



Reports Pack
Town Meeting
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Reports for the Town Meeting May 2019

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**A GUIDE TO TOWN, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL
SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Faringdon Town Council	Vale of White Horse District Council	Oxfordshire County Council
<p>Facilities Committee</p> <p>Venues The Corn Exchange The Pump House (& Old Theatre) Sole trustee of Faringdon War Memorial/Old Town Hall</p> <p>Open Spaces: Oakwood Park, Tucker Park Play area, Sole trustee of Tuckers Recreation Ground Town Park, Land adjacent to Willes Close. All Saints' Churchyard Highworth Road Layby The Elms Tennis Court Tidy Team Portwell Pump Bus Shelters Salt Bins</p> <p>Community and Partnerships Committee Faringdon Information Centre & Museum Faringdon Regent Cinema Community Events Christmas Lights Allotments Faringdon in Bloom Community Engagement Youth Grants The Place Children's Centre</p> <p>Planning & Highways Committee Planning: Statutory Consultee on all planning issues Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Finance & Audit Committee Financial control and audit Budgeting and Precept Risk Assessment, Health & Safety Grants to Local Groups Staffing</p> <p>www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk</p>	<p>Electoral registration, elections and election facilities</p> <p>Council Tax, rates and benefits</p> <p>Planning and Building Planning policy and housing development management Building control and enforcement, flood prevention Tree preservation orders Planning permission & listed building consent,</p> <p>Housing Social and affordable housing in conjunction with registered providers/housing associations.</p> <p>Environment Health services Food safety inspections, fly tipping, noise nuisance, air quality management and street cleaning</p> <p>Off street car parking, public car parks and car park lighting</p> <p>Public toilets</p> <p>Rubbish and recycling (street collections)</p> <p>Licensing Applications for licences for raffles (if tickets sold in advance), Temporary event notices (to sell alcohol at events) Licensing of other events</p> <p>Cultural and recreational services Leisure centres, public art, sports services Folly Park, Marlborough Gdns Pye Street & other housing estate play areas Markets www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk</p>	<p>Residents Permits, blue badges, bus passes.</p> <p>Children, education and families Parents, childcare, schools, working with children, fostering, Special Educational Needs</p> <p>Community and living Births, deaths, inquests and ceremonies; Armed Forces Covenant, Official Ceremonies</p> <p>Environment Countryside Waste and Recycling centres</p> <p>Fire and public safety Fire and Rescue, emergencies, crime prevention, Trading Standards, licences</p> <p>Social and health care Adult social care, children's services, carers, safeguarding of adults, needs assessment, Public Health</p> <p>Leisure and culture Libraries, museums, history, adult learning</p> <p>Roads and transport Public transport, road works, parking, footpaths, street lighting, potholes (Fixmystreet)</p> <p>www.oxfordshire.gov.uk</p>

Annual Report to the Faringdon Division (Buckland with Gainfield, Littleworth, Faringdon, Lt Coxwell, Gt Coxwell, Coleshill, Eaton Hastings, Buscot with Buscot Wick

The last 12 months have been busy and interesting. I have travelled within the county some 6300 miles and attended over 50 statutory meetings this last year – Full Cabinet, Cabinet Member Delegated Decisions (each member of Cabinet has the delegated power within the constitution to make decisions within their portfolio – the public can attend and speak), Performance Scrutiny – as an observer, Health Overview & Scrutiny as a substitute for the Leader, Oxfordshire, OCC Employees Joint Consultative Committee – a closed meeting with union members and elected members, OCC Fire Service Joint Committee – a closed meeting with the Fire Brigades Union and elected members, Audit and Governance as an observer, Remuneration Committee a closed meeting, Thames Valley Fire Control Service – Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue Service are also represented on this committee, and finally the Thames Valley Collaboration Board which has an elected member from RBFRS/BMFRS/OFRS and representatives from South Central Ambulance and Thames Valley Police sitting on the board.

I have attended an eclectic mix of meetings apart from the statutory ones and these have included: Political Group Leaders, Informal Cabinet, I have chaired a working group on Governance Review and on the Corporate Plan Review. I meet with Unison and Fire Brigade Union reps and I visit our staff at the Fire Stations across the county accompanied by senior officers from the fire service. I attend Strategic Leaders Team meetings which is made up of senior fire staff from the Chief Fire Officer, Assistant Chief Fire officers and some dozen other senior staff and this is held in fire stations across the county.

