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## Flo's supports Syrian Sister's new foodie venture

By David Henwood

A group known locally as the Syrian Sisters, operating from Flo's, is taking culinary excellence to a new level. The group, formed in 2016, is now made up of women from Arabic and Kurdish backgrounds working in harmony, creating mouth-watering ethnic excellence. Every Sunday at Flo's Cafe in Florence Park, the sisters have been producing Syrian breads, snacks and sweet treats and are now a must-go-to venue, producing some 250 table or takeaway lunches.

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## Are e-scooters legal in the UK?

With people told to avoid public transport amid the coronavirus, the Government has said that rental e-scooters will become legal on roads in Great Britain.

Now, in response to challenges to personal travel safety presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the government is delivering a green restart of local transport with the £2bn Green Restart and Recovery Plan. Four 'future transport zones' were initially chosen for the trials, including one in Oxford.

E-scooters are currently classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and are subject to all the same legal requirements – this includes MOT, tax, licensing and specific construction. As they don't have visible rear red lights, number plates



or signalling ability, they can't legally be used on the roads.

We would like to hear your views on e-scooters: to help us, we have developed a short survey on our website [www.cowley.news](http://www.cowley.news) or write to us to share your views. [david@cowley.news](mailto:david@cowley.news)

## Flo's supports Syrian Sister's new foodie venture

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Former social worker for the United Nations in Syria, Naha Abdo said: "The pandemic has been hard on many families, and we found it difficult to start our social enterprise until Flo's offered us this wonderful opportunity. The community has taken to us and we have taken to them. It's great to feel this sense of cultural exchange".

Although Flo's café will be closed over Christmas, the Syrian Sisters will be cooking free hot meals over the Christmas period for COVID-19 beneficiaries as part of the OX4 Food Crew. When the café reopens they will be preparing culinary treats again with Sunday lunches from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January from 12:30. Flo's Café opens Tuesday to Sunday from January 2<sup>nd</sup> (take away only during lock down/Tier 4) .

Nuha, who is also a community ambassador for Oxford University said: "We're eager to communicate through the common language of food. It has been a true exchange, as we teach via menu; we've also learnt organisational and planning skills".

Annie Davy, responsible for strategic and community development said "Syrian Sisters Sundays have become a regular highlight for many locals. With a grant from Power to Change, we are working to support Nuha, Fadia and team to launch their new social enterprise *Damascus Rose Kitchen* in the New Year. This has been just one of the many good things to emerge at Flo's during the pandemic. As a community hub we have been able to respond directly to the needs of the community as they arise."



The dream team from Left Naha Abdo (From Syria), Fadia (From Syria, Arabic), Besma (Iraq, Kurdish)



## Flo's awarded grant for Magical Garden

By David Henwood

Flo's a Place in The Park has been awarded a £6,832 grant to introduce a magical sensory outdoor garden for play, wildlife and learning. The new area called 'The NaturEscape' is a mini landscape project which will create 'a world within' the already beautiful Florence Park in Cowley. Work is due to start in January.

The grant has been awarded by the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) and funding partner Grundon Waste Management Ltd (10% provided by Grundon directly, the remainder through the Landfill Communities Fund).

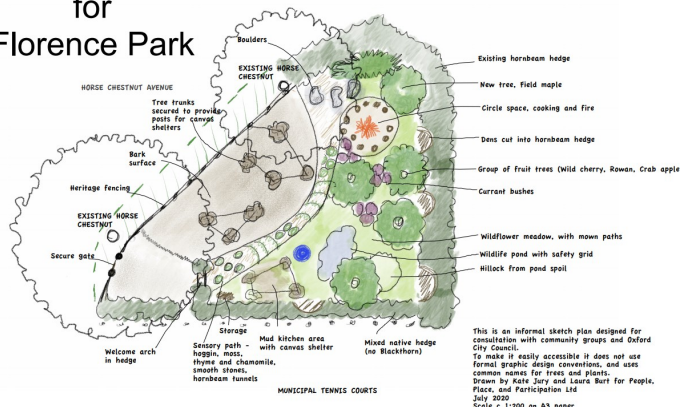
The total cost of the project is £31,622. With this grant from TOE the group have now achieved £13,832 towards this target. Volunteers are needed to help with turf laying and hedge planting this month. Later, there will be opportunities coming up to sponsor a tree, or commission a painted stone for the sensory pathway. The public can find out about how to get involved and sign up to a volunteer event here: NaturEscape – Flo's | The Place in The Park (floxoxford.org.uk) All help is welcome. Or you can email ella@floxoxford.org.uk

