

## SAVE WITH SURPLUS!

The Rose Hill Community Larder, based at Rose Hill Community centre, runs in partnership with SOFEA (South Oxfordshire Food and Education Alliance).

Users sign up to pay £14 per month and each week can take 10 grocery items plus fruit and vegetables.

Typical groceries include porridge, pasta, rice, tinned goods, vegetable oil and cereal, as well as chocolate and snacks such as crisps and cake. Fruit and vegetables are plentiful; anything from mangoes to mushrooms!



Sometimes there are extras to take away too, such as household cleaning items, toothpaste and shampoo, nappies or pet food.

Mandy, a member of the larder said:

"I've made some great family suppers, saved money and met some lovely people. Thank you all and see you next week!"

To become a member, sign up at [www.sofea.uk.com](http://www.sofea.uk.com) or phone Caroline on 07377 181472.

You can also find tips/recipes on Facebook:  
@RoseHillCommunityLarder.  
Everyone is welcome!

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SUPPORT

- ★ Rose Hill Community Centre is running a home-delivered Christmas raffle this year. Tickets are £1 each or £4 for a strip. If you would like a ticket, see contact details below.

We are also looking for prize donations for the raffle. Please deliver your prize donations to Rose Hill Community Centre, Carole's Way, OX4 4HF – FAO Lizzie Couves.

### ★ Christmas Donations-

Rose Hill Community Centre is collecting donations of toiletries, small gifts and toys, and ambient food for distributing to those in need this Christmas.

During opening hours, there will be a donation box outside the community centre. Alternatively, please deliver your donations to the centre.

### ★ Rose Hill Community Centre's Virtual Christmas Bazaar!

Christmas bake-along, activities, art workshop, storytelling, Father Christmas and much more!

Saturday 19th December at 12pm on Zoom and Facebook.  
For joining details, call Rose Hill Community Centre on: 01865 749597, or visit our Facebook page: @RoseHCC.

### ★ Christmas Activities-

If you would like a free Christmas Activity Pack for fun arts and crafts during the Christmas break, please give your name, address and contact number to the main contact listed below.

### ★ King's Centre Christmas Meal Delivery-

On Christmas Day, the King's Centre is delivering a Christmas meal to anyone who will be alone, struggling to cook or access food on Christmas Day. To sign up for a free of charge meal delivered to your door, please email your name, address and contact number to Lizzie Couves (details below). If you would like to volunteer delivering meals on Christmas Day, please also email your name, address and contact number.

If you would like to *contribute* to or *enquire* about any of the points above, please email the main contact, Lizzie Couves: [ecouves@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:ecouves@oxford.gov.uk) or ring the centre: 01865 749 597

## GAS AND ELECTRICITY SUPPORT ROSE HILL & DONNINGTON ADVICE CENTRE

We would like to remind all clients both old and new that if you are struggling with your gas and electricity bills, we may be able to help you.

Please do get in touch with us on 01865 438634 or our freephone number: 0800 170 0156.

We are taking calls between 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Thursday. Stay safe and warm this Winter.

## SCAMS SUPPORT

Help & advice regarding all types of scams can be found at: [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk)

Or call Action Fraud on: 0300 123 2040 to report a scam.

## FOOD SUPPORT MAP

[foodmap.goodfoodoxford.org](http://foodmap.goodfoodoxford.org)

## STREET CHAMPIONS

Street Champions live locally and help to keep people connected.

Often it's the small things that make a difference, like passing on news about local events. Simply being a good neighbour!

Throughout the year, Street Champions have been helping people with errands, collecting food parcels and putting people in touch with services.

If you would like to join us, we have a WhatsApp group that you can join.

We're keen to get a SC in every street in Rose Hill!

Please contact Martin Cattermole for more information on what you can do to support your community.

Phone number: 01865 988211

Let's help each other this Winter!



Photography by Dawn Tivnan

## Poem by Carol Davies

The days are short.  
Winter is here,  
I hope my poem  
Brings some Christmas cheer.  
I've made my puddings,  
And my Christmas cake  
I'll just pull a cracker,  
That's all it takes.

I hope the New Year  
Brings some happier times.  
And we all meet again,  
And everything's fine.  
But until then,  
Take care of yourselves.  
And remember I said,  
To use your hand gel!

## **FRIENDLY FACES**

Over the last few months, Malcom Atkins has been organising several weekly Zoom social groups online, which has brought local people together.

Malcolm does this through St Mary's and St Nicholas Church in Littlemore, but Rose Hill residents are very much welcome to join in!

The groups now include a singing group, a local history quiz, a session for families with young children, and a group that looks at ideas for sustainable living.

Malcolm explained:

"We are doing this so people don't feel isolated. You can just sit in on the group if you are not sure and just observe until you feel comfortable and join in when you feel ready."