My Cabinet portfolio of Community Safety means I have responsibility for: Governance and Internal management, HR & industrial relations, policy co-ordination, customer services, Fire & Rescue, Trading Standards, Emergency Planning, Gypsy and Travellers, and the Prevent agenda. I have 1:1 meetings with all the senior officers from these areas on a monthly basis to ensure that I'm up to date, and free discussion at these 1:1's can take place on policy and strategy. I have undertaken an eclectic mix of local radio and TV interviews covering subject meeting relating to the Gypsy and Traveller communities, Blue Badge Parking Permits and Trading Standards with particular reference to "weight restriction limits" on our rural bridge systems in the county and the illicit sale of cheap counterfeit tobacco. The latter one concerns me particularly as the cheapness of the sales of these tobacco products encourage young people to smoke a habit which is of course damaging to health.

The Faringdon Division has challenges being both urban and rural in setting. The Division consists of Buckland with Gainfield, Buscot, Coleshill, Eaton Hastings, Faringdon, Gt Coxwell, Littleworth and Lt Coxwell and thus has both urban and rural concerns from rural isolation, social problems and deprivation across the piece. I attend both Parish Council and Town Council meetings within the Division. I write a monthly report which is split into two parts, the first a general report giving up to date news within the County and a second part specifically for the Faringdon Division.

I also substitute for Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Leader of the County Council at "outside" meetings and have attended the Growth Board (both as a substitute and an observer), the Oxford Strategic Partnership, Partnership Working on Regulatory Services with Cherwell, Staff Induction Ceremony, County Council's Network, Health & Wellbeing Board Meeting, the Partnership Working on Regulatory Services with Cherwell and I have chaired, on his behalf, Informal Cabinet and full Cabinet meetings.

I have laid a wreath at the annual service of Remembrance for the Firefighters Memorial Trust held in London. This service has taken place at St Pauls, St Bartholomew Without,

and this year it is in May at the Holy Sepulchre London. There are many hundreds of people attending this occasion, from active fire service personnel, to retired, to British Isles personnel to representatives from the rest of the world. We parade through the streets and lay our wreaths of Remembrance at the Fire Services Cenotaph which is a very striking piece of sculpture just across the road from St Pauls.

I travel up to London to attend the LGA Fire Commission meetings which gives me the opportunity to meet other councillors who have within their portfolios, the fire service.

The last budget it was agreed that for the financial years of 2018-19 and 2019-2020 there should be a fund called the "County Councillors Community Fund". This fund gives each County Councillor a total of £30,000 to spend in their Divisions or allows councillors to join up with colleagues to "pool" these monies. This last year I have supported the following schemes:-

Buckland purchase of salt bins, Lt Coxwell monies to support their playing field, and the construction of a "self-help" project to renovate a footpath, Faringdon Town Council grants for the Pump House Project and for the Faringdon Museum, the Oxfordshire Play Association, Coleshill monies for the renovation of their war memorial and Gt Coxwell for the renovation of their war memorial and monies towards the repairs required for their Reading Room. I already have applications for this financial year!

I prepare and circulate a monthly report – a report split into two parts – part 1 for the County Council's monthly news and part 2 for a specific report on the Faringdon Division – this is circulated to a great number of people. I also attend Parish Council meetings in my Division and hold a monthly surgery in the Faringdon Library on the first Saturday monthly. I am also contactable on 01367 241468 or Judith.heathcoat@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

I thoroughly enjoy my busy life and can state that my portfolio of work reaches out to all the communities of Oxfordshire and particularly those who live in my Division of Faringdon.

Judy

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2019 Brief Report from Faringdon Fire Station – By Crew Manager Becky Rimmer

Incident to date

Since our last report April 2018, Faringdon have attended 205 Incidents consisting of:
Alarms actuating at Residential and Domestic Properties.

Road Traffic collision

Special service calls i.e. lock in-outs, Animal Rescues,

Primary Fires i.e. House Fires

Secondary Fires i.e.: Bin Fires, Fire in the open.

Chimney Fires

Over the Boarder incidents, assisting crews from Wiltshire.

Several major Incidents that we have helped assist with other emergency services, Police and Ambulance.

In addition to the above we continue to carry out our weekly training sessions as well as whole day annual refreshers on core skills i.e. Breathing Apparatus, Road Traffic Collisions, Working at Height, Water Rescues and other Life critical training.

Station Support

We said goodbye to Watch Manager Ali Letchford, he left Faringdon Fire Station to join the Whole Time watch in the city, still within the organisation. Our new Station Support officer is Watch Manager Vince Sturt, he has been working at the fire station since January, this year, continuing the role for Recruitment, Training, Fire Protection and community safety - Safe and well visits as well as being operational. He is available on Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm, If you require any information you can contact him on 07775 827260 or vince.sturt@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Recruiting

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service are recruiting for 'On Call' personnel over the age of 18ys. Currently Faringdon is in a position to recruit new members. We are looking for day, night and weekend cover. Any one that may be interested or know of anyone that would be interested in becoming a Firefighter, please get in contact with us at the Fire Station on: 01367 240134, or you can visit the station on Wednesday's from 19:00-21:00.