The project is designed to create a safe learning environment for the local community to explore and escape into. The grant will directly fund the installation of species rich turf, planting schemes, and the creation of a fire circle, along with other engaging features.

Annie Davy, author and founder member at Flo's who is passionate about connecting people with nature said: "The scheme evolved in discussion with the Oxford City Council Green Spaces team. The dilapidated mini-golf area in Florence Park was being decommissioned and local residents suggested that the area could be repurposed and designed as a 'dog-free' space for play, wildlife and learning... and the project began. It is very much a partnership project with the City Council and numerous other local groups and Flo's has been happy to support!"

Karen Woolley, chair of TOE, said: "TOE is thrilled to be able to support the NaturEscape garden. Thanks to the hard-working volunteers and project partners involved, there will be a magical new garden to explore and a safe learning space for all members of the community in Florence Park this summer. This is a great example of how the grants we provide can make a real difference in Oxfordshire."

### Naturescape for Florence Park



The miniature crazy golf course previously located next to the tennis courts has now been removed.



Event Organiser, Lesley Williams. (Picture by Ed Nix)

## Xmas Tree Festival 'Hope to the World' Success

By Loraine Halfpenny

After a difficult year, the Cowley Festival of Christmas Trees was able to go ahead at St James Church in Beauchamp Lane, Cowley.

The festival featured 36 trees, donated by local groups, schools, and individuals.

The festival, which has been taking place for nine years, fund-raises for children's two charities: ROSY, which funds additional respite nursing care at home for children with chronic, life-limiting, or terminal illnesses in Oxfordshire, and SeeSaw, a charity that provides grief support for children in Oxfordshire.

Lesley Williams, organiser of the Cowley Festival of Christmas Trees, said: "We always have a planning meeting and this year we decided to carry on planning, even though we knew it might be cancelled at the last minute.

"We thought Cowley needs this – and we need this.

"It was not as big as usual but we had 36 trees. We couldn't have refreshments or a carol concert, but we were there and about 400 people have come since we started the festival."

At the launch of the festival, members of The Queen's College Choir, conducted by Alice Taylor, sang, with the performance 'streamed' on Facebook and Zoom.

A group of six musicians from the Jubilee Brass Band played carols in the churchyard on December 12.

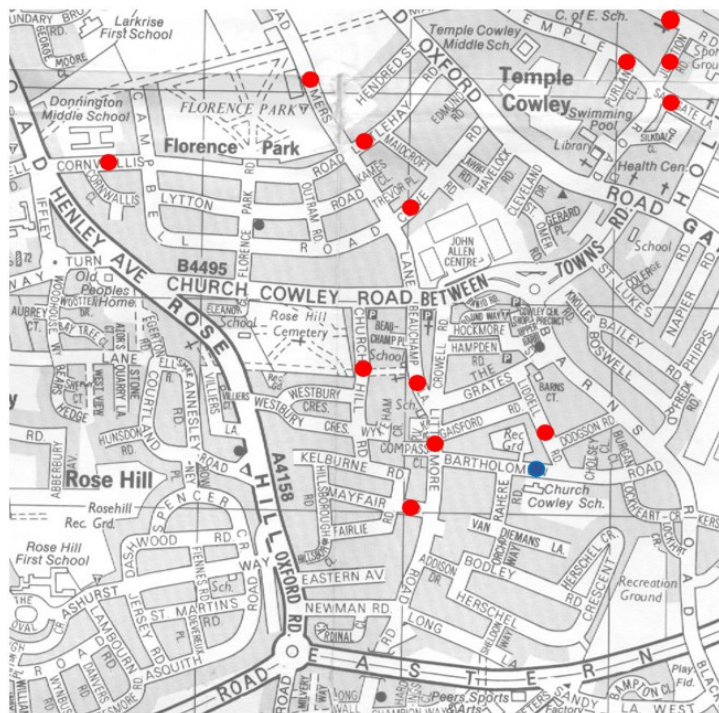
St James what's on:

