



Artwork showcasing the Forest Day Festival event, by local artist **Merlin Porter**

Creative Lights Forest Festival Film

Local young people, supported by Film Oxford, created a film showcasing some amazing activities and community events from the Creative Lights Forest Festival, in October & November 2024.

A huge thank you to the community & all of the volunteers, staff and local artists who supported this festival!

Thank you to Arts Council England & Oxford City Council for the funding.



Big thanks also to the event organisers, Film Oxford, Rose Hill JYC and Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon.

Scan to watch the film or visit:

Film Oxford Showcase on YouTube.

Rose Hill Food & Wellbeing Festival

Free community event on **Wednesday 19th February** (half-term), from **12pm-2pm, open to all** at Rose Hill Community centre!

Interactive food activities, try new foods and discover new recipes, find out about local wellbeing activities and take part in fun challenges!

If you would like your favourite recipes displayed at the event, email: aimee@rhjyc.org

Organised by Rose Hill Junior Youth club and supported by the **Well Together Fund**.

Rose Hill & Donnington Advice centre

Based at Rose Hill Community centre, OX4 4HF

Our trained staff can advise on a wide range of issues including: advice on benefits, dealing with debt, housing problems etc.

For financial advice and support we can be contacted in total confidence by phone or email, or you can drop-in to see us if you need to.

Monday

9.30am – 12:30pm (Drop in)
1.30pm – 4pm (Appointments)

Tuesday

9.30am – 12.30pm (Appointments)
1.30pm – 4pm (Drop in)

Wednesday

9:30am – 12:30pm (Drop in)
CLOSED in the afternoon

Thursday

9.30am – 12.30pm (Appointments)
1.30pm – 4pm (Drop in)

Telephone and video appointments are also available.

01865 438634
admin@rhdadvice.org

Rose Hill Junior Youth club updates Funding success!

Thanks to funding from **Oxfordshire Community Foundation (OCF)**, through the **Living Essentials grant**, we will be running **free** cooking sessions for local adults, and families in 2025.

We were also successful in applying for OCF's **Thriving In Nature** grant, and we will be offering a range of free support for the community.

This support is **for all local residents**, whether you want to learn new skills, connect with nature, improve your wellbeing or make new friends, we are keen to hear from you!

Tell us what activities you would like to do, and let us know when & where you would like the sessions to take place!

Free community trips

Thanks to funding from the **Macfarlane Family Foundation**, we are running a **free trip every month** for the local community in 2025!

Our next trip is to the Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar on **Saturday 1st March!**

All expenses are covered, RHJYC staff will travel there and back with you and support you, we will also provide a free packed lunch.

This is an amazing opportunity to experience:

- Piloting drones
- Science shows
- LEGO challenges
- VR simulations
- Meet the robotic dog
- Puzzles & technology

And **lots more!**

Activity information:

brookes.ac.uk/science-bazaar

If you are interested in joining the trip, or would like to contact us about free cooking or wellbeing projects, please contact Aimee:

aimee@rhjyc.org
07983972519

Rose Hill Methodist Church **Community drop-in**

Want to get out of the house, meet others, have a friendly chat, play games and craft, with hot drinks and snacks?

Come along and join us on **Mondays**, for **free** from **2pm-4pm**, just down the road from the Rose Hill shops.

Upcoming activities:

10th March - Printing

28th April - Singing

To book a place, please contact
circuitpa@oxfordmethodists.org.uk

Messy Church

Sunday 16th February & 13th April,
3pm-4:30pm at RH community centre

Messy Church is an opportunity to spend time together and to learn more about the Christian faith through various fun and creative activities.

Each Messy Church has a mix of themed crafts, games, Bible story, a time of celebration, and finishes with a simple meal.

It's for all the family - children must bring a grown up!

Community Cupboard

Wednesdays at the church,
1:15pm - 3:30pm.

Referral based food bank, find out how to be referred via our website.

All are welcome from 3pm for a hot meal, drink and fresh surplus, no referral needed.

rosehillmethodists.org.uk

Oxford City Council

Free Food Safety & Hygiene training

Are you working as a volunteer or as part of a community group in **Rose Hill or Littlemore**, and in need of food safety & hygiene training?

