a big thank you to everyone in the village who contributed to this year's poppy appeal, and all the local businesses and the school for finding a place for a box of poppies and a collection tin. My special thanks go to Alan Calver for collecting again this year, and to the member of the church who made a donation to replace money stolen by the people who broke into one of the tins in the church!

Poppy Appeal Organiser for Sutton Courtenay & Appleford
poppyappealsca@gmail.com



Together in Stitches

Do you wish you could find time for craft projects?

Would you like a fun evening, meeting like-minded people in Sutton Courtenay?

If so, Together in Stitches is for you!



Bring your craft project, whatever that may be, & come & enjoy a chat (and possibly a glass of wine)

Second Thursday in the month
 (7:30-9pm, River Room)

For more information 'phone 01235 847179
 or just turn up!

BRIDGE

BRIDGE AFTERNOONS

Christmas busyness will prevent play on 19th December, but we are back on 2nd January!

Come and play bridge on the 1st and 3rd Friday afternoons in the River Room from 2-5pm with a cup of tea & a piece of cake - £5

Tables, cards and score cards all provided
 Just come along and we make up tables based on experience/choice. All standards of play welcome – from experienced players to those who are 'just in need of a refresher', 'very rusty' or learning.
 Rubber or Chicago – you choose.
 Come and join us.



Looking for a new challenge in 2026?

Would you like to support families in your community?

Become a Home-Start Home-Visiting Volunteer and support a family through difficult times.

- Receive free, high-quality training
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- Change the lives of the families you support
- Make friends & connect with your community

We have strong demand from families in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire and need local volunteers to support them!

If you can spare a couple of hours each week to support a parent and their children, please contact us on:

admin@homestartso.org or 01235 511152
www.homestart-southernoxfordshire.org.uk/volunteer

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



The Friends of All Saints'

Yuletide Evening

a festive occasion with supper and musical entertainment

The Abbey, Sutton Courtenay

Saturday 13th December 2025

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Tickets £12 adult/£6 child at
sjjenkins33@aol.com
or 07885 437454

Cash bar, raffle, fun!

The Friends of All Saints' is a charity which contributes to the upkeep of the Grade 1 listed 12th century church in Sutton Courtenay

All Saints' Singers
Sutton Courtenay

Music Director
Sebastian Thomson

WINTER
CONCERT

Rutter: Gloria
McDowall: A Winter's Night
Bach: Jauchzet, frohlocket
With Abbey Brass
& Audience Participation Carols

All Saints' Church
Sutton Courtenay

Sunday
7th December 2025
@ 7:00 pm

Tickets £15
from: Hari & Esha's in Sutton Courtenay,
the Bookstore, Bury Street, Abingdon or –

for more information: allsaintssingers.org



Sutton Courtenay Singers*

QUIZ
NIGHT

+ Ploughman's Supper

? Make up tables of 8 -
£12 per person
Saturday 31st January 2026 @ 7:00 pm
Sutton Courtenay Village Hall
Tickets from a choir member or
chairman@allsaintssingers.org
Charity Number: 1061056
* Previously the All Saints' Singers

All Saints' Singers, Sutton Courtenay - Notice of Change of Name

On 1st January 2026 All Saints' Singers will be changing
their name to

Sutton Courtenay Singers.

We hope you will come to our lovely concert, the last
under our old name, and help to 'raise the roof' of the
church joining in with glorious carols.

Then in January, come to our exciting Quiz to welcome
in the new name and help fund our next concert.

Your support makes a real difference!

Come and Join Us!

Sutton Courtenay Singers are looking for new voices to join our choir

In the Spring we will be performing Mozart's Requiem
– why not join us? Come and try us out at our first
rehearsal on 9th January in Matrix Arts Centre,
Sutton Courtenay.

As a special offer new members will receive a £10
discount on their first term's subscription.

Please contact Chris at chairman@allsaintssingers.org
or speak to a member of the choir for more
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Yuletide

We have the pleasure of hosting our 'Friends of All Saints' for their Yuletide Evening on Saturday 13th from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

Sing on the Solstice

Join us for a harmony workshop, marking the shortest day with three inspiring leaders! This is our last event of this calendar year, to be held on Sunday 21st December.

For more information: emilyschoirs.co.uk

Holistic Structured Writing Retreat

We will be holding a 3-day holistic writing retreat at the Abbey from Friday 9th January to Sunday 11th January 2026. You don't need to be an academic or a professional writer to attend. This structured writing retreat is open to all and combines yoga sessions, nature walks and delicious vegetarian meals, all designed to provide you with an opportunity to write in a supportive, beautiful, peaceful and productive environment.

The retreat will be facilitated by Alison Eardley and Tina Cartwright. Alison is an academic, and is also a trained writing retreat facilitator, who has been running structured writing retreats for 9 years. Tina is a qualified yoga instructor and is also an academic. Her yoga practice is based on Hatha Yoga. Yoga sessions at the retreats will suit everyone from absolute beginners to regular practitioners.

