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## **Covid 19 Restrictions**

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or contact the editors.

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### Services of Worship

1st Sunday: Family Service at 10.30am

2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church)

3rd Sunday: Morning Worship at 10.30am (with Junior Church)

4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10.30am (with Junior Church)

5th Sunday: Special services across the DAMASCUS Parish – please see church noticeboard for details

Wednesdays: BCP Holy Communion at 9.45am

**Due to Covid restrictions these times may change.**

**Please check with the church. See pages 8 & 9**



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### Radcot Green Presentation

A presentation was made to Council by FCC and their representatives at a meeting of the Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The meeting was

held via Zoom meetings and many residents dialed in to listen to and ask questions in relation to the proposed Radcot Green Development within Sutton Courtenay. A brief summary of the meeting and formal minutes for the subsequent Parish Council meeting will be published on the website in the coming days along with a copy of the slides used by FCC and its representatives during their presentation.

### Redevelopment of the Recreation Ground

The Parish Council are aiming to redevelop the Recreation Ground. As part of the initial consultation process, they are seeking resident's views on both the existing facilities and suggestions on what facilities people may wish to have in the future. These views are being obtained by way of a survey and this can be found in the centre of this newsletter, this can be pulled out and completed. Details of where to drop off your completed surveys can be found on the introductory page, along with information of what to do if you want an electronic version. Hard copies can be delivered to your door if you wish and the Parish Council will also collect your completed questionnaires should you not be going out at the present time. The closing date for response to the survey is December 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. The Abingdon Damascus Youth Project have created a survey specifically for the younger residents.

### Planning Inquiry – Appleford Road

The planning inquiry for the proposed housing on Appleford Road took place during the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The Parish Council were represented by a Planning Consultant who prepared and presented a statement on their behalf and various local residents also made statements as well as District and County Councillor Webber. The Parish Council will make you aware of the outcome of the appeal once we have the same – there is no confirmation of when a decision will be published.

### Covid 19 Support Groups

The Covid-19 Support group is continuing to provide its excellent support of local people in the area during this time and are prepared should the need for their assistance increase given the rise of cases over the next few weeks. The Parish Council wishes to thank these volunteers for their continued work for the village residents.

### Grants

The Parish Council award Grants on an annual basis. The Parish Council will soon be preparing its budget for the next financial year and if there is any worthy and needy organization, where Sutton Courtenay residents will benefit, who wish to consider applying to the Parish Council for a grant, they may do so. Please write to the Clerk, stating the purpose of the grant and supplying a copy of your organisation's accounts, as soon as possible. Grant applications will not be considered again until the Autumn 2021.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 at 7.15pm via Zoom meetings. The agenda will be published on the website in due course. Should you wish to join the meeting, please do contact the clerk on the below details and the relevant details will be provided prior to the meeting.

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Email: [info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk)

Tel: 01235 364211

## SUTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL

**Sutton Courtenay Village Hall**

*(Registered Charity 300213)*

*Notice of AGM (to be held virtually using Zoom)*

**7.30 pm on Monday 16 November 2020**

The Management Trustees of the above charity invite you to its AGM. At the meeting a report on the work of the charity and the audited accounts will be presented.

Please do attend. We are actively searching for new members, to join us as trustees, who would like to take a share in the work and responsibility of managing this community building for the benefit of all. Fresh thinking and new energy to raise major funds are needed to take the hall on to its next stage of development.

The trust deed allows for up to 12 members to be elected at the AGM. Any resident is entitled to attend and put themselves forward for election as a trustee. The duties and responsibilities of a trustee can be obtained from the Charity Commission (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>).

The trust deeds also entitle specified organisations to appoint trustees (a maximum of 11). However, in the interests of getting a good mix and representative cross-section on the committee – all regular user groups are invited to consider sending a member to be appointed on to the committee and share in the management of the hall.

Please email [scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com](mailto:scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com) with a request for a link to the meeting if you would like to attend.

Rita Atkinson

Secretary

01235 848694

### Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

### OPEN AGAIN FOR BOOKINGS

To find out more or to make a booking

Please email [scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com](mailto:scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com) or  
phone Rita Atkinson, Secretary, 01235 848694

**‘Stay alert, control the virus, and in doing so, save lives’**

In accordance with government rules, the Village Hall Management Trustees have prepared risk assessments, guidance and new conditions of hire for users. These are being kept under constant review as the pandemic progresses and government guidance changes. They may change from time to time and at short notice.



## Working together to support learning

Last week the staff completed their assessments, which will help us to plan the next steps in learning. We deliberately did not carry these out for the first month.

Our first value is readiness, and before we rush into catch up plans for learning, we have to make sure that everyone is feeling settled and safe. This is all about establishing strong relationships and routines. Of course, in the day to day teaching, both teachers and support staff are constantly taking in information about who knows what and what little changes can be made to support each child's learning journey. However, at times it is worth carrying out more formal assessments, and getting together as a staff to plan longer term strategies. After half term, we will be offering each family the chance to talk with the teachers, either by telephone or via a virtual meeting – whichever works best for them. This will be in place of our usual consultation evenings. We will also be running our annual survey for the school community to tell us how we are doing. One of the strengths of the school during the pandemic has been the way we have all worked together so well for our children, and we will continue to look for ways to make this work whatever is happening around us!

## The impact of the pandemic

So far we have been extremely lucky and have not had to close any 'bubbles' in school due to positive cases. Our biggest challenge has been covering staff when they have been struggling to access tests or awaiting results for family members with a temperature or persistent cough. So far we have managed to cover this within ourselves with a mixture of myself, support staff and teachers teaching the class from home via Microsoft Teams. It has been a bit frantic at times but worth it to provide the children with continuity.

We are maintaining our full curriculum with only minor changes such as a reduction in trips. It is lovely to see the children enjoying art, music and active play as much as ever!

