

# OXFORD WATERSIDE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER No.76 JUNE 2022



In 2022 Queen Elizabeth II has been on the throne for 70 years.

This is an amazing achievement and the whole country will be celebrating over the weekend of 2-5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Google "UK Platinum Jubilee." to find other planned events. Following our Poll of residents' interest in participating in the festivities, OWRA will be sponsoring the following events:

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 THE NATIONAL BIG LUNCH

A nationwide event at lunchtime to celebrate this unique historical moment to celebrate the Queens Jubilee and bring the community together.

Merrivale Square will be decorated with flags, bunting, patriotic planting, the lot. You don't have to be a Monarchist or British to join in the fun, all are welcome.

This is likely to be a "Bring and Share your Food" event with drinks tent and a range of activities and competitions such as dressing up as royalty, cake judging, tombola, best picture of the queen, traditional kids games etc.

Who knows exactly what we will do, we have not planned it yet!

OWMC are looking into planting a **COMMEMORATIVE TREE** (or trees?) somewhere on Waterside this Autumn.

**There will be a WALK and LITTERPICK on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** to clear up Waterside and Port Meadow after the festivities.

Some suggested events failed to gain much support, if you and your neighbours are interested in organising something let us know and we can lend you the OWRA resources (Gazebos, big BBQ, chill boxes).

We need helpers to both plan and organise on the day, so if you have not already volunteered, send us a note on [owra.owmc@gmail.com](mailto:owra.owmc@gmail.com).



Much more information will be in our next Newsletter, which will also let you know about the OWRA AGM date and place.

### YOUR COMMITTEE

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**We welcome new Committee members, tenants and owners make equally valuable contributions to our lovely Waterside community – join in!!**

**JOIN US – GET INVOLVED IN WATERSIDE**

## **Petanque/Boules**

The Management company are planning to create an area in Merrivale Square where residents can play the game of Petanque also known as Boules. This would be an added attraction for Waterside residents, introducing a social activity which all age groups can enjoy together. Comments to Anna Steven (01865 435037)

## **Grounds Update**

Nicholsons have now more or less completed their work on refurbishing the borders on Rutherway. The row of multi-stemmed Amelanchier should be in bloom very soon, and the borders to the north of this row have a mixture of shrubs and herbaceous perennials. The two large hornbeam trees in front of the Crescent east have been replaced with native silver birch trees: the hornbeams were too big for the space and were taking too much light from the nearby houses. As the same time the border between the Crescent east and The Villas has been replanted. During the spring there will be further planting in Merrivale Square. On Plater Drive, a number of old plants have been replaced with new shrubs and perennials. At the Aristotle Lane entrance the mixed hedges planted a few years ago by volunteers are now thriving and protecting the fences from graffiti.

This Autumn a community bulb planting will be organised to replenish the spring bulbs planted by enthusiastic volunteers some years ago.

## **OxGul-E eCharging cable guide trial on Waterside!**

You may have seen news of the cable gulley trial as part of Oxford's efforts to increase EV uptake and facilitate charging for properties that don't have a driveway or other off-street parking. It aims to eliminate cable trip hazards and bulky/unsightly/ improperly used plastic cable covers.

The updated highways code now includes specific wording about not creating tripping hazards with EV charging leads.

If you weren't aware, due to the unique layout of the estate, many of the properties on Plater Drive have "public highways" running in front of their homes in the form of the council-adopted footpaths. Currently, 28 Plater Drive is part of the trial. Look on our website for more information on eCharging.

## **News from the Waterside Management Company**

Please remember to apply to WMC for permission regarding any planning submissions and alterations as stated in the covenants for each Waterside property.

The electricity substation in Rutherway gets items regularly abandoned outside, and bins are not removed promptly. This is a safety hazard and signage is about to be ordered indicating that nothing is to be left there as 24 hours access is required, SSEC is being informed and CCTV is also being costed. If your neighbours are away please try to bring their bins in.

Jubilee funding of £500.00 has been agreed, this will enable purchase of folding tables.

New signage for Merrivale Square is to be installed at adult height, to be more prominent.