

OXFORD WATERSIDE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Coronation Celebrations



Waterside will be celebrating the Coronation on **Sunday 7th May** joining the nation in '**The BIG LUNCH**' from 12 midday.

We shall have games, a bar with proceeds to charity, you can bring food to share and enjoy the company of your neighbours.

Everyone is welcome.

We need help to set up/put away, please let us know if you can turn out at 10am to assist with the bar, food and games gazebos and tables.

Volunteers to man gazebos please contact owra.owmc@gmail.com asap!!

On the day please bring seats, your food dishes to share and a card for the bar.

Waterside drop-in sessions

To ensure that you all get the opportunity to meet your neighbours and discuss your Waterside ideas and issues, we are continuing regular drop-in sessions on the 1st of each month where RA and Management Board members will attend when available:

Date & time	Host	Location	Special interest
Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 11am	Kay Gordon	In Merrivale Sq or 10 MS if dire weather	OWRA Chair GROUNDS Children welcome!
Thursday 1st June 10-11am	Caro Fickling	29 The Villas	OWMB Chair Under 5s welcome!

The ever popular **SWIP SWAP SHOP** is returning!

The team of young proprietors are currently refurbishing their stand and would like to minimise overflow to the pavement so it does not become an eyesore.

✓ Items must fit on the stall, be clean, functional and small

X No food, damaged or dirty goods, large items

Remember that larger items can be given via our Facebook page or websites like Freecycle

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We need more engagement – would you like to add your voice?

Contact us on owra.owmc@gmail.com

Oxford Waterside Management Company

Merrivale Square Survey results: Summary of findings and Board proposals

Thank you to all those who participated. We are pleased to report there was a 42% response rate of 81 shareholders and 2 tenants. Although a couple of people were concerned the survey was not objective enough the results are fairly conclusive - particularly when considered in conjunction with the comments. The full anonymised results are attached.

An overwhelming majority would like to see investment in Merrivale Square.

While a third were very keen to continue to allow dogs free access, about a third were equally adamant dogs should be banned. Two thirds of respondents want some restrictions of dogs and the stopping of ball games.

There were several suggestions which the Board will consider in due course e.g. repairs to other areas of Waterside and locks to Merrivale Square.

The board of directors will proceed as follows in the short term:

Dogs with resident only owners to be continued to be allowed in Merrivale Square but only on a lead – maximum of 3 metres.

No ball games. Petanque or boules still to be considered as it does not damage plants and there is a space already perfect for it.

Signage notifying users of new restrictions to be made.

The impact on the damage to plants, recovery of the grass and incidents of dog poo will be reviewed by Nicholsons and the gardening group, made up of the Board lead and members of the Residents Association . If all goes well, the next planting season will be in the autumn.

Meanwhile OWMC and OWRA are working with the City Council to find ways of improving the Spinney adjacent to Rutherway as a natural space and making it a safe and enclosed space for dogs. Dog poo bins will be refurbished.

Actions

The directors hope that you will all help us to encourage compliance with this new guidance.

Signage for picnic tables saying

“No dogs on the tables please”

Signage for prominent display by each gate.

“Residents only.

Dogs only if on leads of maximum 3 metres.

No Ball Games allowed.”