The groups start from 10:10am on:

Mondays-Singing

Tuesdays - Family Fun

Wednesdays- Sustainability Breakfast

Thursdays- Local History quiz.

Zoom details for all

groups:

Meeting Id-

851 9323 8024

Password- Community

## **ROSE HILL & IFFLEY LOW CARBON**

Last year, Rose Hill residents made a short film for the Oxford Bus Company competition. The prize: to cover an Oxford bus with publicity from a community group or charity.

We made the shortlist last year, so re-submitted our entry again this year, and if we win, an Oxford bus will be covered with our seven simple climate awareness messages as described in our campaign film.

Please watch our film, listed at number 1 on the website and vote for us before 20th December at:  
[www.oxfordbus.co.uk/competition/competition-gallery](http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/competition/competition-gallery)

## **ORCHARD UPDATE**

Come and help plant our community orchard on Rose Hill Recreation Ground from 11am to 1pm on Saturday 30th January. Each tree will be more than 3 meters apart, so we will all be socially distanced! Save the date!

For further info, email: [rosehill.iffley.low.carbon@gmail.com](mailto:rosehill.iffley.low.carbon@gmail.com)  
[facebook.com/rosehillandiffleylowcarbon](https://facebook.com/rosehillandiffleylowcarbon)

## **TVP NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM UPDATE**

Please consider your own home security and crime prevention during these longer winter months.

Things to check; install/clean security lights, fix any broken door/gate locks, this also includes valuables in your car. Remove keys left in locks and Christmas presents from sight.

Also, keeping your garden tidy prevents people hiding behind overgrown bushes, trees or high fences.

Register your belongings like keys, bikes, mobile phones, TV's and cameras etc. through [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).

Make sure to check on the most vulnerable people, your friends, family and neighbours, ensure they have heating and food supplies during the cold months.

The neighbourhood policing team work on issues identified by local residents and businesses.

To contact them call 101, this is a non-emergency number.

Alternatively, email them on:

[OxfordSouthEastNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:OxfordSouthEastNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Please call 999 only in emergencies.

Stay safe!

## **ROSE HILL YOUTH FC**

Coming soon, Rose Hill Youth Football Tots!

This group is for children around the ages of 2-5, so if your child is interested, please contact us through our website or social media pages.

We're also recruiting for a

second Under 9's team!

Girls and boys of all abilities welcome! Contact us below:

Facebook: [@totsfootballrhyc](https://www.facebook.com/totsfootballrhyc)

[@rosehill youthfc](https://www.facebook.com/rosehill youthfc)

[www.rosehill youthfc.com](http://www.rosehill youthfc.com)



Congratulations to the Under 11's (red) team who recently fundraised £916.40 for the club!

## **CHRISTMAS CHURCH EVENTS:**

### **ROSE HILL METHODIST CHURCH**

How Christmas is celebrated at Rose Hill Methodist Church will depend upon the restrictions that are in place at the time.

We are hoping to be able to hold a Christingle service at 10.30am on December 20th and a service for Christmas Day, also at 10.30am.

If we have to be closed, then online services will be available. Please contact us for the latest updates using the email at the end.

We have also created a virtual advent calendar that local groups are joining in with. This can be viewed online at: [rosehillmethodists.org.uk/christmas-countdown/](http://rosehillmethodists.org.uk/christmas-countdown/)

Every day until Christmas, you will find something new, it could be a puzzle, a song etc.

For further details about worship and also our Advent fellowship meetings please contact:  
[Stephen.maunder@oxfordmethodists.org.uk](mailto:Stephen.maunder@oxfordmethodists.org.uk)

### **IFFLEY CHURCH**

From Saturday 19 December, Iffley Churchyard and Church will be decorated for Christmas, so do stop by to have a look around.

We're also planning a mule walk from the Oval at 4pm on December 22nd for an hour around Rose Hill, ending up back at the Oval. It might be later, because people always want to talk to the mule, his name is Falco!

If you want to come out to see us, please abide by social distancing and wear masks, if you can. You can always open your windows, sing along and wave when we pass your house, as we will have a least two carol singers joining us!

This is the route:

Oval - Ashurst Way - Lambourn Rd - Asquith Rd - Spencer Crescent - Dashwood Rd - Ashurst Rd again - Oval on the Right Hand Side - Lenthall Rd - Mortimer Rd - Nowell Rd - back to Oval past the shops.

Please take pictures and send them to:  
[aimee-rosehillnews@hotmail.com](mailto:aimee-rosehillnews@hotmail.com).

We would love to see you enjoying the event!

Church opening times and services can be found at:  
[rosehillnewsonline.com](http://rosehillnewsonline.com)