The following website will also give you any information you will need to become a firefighter

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncallfirefighter

Community Responding

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and South Central Ambulance Service are still in partnership, training fire fighters as IEC (Immediate Emergency Care) so we can support and attend cardiac arrest patients.

Update on 365 Alive.

365alive is Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service's vision to ensure that we are working every day to save and improve the lives of people across Oxfordshire.

The vision is supported by Road Safety, Trading Standards, Emergency Planning and Gypsy and Travellers Services.

As Oxfordshire thrives we anticipate a significant change in three key areas. There will be more homes, this will support new workplaces and miles travelled will increase in line with this growth.

We have recognised that:

Extra people travelling more miles on our roads mean that we will see an increase in the risk of Road Traffic Collisions.

The growth in the number of home and workplaces built means that we will see an increased risk in the number of domestic and commercial fires.

The expanding and increasingly ageing population means that we will see an increase for an immediate medical response.

What do we want to achieve?

The vision will run for 6 years from 2016 to 2022, in this time we would like to achieve

PREVENTION, PROTECTION & EMERGENCY RESPONSE	EDUCATION	VULNERABLE / LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN & ADULTS	BUSINESSES
6,000 more people alive as a result of our prevention, protection and emergency response activities.	85,000 children and young adults (to include looked after children) to be better educated to lead safer and healthier lives.	37,500 vulnerable children and adults helped to lead more secure and independent lives supported by safe and well-being visits.	20,000 businesses given advice and support to grow.

1.6 Million
Safety Messages

Biker Down – Road Safety

Attend a FREE Biker Down workshop to learn the practical skills of what to do if you are first on scene at a crash involving a motorcyclist. Motorcycle 'Biker Down' Courses are available see below that still have spaces available:

Thursday 13th June 7:30pm to 10:30pm at Witney Fire Station

Thursday 18th July 7:30pm to 10:30pm at Kidlington Fire Station

Saturday 10th August 10am to 1pm at Thame Fire station

Thursday 12th September 7:30pm to 10:30pm at Chipping Norton Fire Station

Thursday 10th October 7:30pm to 10:30pm at Wallingford Fire Station

If you would like to attend a workshop but can't make these dates? Follow us on Facebook or email BikerDown@Oxfordshire.gov.uk and let us know you would like to go on our next workshop mailing list.

Workshops for biker groups

We are happy to run a workshop for biker groups for groups of friends. All you need to do is find 12 people who want to learn what to do if they were first on scene of a Motorcycle crash and get in touch.

For details on 365alive, please visit our website www.365alive.co.uk

Smoke Alarms

We are still visiting many properties to fit Smoke Alarms and give advice on Fire Safety in the Home, If you know of any one that may need us to visit then please get in contact with us on 08000 325999 or visit our website on www.365alive.co.uk

FARINGDON UNITED CHARITY

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REPORT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2019

During the last year, the Charity has continued to provide grants to organisations, families and individuals in need within Faringdon, Littleworth and Little Coxwell.

During the year ended 31st March 2019, £13,195 was paid out in grants with the largest grant to any one organization or individual being £3000. Organisations helped included Faringdon Day Centre, YoCo, Faringdon schools, FAAZe, Vale Tridents and Maymessy. Where organisations are based outside of the benefit area a grant is given only where Faringdon and district residents are helped. Help was also given to individuals and families in need in Faringdon.

The Trustees expect that the income receivable from investments and royalties together with rents from the letting of agricultural land will continue to cover all the grants and costs of administration of the Charity in the coming year.

The Chairman of the Trustees is Mr David Keeling and the committee includes three other permanent Trustees.

Other Trustees are the Vicar of All Saints Church, Faringdon and two representatives from the Town Council. The parishes of Littleworth and Little Coxwell each have their own representative on the committee.

The charity works in liaison with health care workers, social workers, church workers, local schools, youth organisations and early learning centres as well as other voluntary bodies in the town.

Applications for grants or requests for further information should be made in writing c/o Mrs V J Checkley, Clerk to the Trustees, Bunting & Co, Brunel House Volunteer Way, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7YR. There is an application form and contact details on the website www.faringdonunitedcharities.co.uk

REGISTERED CHARITY (NUMBER 237040)

How the Faringdon Town Council grant helps Follyfest to happen.

