

Grimsbury Newsletter

Summer 2020

We are pleased to be circulating the latest Grimsbury newsletter at a time that has been so difficult for many but where a community has come together and supported each other in so many unique ways.

It is really important to focus on some of the great work our community partners have been involved in and share information that can support the Grimsbury community moving forward, work that will be a legacy for the future.

News from the Mosque:

Since this Covid-19 crisis started the volunteers at the mosque have delivered over 3000 food parcels to those in need. 18 regular volunteers and a further 12 'ad-hoc' amazing people have made this possible – THANK YOU.

If anyone has any spare time and is willing to take on some volunteering we would be grateful – currently we need someone to come and clean the fridge and tidy and sweep around during the week. Please contact us via face book page and send a private message.

Future plans: work will soon begin on a hygiene hub next to the fridge. Tuition and homework classes will start in September - more details can be confirmed with:

Contact Hassan on hassan92@live.co.uk or tel 07480666939.

BYHP

We would like to thank the Morrisons Foundation for their £2,500 grant towards the costs of supplying tents, bedding, and a whole range of new clothes for rough sleepers throughout the next 12 months, as well as Morrisons store in Banbury continuing with their weekly support of our Foodbank.

We'd also like to thank our awesome volunteers who have gone above and beyond to support us over the last few weeks.

We now have 2 members of our team working at the office and people can call or email to arrange collecting a food bank parcel (providing someone in the household is within our age range). Full details on our website

www.byhp.org.uk

Food availability in Grimsbury

Trussell Trust Food bank at Peoples Church – Tuesday 10-12 noon (referral only). Grimsbury location currently unavailable due to Covid-19

Food and Hygiene Bank available when required at the Mosque (referral only – from Citizens Advice)

The Community Fridge – this is open whenever the Mosque is open. We would like to re-iterate that it works on 'a little for everyone' and users shouldn't take more than they need for the day.

Cherwell's Activity and Wellbeing Hub is a one-stop-shop for ideas on how to boost your physical and mental health without needing to leave your home.

It offers a range of resources for people of all ages and abilities, from exercise videos and helpline numbers, to learning opportunities and tips to stay connected with loved ones, helping residents stay well during COVID-19 and beyond

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/Activity-and-wellbeing-hub>

For the younger residents please check out the Activators newsletter – it's full of easy to play games and ideas to keep you active, healthy and happy.

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/259/activity-and-wellbeing-hub/693/activity-and-wellbeing-hub-families>

For the older residents there are lots of links and ideas here:

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/118/communities/696/activity-and-wellbeing-hub-older-people>

St Leonard's Church

Following the government's suggestion that churches may open from 15th June for private prayer, here at St Leonard's we are working to find a way of doing this safely. When we are able to open, we'll post a notice on our website <http://www.saintleonards.org>, our Facebook page, and the noticeboard outside the church. We hope it will not be too long before we can do this. Meanwhile, the vicar will ring the church bell on Wednesdays about 12 noon and says prayers for the community. And if anyone needs any help or support, please get in touch 01295 271008, saintleonardsbanbury@gmail.com, or via the website or Facebook.

Grimsbury Community Centre

The youth club just wants to wish everyone well, and hopes that they keep safe. There is no news on the youth club opening dates but parents and children should keep an eye on the Grimsbury Youth Club Facebook page for updates and news.

Grimsbury New Year Wishes

It seems so long ago now when we held the Grimsbury New Year Wishes event in the community centre. Lots of you very kindly put wishes on our tree and we looked at all of them. The most popular wishes were for more community focussed events to take place, but also for the issue of littering to be addressed. Obviously at the moment we cannot facilitate community events – it's just not safe to do this, but we can all do something about the litter – so here is our challenge to you all:

We are 12 weeks into lockdown (at time of writing) – we challenge you to pick up all the litter from outside your home and the 12 homes on either side. Please remember to wear gloves and not to pick up any masks, gloves or sharp objects without a responsible adult being present. We'd love to see the results of all your hard work so please send us a photo of the bags you have collected to Wellbeing@cherwell-dc.gov.uk