<https://www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/>

Naturescape Blog for updates:

<https://www.naturescapeoxford.co.uk>





## Low Traffic Neighbourhoods

by Adam Berry

An LTN is an area where through-traffic is prevented, creating streets with fewer vehicle movements so that residents can enjoy a quieter neighbourhood and feel safer when walking, or cycling. Cowley News is concerned that the original consultation failed to reach many residents from who were unaware of the scheme, including ethnic groups and disabled residents.

Local Councillor David Henwood said: "The school street introduced in front of St Christopher's has been well received by local residents., however, the current scheme doesn't facilitate adequate access for emergency vehicles, this has to change or residents could be put a risk".

Sandy from Liddell road said: 'We've witnessed many near misses on Bartholomew Road which is a notorious rat run and for speeding cars; LTN's will be the best Christmas present ever'.

Cowley News has written to the County Council, asking that disabled residents, schools and businesses in the area be properly consulted, and access via Newman Road is urgently reviewed. We are also lobbying for a hotline for local businesses, as well as demanding changes for emergency vehicle access.



**Stop Press:** We can now report Cowley News and Cllr David Henwood have successfully campaigned to have the permanent bollards removed and replaced with removable bollards. We will now lobby to change pavement bollards to better support the visually impaired.

Have your say, email:  
[editor@cowley.news](mailto:editor@cowley.news)

We will publish all views, we especially invite disabled residents or those residents that run a business in the area.

**Oxford Mail**

The Oxford Mail editorial:

## A Low-Traffic Neighbourhood that delays ambulances cannot be tolerated

WHEN our county council announced that it was planning to roll-out its new Low-Traffic Neighbourhoods in parts of Cowley from this month, we feared that it might be a dangerous move.

We never imagined that it could be life-threatening, but if one of these road blocks delays a single ambulance then that is just what they might be.

Our original concern about this scheme was that it was being deployed by the council while the country was in lockdown battling a pandemic, and therefore it was an abnormal situation in which to try a very experimental new traffic order affecting thousands. Numerous residents asked what the rush was, and why it couldn't wait until there could be normal public meetings about the idea at community centres.

Part of the answer to that may well be that the massive reduction in traffic caused by the pandemic offers the perfect opportunity to roll such a scheme out – an opportunity not to be wasted.

We also reminded readers that this was the same council that unilaterally decided to close Walton Street to all motor vehicle traffic with no public consultation two years ago, prompting no small amount of controversy – a road closure which now sounds like it's about to be unceremoniously scrapped.

We said all of this on the basis that, as your local paper, we aim to champion local democracy, and residents being able to have their say.

It's serious – but it was never a matter of life and death before. If a single ambulance is delayed by this traffic order, potentially putting a life at risk, then it cannot be justified.

None of this is to say that the scheme does not have its merits, nor that it could benefit hundreds of people who would welcome it with open arms - but given the previous and ongoing criticism of this council for one hasty road closure made without consultation, the idea that it might have caused serious harm with another closure is a bitter pill to swallow.

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Consultation organised by David Henwood, Meeting with local residents at the Co-op on Littlemore Road, one of very public consultations In Cowley.



## Cowley News Gardening Competitions

by David Henwood

Cowley News would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that have taken part in our first 2020 gardening competition. This year, probably more than any other year, green spaces have played an important role in our personal wellbeing especially during the current pandemic.