The staff have remarked that this has made them pause and look again at all the wonderful opportunities we have close at hand. We are making good use of our Forest School this year with Reception and Year 3 accessing this. Barn Owls Nursery are using the grounds for exploration – one child had gone home and told his mum all about an enormously long walk he had been taken on and all that he had seen – it was around the perimeter of the site! Today, Wrens class set off in the glorious autumn sunshine and visited All Saint's Church – another safe place to make the most of. We will be looking to make more use of the Environmental Centre at SCEEC this year too. We are very fortunate to have so much nearby



## Gallery

*Featuring autumn leaf prints by Barn Owls Nursery*



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## Need A Mask



Volunteers in the village continue to make and distribute reusable non medical face masks free of charge to residents of the village. Although cheap disposable masks are now widely available they end up in landfill at best. Reusable, washable, masks are preferred, many 100% cotton and bio degradable, so please save your money protect the environment and request a free mask from [scfacemask@gmail.com](mailto:scfacemask@gmail.com).

The masks are even delivered to your door free of charge. For those wishing to make a donation, Our group has been closely supported by the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project and a donation to this charity would be very much appreciated,

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12999#!/DonationDetails>.

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS NEEDS YOU!

As we have mentioned in the September and October editions of SCN, Diane and Clare will be retiring from the Editorial Team at the end of this year. Whilst we have had some enquiries about taking over from Diane and Clare, for which we are most grateful, at the time of writing we have no firm commitment to take over.

PLEASE contact us if you would like to help. In the October edition we gave an overview of what we do but we can explain in more detail on an individual basis.

The more volunteers there are the less each person has to do!

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THE LAST SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project  
Registered Charity 1098966



The ADYP Team has been busy behind the scenes, planning and re-planning all our work due to Covid19 guideline changes. However, this has not stopped the amazing young people of

Sutton Courtenay showing up and putting in some incredible work! Bootcamps have been a hit and were extended during October. Those who have attended have put in some serious sweats and are feeling the benefit!

Our #IWill project has progressed forward and the young people involved are designing a survey on recreational facilities in the village, for all the young people in the village to complete. Initially, this will support the Parish Council's survey on its plans to upgrade the recreation ground facilities. Keep an eye out on our social media accounts for the link! This group is looking at the potential of re-designing of the local park and shelter so that young people in the future, have a space they can call theirs that is fun, dry and safe!

Emily, our new volunteer, has already had an impact in the local area with her idea of a pumpkin trail through the village that will happen over the October Half Term. Trail sheets will be available to pick up from Hari&Esha (Burgreys) Store and contact one of the team to sign your house up!

As always, the team are delivering sports, chat and chill sessions every week and are enjoying getting to know some of the new members of the groups! Do go and have a chat with the staff should you ever see them out in the evenings!

The ADYP Team – Roxy Elford, Jake Fleetwood and James Quartermain

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Jake Damascus, Roxy Damascus, James Damascus



Jake\_Damascus; James\_Damascus; Roxy\_Damascus

YouTube - The Abingdon Damascus Youth Project

Website: [www.damascusyouthproject.org.uk](http://www.damascusyouthproject.org.uk)

**NOTICE and Invitation  
to the  
Virtual AGM  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7pm.**

The trustees, staff and young people would like to share some of the highlights and achievements of their work in 2019/20. We hope that you will be able to attend this Zoom meeting and if you can, please contact

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N.B. Information correct at the time of writing, in mid-October.

## **Sutton Courtenay Covid-19 volunteers**

The volunteer group is poised to offer assistance to residents once again, with shopping etc, should further restrictions be imposed. In the meantime, please do contact Emily Madge, Co-ordinator of the group, if you'd like to be put in touch with a volunteer. Contact Emily by emailing [suttoncourtenayc19@gmail.com](mailto:suttoncourtenayc19@gmail.com), or call 07707 779642.

## **NHS Covid-19 App**

The official contact tracing app is the fastest way of knowing when you're at risk from Covid-19, and you can then let others know. Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. For more information visit the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

## **New Mental Health Helpline**

- This new helpline has been set up by the Oxfordshire Mental Health Partnership and is available 24-hours, seven days a week. Anyone can call to get direct advice about where they can access the mental health support that's most appropriate for them.
- The helpline number for adults is 0800 783 0119 or 01865 904 997 and for children it's 0800 783 0121 or 01865 904 998.
- Visit the following link for more information about the helpline
- [https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/24-7-mental-health-helpline-for-buckinghamshire-oxfordshire/?fbclid=IwAR0OUms98iRj7baqwEkRQGY4TGP16Hru06BZyngAvv0rbYW\\_Y4CmtVMbvM](https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/24-7-mental-health-helpline-for-buckinghamshire-oxfordshire/?fbclid=IwAR0OUms98iRj7baqwEkRQGY4TGP16Hru06BZyngAvv0rbYW_Y4CmtVMbvM)
- For more information about the Oxfordshire Mental Health Partnership visit [http://omhp.org.uk/?fbclid=IwAR3hro5Bxl4cIKn\\_Ga\\_Pfdiz65XXrVvKks\\_eGllrvOFV1mQJcjbNek8N-XmkzM](http://omhp.org.uk/?fbclid=IwAR3hro5Bxl4cIKn_Ga_Pfdiz65XXrVvKks_eGllrvOFV1mQJcjbNek8N-XmkzM)

## **Online dating (romance) fraud warning from the police and Action Fraud**

Reports of romance fraud have risen by 26% in the past year, with Action Fraud receiving 400 reports a month from victims in the UK. The total lost by victims between August 2019 and August 2020 was £66,355,239, equating to an average loss per victim of just over £10,000. Reports increased to 600 per month from June to August this year, indicating that the national lockdown may have led to an increase in people meeting and talking to romance fraudsters.

- Criminals are experts at impersonating people and spend hours researching victims for their scams, particularly when committing romance fraud.
- Romance, or dating, fraud occurs when you think you've met the perfect partner online, but they're using a fake profile to form a relationship with you. They gain your trust over a number of weeks or months to encourage you to believe you're in a loving and caring relationship. Their end goal is always to get your money or personal information.