Background

Follyfest (see <http://faringdonfollyfest.co.uk/>) formerly known as the Faringdon community arts festival has run in the last week of July, with some gaps since around 2002.

The basic concept of the festival, (*"a festival by the people of Faringdon, for the people of Faringdon"*) remains firmly in place. It's free to enter, with an emphasis on local music, artistic talent and business offerings, aimed at a complete range of age and ability groups, including families.



Over recent years we have made efforts to develop the festival beyond the live music played on 2 stages, and work closely with the Pumphouse project, the Piano Shop, local drama society and choirs, local businesses and a variety of other clubs, churches and groups, to produce an event very particular to Faringdon.

Last year, Follyfest made a concerted and successful effort to diversify its offering, to include a bigger "fringe" section, which included mini recitals, plays and a tea dance. We carried out a mail drop to all new houses in the town, in order to bring in new members of the community. We believe that the poetry, music, plays, games, singing, dancing and craft events we are planning for 2019 are a great opportunity to welcome and bring in everyone from the town.

Town Council grant

As the single biggest donor to Follyfest, the Town council grant is absolutely central to its success. The reassurance that 35% of our annual fundraising target is safe, provides motivation to all the follyfest committee to go out and fundraise the remaining monies and voluntary support. The town council grant also provides confidence and motivation to our other key sponsors that we are able to put on a festival of significant scale (in good weather over 2,500 attendees) where their local business will be recognised and gain profile.



If we did not receive the town council grant, we would not be able to put together a festival of the size and variety that we do. We would either look to change the venue, in order to provide for ticketed entry, or reduce the scope of the festival, which would then serve as a disincentive for our sponsors to be as generous as they are.

Participants enjoy Follyfest hugely, whether first timers, who are often surprised that such a small town can put on such a good festival, or people who have grown and moved away from Faringdon, but come back specifically to meet up with old school friends and family for the weekend. The town council association with the festival works well with all these groups.

Rotary Club of Faringdon & District
Report on Faringdon Town Council grant 2018 -2019

The grant of £1000 and room hire was wholly allocated to Festive Faringdon 2018, together with a similar contribution from The Rotary club of Faringdon & District.

The event was a great success, it benefited from the Town Council members working alongside Rotarians especially in the responsibility of manning the road blocks.

The said monies together with the contributions raised from the Christmas fare stalls, which is mainly held within the Corn Exchange, enable the lower cost of fairground rides and the provision of some great entertainment.

This year we used the Cherwell Radio mobile sound van (Oxford Hospitals radio) to provide our sound, music and Mc'ing, it definitely gave the event a more professional approach., we've booked them for 2019. It was great to hear the carols sounding around the town sung by the United Churches choir, accompanied by the Wantage Silver band. I could even hear them on the block half way up London Street.

I think we all look forward to hopefully another successful Festive Faringdon in this coming Christmas period, put Saturday 30th NOVEMBER 2019 in your diary now

Festive Faringdon is just one of the events that the Rotary club of Faringdon & District organise and or contribute financially.

This includes :-

Provided monthly entertainment in Ferendune Court

Contributed financially to the running of FAAAZE

Taken the youngsters of FAAAZE to Burford Wild life park

Assisted the purchase of a special pushchair for a sick young boy

Contributed to the running of the Bromsgrove Day centre

Contributed to the Faringdon Late Spring

And donated in excess of £6k to nine different local community charities in our Dragons Den 2018

Thank you

Glyn

Rotarian Glyn James

Chairman Community Team

Rotary Club of Faringdon & District

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Report for Farringdon Town Council – May 2019

The last 12 months have flown by for all at Enrych Oxfordshire with a huge increase in the number of referrals we are receiving across the county and in particular in the VWH district where the coordinator is excellent and working with more people than ever before in Enrych's history.

The £1,000 funding we received from Farringdon Town Council in 2018 contributed to our work in the Farringdon area with 5 or 6 people now benefitting from the support of the volunteer. These particular adults with a physical disability and others also join some of our social events such as pub lunches, afternoon teas, theatre trips and day trips. For some this is the only opportunity they get to do what we all take for granted.

A couple of case studies for the people now enjoying a partnership with a volunteer:

A suffers from Parkinson's disease which has worsened recently. He expressed an interest in art. We found S who willingly agreed to become his volunteer.

The work A has achieved is amazing and the confidence he has whilst undertaking this activity has increased ten-fold. He is able to concentrate fully for the hour they spend together, which is normally extremely difficult for him. He is very proud of the paintings he has undertaken and quite rightly so.

