

1. Latest on planning

Application to register Warneford Meadow as a town green

The Town Green Inquiry, which reconvened on January 18th and lasted for six days, has been adjourned again until 19 May and is expected to go on for another three days. Friends of Warneford Meadow raised over £3,500 at their Charity auction, but still need to raise another £2,000 to reach the final £37,000-target. Contact David Sutton (tel. 248847) if you would like to make a donation

Friends of Warneford Meadow (FoWM) are looking for new members for the FoWM Steering Group which meets approximately once a month. Please contact Kerry (59) or Floris (5) for more information.

Golf course – reprieved?

The City Council's executive have approved a revised draft of the Core Strategy which proposes new areas of the City for development. There will be a six-week consultation beginning on 7 March. The main change is the inclusion of a proposed major Southern Development Area south of Greater Leys (how this can be integrated into the City's transport network isn't made clear). The draft also (para 1.3) drops proposals to develop on Southfield Golf Course, at least for now, because of 'ecological and hydrological constraints'. HTRRA will respond to the consultation. Please send comments to Laura Elliott (contact details at end).

2. Latest on Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

After consultations throughout East Oxford at the end of 2007, the County Council is now giving priority to a Divinity Road area CPZ. From their website: 'Subject to available funding, which is to be agreed as part of the capital programme at the Cabinet meeting on 18 March, we will be consulting local residents and stakeholders with a view to developing a CPZ in the Divinity Road area of Oxford during 2008/09. We will be looking to develop CPZs in the other parts of East Oxford as soon as possible after this, although this is subject to confirmation of funding and resources within the transport programme.'

After a recent fire, the Golf Club has written to the Council about the implications of the street's congested parking for access for emergency vehicles. The Club, with our agreement, is pressing for speedy introduction of parking restrictions.

3. Police matters

The local police are aware that there has been a higher than normal number of what they term 'nuisance' burglaries in the neighbourhood recently, such as theft of small items from sheds. They are pursuing this actively, and would welcome reports of any incident, however small, that might prove relevant. Community support officers are visiting all local roads daily, including Hill Top Road and Southfield Park flats, both as a deterrent and to alert residents to possible break-in points that could be better secured.

There have also been increased incidents of car vandalism. Again, the police are aware and would appreciate reports of all acts of car vandalism so they can investigate this fully. It is particularly important that residents bother to report damage to their cars as there has been the suggestion to the police from a non-resident that damage is part of a campaign to harass non-residents who park here. Police are not clear when the damage is being done. Report all incidents to: PC 5727 Oliver Jacques, Neighbourhood Specialist Officer – Party 5, Cowley Police Station, 170 Oxford Road, OX4 2LE. Tel: 0845 8 505 505. Fax: 01865 335121. Email: oliver.jacques@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

4. Priorities for East Oxford Area Parliament for next five years

HTRRA and DRARA have been invited to discuss this with a City Council official at DRARA's next committee meeting. Please let us know what you want raised by Thursday 13 March (Laura Elliott – details at end of the page).

5. Membership renewal

The committee is collecting outstanding subs but hasn't got round to everyone yet. It would help if you could drop off subs (£2 waged / £1 concessions, plus any donations) with your name, address and email (if you have one) to Karen Spiller (64). New members welcome.

6. Recycling

Are there residents who would like to recycle material ineligible for blue or green boxes, but who can't transport stuff to recycling centres? We can collect plastic packaging and cartons from you. Contact Stephen Jones (details below) if interested.

7. Oxclean Spring Clean 2008

HTRRA has registered for this city-wide litter-picking event organised by the Oxford Civic Society for the weekend of 14-16 March. See details below.

8. Events and activities

- **Art exhibition** Helen Ganly and two fellow artists show their artistic responses to a French medieval prison tower 'Within walls: a castle unveiled'. The Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock. 2–30 March. Tues–Sat: 10–5pm; Sun: 2–5pm.
- **Dog's delight:** some fun for dogs (and their owners); pet portraits, dog trails and a 'beauty' contest! Saturday 15 March, 11am, Warneford Meadow (use HTR entrance).
- **Poetry Reading** by Bernard O'Donoghue and David Constantine, editors of the Oxford Book of Poets (2007). Saturday 15 March, 8pm, Cheney Community Hall. Entry: £5 (funds to the Warneford Meadow Town Green appeal).

▪ Oxclean Spring Clean 2008

(1) 10.30am Saturday 15 March DRARA and HTRRA event: meet at Sinnet Court to litter-pick local streets and an area of South Park (if enough volunteers).

(2) 10.30am Sunday 16 March FoWM event (supported by DRARA and HTRRA): meet Warneford Meadow (HTR entrance) to litter pick Warneford Meadow and Orchard (and areas undone the previous day if enough volunteers).

We need to know approximate numbers in advance so please contact Laura Elliott (chair@hilltoproad.org , tel. 251251) if you're planning to come to one or both events.

- **AGM of Friends of Warneford Meadow** Tuesday 13 May, 7.30pm, Cheney School.
- **Oxford Urban Wildlife Group guided walk on Warneford Meadow** by Andrew Lack (Brookes) Saturday 31 May, 10.30am, Meet by Jack Howarth House.

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