Police forces around the country are working with partners to raise awareness. More information and advice can be found on the Action Fraud and Get Safe Online websites at [https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/romancefraud?fbclid=IwAR0O7iXpoGAX2Lx\\_DDOgFxFIIXFMJS06dN-kApPRm-BYbbjpBS11FDvH7II](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/romancefraud?fbclid=IwAR0O7iXpoGAX2Lx_DDOgFxFIIXFMJS06dN-kApPRm-BYbbjpBS11FDvH7II), and <https://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/online-dating/>.

## **Keep your online accounts and personal information secure**

Get Safe Online has a wealth of information and advice. If you're new to the internet, would like to brush up on skills, or perhaps expand your knowledge, visit Get Safe Online's 'New to the internet' page on their website at <https://www.getsafeonline.org/new-to-internet/>. If you use Facebook the Get Safe Online page has a Facebook Live session every Thursday at 11am at <https://www.facebook.com/GetSafeOnline/>.

## **CONTACTING THE POLICE**

**The police request that you should only call 999 in an emergency and 101 if it's urgent.**

**If possible, please use the online reporting services at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)**

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**Contact NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or e-mail [neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com)**

## **SUTTON COURTENAY (NATIONAL POWER) TRUST UPDATE**

In the September issue of the Village News, any organisation which benefits the residents of Sutton Courtenay, or an individual who would like to be considered for a small grant, were invited to contact Linda Martin, Clerk to the Trustees. Due to circumstances, you are asked to contact the Chairman of the Trustees Merouan Hemamda whose details appear below, until further notice.

As a reminder, if submitting an application, please state the purpose for the grant, the amount required, and if an organisation, supply a copy of the latest accounts, together with income and expenditure figures, or if an individual please supply proof of need and bank statements.

Mr Merouan Hemamda  
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It seems that the Planning White Paper, consultation and outcome will be pushed back beyond next year's Local Elections. For most of us, this is a relief. If it had gone through unaltered, the implications for our area were many and highly significant. As a potential "Growth area", restrictions around development would be considerably relaxed.

The County Division of Sutton Courtenay and Drayton, which includes Drayton, Appleford, Milton and Shippon, is already under extreme housing pressure. An aerial map of the area shows that there is not much room between each of the settlements. Not much wonder that many residents feel we are in danger of becoming merged into a "Greater Abingdon and Didcot" - rich in employment sites, but unable to move for traffic gridlock.

OCC Highways has been wrestling with the problem of how to manage the increasing pressure on our road system for many years now. So severe has been the problem, that they have been objecting to further development at least until major improvements are in place. The two schemes proposed, based on their traffic modelling - one around Didcot and one at the Frilford Crossroads are at very different stages. Now that the Growth Deal and HIF Fund are signed off, the proposed link road and new bridge over the Thames are funded and, if the planning process goes smoothly (a sizeable "if") these bits of infrastructure will be in place and functioning in 2024. Many still have reservations over the argued benefits of the scheme, but, at least there is a real prospect of some infrastructure being in place *before* the housing. This is something that local politicians on all sides have been calling for for years.

Frilford crossroads is at a much earlier stage. Road designs are being worked on, including a Marcham bypass, but there is almost no money in place to pay for it all and certainly not the many millions it will cost. In present circumstances, it is hard to see Government being in a position to provide the funds, so we are all watching this space.

As Sutton Courtenay, Milton, Appleford and a Drayton are discovering, even when the funding *is* in place, a whole lot of other issues emerge.

OCC Highways now say that some housing around Didcot could be allowed because the HIF Bid has been signed. This assumes that we could all cope with extra housing for the 3 years it will take to deliver the infrastructure. I.e. Back to the "infrastructure before housing" argument.

Developers can argue that there is now the capacity for further housing. The new link road and bridge is planned to cope with the 17000 + houses that are being built, and are likely to be built within a 5 mile radius.

Many argue that new roads, in time, simply generate more traffic.

Many others argue that the environmental impact of all the housing and road building will make it impossible to reach any climate change targets.

Others argue that all this focus on our area works against the principle of "levelling up".

And then, of course there is COVID - expected to cost every UK adult £32000 - and that was the end of May estimate.

Perhaps it is time to take a long, hard breath....

### Some advice..

In the past few weeks, three separate issues have arisen on the topic of planning disputes between neighbours. Please don't shoot the messenger, but the way the planning system operates can seem very strange.

First, anyone has a right to apply for planning permission anywhere. Yes, I could apply to build a house in my next door neighbour's garden. (I would be mad to do it, because it would be expensive and would almost certainly be rejected).

Secondly, I can build anything I like on my own property with or without planning permission. Even if I have not had planning permission, the new building has to be judged as a retrospective application. If it would probably have been allowed anyway, nothing will be done.

Thirdly, if you, as a neighbour object to what I have done, you need to register your objection within 10 years or the objection will not be valid.

And no, I did not write the rules!

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## Sutton Courtenay lockdown Poppy Appeal raffle



Due to current restrictions, the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will be very different this year and yet, the serving and ex-serving personnel and their families that the RBL support, need help more than ever. Georgia Broome, the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Sutton Courtenay & Appleford, has set up the Sutton Courtenay Lockdown Poppy Appeal raffle, in aid of the Royal British Legion. You can buy a raffle ticket for only £2 each for a chance to win prizes worth up to £40. For more information go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sc-lockdown-poppyappeal-raffle>

The prizes are lockdown themed, perfect to do at home or to give to someone isolating. The raffle will be drawn on 11 November 2020 using an independent random result generator. Prizes will then be delivered within 5 working days (with contactless delivery).