The confidence A has achieved in this activity has encouraged him to explore other avenues on his own including learning to play the guitar and compose short pieces of music.

B suffers from MS and Epilepsy and came to us with very low esteem and a serious lack of confidence. Her MS has meant she has had to undergo several operations for various joints and left her unable to go out of her home alone.

She wished to learn how to use the computer she had bought herself, but lacked the confidence, even though she had tried, to master many areas on it. Her volunteer F has worked tirelessly with her and the confidence she has achieved is incredible. She is now able to undertake her shopping on line, deal with banking matters and most importantly communicate with her friends. She has also become more confident, independent and with a far more positive outlook on life.

As you can see, the support that the volunteers have given these individuals has enabled them to do things they enjoy and/or that will make their lives easier whilst helping to increase their confidence and enjoy life more.

It is always a challenge to try and grow the charity, look for ways to help more people, but always keeping one eye on the money in the bank. It is for this reason that we are so grateful to Farringdon Town Council for their continued support to enable us to carry on doing this great work with the people of Oxfordshire who need us.

Thank you.

Susan Linnett
Branch Manager
15 May 2019

Faringdon Beer Society Bangers and Beer Festival 2018

Faringdon Beer society is a group of local people who meet regularly for some real ale, supporting local pubs in Faringdon. Five years ago two of the members had an idea to have a Beer festival in the town to break up the lull between FollyFest and the Christmas lights switch on.

The Bangers and Beer festival is a two day event held on the last weekend in September. It is a free event and held for the benefit of the community. The festival has gone from strength to strength and now has an organising committee of 6.

The Real Ale offerings are predominantly from local breweries and the Bangers are made and cooked by Pat Thomas staff. There are local bands and the Cotswold choir who perform in the evenings.

The Town council recognise the value of this community event in the town and have generously supported it financially and in kind by offer the Corn Exchange venue at no cost to the organisation.

During the event in 2018 it peaked at the halls capacity while the choir performed. The event made a small profit, which was donated to two local charities.

Without support from the Town council the organisation would not have been in a position to put on the Bangers and Beer Festival for the community. This support has encouraged the committee to continue the festival on an annual basis.

Thank You

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Wantage Independent Advice Centre (WIAC) would like to thank Faringdon Town Council for the £1,750 grant provided for the financial year 2018-2019. Our Management Committee and all of our volunteers, a band of now in excess of 130 people, very much consider its service reach to be "In the Vale, For the Vale".

The funding contributes to the provision of the services across all three of the WIAC work-streams: Advice Service, Transport and the Good Neighbour Scheme. Our free advice offering, volunteer transport and befriending services are all fully entwined but can equally be provided "solo", tailored to suit each client's needs.

Statistics and figures for the financial year ending March 31st 2019 are in the process of being independently examined by a local firm of accountants. The final accounts will then be published in the WIAC's annual report and shared at our AGM on Wednesday 26th June. The WIAC's board of trustees would warmly welcome attendees to this public event from the Faringdon community. If there are any specific questions with regard to the statistics and trends, prior to the circulation of our finalised Annual Report, these can always be submitted to the Operations Management team at the WIAC.

The WIAC continues to support the Faringdon community with regular drop-in or booked appointments at the Pump House, though advice clients also still benefit from our Monday through Friday 930am to 4pm service provided in the neighbouring market town. Coupling our driving and Good Neighbour services together it is possible to enhance the local bus service by providing transport for a client over to our Centre or even visiting a client in their own home to talk about matters such as Attendance or Carers Allowance, Disability Benefits, Trading Standards, Utility worries or loneliness.

One of our main challenges this year is to recruit a Project Manager, on a short term basis, to measure demand over all three services in the west of the Vale. We are looking for people in the west of the Vale to join this Manager and form a committee to scope and plan the strategies for this area. This would be a onetime project to confirm the need in this area for these services. If the need is there we intend to recruit volunteers from this area to deliver the services. The Wantage office has full knowledge, expertise and experience to train, support and manage all new volunteers.

We think this meeting is a good forum to identify local people who want to support WIAC in delivering our services to people in their local community. Please don't hesitate to ask for more information or pop in for a chat about the volunteering opportunities.

Report Date: 16th May 2019

Prepared By: P Roscoe, Joint Operations Manager

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Faringdon Popup Business School

Purpose of paper

1. To provide a summary of the Faringdon Popup Business School and how the Faringdon Town Council grant contributed to the success of the event

Strategic objectives

2. The Popup Business School event contributes to the achievement of the Vale of White Horse District Council strategic objective "we will create the right conditions for economic growth, so that business, residents and workers can prosper".