Another similar retreat will take place in July 2026. More information is on our website.

Saturday talks at The Abbey

Join us for a three-part workshop series, "If mindfulness is a doorway, what's on the other side?" on Saturday 17 January, from 10am to 1pm, in the Library. After the positive response to September's workshop, we're delighted to continue this journey with Peter Yiangou in 2026.

Peter Yiangou, a retired chartered architect and now Chair of the Board and also a teacher at Oxford Mindfulness, will guide these workshops exploring what lies "on the other side" — and how this inquiry can deepen our understanding of happiness, awareness, and personal growth.

You will find more details on our website and social media pages. The next sessions will take place on Saturday 14 February and Saturday 14 March.

Volunteering at the Abbey

The walled garden

We are developing a great team of volunteer gardeners. If you have a few hours to spare each week and want to help us care for our beautiful walled garden, we'd love to hear from you. Gardening experience is not necessary. Come and spend time in this special garden and enjoy working with other volunteers and make new friends.

The Abbey Workshop

We have a small but keen band of volunteers who, on top of pursuing their own interests in various woodcraft activities are now also contributing their many and varied skills to helping us maintain the Abbey. New members are always welcome, so please get in touch via our website if you're interested and would like to know more.

The Abbey Café

Bring your friends and enjoy a selection of delicious homemade cakes or a light brunch in our beautiful medieval hall with live music.

We are open every Saturday from 10 am to 2pm. Occasionally the café won't be held in the Great Hall if we are hosting a retreat or another event so check our website and social media for any updates.

THE LAST ABBEY CAFÉ OF THE YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE ON 20th DECEMBER AND WILL REOPEN ON SATURDAY 17th JANUARY 2026.

Please contact us at: welcome@theabbey.uk.com or by phone: +44 (0)1235 242 283 for any questions. You can also visit our FB page "The Abbey Sutton Courtenay" or our Instagram account @theabbey Sutton Courtenay

THE ABBEY OFFICE OPENING TIMES: - 9AM - 1PM weekdays

THE ABBEY WILL BE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS on 22nd DECEMBER, RE-OPENING ON 5th JANUARY 2026



The Abbey Workshop

The Abbey Workshop is a community workshop, in the grounds of The Abbey, offering the chance to work alongside other like minded people, both sharing skills and learning new ones. You can work on your own projects and hobbies as well as joining in with repair and renovation work with others. We have a wide selection of both manual and power tools in our workshop, including a lathe and table saw.

Above all we offer a warm, social atmosphere where people can enjoy friendship and gain a sense of fulfilment in being productive for the time spent together.

We are here to encourage everyone from all parts of the community to learn and share skills in a friendly atmosphere!

Visitors are welcome to have a chat over coffee, and see what we have to offer. We are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am until 15.30pm.

Contact Us
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More about dog mess!

Dear Editor,

We have recently bought ourselves a small dog and after walking through the village we find that we are constantly picking up other people's dogs' poo from the paths. Could it be highlighted that this is being done by large dogs. Please can people pick up after their dogs.

Gary Oram

Reply from the Editor:

Thank you, Gary, for highlighting this problem and for demonstrating gallant citizenship in doing other's people's dirty work for them.

It is a sad indictment of the lack of social responsibility of some dog owners that the Sutton Courtenay News has received this letter close on the heels of another on the same topic in October. You will also note that the Parish Council have mentioned the issue on Page 3 of this edition.

I know that most dog owners behave responsibly, but some clearly don't!

Dog faeces smell dreadful, and also carry the potential to cause significant illness in humans, particularly children. Please protect others by picking up after your dog.

RSPB LOCAL GROUP



The local RSPB Local Group (Vale of White Horse) has had a great start to Winter, with nearly 50 bird species seen on our visit to RSPB Arne, and a fascinating talk from Professor Andrew Gosler. Don't forget to do your Big Garden Birdwatch (23-25 Jan) / Big Schools' Birdwatch (from 6th Jan), see RSPB.org.uk for details!

We provide monthly talks (Mondays 7.30pm, dates below) - now by Zoom only for the colder, darker months, and returning to the River Room in March. And monthly walks at local reserves (dates below www.rspb-vwh.org.uk for details).