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

### From the Ministry Team...

I am writing this letter just after our Harvest Thanksgiving service at church. This year our farmers have struggled with the vagaries of the British weather; too much rain early on and then not enough in the earlier part of the summer. They have also had the problem of getting enough man power for harvest itself with most seasonal workers being unable to travel due to various COVID-19 restrictions. As a result farmers have had to work doubly hard to provide food for the supermarkets. This is a reminder to us that everything we enjoy requires hard work behind the scenes to make it happen.

Our churches made a collection of food for the Abingdon food bank. The food bank gave out a record number of food parcels at the start of the lock down in the spring. Currently demand is lower but we fear that over the winter there are likely to be many people who lose their jobs and then fall through the safety net and end up in need of food and other basics in order to survive. We are continuing to pass on food to the food bank and there are boxes in our church porches if anyone would like to support those who desperately need help in these unusual times.

For our churches, as for every other community organisation this has been a difficult year. We have done our best to provide good quality services since the end of lockdown and we have held some scaled back community events where and when we have been able. Even to do this has required extra work behind the scenes sorting out risk assessments, deep cleaning and all the other things that are required to enable people to feel safe when they come into our buildings. My thanks go to everyone who has made this possible.

We are looking forward to Remembrance Sunday. Regretfully government restrictions make it very unlikely we will be able to meet around our war memorials. In Sutton Courtenay we will be holding a short Open Air Service in the Churchyard (please see advert for details) and do continue to check our web site, [www.damascusparish.org.uk](http://www.damascusparish.org.uk) or look on church notice boards for further details.

Tim Budd (Licensed Lay Minister)

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### Harvest Thanks

to all those who donated tinned and dried food goods. They have been gratefully received by the Abingdon Food Bank who continue to support households in need across Abingdon and the surrounding villages. We also raised £160.00 in donations for Farm Africa. Thank you.

Don't forget that there is a box for the Abingdon Food Bank in the church porch and donations can be left there all year round. They are taken on a monthly basis to the Foodbank and put to good use.

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### Macmillan Cancer Support

Even without a Coffee Morning we raised £167.13 for Macmillan Cancer Support from after service collections – thank you!

### YOU STAY – WE PRAY!

All Saints' Church (part of The DAMASCUS Parish) prays on a weekly basis for all Sutton Courtenay residents who live and work in each road. In a 26-week Rota, everywhere is prayed for twice in each calendar year. As roads are of different lengths, some will be prayed for twice (on consecutive weeks) and some for three weeks. The Rector prays for all the village and of course we can all remember each specific area day by day.

At this time of social distancing and even sometimes self-isolation, if you feel the need for special prayers and support, please contact the Rector (the Revd Helen Kendrick) by phone on 01235 848297 or by e-mail at

[rector@damascusparish.org.uk](mailto:rector@damascusparish.org.uk)

It is hoped that our Church will remain open – both for our weekly Sunday Services and also for the Community Cafe (every other Thursday) – but this will depend on Government Covid-19 restrictions. For full details, please contact the DAMASCUS Parish Office on 01235 847179

In November 2020 we will pray for those who live and work as follows –

Sunday 1 November to Saturday 7 November – Abingdon Rd, All Saints' Lane, Brook Street

Sunday 8 November Saturday 14 November – Amey Close, Appleford Road

Sunday 15 November to Saturday 28 November – Asquith Park, Chapel Lane

Sunday 29 November to Saturday 5 December – Barretts Way, Churchmere Road

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### All Saints' Churchyard

Thank you to the hardy volunteers who helped with the Autumn Clear Up on 3<sup>rd</sup> October – officially the wettest day on record - but that did not put them off and the churchyard is ready for winter now. Ongoing thanks are due to John Napper who cares for the churchyard all year round and a plea to those who visit graves within the churchyard – Bins are provided but they are often over filled and then John has to clear the extra rubbish up. If the bins are full please could you take your rubbish home with you and help us keep the churchyard tidy for everyone.

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### The River Room and the DAMASCUS Parish Office

The River Room and the new DAMASCUS Parish office are now up and running – there is usually someone in the office from Monday to Thursday. If you would like to have a look around the River Room please ring 01235 847179 to arrange a visit. We would love to show you around (masks must be worn and social distancing observed)! Thank you.

### REST IN PEACE

The funeral for **Raymond McGovern** who passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020, was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay, followed by burial at Sutton Courtenay Cemetery. The service was conducted by the Reverend Helen Kendrick and attended by family and friends .

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings we are unable to hold our usual gathering around the War Memorial on the Village Green this year and we will not be able to host our usual Remembrance Service in the church building. However, we are able to offer a short Service of Remembrance within the churchyard, as this is exempt from the government restrictions.

The churchyard will be open from 10.30am and the Act of Remembrance will start shortly before 11am. Please arrive in good time to enable a prompt start!

If you wish to attend the service in the Churchyard you must abide by the following:

- Follow the one-way entry system as directed (through the main gate and then exit via the side gate).
- Use the hand sanitizer provided on entering and leaving the churchyard
- Provide a name and contact number for track and trace or use the NHS Covid App and scan the QR code as you arrive
- Observe 2m distance between household groups – and when queuing to enter
- Wear a Face mask
- Do not gather in groups larger than six people

We hope in this way to offer a service which will honour those we wish to remember whilst keeping everyone safe. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact The Reverend Helen Kendrick on 01235 847179.

### Community Café in the River Room

We have had to take the decision to cancel our Community Café until further notice. As soon as the restrictions ease and we can host the Café in -person again we will let you know.

Meanwhile we are going back on-line – please do join us on zoom:

**Thursday November 12, 2020 10:30**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86538220714?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86538220714?pwd=QkdnbTI2dzRfc3VUV1lFUIEraWx2dz09)  
[pwd=QkdnbTI2dzRfc3VUV1lFUIEraWx2dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86538220714?pwd=QkdnbTI2dzRfc3VUV1lFUIEraWx2dz09)

Meeting ID: 865 3822 0714

Passcode: 565304

**AND**

**Thursday, November 26, 2020 10:30**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86800585042?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86800585042?pwd=RmlCQ2tMQTBHN2xhc2xrRzNlTzV2dz09)  
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Meeting ID: 868 0058 5042

Passcode: 354967

Please ring the parish office 01235 847179 if you would like the links emailed to you.