Background

3. The Popup Business School is a start-up training course that teaches people how to start a business with no money.
4. The district council held a Popup Business School at the Pump House, Faringdon from 4 – 8 February 2019. It was supported by the Faringdon Chamber of Commerce and Faringdon Town Council.
5. The Faringdon Town Council grants sub-committee awarded a grant of £483.00 for hire of the Jubilee Room.

Outcomes of the Event

6. The key outcomes of the week-long event are:
 - a. 56 people attended each day. Of these 41 per cent were unemployed and 30 per cent were self-employed. These people and the presenters contributed to the local economy each day by frequenting local shops.
 - b. By the end of the week 33 per cent of attendees had started trading and 63 per cent were almost ready. Businesses created include crochet heirloom blankets, a life-coaching programme, handmade sofas, craft workshops, a food experience consultancy and a pop-up museum consultant.
 - c. By the end of the week 30 per cent had made a sale.

- d. The event was attended and covered by BBC Oxford who interviewed the owner of a salon in Faringdon.
- e. Attendees came from across the country Faringdon, Swindon, Reading, Chipping Norton, Witney, Watlington, Henley-on-Thames.
- f. Overall awareness of Faringdon increased with 4,544 people viewing advertising on social media which was shown 14,631 times in the month leading up to the event.
- g. Feedback from participants included:

"This course is immensely valuable to people like me. By paying for us to succeed, you have sent me the message that I would like to find business in and around Faringdon".

"You have changed my view of the impact my local council can have on unemployment and individual happiness. The local community will benefit from the changes that have been made this week in people's view of what they can do."

- h. The event resulted in £34 return for every £1 invested in the event.

7. The full overview of the event is provided at Appendix A.

Next Steps

- 8. A second school was held in Berinsfield 29 April – 3 May 2019. Many people attended as they were unable to attend the Faringdon event or had heard positive feedback from people who did attend.
- 9. To support residents and businesses impacted by the Honda closure, a second school will be held in Shrivenham 7 – 11 October 2019. It will be free to attend, and promotion will commence at the Vale Business Support Breakfast at Wrag Barn on 26 June 2019.

Conclusion

- 10. The Faringdon Town Council grant allowed the district council to deliver a free week-long Popup Business School. It resulted in 56 people visiting the town centre each day, 33 new businesses starting, as well as increased local and national awareness of Faringdon due to the TV and social media coverage of the event.
- 11. The district council is thankful for the town council's support for this event.



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FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL YOUTH GRANT

Farcycles, the local community cycling group, were very grateful recipients of a Youth Grant of £5000 in March 2019.

This grant was used to pay a substantial proportion of the costs of the rubberised WetPour surface at the new Faringdon Cycle Park. This is an area of 134m² (16x8m) which will be used for those learning to cycle.

Children from Faringdon and the neighbouring areas will be free to use this facility with their parents and grandparents teaching them how to ride a bike.

Members of Farcycles will host regular training sessions at the Cycle Park, and balance bikes will be available for use by any child during those sessions.

Grand Opening of the Faringdon Cycle Park will be on Sunday July 14th.

THANK YOU, FTC!



Aerial photo of Faringdon Cycle Park 14th May 2019, beginners area is pale green

REPORT – THE PLACE

The Place has been running since end of June 2018 by two members of staff working 18 hrs each per week.

We now have over 170 families registered, with a number of these attending groups regularly.

We run two sessions on a Thursday which are for families with children 0-5 with a baby group just started on a Friday. We average about 15-20 families per session.

We also run a breastfeeding support group, facilitated by a qualified breastfeeding counsellor/midwife.

Monthly we run a cinema session alternating between films suitable for toddlers with films for mums with babies.

During the year we have run baby massage, early days, first aid courses and hosted a Knowing Me, Knowing You group facilitated by Health Visitors for mums experiencing anxiety/stress/post natal depression. We have run outdoor sessions in the park and an Easter Hunt at the Folly.

One of our favourite events was a trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park, with thanks to The Rotary Club.

After a suggestion from a parent, we have set up a clothes library which is growing rapidly in popularity. We offer clothes for babies up to 1 and also maternity clothes.

We offer support to parents via signposting and also by providing a listening ear.

We are extremely fortunate in having three amazing volunteers.

Future Plans:

A joint venture with Faringdon Pre-school running two parenting workshops.
Working more closely with the Health Visitors and Housing Associations.

Carole Gough
Co-ordinator
May 2019

Tucker Park Play Day 31.8.2018. Amended. 10.5.2019

Draft report. Tucker Park video link: <https://vimeo.com/288254927> (208+ independent hits to date)

Two artists were present at Tucker Park in September 2018.