Gardeners can register **now** to enter the **Oxford in Bloom 2021 Competitions**; winners from each regional competition and category will be entered into the **Oxford in Bloom Supreme Champions Competition**. Here is the list of the current 2021 categories:

Blackbird Leys in Bloom, Best Garden, Best Container

Cowley in Bloom, Best Garden, Best Container

Cowley Marsh in Bloom, Best Garden, Best Container

Headington in Bloom, Best Garden, Best Container

Littlemore in Bloom, Best Garden, Best Container

Iffley in Bloom, Best Garden, Best Container

Marston in Bloom, Best Garden, Best Container

**Enter  
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### How to enter :

To enter any of our competitions, please go to our website:

[www.cowley.news](http://www.cowley.news) and select 'competitions' or email [competitions@cowley.news](mailto:competitions@cowley.news)

Our competitions are absolutely free; however should you would like to make a voluntary donation, it will help us support community groups such as:

**Waste2Taste, Flo's and The Florence Park Community Centre.**

*"Gardening simply does not allow one to be mentally old, because too many hopes and dreams are yet to be realized". – Allan Armitage*

## On the Verge of Victory

by Adam Berry

Cowley News has conducted a survey asking local residents on 'Would you like to see Managed Rewilding of Grass Verges in Oxford?' The results were:

Yes, I would 284 people (94%)

No, I wouldn't 16 people

I don't know 1 person

Since then local Councillor David Henwood's motion for wilding some of the city verges passed unanimously, and a trail across the city will now go ahead.

After further consultation between David and the City Council's Parks team a decision was made to move the pilot away from residential homes to the area identified right, with the view of reinstating the former flower beds with wild flowers.



## Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN) Planter Volunteers Needed!

The introduction of LTN's brings with it opportunities. The LTN scheme will be trialed for 6 months in Florence Park and 2 other local areas (Temple Cowley & Church Cowley) from March some time and we are now looking for people who would like to help plant and maintain the wooden planters that will be used to create the LTN's.

If you would like to be involved in this gardening (planting) aspect please get in touch with [hello@liveablecowley.org.uk](mailto:hello@liveablecowley.org.uk)

LEAF (Local Environmental Action Florence park)

Facebook : @LEAFlorencePark

Twitter: @LFloppark

Website: <https://cagoxfordshire.org.uk/oxfordshire-groups/leaf/>



## Cowley News 2020 Gardening Competition winners



Andrew & Tracey Dean, winners of Blackbird Leys in Bloom



David Thomas, winner of 'Best Container' Bartholomew Road



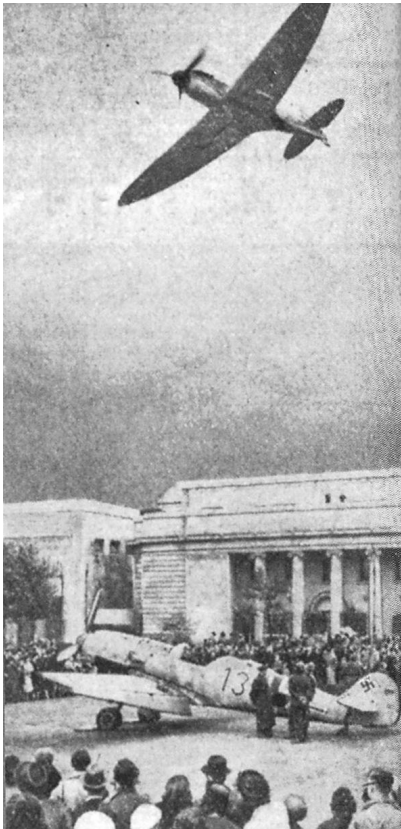
Madeline van der Wal, Cowley in Bloom 'best garden', Hampden Road



Joe Jennings, winner 'Best Bio-Garden' Church Cowley Road



## Made in Cowley 'MPRD & CRU'



Alex Henshaw performing a 'Victory Roll' in a Spitfire above Baskerville House on September 18th, 1940.



In June 1940, Henshaw moved to the Castle Bromwich factory in Birmingham, which had been taken over by Vickers and was soon appointed to the post of chief test pilot, leading a team of 25 others.

Henshaw survived many forced landings and a terrible crash between two houses in Wednesfield near Wolverhampton on July 18, 1942 which destroyed his aircraft.



Cowley Motors produced 3000 Tiger Moths. Pilots trained for 6 six moths (150 flying hours) before progressing to Spitfire training.

