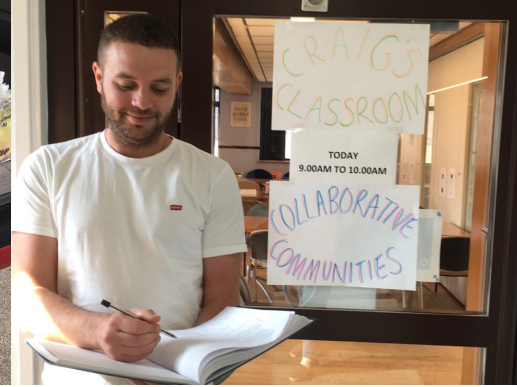


BARTON LOCALITY HUB NEWSLETTER

Supporting residents of Barton, Risinghurst, Headington and Sandhills through COVID-19



WELCOME!

Welcome to our first newsletter, produced by the Barton Locality Hub in collaboration with our community partners. Our Hub is one of five response hubs across the city, which have been set up by Oxford City Council and Oxford Hub to provide emergency support to residents during the COVID-19 crisis. For more information about the support the City Council can offer, visit the website at www.oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance.

The aim of the newsletter is to keep our Councillors, partners, and residents up to date with what we have been up to at the Hub and share important information and good news stories.

We are lucky to work with some amazing and inspiring partners in our area, so we also want to use this as an opportunity to showcase some of the great work they're doing. We hope you enjoy it and please get in touch if you have any questions or have any stories or photos to add!

A COUPLE OF ITEMS FROM US

Volunteering: If you or anyone you know would like to become a volunteer and offer support like shopping, or picking up prescriptions for people in need, then go to www.oxfordtogether.org, click the "Give Support" button, and then select the option "Be a practical volunteer" on the next screen. When Oxford Hub and the City Council receive a referral from someone who needs practical neighbourly support, we will be able to contact you with details of how you can help.

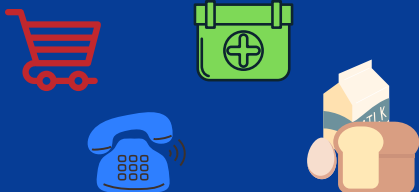
Domestic Abuse: The current restrictions on our day to day living and additional stresses because of coronavirus will put pressure on many relationships and families. We know that domestic abuse is likely to get worse during the COVID-19 crisis, so it is important to share information about where people can get help when they feel at risk. See page 3 for more information.

Hub Statistics to 23 April

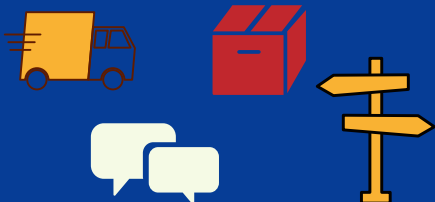
Total referrals to date

184

Needs



Support given



GOOD NEWS STORIES

Risinghurst and Sandhills Parish Council has awarded grants of £1,000 each to Barton Community Association, for the community larder project, and Oxford Hub, for the Oxford Together volunteering programme. Councillor Derek Taylor, Vice Chair of Risinghurst and Sandhills Parish Council, said: *"We are delighted to support the work of these two organisations which are helping residents of Risinghurst and Sandhills during this crisis, and we would like to thank them for their dedication, commitment and hard work."*

Barton Community Association delivered 250 food packages to people and families in need this week which were delivered by 20 volunteers. Community volunteer Pippa Gilham said: *"It's been great getting out and helping people and the volunteers have had a lot of fun at the same time."*



Residents from Barton showed their appreciation for the amazing social care workers at Townsend House, who look after elderly residents, by clapping at 8pm on Thursday evening. Eric Bossward, local vicar of St Mary's Church, which is directly opposite said: *"At St. Mary's we know quite a number of residents and staff. We really appreciate their work with the most vulnerable members of our community. This is a fab way to pay them the tribute they deserve!"*

The **Co-Op store in Headington**, covering the east of Oxford, is working with the community to deliver food to people self-isolating. **Customers can ring Co-Op on 01865 766132** who will take payment over the phone once they've picked the items. A team of 46 volunteers have been delivering the shopping, Carl the Co-Op manager said: *"I think it's going brilliantly to be honest and I am truly thankful for all the help from the community."*

PLEASE SHARE:

The current restrictions on our day to day living and additional stresses because of coronavirus will put pressure on lots of relationships and families.

We know that domestic abuse is likely to get worse with Covid-19, and in these circumstances some people might also experience abuse for the first time.



Are you at immediate risk?

Call 999. If it's not safe for you to speak use the **Silent Solution** by pressing **55** when prompted.

If you are d/Deaf or hard of hearing you can use the emergency SMS service by texting 999. First text 'Register' to 999.

If you hear an incident of domestic abuse in progress or are worried for someone's immediate safety call 999. Otherwise please share your concerns with Thames Valley Police via 101 or report the crime online. It really could save lives.



Are you safe at home?

If you are at risk of harm at home you can choose to leave and will be helped by police and support workers to get yourself and your family to somewhere safe. You can also get help to stay as safe as possible at home.

Call our **Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline** on **0800 731 0055** between 10am-7pm Mon - Fri, or email das@a2dominion.co.uk

Are you worried about hurting somebody?

If you are struggling to manage your behaviour and hurting your loved ones you can get help by contacting the **Respect Helpline** on **0808 802 4040**



Are you able to help protect others at risk from abuse?

People trapped at home with somebody causing them harm will find it even harder to get help and protect themselves. Now more than ever it's everyone's job to protect them. **Please look and listen out for friends, family, neighbours, and others in your community.**

For information about what abuse might look like, how to stay safe, and what to do if you're worried about somebody visit www.reducingtherisk.org.uk



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