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Riverside Splash pad – should be opening this weekend!

The pool and splash pad will be open for the summer season until Sunday 3 September, campsite until the 30 September.

Reminders on the waste satisfaction questionnaire – questions covering waste collections, street cleansing as well as contact made with the council waste team and Biffa. Please do provide your feedback on the current waste service. This will help when we come to designing what will follow when the Biffa contract ends. See <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/lets-talk-rubbish-tell-us-what-you-think-of-our-waste-services/> Please respond by Monday 10 July 2023.

And the **consultation on the Air Quality Action Plan** – see <https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/AirQualityActionPlan/> by Thursday 27 July.

Find out about grants and meet our Community Hub

at the Crowmarsh Pavilion in Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford, OX10 8EB on Monday 17 July 1 - 5pm to meet with voluntary sector groups, town and parish councils and residents to provide advice and guidance on grants and to talk through the support our Community Hub can give – here's a bit more information: Grants funding advice session This is an opportunity for people to discuss a project they might want grant funding for, and to ask questions about eligibility or the application process for all the SODC varied grant schemes. People can book a face-to-face meeting with our grants team by emailing grants@southandvale.gov.uk or calling 01235 422405. Or if unable to attend then call or arrange a Teams meeting another time. Meet our Community Hub team The Community Hub team will also be there to meet residents to provide advice and guidance and to talk through the support available through our Community Hub. This includes Cost of Living, food support, becoming a host for Homes for Ukraine scheme or offering support to guests on the Homes for Ukraine scheme. · Call: 01235 422600 · Email: communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk Our office hours are 8.30 am – 5 pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30 am – 4.30 pm on Fridays (closed on bank holidays)

Plastic Free July

The annual campaign to encourage people to say no to single use plastics kicks off again this Saturday. The **Plastic Free July website** provides ideas on how to reduce plastic use every day at home or work. The movement has inspired more than 100 million participants in 190 countries to make a change. The **Climate Action Oxfordshire website** will also have some helpful resources and inspiration for alternatives to plastic packaging.

Homes for Ukraine – call for landlords

In Oxfordshire, many arrangements between hosts and Ukrainian nationals are coming to an end. Alongside Oxfordshire County Council and the other districts, we are launching a campaign aimed at encouraging landlords to come forward for more information about housing Ukrainians. They may be current landlords or people considering becoming landlords.

Many Ukrainians in Oxfordshire will have settled in local communities and found work, so identifying a range of affordable properties across the County is very important to allow them to start rebuilding their future with more independence.

Please help to spread the word by sharing with your local networks. Landlords can contact the central housing team by emailing

oxfordshirehousingcapacity@southandvale.gov.uk or calling 07858687569 or 07849574859. For more information, visit our [South Oxfordshire Homes for Ukraine webpage](#)

CCTV upgrades across the districts

A total of 39 new high-definition CCTV cameras have been installed across the districts to provide safer town centres for residents and visitors. The upgrade has seen 13 new cameras rolled out in Wallingford, 20 across Abingdon and six in Wantage town centre. The digital cameras directly replace the outdated analogue CCTV system which will provide CCTV operators and emergency services with much better picture clarity to help support public safety.

Our CCTV service provides an important role in helping the police to keep people safe and detect crime in our town centres. Find out more about the service and view a breakdown of monitored incidents, court evidence packs and more in the **South Oxfordshire CCTV Half Yearly Report 2022/23**

Help for residents to reduce energy bills

Retrofitting is the process of making changes to existing buildings which help reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. It makes homes and buildings more energy efficient and cheaper to run.

We've put together a helpful **briefing on retrofitting homes and community buildings** that explains the basics of retrofitting and where residents and organisations can get help, including financial help, to implement this. The team is also inviting local community organisations to an online forum on improving energy efficiency in community buildings from 6 – 7 pm on Tuesday 11 July. This will include speakers and practical information for groups; please forward to your local networks who may wish to attend. Please email climateaction@southandvale.gov.uk to register and the Climate and Biodiversity team will send you the meeting link. There is another forum planned for residential retrofitting advice in October this year.

Want to try an electric vehicle? There is currently an introductory offer for those planning to join the EV car clubs in Oxfordshire. Co-Wheels, which runs many of the car clubs in our districts and across the County, has a deal which offers no joining fee and £10 towards your first hire. There is one based in Wallingford. Find out more on Oxfordshire County Council's website.