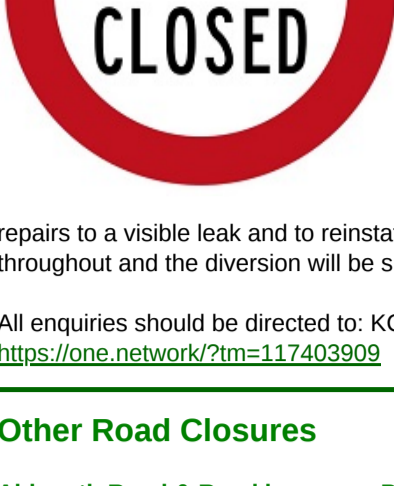


Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.

Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 June

In this issue: Goring Bridge closure; other roadworks and closures; help available during lockdown; add to the Bookworm; update on local shop opening; tennis courts now open; scam warning; police report – and our latest update of new planning applications.



Streatley & Goring High Streets & Bridge closure

Parts of Streatley and Goring High Streets will be closed on Sunday 31 May 2020, from 10am onwards, (expected to be completed by early evening). The closure will be from the junction with Church Lane, to the junction (across the bridge) with Thames Road (opposite Goring Village Hall)

Thames Water has applied for a complete closure, although in the event traffic lights may be in operation. The alternative route for all vehicles affected is via A329, High St (Pangbourne), Whitchurch Rd (B471), B4526 (toward Goring), and vice versa.

This is an emergency closure so Thames Water can carry out repairs to a visible leak and to reinstate the carriageway surface. Residential access will be maintained throughout and the diversion will be signed on site.

All enquiries should be directed to: KCD on 0800 316 9800. A plan of the closure can be found at: <https://one.network/?tm=117403909>

Other Road Closures

Aldworth Road & Road known as Palmers Hill in the Parish of Ashampstead

These will be closed between the 1-2 June 2020 from 8am to 5pm. The closure is from its junction with Road known as Noakes Hill and Road known as Buckhold Hill. This closure is to enable Volker Highways to carryout highway improvements on behalf of West Berkshire Council.

The alternative route for all vehicles affected by the Order is via Unnamed road from Haw Lane to Noakes Hill, Road known as Hall Lane, Unnamed road from Aldworth Road to Westridge Green B4009, Reading Road, Aldworth Road, Gardners Lane, Road known as Buckhold Hill and vice versa.

A plan of the closure can be found at: <https://one.network/?tm=117357613>.

Advance Notice of Road Closures in Goring

1. Between Reading Road and Railway Station between 13-14 August

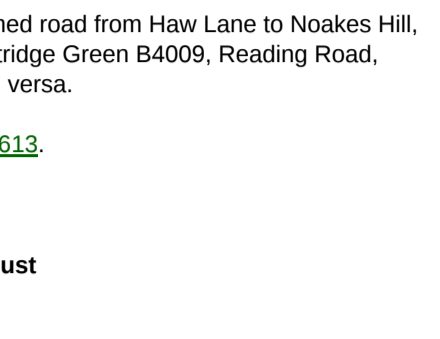
2. Wallingford Road, Goring between 25 August-7 September

In the interests of public safety it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to close a short section of Wallingford Road to facilitate footway improvement works.

The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit any vehicle proceeding in the section of Wallingford Road between the railway station bridge and its junction with Gatehampton Road. Appropriate traffic signs will be displayed to indicate when the measures are in force.

Exemptions are included for police, fire and ambulance services and for the works and for access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of road. The alternative route for traffic affected by the closure is via B4009 – A4074 – B471 – B4526 and vice versa.

A plan of the closure can be found at: <https://one.network/?tmi=14731813>



Updates to Shops & Services List

The 3rd and latest update of The Genie Shops & Services List [Update 3 – May 2020] has just been published. You can read and/or download it [HERE](#).

The list provides comprehensive details and web links for about 30 local shops, restaurants and other suppliers of food and take-aways. It also includes other information such as medical, pharmacy, dental and veterinary services. As the Lockdown restrictions ease further, our reporters will expand this list to include details of other shops and establishments that have opened or are about to open and any other changes in local services.

The Emergency Communications Group for Goring, Streatley and South Stoke and the three parish councils have agreed that this should be the master list to be used and shared as the main source of local information of this type. The most up-to-date version will be available on the Genie website.

For further information about other local services and coronavirus information and support for residents of Goring, Streatley and South Stoke please refer to the last edition of [Genie's Public Information newsletter](#).