## More from the skies – Donald Cook, Spitfire Signwriter

By David Henwood & Jo Draper

We return to the wartime airfields of Oxfordshire: this time to learn a little more about the life of a signwriter. Donald Cook worked in the hangar area adjacent to Cowley Airfield (Civilian Repair Unit (CRU)).

Spending his days in the hangars on the south side of Garsington Road, Donald's job was to paint the usually circular symbols or 'roundels' and the letter identification on the fighter 'planes. This included Spitfires, Hurricanes, Ansons and Tiger Moths – all of which craft went through the No. 1 Civilian Repair Unit or 'CRU'.

To ensure that the roundels and letters were clearly readable from forwards or backwards on the 'planes two signwriters would paint them on the wings after the 'planes had been repaired. In theory, one painting the 'forwards' and one painting the 'backwards' made it easier to keep the two symbols and lettering facing differently. It didn't always work in practice, however, and some artistic mistakes had to be fixed!



Ground troops throughout the wars were expected to fire on a 'plane if in any doubt as to whether it was friend or foe, to make sure that if it was foe it did not have the chance to attack them or others. To make it more difficult for the German forces to copy Allied roundels on their own 'planes, the design would be changed periodically. By the second world war, an outer, bright yellow ring had been added to the Royal Air Force roundel especially against darker coloured 'planes used for night flights. Although the yellow ring helped the roundel show more clearly in the night sky, it was

removed because it also assisted German pilots to target our planes. The red centre and blue outer circle were then developed to reduce visibility.

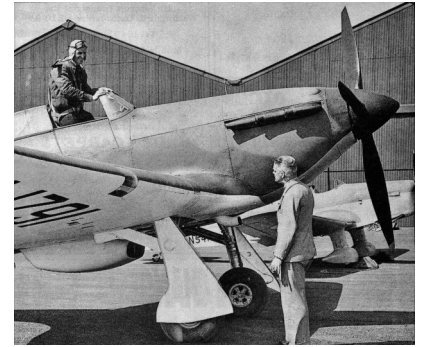
Donald's son David recalls watching [Alex Henshaw](#) (1912-2007) testing the repaired fighter 'planes near their Temple Cowley home:

"He would take off towards Birmingham at full throttle and I was told that when he reached Birmingham he expected everything to be fully operational so that he could do his testing at maximum power, before he returned to the Oxford area. He would return at about 5 or 6,000 feet spiralling down over Shotover and zoom down Wilkins Road or Holloway, disappearing beneath the factory roofs to reappear a moment or two later somewhere over Littlemore I suppose. The engine would cough a little and that was the end of the test."

One of the key rules for the test flights was at all costs to never hit the cottages near the airfield's edge. David himself would later follow a shorter version of almost the same flight path, as he followed the trail of his father, taking to the skies as a guest on the 'spy in the sky' BBC Radio Oxford helicopter. From a higher vantage, he quickly spotted how Henshaw had managed to navigate his route above some parts of Cowley so easily. Either by device or coincidence developers had roofed the houses of White Road in expensive red glazed tiles, and those of Wilkins Road in cheaper Welsh blue-grey slate. White Road ran in line with the chimneys so needed to be avoided.



Test pilot Alex Henshaw used physical features including roof tiles on Wilkins Road and the factory chimneys.



Lord Nuffield talking to test pilot. The Hurricane was just one hundreds reconditioned at the Cowley factory.

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Alex Henshaw was well known for his sense of fun. Occasionally, he would return from the Garsington direction, flying upside down and only 100ft above the ground to spook the cyclists heading home for lunch at noon. His daring acts were testament to his trust in the engineers repairing the 'planes. Between the engineers and himself, fighter pilots had great confidence in taking off in a newly patched-up aircraft from Cowley's CRU. Canada's National Air Museum has a Cowley-built Tiger Moth which was shipped there for training North American troops, and spotting the craft in the museum was a very special moment for David when he later visited the museum by chance during a trip to Canada.