* **Mon 15th Dec:** Project Turtle Dove (Rick Bayne) -The project is optimistic that we can reverse the fortunes of this enigmatic and culturally significant bird; the latest figures give real hope (7.30 pm Zoom only)

* **Mon 19th January:** Giving Corncrakes a Home (Anne Guichard) -Anne is an RSPB Conservation Officer in Northern Ireland, and will cover Corncrake ecology and the RSPB's work on Rathlin Island to bring this bird back (7.30 pm Zoom only)

* **Sun 25th Jan:** Port Meadow walk

* **Mon 16th Feb:** Filey International, Arrivals & Departures on the North Yorkshire coast (Mark Pearson) (7.30 pm Zoom only)

* **Sun 22nd Feb:** Radley Lakes walk

* **Mon 16th Mar:** Bringing a Boom to Middleton Lakes (Katie Thorpe) (7.30pm River Room) {and deadline for photo competition}

* **Sun 29th Mar:** College Lake walk

* **Mon 20th Apr:** Wildlife of the Chilterns (Jon Mason) (7.30pm River Room) (and photo competition results)

* **Sun 26th Apr:** Greenham Common walk

* **Mon 18th May:** AGM & Members' Evening (7.30pm River Room)

* **Sun 31st May:** Otmoor walk

Membership for the 25-26 season is £15 for adults (whether or not you are an RSPB member), and free for under-16s. This gets you the above programme and a quarterly e-Newsletter. If you prefer to attend just one or two talks, you can do this as a non-member for £5 a time. You can join using the form on our website (under "Contacts"): www.rspb-vwh.org.uk.

Improved lighting in our village

We are a group of Citizenship GCSE students from Didcot Girls' School and, as part of our Citizenship Action Campaign, we're focusing on improving lighting in Sutton Courtenay — specifically by campaigning for the installation of a lamppost by the recreation ground and improving lighting on Old Wallingford Way.

To start our campaign, we conducted a survey asking local residents if they feel comfortable walking down unlit streets and their thoughts of lighting provision on Old Wallingford Way with the following results:

Nearly nine in ten respondents (89%) live in Sutton Courtenay, 61% believe the lighting on Old Wallingford Way is insufficient. Only 7% felt the path was adequately lit.



We believe that better lighting would increase the use of the facilities at the recreation ground during the darker months. Young people and families with children would be able to comfortably walk to the playground and enjoy valuable time outdoors. The recreation ground has been renovated in recent years so why should residents not be able to use it all year round?



If you feel the same as us, please sign our petition using the QR code left.

The theme is Christmas

– and what may make it special for you.



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Will you be on your own this Christmas?

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Help Girls Thrive at 1st Sutton Courtenay Rainbows

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a genuine, lasting impact right here in our community?

We are launching **1st Sutton Courtenay Rainbows in January**, and we need compassionate, enthusiastic and committed volunteers for 1.5 hours a week to help us lift up the next generation of girls and young women.

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Ready to Make a Difference?

Email suttoncourtenayrainbows@gmail.com with the subject line "Volunteer Enquiry."



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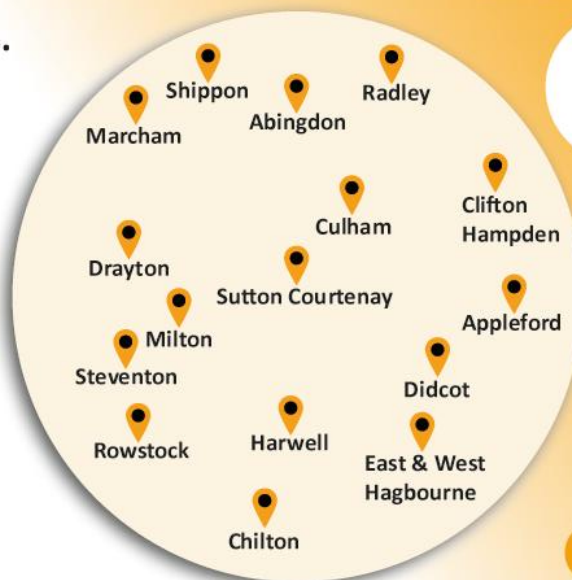


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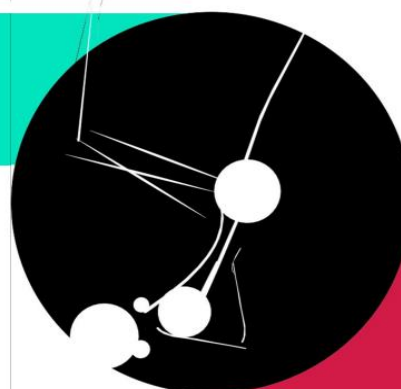
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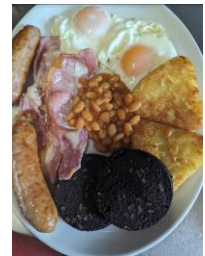
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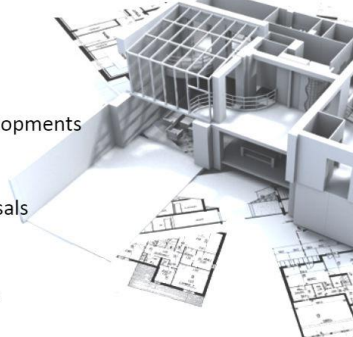


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