## ALL SOULS'

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

### CHANGE TO INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED

We are now holding **one** service to name and remember those who have died:

**3pm All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay.**

The service will be recorded and made available via our website later that evening. Invitations have been sent to the next of kin of all those we have conducted a funeral for over the past two years.

**Due to COVID-19 the seating capacity of the church is greatly restricted so you MUST book your place at the service by phoning the parish office.**

If you need transport to and from the service, or have any other questions, please contact **the Parish Office on 01235 847179**

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions we have had to review and risk assess all the services and events which the church is responsible for organising in the community

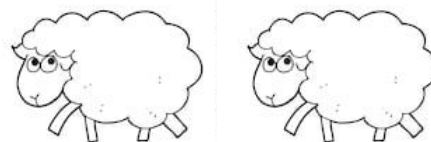
This means that the Torchlight Procession and Carols around the Bonfire on Christmas Eve are **CANCELLED FOR 2020.**

We are still hoping to run a 3pm Open Air Crib Service in the Churchyard (but numbers will be limited). Arrangements are still being made for the Carol Service and Midnight Mass / Christmas Day Services. There will be online services available.

We hope that normal services and events will be resumed in 2021. In the meantime please look out for more information about services and other events which we will be running under the restrictions in the December issue of the Sutton Courtenay News and in the parish Christmas Card which will be delivered to every home.

All the services will be provisional and subject to change according to restrictions nearer the time. But please take part in the other events we are organising – such as the Lost Sheep and the Christmas Trail.

### KNITTERS NEEDED FOR WOOLLY SHEEP!



This Christmas, due to COVID-19, we are unable to celebrate as we might wish. But there are still things we can do. To help us with one of our ideas we need knitters to knit as many woolly sheep as possible. If you could help please phone 01235 847179 and we can deliver a knitting pattern to you. The completed sheep will need to be shepherded to the Parish Office by **SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**. You can use any old wool – and if you need supplies let us know and we will get you some. Thank you!

Helen - 01235 847179

*You will then need to look out for the sheep which will be appearing in the village from Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December!*



### Village Christmas Story Trail

Many people decorate their homes with lights at Christmas. This year we would like to encourage you to help tell the Christmas Story throughout the Village and make a figure or two for display in your garden – along with the lights! You could make: an angel (or a whole host); a shepherd (or a flock), a wise man (or three), a camel (or three); a cow (or two); Mary; Joseph; an innkeeper (or two); citizens going to register in Bethlehem and don't forget the donkey! **To register to take part (minimum £3 donation) please contact 01235 847179 or [admin@damascusparish.org.uk](mailto:admin@damascusparish.org.uk) by 12<sup>th</sup> December.** The figures should be in place by **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December** and Trail Guides will be available to buy for £1 a time from local shops. Prizes will be awarded to all those who complete the trail. *All proceeds will be shared between Oxfordshire Mind and the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project.*  
*This will replace the collection normally made at the Torchlight Procession.*



### THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS

**SADLY, WE HAVE HAD TO CANCEL OUR POPULAR ANNUAL  
YULETIDE EVENING BUT INSTEAD....**



**The friends will be holding  
A YULETIDE VIRTUAL QUIZ  
for family and friends via Zoom.**

**The quiz master will put you into virtual rooms for team discussion.**



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 -9.00pm**



**Teams 6 - 8 people: cost £2.50 per person**

**ENTRIES : Please email: [friendsofallstaintssc@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofallstaintssc@yahoo.com) for an application form. The numbers will be limited so will be selected in order of entry. There will be a Prize for the winners**

**Everyone welcome!**

**We will also be holding a Yuletide Raffle:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize A weekend stay at Center Parc Longleat for a family of 4**

**2<sup>nd</sup> A Christmas Hamper (Value £50)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> A meal at a local Restaurant for 2 people**

**+ many other prizes. email [friendsofallstaintssc@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofallstaintssc@yahoo.com) for tickets @ £1 per ticket or £5 per book. Draw will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

\* The Friends of All Saints' Church is an independent charity that has been in existence for over 30 years to assist with the preservation and upkeep of the Grade I listed church in Sutton Courtenay.  
Contact Sue Jenkins (Chairman) 07885437454

## CHURCHMERE POOL CARP SYNDICATE



Well we are really into autumn now, and all the trees around the lake are a mixture of reds and golds, and the lilies are dyeing down. The only plants still putting a show on are the roses, and they smell beautiful. We periodically loose the swans and even the terrapins haven't been seen for weeks, a clear sign the temperature is dropping as we enter autumn. The quarrelsome coots are still around. The good news is that with resent rain we are retaining our water levels.

There has been a steady amount of fish being caught by the members, but the real news is that our youngest member, Lilly just 5 years old, caught a 16.9 lb carp on her own and landed it. Not only did it make her week but also her proud fathers, who was by her side to watch her do it, a huge Congratulations.

The Bream have exploded on to the scene and a prominent member GHT landed twelve in one night session and two carp, he didn't get much sleep that night. A couple of our big girls have also put in an appearance, but unusually to one angler, they are a fairly secretive pair and don't show often, a character on our lake known as Two Bives Bob caught Crinkle Tail and The Chinese Common in the same session. He must be a member from Hogwarts and retains magical knowledge.

Roger Rance

## SC NORDIC WALKING

Nordic walking offers each person the chance to enhance their immune strength, and increase their vitamin D uptake. At present both vital for your wellbeing.

This is achieved by a full body exercise, and being outside.

It only takes one hour of 121 instruction given by a trained local Instructor to learn the basics. Following this then twice weekly walks with trained walk leaders ensure maximum learning and enjoyment in a covid safe outdoor setting in very small groups.