What must be remembered was that aviation fuel, parts and time were all limited. David recalled for the Oxford Mail, back in 2007, an

incident where an Allied pilot landed his Lancaster bomber at the airfield (missing the Abingdon field). The 'plane was well loaded, low on fuel, and there was a little doubt about how well it might fly. The desperate need for the bombers in aerial conflict decided the quick response that was taken. Whatever could be lifted off to lighten the load was, and its course was planned to achieve Abingdon airfield – travelling in a straight line, with exactly six miles of fuel for the six-mile journey. From the 'long run' take-off by Garsington Road, the 'plane had just enough height to lift its wheels in time to miss the humpback rail bridge on Sandy Lane, and the crucial two cottage by the airfield!

Donald himself, was scheduled to be busy at work over in the hangars, painting new roundels in time for testing and take-off. Whether he managed to take a few minutes' break to watch the intriguing attempt to reach Abingdon isn't known, but the noise it would have made taking off and on so little fuel, would likely have been heard over in the hangars!

Please do continue to share your memories of Cowley Airfield and the MPRD with us via [david@cowley.news](mailto:david@cowley.news).

At Cowley News we would like to acknowledge those people who have supported the Cowley area during the pandemic, if you would like to nominate someone or a group of people please get in touch and we will acknowledge their efforts in the next edition.

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## Ali decorates 'first' Christmas tree in Cowley Road

By Loraine Halfpenny

The Cowley Road gets its first Christmas tree, thanks to the efforts of local resident and Rice Box employee Amir 'Steve' Ali. Keen to celebrate the season of goodwill, Ali spent months of planning and negotiations to provide the Cowley Road a reason to be cheerful.

Inspired by the recent Eid celebrations, Ali approached Oxford County Council in October this year asking if he could create a Christmas tree on the Cowley Road. County Council's Tree Principle, Andrew Ledrer agreed to bear the cost of decorating the tree with arboricultural specialist TreeTech to install the fifty enormous snowflakes and dozens of huge balls that Ali has brought and gathered from across Oxfordshire. Located opposite Tesco, many visitors have been taking photographs and ringing the bell to make a wish.

Standing under the tree, Ali said: "Cowley is such a special place, made up of many individuals from all over the world so I wanted to do something special for everyone. We had to agree not to use glass or electrical decorations, but I'm really pleased with the results".

Oxford city Councillor David Henwood said local historians had searched archives but found no mention of a Christmas tree.

He added: "We need individuals like Amir in our community to build the culture we call Oxford. "We face the double whammy of a Brexit and Covid cloud, but people like Amir are a bridge of humanity and hope."

Ali plans to put the decorations up again next year.



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## Cowley CPZ

Oxford County Council commits to delivering a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) this spring.

New Controlled Parking Zone 's (CPZ) have been approved on the following roads: Amory Close, Bailey Road, Barns Road, Bartholomew Road (from its junction with Burgan Close and Lockheart Crescent eastwards to its junction with Barns Road), Boswell Road, Burgan Close, Cleveland Drive, Coleridge Close, Frederick Road, Gerard Place, Kersington Crescent, Knolles Road, Lockheart Crescent, Napier Road, Phipps Road, St Omer Road, St Lukes Road.

Residents permit parking places will be provided in all the above roads applying between 8am and 6.30pm Mondays to Saturdays. Additional no waiting at any time (double yellow line) restrictions will be introduced at Barns Road, Cleveland Drive, Gerard Place, Kersington Crescent, Knolles Road and St Omer Road. The existing no waiting 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday (single yellow lines) will remain as currently marked, but with the existing no waiting 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday (single yellow lines) in Bailey Road, Boswell Road, Cleveland Drive, Frederick Road, Knolles Road, Napier Road, Phipps Road, and St Lukes Road to be removed. The existing 1-hour parking places 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday in St Lukes road will remain and new short stay parking places (30 minutes and 2 hours) 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday will be provided in parts of Barns Road.