Alex Hehir (Music and iPads). Clinton Osborne (stop frame animation and iPads) under the Animation Station business.

Both artists were there from 9.30(set up) until 4pm (Dismantle). Fee £200 each artist. Four hundred pounds in total. All Materials and equipment hire were included at the artists expense: 10 x iPads, Animation rig plus MacBook Pro, Sound recording equipment, tables, pens, card, paper, crayons, pens, event shelter. Plus all post production editing of sound and animation on to film (free).

Tucker Park. Attendance: * Four adults were involved also. Several children attended but didn't complete all the artwork/music sessions

Boys under 10	Girls under 10	Boys over 10	Girls over 10
2	8	6	6
Totals 2	Totals 8	Totals 6	Totals 6

All participants got to make an animation, make a soundtrack for the animation and a separate music score using iPads and MacBook Pro's. The day was a success and included time for direct engagement or play and learn with the iPads which

appealed to the older children, post ten years old. The workshops were a integral of the overall day, offering new creative opportunities in the arts and music for children and young people. The response was overwhelmingly positive with many hits on the WWW site which streamed the film.

* Amended 10.5.2019

Further workshops with YOCO in FTC Pump House were set on 25.10.2018 using the existing hire fee commitment. Workshop completed 25.10. Artist x 1 received £ 100 final fee.

On the 25.10.2018 a day was allocated (25.10.2018) to the YOCO group to have a film day to help support young people to attend a training session to help learn how to use iPads and video cameras to support a charity trip to Kenya in 2019. This was rewarding and fulfilling in terms of numbers and outcomes allowing for a community film made with the group to help with their need to find funding for their journey to Kenya. The Pump House was used as part of the grant commitment.

There was a mixture of boys and girls aged 16+. There were approximately ten girls and five boys. This varied throughout the four later sessions each week.

This in turn, led to a commitment to support the group on four extra occasions throughout winter 2018/2019 within their two hour YOCO sessions on Thursday evenings to help them refine and fulfil their individual youth stories through video clips, editing and sound work. YOCO were very pleased with outcomes.

Boys over 16		Girls over 16	
Pump House Taster day.	5	Pump House Taster day.	10
YOCO sessions x 4 days Five x per session	5	YOCO sessions x 4 days Ten x per session	10
Over four sessions total:	20	Over four sessions total: 40	
Total	25	Total	50

It is hoped that we may be able to support the group further with a grant funding bid in Summer and Autumn 2019 to help them with any post production filming from their journey, while creating new youth based opportunities, developing leadership training and outreach community artwork, music and wellbeing.

Farringdon Town Council

Grant Funding Report 2019

Final film

<https://vimeo.com/312268628> (YOCO film) Secured

Password: Kenya



Faringdon Town Council Grant Report 2018/19

15 May 2019

Our work in Faringdon during 2018/19

1. The Town Council's grant of £1,600 has helped us continue to support young carers in the Town, arranging vital emotional support, offering social activities and skills training for young carers. These free activities give young carers opportunities to socialise, make friends, and have time away from their caring roles; they are very well attended and clearly meet a need. The training events in first aid, cookery and relaxation are very popular, aiming to increase the confidence of young carers in undertaking their caring roles;
2. In 2018/19 BE FREE YC registered 3 new young carers in the Town. We are now supporting 19 young carers in Faringdon;
3. Our social activities include trips to a range of local and regional locations. Many of these regularly include a pick up point in Faringdon not only for the Town's young carers to access but also young carers from the more remote surrounding communities;
4. During 2018/19 we introduced a volunteer befriending service for young carers. Currently we have 10 trained volunteers who are each 'matched' with a young carer to engage weekly away from the family home. This enables the young carer to have time away from their caring responsibilities and open up about their concerns, lessening feelings of anxiety;
5. We continue to liaise with Faringdon Community College to raise awareness of our work and to help the College do more to support young carers.

The emotional support we provide

Concerns around the mental health of children have recently been in the news nationally. The Children's Commissioner for England has highlighted the pressure young people are experiencing not just to achieve academically but in their daily lives to be 'liked' on social media, to have numbers of followers and friends, to look and behave a certain way. She reports that even primary school children are raising concerns about anxiety.

For young carers these pressures are magnified. They are coping with all these modern day pressures whilst looking after a family member on a daily basis. The anxiety and stress that so many young carers feel reflects not only their desire to be liked, to have friends, but also a real concern, a daily worry, about the person they care for and for their futures.