The best thing about it all is that it is all FREE, the instruction, use of poles and walks. Just your time.

If interested please contact the instructor Graham [graymar.wells@btopenworld.com](mailto:graymar.wells@btopenworld.com) for more details. To register for a 121 contact please contact [Annalie.Thomasson@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:Annalie.Thomasson@southandvale.gov.uk)

## Charlotte Storrs Stoneware Pottery Garden Gallery



Open from 24 October to 18 December, by appointment only



The Pottery, 8 The Green, Culham  
[pots@charlottestorrs-stoneware.co.uk](mailto:pots@charlottestorrs-stoneware.co.uk)  
[www.charlottestorrs-stoneware.co.uk](http://www.charlottestorrs-stoneware.co.uk)



## DRAWN TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EDITORS

There is so much hidden talent in Sutton Courtenay.

Take a look at this video and hear the stunning voice of Nadia Eide who lives in the village with her equally talent husband, Michael, and their son.

The video is filmed by Michael and part of it is outside Culham Church.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTKIDsnQF\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTKIDsnQF_c)

Please send in more links like this.



**S.C.I.D.S.**

**WE WILL BE BACK.....BUT SADLY.....**

After lots of thinking and trying to find a way, **S.C.I.D.S.** is regretfully postponing any start to a performance at present. Since our main enjoyment comes from being together in the Village Hall, making new friends and indulging in cakes and tea, I and "The Team" feel there is no 'virtual' way of rehearsing given those requirements, and have decided not to start any new production in January. In February we will be reviewing this and if circumstances have changed with more freedom of gathering together we will try to put **S.C.I.D.S.** back on the village schedule! If not possible this winter then Andrew's great script for an alternative 'Robin Hood' story will hit the stage, and the village, in 2022!

Any queries please do get in touch .....Morna Whitlock  
 01235 848335 or [morna28whitlock@gmail.com](mailto:morna28whitlock@gmail.com)



*We provide fun, friendship, and challenge*

### Hello from Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

Welcome back to news from the Scouts hut.

Since September, we have been meeting in the virtual world, catching up on news from the world of Scouts, personal news of our members, and playing games and doing other activities.

Now, we are pleased to announce that all four UK governments have confirmed that youth activities such as Scouts are essential to the development and wellbeing of young people and should continue wherever possible. We are planning restart of face-to-face outdoor activities after half-term.

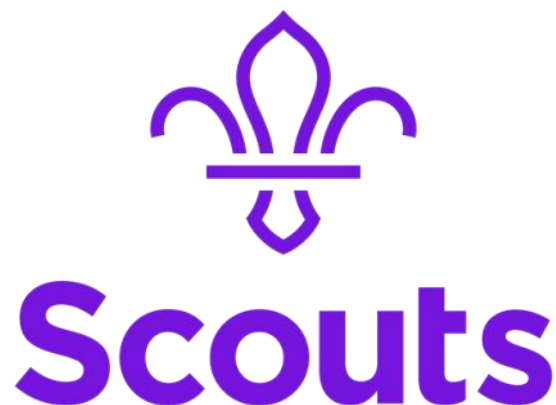
### Scouts hut refurbishment

In the latter part of summer, refurbishment started and a nice new-ish kitchen was fitted; the next step is to improve acoustics and decor.

### Come and Join us

If you would like your child to join any of our sections, once the restrictions are lifted, email us for more information on

[26thAbingdon@gmail.com](mailto:26thAbingdon@gmail.com)



### Marquee hire

Our Scouts group has marquee to hire locally. Our marquee can be set either as 40'x20' or smaller size 20'20'.

For information about the hire please use the contact above.

## SC CYCLE

### Declutter sustainably!

Advertise any item you would like to give away to someone in the community for free, or £1 per item if you are charging. If you would like to advertise here please contact the Editorial Team (see page 2)



**FREE TO SC Resident**  
**Side Board**  
**5 foot long x 1'5" wide**  
**x 2'5" high**  
**Small area of veneer slightly**  
**peeling**  
**Self collect**  
**01235 847355**



Prompted by the photographs of the VE Day and the VJ Day commemorations in the June and September editions of SCN, Jonathan Blinman from the High Street has emailed the Editors a copy of an email exchange with his family. Here's an extract from that exchange.

"I was 9 at the time and only dimly remember a street party with trestle tables out in the road. I recall my best friend David's mum rather impressed me devising a guy for the bonfire we were having - a stuffed figure dressed in painter's overalls, a 6" brush in hand, and a lifelike painted mask of Adolf Hitler complete with moustache and forelock. David's dad had been killed at Monte Cassino.

Anyway, endless recent TV references to the Normandy landings reminded me of one of my WW2 memories which I thought I would share with you (lockdown by COVID-19 brings all sorts of buried memories out of the woodwork!). In 1944 when I was at school in Abingdon (aged 8) we raced home in the afternoon to find the village occupied by the Army! Sutton Courtenay had been selected for the dress rehearsal of the airborne landings at Arnhem and, as kids, we were over the moon to find our homes and gardens full of soldiers with weapons, a machine-gun post in my front garden (and my mum Betty doling out cups of tea!) and, overall, the crackle of gunfire and the thud of explosions. Bursting with excitement, we collected brass cartridge cases and silk parachute cord!

And the initial scene of the airborne landings was captured in this [see below] watercolour sketch by my dad Edward. (he had been invalided out of the army some while earlier) It is a view from Sutton across the fields towards Wittenham Clumps glimpsed in the distance. Sadly over 1000 of those eager young men never came home.

Food for thought as we ride out this never-ending coronavirus."





## Job redundancy: check your rights and talk to Citizens Advice

One of the most serious outcomes of the current pandemic problem is that thousands of people in the UK are losing their jobs. If you are one of

these people, and are made redundant or offered voluntary redundancy, it is important that you thoroughly understand your rights and options.