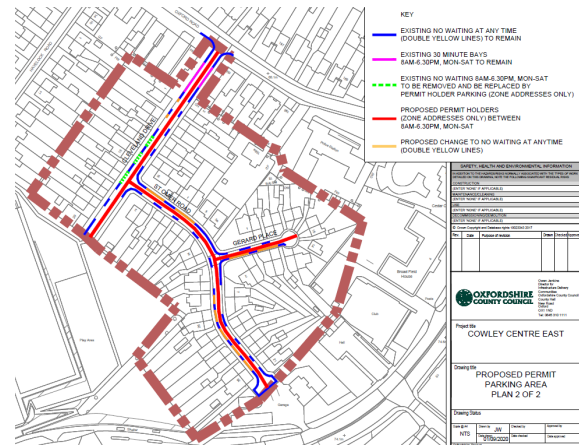
Charges:

(a) for residents permits per property will be £65 per annum. Visitors permits for residents aged 70 or over will be free of charge. For other residents the first block of 25 visitors permits will be free and the second block will be £1 per permit so that the cost of the second block will be £25.

(b) Business permits will be available for businesses (where it is essential for business purposes) within the Zone. Permits will be limited to a maximum of two permits per business and will be vehicle specific. The charge for each will be £150 per annum or £40 for 3 months or £75 for 6 months or £115 for 9 months. The fee for a change of vehicle for business permits is £15.

(c) Contractors may apply for a permit to use a parking place at a charge of £25 for any period not exceeding a week.

(d) Operators of a hotel or guest house located within a Zone address may apply for visitors permit. The charge for each will be £1 for 24 hours.



**'Residents will be limited to one permit per resident with a maximum of two permits per property'**

## Work begins on re-cladding Hockmore Tower

Oxford City Council has started work on re-cladding Hockmore Tower. Clad in 2019 work plans to replace the cladding were delayed to accommodate new rules on tower blocks.

Some of the major changes to the project include:

- Government rules now state that it is not advisable to install solar panels onto the side of buildings that are more than 18 metres high. This means we will have to remove the solar panels from the south side of your building
- Because we are removing the solar panels from one side of the building and the cladding from two other sides, we will need to alter the structural support system holding the cladding in place across the building

Local Councillor David Henwood said: "The work to Hockmore Tower is part of £22.5m worth of upgrades that Oxford City Council has made to its five tower blocks in Oxford. The work, which will secure the buildings for another 30 years, included improving the fire safety systems, heating, insulation, waste recycling, entrances and landscaping".

Contact [towerblocks@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:towerblocks@oxford.gov.uk) or 01865 249811



| Unit Type     | Social Rent | Affordable Rent | LCHO      |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Flat 1 bed    | 8           |                 | 9         |
| Flat 2 bed    | 8           | 2               | 8         |
| House 3 bed   |             |                 | 3         |
|               |             |                 |           |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>16</b>   | <b>2</b>        | <b>20</b> |

## Between Towns Road Update

By David Henwood

Fenton, the contractor, started on site 9th Nov but on the 18th works stopped and the site closed for nearly a fortnight due to a positive Covid result within the ground works team; this was reported to Public Health England.

Scaffold Licence with neighbouring church has been agreed. Site strip, contaminated waste removal, party wall removal, cut & fill to pile platforms, pile matt installation and electrical diversion have been completed.

No progress with 278 legal agreement until CPZ consultation completed and signed off (hopefully 17th Dec).



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## News from The Oxford Academy

Our team at Cowley News were recently invited to a bit of a celebration – to meet the winners of The Oxford Academy's Christmas Card Competition. The seasonal fun was organised by Music and Drama teacher Charlotte Godfrey: "I was really very pleased with the outcome, resulting in over 750 competition entries. From this amazing response we selected eight winners, each of whom had their card designs professionally printed and sold to raise money for a local charity and also given a prize. As a result of this year's participation, we are hoping to turn it to an annual event, with scope to engage the wider community." community".



Savina Pemaj, Year 7



Chole Harizi, Year 7



Hanan Sutan, Year 7



Teacher, Charlotte Godfrey who organised the event was overwhelmed by the huge response.



Xiomara in year 8 and other students from the Academy also took part in a Christmas Jumper day raising £217.15 for Save the Children. Well done to the hundreds of students and staff that took part.