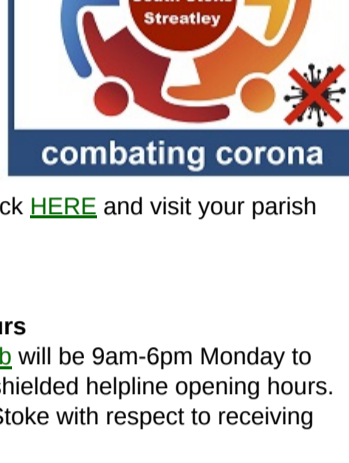
Local support services available during Lockdown

Our local villages have been ahead of the curve in mobilizing local people to help their neighbours. As we move into a different phase of 'lockdown', life has taken on a different situation for many people.

People who may have thought they were 'fine thank you' to start with, may be feeling more isolated. Other people are finding that it is better than they thought it would be. Many are also finding their needs have changed. There is still help and support available in the villages.

The help is virtually the same for each village, but there are a few nuances based on being in different counties. For details of what is available click [HERE](#) and visit your parish council's website:

- [Goring Parish Council](#)
- [Streatley Parish Council](#)
- [South Stoke Parish Council](#)



NB: Changes to SODC Coronavirus Community Support Hub opening hours

From today (Saturday 30 May), the opening hours of the [SODC Community Hub](#) will be 9am-6pm Monday to Saturday and closed on Sunday. This reflects the central government national shielded helpline opening hours. These hours will also be reflected by the Parish Councils of Goring and South Stoke with respect to receiving enquiries and requests.



Help grow Bob the Bookworm

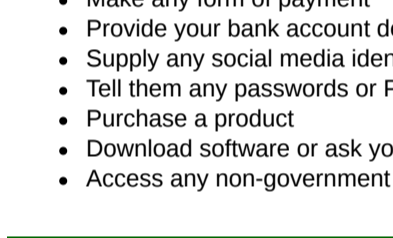
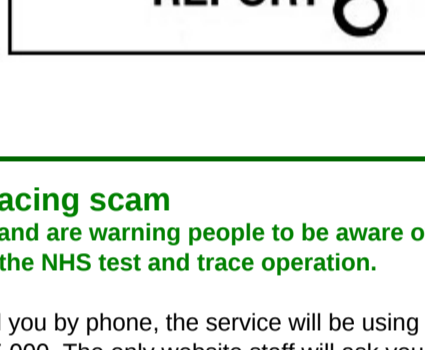
I can't believe it but there's an actual bookworm in residence outside the library!

He's rather small at the moment but would really appreciate it if people could help him grow. Just add a pebble! Paint a pebble with a fun design, perhaps something which reminds you of a book you've read and enjoyed & add it to his tail. No age limit to participation. (Please do not move any stones away.)

There is still no date for re-opening the Library but you can read the Digital Update, detailing the many services currently available, in [this PDF file](#).

Some crime incidents over the past few weeks in Goring and South Stoke

- 23/04/20 Stolen vehicle – Red Cross Road Surgery
- 24/04/20 Dangerous dog incident (Undisclosed)
- 03/05/20 Shoplifting (x 2) from Tesco. (Under investigation)
- 03/05/20 Theft of Vehicle – South Stoke.
- 12/05/20 Distraction theft from Post Office. (Under investigation)
- 13/05/20 Theft of Milk
- 14/05/20 Action Fraud
- 14/05/20 Theft from vehicle – Loose change taken
- 26/05/20 Theft from person



Covid-19 contact-tracing scam

Police forces across England are warning people to be aware of potential scams linked to the NHS test and trace operation.

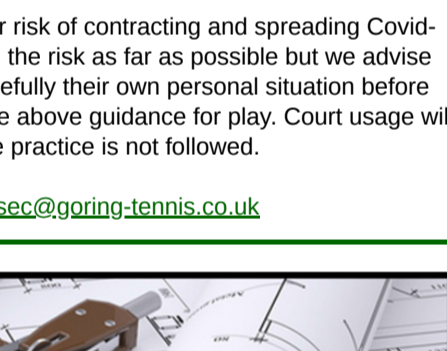
Officers say if NHS staff call you by phone, the service will be using a single number: 0300 0135 000. The only website staff will ask you to visit is the official [NHS and Public Health England page](#).

Contact tracers will never ask for you to:

- Dial a premium rate number (eg those starting 09 or 087)
- Make any form of payment
- Provide your bank account details
- Supply any social media identities or details
- Tell them any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any
- Purchase a product
- Download software or ask you to hand over control of your device
- Access any non-government or non-NHS website

Goring Tennis Courts now open

Goring Tennis Club are pleased to announce that our courts have re-opened. This includes the public court.