The first thing to do if you are at risk of redundancy is to look at your contract of employment, which will spell out your basic rights. Make sure that your company abides by these conditions. Also, consider other sources of help such as your union if you belong to one. Bear in mind that if you have been in the job for less than two years you do not have as much job protection, but if for more than two years, your employer has to follow certain procedures, e.g. find you another job in the company if possible.

You can't be made redundant in an unfair way or for discriminatory reasons. The reason must be a genuine one, i.e. the job you do or the skills you have are no longer needed, or the employer can't afford you, or the business is failing. With technology advancing, sometimes fewer people are needed to do a given job.

You might be entitled to receive redundancy pay, which increases with length of service and has two elements – statutory and contractual. Statutory pay (not paid to those who have less than two years' service) is the minimum that the law says you are entitled to, and is based on your age, weekly pay and the number of years you have worked in the job. Contractual redundancy pay is the additional amount to which your contract may entitle you. If you have been furloughed, the law says that your redundancy pay must be worked out according to your usual wages, not the 80% furlough figure. Bear in mind that if your employer offers you a suitable alternative job and you refuse to take it without good reasons, they can refuse to give you redundancy pay. You can check that your redundancy pay is fair by using the calculator at

<https://www.gov.uk/calculate-your-redundancy-pay>.

You are also entitled to a paid notice period or pay in lieu of notice, and the employer should give you paid time off for attending job interviews.

All the implications of redundancy are helpfully described on the Citizens Advice website at

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/work/leaving-a-job>

The website also gives advice about claiming benefits or dealing with your debts if you need this. You can talk to an adviser on our Adviceline, 0300 330 9042. Visit [www.ca.org.uk](http://www.ca.org.uk) to find your local Citizens Advice office.



## Citizens Advice needs volunteer advisers

We can all face problems that are too stressful or complicated to sort out alone.

Last year our 150 volunteers advised over 11,000 people. We helped three quarters resolve their debt, benefits, employment and housing problems.

We now need more advisers to help us during and after the Covid-19 crisis.

Our main offices are in Abingdon, Didcot, Henley and Thame. Since March, 90 volunteers and staff have been advising the public from home on our Adviceline service. Recently we partially re-opened our offices, in part to train new advisers.

What will you get out of it? You will join a friendly team, meet new people, develop your skills and make a real difference to people's lives.

You'll need to have good listening and interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn and be confident with computers. Full training will be provided.

If you have eight hours a week to spare for the next two years or more and are looking for a satisfying and stimulating volunteer role in your local community, please contact us at:

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/volunteer/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/volunteer/)

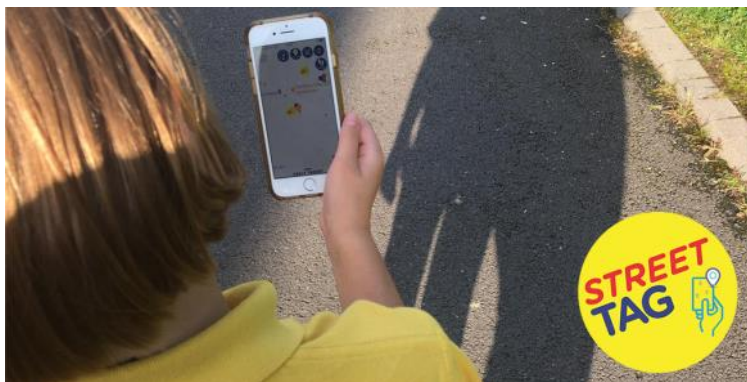


## STREET TAG

Street Tag is a new family-friendly game that rewards primary schools, families, individuals and communities for physical activities such as walking, running, and cycling.

Street Tag is turning streets and parks in Oxfordshire into a giant virtual playground. You can play to win rewards for your child's primary school, or as an individual or team of up to six people in Oxfordshire's community league.

Watch your total distance accumulate and see how you far you climb up the local leaderboard. Get ready to push yourself and start your journey to a healthy lifestyle with Street Tag. For more info on how to play, head to [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/streettag](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/streettag)



**healthwatch**  
Oxfordshire  
Your voice on health and care services

**Healthwatch Oxfordshire wants to hear from employed home carers**

Healthwatch Oxfordshire wants to hear from anyone who works to provide care and support to someone in their own home in Oxfordshire.

The county's independent health and social care watchdog is asking people employed in home care support - including those who work privately, on a self-employed basis or for an agency - to share their experiences of what this is like by completing an anonymous survey at [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Paidcarers/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Paidcarers/)

The feedback received will help those who pay for and plan care in the county understand what is working well and what could be better.

Executive Director of Healthwatch Oxfordshire Rosalind Pearce said: "Carers do an extraordinary job, but we know this is not always an easy one. If you work as a home carer please do take a few minutes to fill in this survey and tell us what this is like and what support might make it easier. What you tell us will be treated in confidence - we don't need to know who you are, but we do want to hear your views."

If you'd prefer to talk this through over the phone, or to request a paper copy or translated version of the survey, please call 01865 520520.

To find out more about Healthwatch Oxfordshire see [www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk)

## SUTTON COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL RECREATION GROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

Sutton Courtenay's Parish Council is seeking to update and improve recreational facilities in the village. The recreational facilities for which it has responsibility are the Recreation Ground (RG) and the Village Green.

This recreational review will take place in three stages:

- Phase 1 Rapid refurbishment and safety refresh of the play area within the RG
- Phase 2 Transformation of the RG
- Phase 3 Identify, and assess feasibility for alternative recreation/play areas

Phase 1 is underway and includes the immediate making good of the children's play area within the RG. This has been interrupted by the Corona virus pandemic but plans are underway to give this facility a rapid refurbishment while plans for the transformation of the RG are being made.

We are beginning Phase 2. To ensure we transform the RG in a way that maximises facilities for the majority of villagers, we are seeking YOUR input into what facilities you'd like to have.

The aims of the Parish Council are that the RG:

- Is a safe, user-friendly, fun venue with attractive facilities
- Enhances the lives of village residents of all ages
- Is cost effective, future-proof and sustainable
- Is environmentally-friendly.

