

Tetsworth Newsletter



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Residents boost the battery collection charge

Residents in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are helping to lead the charge towards battery recycling.

In a matter of weeks 4,300kg of batteries have been collected, recycled, and avoided being sent to landfill. If these were laid end to end they would reach from Abingdon to Didcot!

Last month South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils, along with waste and recycling contractors Biffa organised for bright pink stickers to be placed on top of residents' green recycling bins to inform people about the new scheme.

Batteries should now be placed on the lid of the green recycling bin in a clear bag and will be collected as part of the fortnightly 'green bin' recycling collection.

As a result of the promotion both districts saw a huge increase in the number of batteries being recycled through household collection.

Cllr Reg Waite, Cabinet Member for Commercial Services at Vale of White Horse District Council said: "Thank you to our residents for responding to the promotion and jumping on the battery recycling bandwagon. The numbers left out for collection have been quite astonishing."

Cllr David Dodds, Cabinet Member

for Finance, Parks and Waste at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "Batteries can pose a real danger to the environment if they are simply left to decay. By putting them out for recycling residents of South Oxfordshire and the Vale are helping to remove this danger and also helping to reduce unwanted waste at the same time

Get fit at low cost in Thame with Sportivate's Gymfit offer

People between the ages of 19 and 25 have the opportunity to get fit and try out the facilities at Thame's Racquets Fitness Centre this summer at a discounted rate.

Sportivate, a National Lottery funded project which aims to provide new sporting activity sessions for young people, is offering six session Gymfit passes for just £12.

By signing up anyone aged 19 to 25 is entitled to six sessions in the gym, squash courts, or can take part in classes run at the centre, starting on 19 August.

The offer gives people a great opportunity to try out the centre, and if they attend at least five sessions in six weeks then the joining fee is waived if they wish to become a full member at the leisure centre in North Street.

Cllr Bill Service, Cabinet Member for Leisure at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "This is a great opportunity for 19 -25 year olds in the Thame get fit, take part in classes and meet new friends."

A limited number of passes are available until 30 September. A pass holder has six weeks from the date of issue to take up their six free sessions.

For more details or to register your place please call Racquets Fitness Centre on 01844 261754. For more information about Racquets Fitness Centre please see www.racquets-fitness-centre.com

Desperately seeking... Village Hall Event Volunteers!

Hello, we know you're out there! If you would like to make cakes, sell refreshments or help to run the bar at one of our community events, we would love to hear from you. Enthusiasm and a willingness to pitch in are most important. Volunteer bar staff need should be over 18 years of age. Please call [Sarah on 07817 313478] or email tmh.committee@gmail.com if you are interested in supporting activities at the Village Hall.

Calling all village cinema enthusiasts, youth group leaders, WI wannabe's, young farmer's gardening and historical society-types.. in fact any group that needs a space to meet!

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Better broadband on its way to Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire County Council has awarded a multi-million-pound contract to BT, marking the start of a two and a half year programme to bring better broadband to thousands more homes and businesses in the county.

The £25 million programme is made up of £10 million from the council, £4 million from the government and £11 million from BT. It will build on the existing commercial footprint in the county with the aim that at least 90 per cent of all premises will have access to superfast broadband speeds of 24Mbps and above by the end of 2015.

The deal will bring significant social and economic benefits to rural areas where broadband access may currently be slow. By stepping in to fill gaps not served commercially, the county council is ensuring that more people can get online and take advantage of a wide range of services many already take for granted.

Making sure that everyone has access to some form of broadband connection will boost business efficiency, streamline and reduce costs for providing the council's numerous customer services and enrich leisure and social time. Almost everybody will benefit from this major investment.

Councillor Nick Carter, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Business and Customer Services, said: "This deal brings broadband to Oxfordshire two years ahead of the national roll-out programme. Broadband is now seen almost as a utility like water or electricity, yet there

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are still areas where access is non-existent or far too slow. However, everyone in the project area will soon benefit from this major investment.

"Oxfordshire is the most rural county in the South East, so we have had to be pragmatic in trying to extend the social and economic benefits of broadband to as many homes and businesses as possible.

"The deal we have struck is good value for money and demonstrates the county council's ambition for a thriving

Oxfordshire. Without this intervention there is a danger that rural areas would be seriously disadvantaged, amounting to as much as a third of the county."

The Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme will make superfast broadband available to more than 64,000 homes and businesses across the county by its completion.

It will build on BT's own commercial roll-out of high speed

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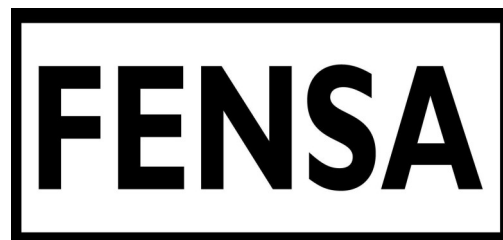
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fibre broadband, which has already made the sophisticated technology available to around 60 per cent of Oxfordshire homes and businesses.

While the initial aim of the programme is to deliver superfast broadband speeds to a minimum of 90% of premises across Oxfordshire, the county council will continue to work with BDUK and BT to secure additional funding to enable the programme to go further. The remaining very isolated rural pockets will receive a minimum of 2Mbps - enough to use email and the web efficiently.

Bill Murphy, BT's Managing Director for Next Generation Access, said: "This is exciting news for Oxfordshire. Fibre broadband will provide a strong, reliable connection to the rest of the world - a vital component in opening up new horizons for those living in rural as well as urban areas of the county.

"High speed access will help the local economy thrive, allowing local businesses to grow, attracting inward investment, creating jobs and stimulating growth. It will also provide new online learning and development opportunities for local people."

The Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme will take two and a half years with an anticipated completion by the end of 2015.

Superfast broadband is typically defined as more than 24Mbps, enabling users to stream video, share high-quality photos, download large files and video conference, for example.

The new fibre-based network will be open to all communications providers on an equivalent basis. There are more than 80 internet service providers (ISPs) currently offering or using fibre services over BT's network in the UK.

BT engineers will soon begin surveying locations around the county and analysing the best way to roll out the network. Work will begin in January 2014.

Dementia Friendly Communities

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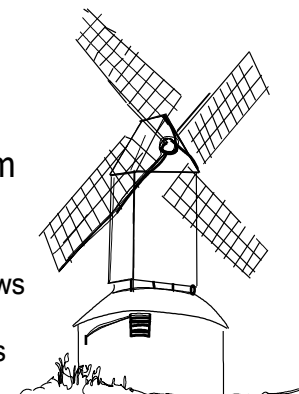


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Monday 19th August

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Friday 23rd August

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Saturday 24th August

8.00 pm—Midnight

Thursday 29th August

10.45 am —11.00 am

Monday 2nd September

9.45 am —11.15 am

Saturday 14th September

3.30 pm

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Planning Applications at SODC

1st July, 2013 — 30th July, 2013

P13/S2091/LDE

Greyhound Kennels Judds Lane Tetsworth

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P13/S2360/HH

11 Swan Gardens Tetsworth OX9 7BN

Single storey side extension to dwelling. Raise roof ridge to detached garage to provide accommodation in roof space with dormer windows.

P13/S2343/DIS

94 High Street Tetsworth OX9 7AE

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Planning Decisions from SODC

1st July, 2013 — 30th July, 2013

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