Our work with young carers helps these vulnerable young people to improve their self-confidence and self-worth and reduce feelings of anxiety and stress that can be so damaging and destructive. Just talking with other young carers can be so positive, knowing that there are others in similar situations.

As an independent charity, BE FREE YC could not continue its work with young carers without the spectacular support of the communities across the Vale and South Oxfordshire areas. The support of parishes and Towns are vital contributions to help fund our work and also give others the confidence to fund our work. We are therefore very grateful to the Town Council for its continuing support.

John Tabor
Director
BE FREE YC

REPORT FOR FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

YOUTH FUNDING GRANT AWARDED TO FARINGDON JUNIOR YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

USED TO BUY TUG OF WAR TOPS AND TUG OF WAR BOOTS

Further to the provision of the grant, Faringdon Junior YFC purchased a full team set of tug of war padded shirts and an additional six pairs of tug of war boots to enable each team member to have a pair.

Training started once a week in the Spring and the first competition was at the Oxfordshire YFC Mini Rally held at Roves Farm on Sunday 28th April. The team pulled twice against each of the competing teams (Witney, Enstone/Bicester, and Henley Clubs) and won every pull. The referee was so impressed with the way they worked together as a team that he invited the whole of the Faringdon Junior team to try out for the England youth teams.

Some members are in the middle of their GCSEs and have been unable to take up this opportunity at present, however, five members went to compete at a charity fundraiser in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital at Daventry on Sunday 5th May. One of the members also competed at the **AAA Championships and Midland Area Open Championships** at Alcester on Sunday 12th May. This member was told that if he continues to show this level of commitment that he will have a place on one of the England youth teams. The next competition is on Sunday 19th May near Bristol and three members will be attending. At these competitions the members are pulling with other players from all over the country.

In addition to the competitions, there is training once a week for England selection, as well as Faringdon Juniors' training twice a week in the build-up to the Main County Rally on Saturday 25th May, which is being hosted this year by Faringdon. At the County Rally, the top two County teams (Faringdon and Witney) will pull again and the successful team will then go forward to the South of England Show at Ardingly for the South-East area heat. The winner at this stage will then progress to the national finals at the Tenbury Country Show in August.

The team members have all commented on how they are no longer experiencing discomfort now that they have padded shirts and how they can perform better with supportive boots that fit! As well as working together as a team, the members have to show dedication to their training and determination in their pulling. They have also learnt about sportsmanship and putting rivalry aside to work together for the possibility of pulling for England. The provision of the tug of war kit has given them a boost of confidence and pride in themselves, as well as giving them regular exercise and a social activity.



OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS...

FARINGDON PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAY



FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST 2018 – 11AM TO 3PM

**(INCLUDING A QUIET HOUR FROM 10AM TO 11AM FOR
CHILDREN WHO FIND THE MAIN EVENT TOO NOISY & BUSY)**

**FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES – FUN
FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FOR ALL AGES**

BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLAY

**Go Kart Party * Fire Play * Body Zorbing * Bouldering Wall * Drumming
Workshop * Muzo Academy * Giant Bubbles * Science Oxford * Orinoco
Scrapstore * Earth Trust * Tricky Trails Biking * DIY Face Painting *
Smoothie Bike and much more!**

**FARINGDON TOWN FC, TUCKER PARK, PARK
ROAD, FARINGDON, OXON. SN7 7BP**

**Please be advised that NO childcare is provided at this event and Parents are
responsible for their Children at all times / This event will be filmed and
photographed / There is Disabled parking only on site / Hot Food, Ice Cream
and Refreshments will be available to be purchased or please do feel free to
bring a picnic**

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OPA PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAYS 2018

KEY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

For Children & Young People

- 1) Promote Positive Behaviours & Activities (reduce anti-social behavior)
- 2) Promote Increased Levels of Physical Activity
- 3) Promote Healthy Weight Management (obesity reduction)

For Parents / Carers

- 1) Provide an Event offering both **FREE** Entrance & **FREE** Activities to Ensure an Inclusion for **ALL**
- 2) Demonstrate how Play and Quality family Time can be achieved on a Zero / Minimal Budget using Natural & Recycled materials
- 3) Provide information on services and activities available in the local and wider area

For Communities

- 1) Encourage a greater sense of belonging to promote Active & Engaged Communities - 'Love Where You Live'
- 2) Promote local clubs, groups and societies
- 3) Involve local groups, communities and Children & Young People in the planning and delivery of each event



OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION

OPA's Vision is to Improve Lives Through Play

OPA's mission is to champion and to support
the rights of all Children & Young People to
have access to, high quality, inclusive Play
opportunities to improve their Physical,
Mental and Spiritual wellbeing.

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