

Oxford Waterside Residents' Association

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This is our lockdown edition, and although we are all hunkering down in our homes, the Waterside Community is still alive and working to help us all through this difficult time.

Let's keep up the support for the NHS, carers & key workers by clapping every Thursday at 8pm & the lovely rainbow window art from our kids. Waterside has a dedicated team of neighbours who offer support to our vulnerable and self-isolating residents. If you have missed out on contact for yourself or another resident, please alert the helpers by contacting Caro on caro@carofickling.co.uk (316995 if no email)

Waterside Diary Dates are now somewhat missing, but as soon as we are allowed, with appropriate social distancing, we shall plan something for you and your children.

Our Summer Sports and BBQ will not happen, but the roads are now so quiet that children are often seen running around the empty roads on their daily exercise. OWRA & OWMC AGMs dates will be reconsidered as things develop.



Social distancing

I hope you will agree that adherence to social distancing within Waterside and most of our local area is exemplary. Many residents have commented that the Aristotle Lane bridge is a bottleneck, that works if we all show respect especially around the chicanes, but with some people ignoring the social distancing guidelines and charging through it can be very distressing.

We especially ask joggers/runners to keep your distance from others, particularly when passing over the bridge.

Please **CALL OUT BAD BEHAVIOUR!** If we all challenge those few who disregard the safe practices they may get the message....

Crime

The recent daylight bike theft gang in Waterside reminds us that thieves are still very active, stay vigilant, keep valuables out of sight and report suspicious activity to 999 immediately.

Waterside gardens

Waterside is looking blooming marvellous as we all have more opportunity to toil in our own gardens!

Your communal gardens are still being looked after by Nicholsons. We are lucky as they feel safe here but have stopped going to other places.

The culmination of a lot of replanting with ornamental grasses and shrubs throughout Waterside will become apparent as they begin to fill out the bare patches. Look on our website for the planting list and find them all!

One consequence of the lovely dry weather is that these newly planted areas need watering, we have asked those close to the areas to commit to watering deeply once or twice a week, but if you see wilting plants or neighbours struggling with watering cans



please help, or send the kids out to splash some water. We shall be extremely grateful in years to come.

Local Neighbourhood News

Check our Noticeboards for information on local resources, and join our closed Facebook group for even more help.

Pharmacies that deliver

Both our local pharmacies can deliver non-urgent prescriptions to people who are self-isolating—in and around Jericho. Depending on the driver's schedule, delivery will be within two or three days.

- *Jhoots*—116 Walton Street. 01865 557219.
- *Woodstock Road Chemist (closed 12 til 13:30)*—01865 515226 or email from their website www.woodstockroadchemist.co.uk

Virtually all our local restaurants are doing takeaways

Most supermarkets — are using their own and government databases to identify and contact customers who are the most vulnerable, with allocated delivery slots. If you have a medical condition that makes you vulnerable, you can register on the Government site at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable>

Garden centres are doing mail order.

Oxford City Council — maintains a list of all businesses around the city operating online www.oxford.gov.uk/businessesopenonline

Kings College London have a phone app which uses data from individuals who plot their health for Covid-19 research <https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

Age UK Oxfordshire has a new telephone support service dedicated to older people and their Carers; 01865 411288. It's a friendly weekly telephone call and an opportunity to troubleshoot any issues. Call it and leave your number if you'd like to engage with the service. A friendly person will call you back every week!

www.facebook.com/groups/OxfordWaterside

We were very sad to learn of the sudden death of our lovely neighbour Denise Wheeler from The Villas, at the end of February whilst away on holiday. Denise was such a fun, vibrant person and so kind to everyone around her. We will miss her greatly as a neighbour and our best wishes go to her partner Garry and her family.

OWRA will issue an annual review later, a membership envelope is enclosed.

We need everyone's support to keep our community action going, so **send us £5 NOW**. You can pay online, and an annual standing order is perfect!

Your OWRA committee

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Waste disposal

The normal landfill and recycling bin timetable applies, but garden waste (brown) bins will not be emptied & the recycling centre is closed. Excess recyclable materials will be collected from next to your bins **BUT NOT IN BLACK PLASTIC BAGS** Contact Owra.owmc@gmail.com for a delivery of info on recycling.

Our **Managing Agents** Breckon & Breckon look after all common areas such as Merrivale Square, car parks, bike racks railings etc.

Katie Leppard is your point of contact for any issues. She has a team to help her but we should always contact her first. Her office phone is being diverted to her as she is working from home.

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