We are offering people the opportunity to do the training for free, get in touch with your local Health Development Officer:

Alexa Bailey:

abailey@oxford.gov.uk

New textiles recycling bank

From 31st January, you can drop off your textiles for recycling at the new textiles recycling bank located at Rose Hill Community centre.

Suitable items (clean & dry) include:

- Clothing, bags and shoes
- Sheets, linen, duvets and pillows
- Blankets, towels, cushions

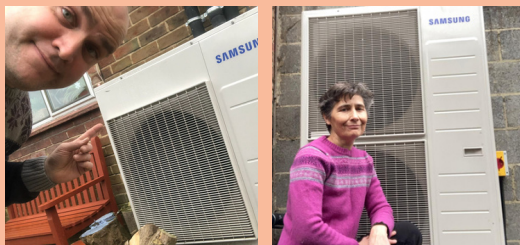
Domestic residents will also be able to arrange free kerbside collections of unwanted textiles by completing an online form, more info at:

www.oxford.gov.uk/recycling-waste

Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon **100 energy surveys & 31 heat pumps**

The Clean Heat Streets project has now ended, giving over 100 households free energy saving advice. 31 householders also installed a discounted heat pump.

Local resident, Trevor Williams said: "My boiler was getting old and needed replacing. I'm very happy with my heat pump, it keeps the house warm and the water hot, even in winter."



Trevor (left) & Maisy (right) with their heat pumps

Thermal imaging

At the end of January, RHILC volunteers went out on cold nights taking thermal images of local homes.

Thermal images show where heat is leaking out, so residents can then take simple actions to reduce heat loss with the help of:

Insulation foil behind radiators, draft excluders, plastic film secondary glazing & pipe lagging.

We can provide these materials for free to local residents, just email Paul Skinner:

rosehill.iffley.low.carbon@gmail.com

Free Repair Café

Our wonderful volunteers do their best to mend your electrical gadgets, clothes and bikes. You can also swap toys and toiletries, get energy advice, have a cuppa and home-made cake!

Next on at Rose Hill CC:

Saturday 5th April & 7th June

10am-12:30pm

Sign up to our newsletter at:

rhilc.wordpress.com

Rose Hill Community Network

Do you live or work in Rose Hill? Join us online to discuss local initiatives and ways to improve our community!

Second **Tuesday** of the month,
7:30pm on Zoom, email for details:
rosehillcommunitynetwork@gmail.com

If you would prefer a face-to-face community meeting, let us know!

Rose Hill Community centre

Want to get fit in 2025?

Try your local Gym at Rose Hill CC!

Come and check out the facilities.

For more info, call **01865 749597** or visit: www.oxford.gov.uk/rosehillgym

www.facebook.com/Rosehcc

Broken Spoke - Dr Bike

Free bike diagnosis, safety checks, tune ups and repairs.

Sat 1st March 2pm - 5pm

Rose Hill Community centre

Poetry & Puddings

Tuesday 4th March, 7:30pm

Friends of St Mary's are holding their annual and popular **Poetry & Pudding** event at Iffley Church Hall.

The idea is, people read out poems of their choice, and in the interval gorge on home-made puddings.

Cost is £6 (or £5 members). Tickets on the door or from Iffley Community shop two weeks beforehand.

Contact David Wiles if you'd like to offer a pudding or a poem (written by yourself or by someone else):

d.wiles@exeter.ac.uk

Home-start Oxford

Rosebuds Stay & Play, a free, friendly and inclusive group for parents/carers and children under 5, based at RH Community centre.

We offer free play, crafts, messy/sensory play, snacks and singing time.

Every Friday 10-11.30am
(even during the school holidays).

We are also seeking volunteers to help us to support families, and have a volunteer training course coming up in March.

If you are interested please fill out our online forms by Monday 24th February.



For support, please contact us, via phone or email:

01865 649003

admin@homestartoxford.org.uk

New book by Chris Fox

My name is Chris Fox, I live in Rose Hill and my second book titled: **White Nile**, is out now! Please check it out & support via my website:

www.cdfox.weebly.com

Oxfordshire Maternity & Neonatal Voices Partnership

Working to review and develop maternity services in Oxfordshire.

Give your feedback at:

oxfordshirematernityvoices.com