The following questionnaire has been developed to obtain your views and opinions on the provision of facilities and use of the RG in the future. Please complete the questionnaire – ONE COPY PER HOUSEHOLD – and return it on or before 15 December 2020.

If you prefer to complete a digital copy of the questionnaire, please contact the Parish Council Clerk to request these: [info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk).

Completed hard-copies of the questionnaire can be left at collection boxes sited in Hall's Garage, Hari and Esha News, Richard Mathews Florist, Sutton Courtenay Tyres, CostCutters or in the Church foyer. Alternatively, please post completed questionnaires to: The Parish Council Clerk, 10 Sovereign Place, Wallingford, OX10 9GF

If you require your hard-copy of the questionnaire to be collected from your home, please contact the Clerk at the above email address or call 01235 364211.

Please note: This questionnaire comprises only one part of the consultation process. Additional surveys, such as the one being conducted by the DAMASCUS Youth Project, and other focus groups will provide additional feedback to inform plans for the transformation of the RG.

## RECREATION GROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

### ABOUT YOU

Q1. Where in the village is your household situated? Please give **ONLY** your street address not your house number.

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Q2. To which age group(s) do your response(s) apply?

Under 5	5-12	12-16	17- 25	25-50	Over 50
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Q3. Do you play sport or exercise regularly?

Yes	No
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Q4. If you said 'Yes' to Q3, what exercise or sports do you do, how often and where?

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Q5. If you said 'No' to Q3, would you like to exercise more or enjoy a sporting activity within the village?

Yes. If so, which activities and, ideally, where?	No
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### THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Q6. If you have children or grandchildren, do they use the Children's Play Area **WITHIN THE** RG?

Yes	No
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Q7. Which equipment do they use most often?

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Q8. Which equipment do they use least often?

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Q9. What, if any, additional equipment would they like to see installed and why?

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Q10. Please make any comments about the Children's Play Area that you think would be helpful to this consultation.

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### THE GRASS AREAS

Q11. Do you or does any member of your household use the grass areas for recreation or other sporting activities?

Yes	No
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Q12. If you said 'Yes' to Q11, what activities do you use the grass areas for?

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Q13. Are you or anyone in your household a member of a Sutton Courtenay sporting club that uses the grass areas? If so, which one(s)?

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Q14. Do you or did you use the cricket practice area?

Yes	No
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Q15. Would you like to see the cricket practice area refurbished, replaced or removed?

Refurbished	Replaced	Removed
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Q16. Would you like the grass areas to be used for other recreational activities?

Yes	No
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Q17. If you said 'Yes' to Q16, what other recreational activities should or could the grass areas be used for?

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Q18. Please make any comments about the grass areas that you think would be helpful to this consultation.

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### MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)

Q19. Do you or anyone in your household, use or ever used the MUGA?

Yes	No	Don't know
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Q20. What games/sports do/did you play in the MUGA?

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Q21. Are there any additional games/sports that could be played on the MUGA? If so, please list them below and briefly explain why you think they should be added?

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Q22. Do you think the MUGA should be refurbished, replaced or removed?

Refurbished	Replaced	Removed
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Q23. Please make any comments about the MUGA that we might find helpful.

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#### SKATEBOARD PARK

Q24. Do you or does anyone in your household use the skateboard park?

Yes	No
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Q25. How often do you anyone in your household use the skateboard park?

Daily		Weekly	Monthly
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Q26. Do you think the skateboard park should be refurbished? Replaced? Or Removed?

Refurbished	Replaced	Removed
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Q27. Please make any comments about the Skateboard Park that we might find helpful.

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#### YOUTH SHELTER

Q28. Do you or anyone in your household ever use the Youth Shelter?

Yes	No
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Q29. Please make any comments about the Youth Shelter that we might find helpful.

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#### OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Q30. What would you like to see at the RG? For example:

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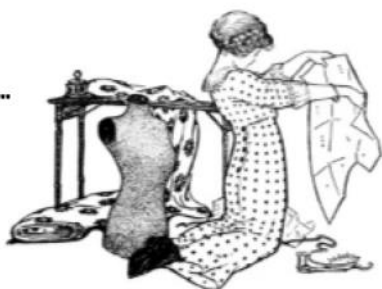
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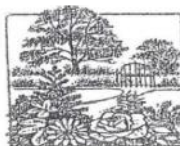
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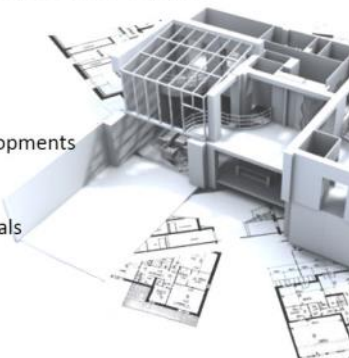


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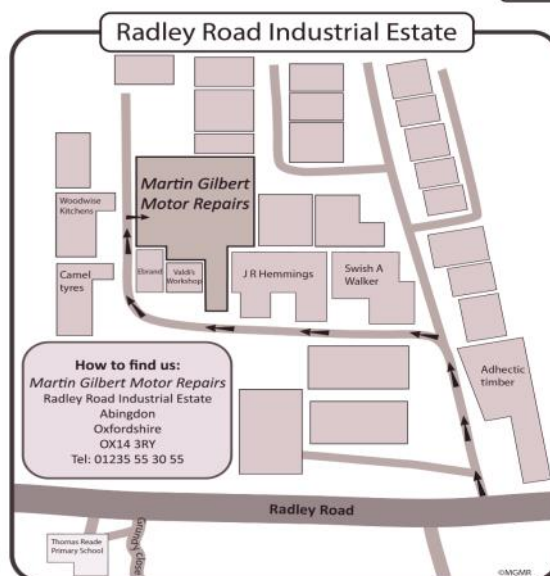
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