*Oxford Academy staff and volunteers continue to deliver 1,000's of food and essentials to families across Oxford.*

Volunteers including Rachael Lloyd, Pauline John, Chiara Barnato (pictured left) and Emma Humphreys (pictured right) put together some 1000's of food bundles for PP students & vulnerable families. Food donated by the & bags from Tesco Cowley was a huge effort. Well done everyone!



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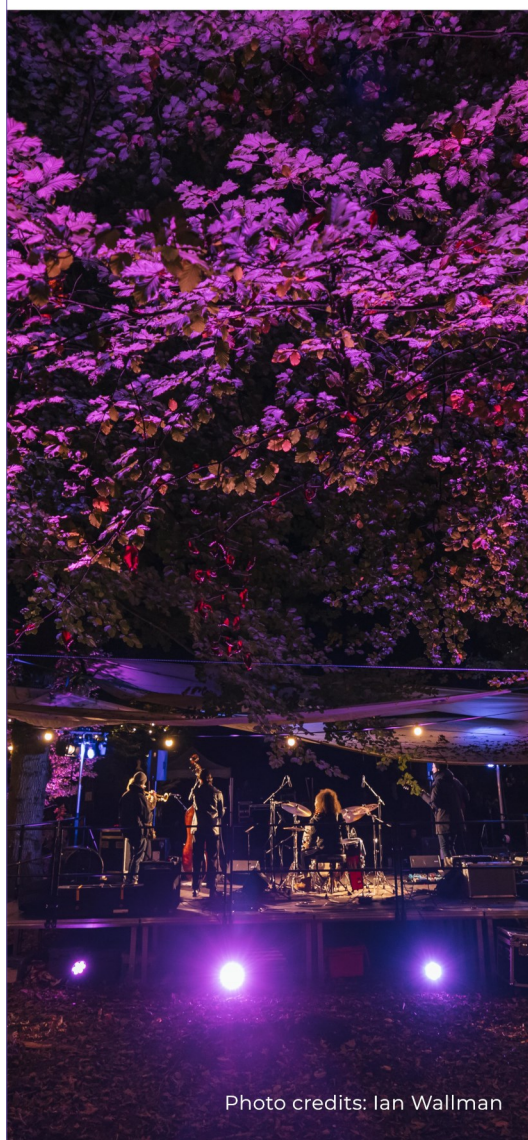


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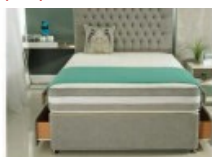
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## A message From Oxford Direct Services

### Reminders for how to safely manage your waste:

- Dispose of used masks and gloves in the rubbish bin
- Don't present side waste
- Squash your recycling to save room in your bin (place out extra recycling in a clear bag)
- Avoid big clear outs by holding onto larger items like furniture and only use the recycling centre (Redbridge) when it is essential to do so
- If you or anybody in your household has symptoms, double bag waste and store safely for 72 hours before disposing of in the rubbish bin

### Please help keep our frontline staff safe:

- Wash your hands regularly
- Keep a safe 2 metre distance from crews - they're working hard to maintain services
- Clean bin handles and lids after touching

### Get your recycling right

We have seen an increase in incorrect items being presented for recycling. When incorrect items are placed in the recycling bin it can cause problems at the recycling plant and can lead to recycling being turned away.

Problem items we find presented in mixed recycling (blue) bins include: food, textiles, nappies, wood, black bags and wet cardboard/paper. We want to make sure the recycling we collect is of a high quality so it can all be recycled properly. It's everyone's responsibility to recycle correctly and we can help if you have any questions.

### Food recycling

Did you know that throwing out food is one of the biggest contributors to climate change? When we waste food, it's not just food we're wasting, it's the resources it takes to produce it!

- Only buy what you are going to eat
- Portion out your meals
- Make the most of your leftovers
- Get freezer friendly



### Be kind

Our bin men and women have recently been met with high levels of aggression. We do not tolerate abuse towards our colleagues. Our teams have been under enormous pressure for almost a year and have still been successfully delivering essential services.

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