

## ROSE HILL CREATIVE LIGHTS FESTIVAL & POLAR PARADE



The Creative Lights Festival and Polar Parade took place at Rose Hill Community centre on Saturday 19th November.

The event was organised by Rose Hill Junior Youth club and Film Oxford, as part of the city-wide Christmas Light Festival celebrations, supported by Oxford City Council.

Over 300 people attended the event where local artists and groups led free creative activities, such as:

Green screen testing, stop frame animation, lantern making, sounds and beats, and head dress making.

There was also drumming from the local Nepalese community, and a visit from the Christmas Lights bus.

The evening ended with a polar themed lantern walk around Rose Hill, which was led by music from Horns of Plenty.

Chilworth House Upper School joined the parade with their amazing penguin lanterns and stars, and children from Rose Hill JYC made the large polar bears, supported by local artist, Mani (thebigorangem).



To watch the video of the parade search: Rose Hill Junior Youth Club on YouTube or visit: [rhjyc.org/blog](http://rhjyc.org/blog)

More photos: [@RoseHillJYC Facebook](#)

### How do you want to change Rose Hill?

Rose Hill and Iffley Low Carbon asked local residents for their ideas at the Creative Lights Festival. Here are some of the answers given:

#### On the rec:

Skate park  
Fence around the playground  
Lights along paths  
Fix flood lights on the top field

#### The Oval

Colourful flowers  
Better, regular bus service  
Do you have other ideas about how you would like to change your community?  
Join the conversation on Rose Hill News Facebook.

Or email your thoughts to:

[ [aimee-rosehillnews@hotmail.com](mailto:aimee-rosehillnews@hotmail.com) ]



Our sessions will be returning on Wed 25th Jan & Thurs 26th Jan!

We're also looking to start gathering the views of parents & carers about JYC, and what more we can do in the community.

Children are welcome to come along to any feedback session and food will be provided!

For more info on dates, please contact Chris:  
[chris@rhjyc.org](mailto:chris@rhjyc.org) / 07437008154



For more information on how to join their football teams, upcoming fundraisers and news, please visit:

[rosehillyouthfc](#)  
[rosehillyouthfc.com](http://rosehillyouthfc.com)

### School cycle train idea:

#### Rose Hill to Oxford Spires/ Greyfriars



By Jason Mosley

Some local parents are wondering if there would be wider interest in setting up a 'cycle train' from Rose Hill to Oxford Spires Academy?

This would also go past Greyfriars School in Florence Park.

My kids are both cycling to Spires from Rose Hill. There is a quiet route from Rose Hill via Church Way / Iffley Turn that is fairly low risk, with decent places to cross the main roads.

We could see what might be needed to help others to join.

Maybe they need a confidence boost with their cycling. Maybe they need help fixing up their bike, or getting access to a bike.

We could look at options for supporting people.

If you like the idea please get in contact with me:

mosley@wereilu.com  
or 07919083111.

#### Rose Hill & Donnington Advice centre

Drop in hours at RH Community centre:

Mon & Wed: 9:30am-12:30pm

Tues & Thurs: 2pm-4pm

Our phone lines are open from 9am till 4:30pm, Monday to Thursday:  
01865 438634 or 0800 170 0156

#### Oxfordshire Maternity Voices Partnership

We are interested in all aspects of maternity care.

How was your experience?

What, if anything, wasn't good?

What ideas do you have for improvements?

You can access our online survey & lots of resources for expectant parents, new parents and parents who have experienced a loss at:

[oxfordshirematernityvoices.com](http://oxfordshirematernityvoices.com)

#### Additional support numbers:

Samaritans for emotional support  
on: 116 123

Age UK Oxford  
Scam prevention  
& support:

0345 450 1276

Mental health  
support:

Free to text

'Shout' to: 85258

### Warm spaces & social groups

#### Rose Hill Methodist Church

A place to chat, keep warm and meet with others on a Monday afternoon between 2pm-4pm.

We're open to all ages, and provide free drinks and snacks, puzzles, board games and toys.

#### St Mary and St Nicholas Church, Littlemore

Coffee mornings: Mon: 10:30am - 12pm  
Wed: 10am - 12pm

Festive events:

Mon 19th Dec- Community carol service, 7pm.

Christmas Day lunch- John Henry Newman Academy, 1pm-4pm

Contact: 07398599430

For all events visit:

[littlemorechurch.org/community-events](http://littlemorechurch.org/community-events)

#### Warm spaces map:

[www.oxford.gov.uk/warmspaces](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/warmspaces)

#### Rose Hill Community centre

Save the date: Wednesday 21st Dec  
Community Festive Fun for all,  
from 2pm!

#### Christmas/New Year hours:

Closed: Christmas Eve &  
Christmas Day

26th & 27th Dec / 1st & 2nd Jan

Early close: 30th Dec- 9am-5pm  
31st Dec- 9am-1pm

Full listing on RHN Facebook

#### Job advert:

Duty Officer - Temp until July 2024

For more information visit:  
[www.oxford.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/jobs) or email-  
Natalie Oakley: [noakley@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:noakley@oxford.gov.uk)

#### How do you feel about making energy related improvements to your home?

Oxford City Council wants to know how keen you are to make energy improvements in your home, and what might stop you from doing these things.

Working with Bioregional and Transition By Design, we want to hear the views of tenants (Council and private), homeowners and landlords.

To say thank you for giving us 10-15 minutes of your time answering some simple questions in person or online, we'll give you a £10 voucher for various shops or you can choose an energy efficiency gadget such as a timer or smart plug.

The online version of the survey can also be found at:  
[rosehillnewsonline.com](http://rosehillnewsonline.com)

Please contact Wongani Mwanza:  
[wongani@transitionbydesign.org](mailto:wongani@transitionbydesign.org)  
or 01865 649 291.

### Rose Hill Community Larder

It still costs just £3.50 per week for an individual membership of our larder!

Members regularly pick up more than £15 of groceries, fruit and vegetables, as well as lots of free giveaways.

It's a great way to stretch your food budget, reduce food waste and make friends.

We are open every Tuesday afternoon, 2:15 - 4pm at Rose Hill Community Centre, and if you are not already a member, come along and we'll help you to sign up!



#### Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon!

Ten years ago, a group of local residents started RHILC!

Since 2012, they have:  
Supported residents to become energy efficient.

Planted hundreds of trees in Rose Hill.

Lobbied for Solar PV panels for the School, Community centre & new flats.

Enabled cycle repair workshops & repair cafés.

Led community litter picks and supported many great local events!

If you would like to join their group & projects next year, please get in touch:

[rosehill.iffley.low.carbon@gmail.com](mailto:rosehill.iffley.low.carbon@gmail.com)

#### Need help with your energy bills?

There's a list of useful information, tips & discounts, which can be read in full on:

[rosehillnewsonline.com](http://rosehillnewsonline.com)

You can also read RHILC's December newsletter by visiting:

[rhilc.wordpress.com](http://rhilc.wordpress.com)  
(click newsletter)

[facebook.com/rosehillandiffleylowcarbon](https://facebook.com/rosehillandiffleylowcarbon)