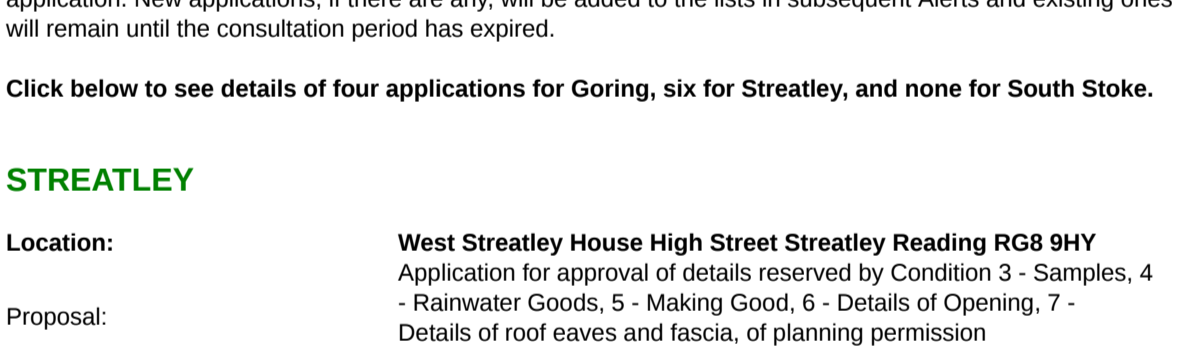


To keep them open, it is vitally important that everybody using the facilities follow the rules for safe play, which are based on Government and LTA guidelines ([LTA.org.uk](#))

- Play is singles only, opponents may be members of a different household
- Doubles may be played only if all four players live together in the same household
- Do not play if you should be isolating on the basis of Government guidance
- Wash your hands at home or sanitise with your own hand gel, before and after play
- You and your opponent must each bring and serve with your own tennis balls, marked as necessary. Do not touch other people's tennis balls and use your racket or foot if you have to
- Remain a minimum of 2 metres away from your playing partner at all times, avoid talking at the net and no shaking of hands or physical contact with other players
- Avoid changing ends or change on opposite sides of the court
- Don't touch the gates, nets or net posts.
- Bring your own equipment (racket, balls and water)
- If all courts are in use, do not enter and wait outside the courts, at least 2m from other players.
- Spectating is discouraged and spectators are not allowed inside the perimeter of the courts

Tennis, like any activity taken outside of your home, may increase your risk of contracting and spreading Covid-19. Goring Tennis Club is implementing it's own measures to minimise the risk as far as possible but we advise all players, especially those categorised as vulnerable, to consider carefully their own personal situation before deciding to play. Those who choose to play are requested to follow the above guidance for play. Court usage will be monitored and access to the courts may have to be changed if safe practice is not followed.

If you have any concerns about behaviour on court please email club_sec@goring-tennis.co.uk



This twice monthly 'Planning Alert' lists all the current planning applications submitted to SODC (South Oxfordshire District Council) and WBC (West Berkshire Council) relating to properties in Goring, Streatley and South Stoke, and occasionally other applications that are locally relevant. They are listed by parish, in expiry date order, so the applications with the shortest periods in which to respond are at the top.

Should you be interested in finding out more, or commenting on any of these applications, click on the Reference number link to the application. To make a comment to the planning department, follow the advice given on the application. New applications, if there are any, will be added to the lists in subsequent Alerts and existing ones will remain until the consultation period has expired.

Click below to see details of four applications for Goring, six for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: West Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY
Application for approval of details reserved by conditions (3) - Samples, 4 - Rainwater Goods, 5 - Making Good, 6 - Details of Opening, 7 - Details of roof eaves and fascia, of planning permission
20/00222/LBC2

Reference Number: [20/01176/COND1](#)
Consultation Deadline: 12 June 2020

Location: Streatley Farmhouse Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PT
Outbuilding: Upgrading of former farm office building to improve thermal insulation, replace the windows, install a third and build a new partition. Stable Kitchen: Create a new ground floor kitchen in the existing flat.

Reference Number: [20/01182/COMIND](#)
Consultation Deadline: 19 June 2020

Location: Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY
Laurel - Fell
Blue Cedar - Reduce canopy by approx 1-1.5m (final finished height 13m)

Reference Number: [20/01175/TPC](#)
Consultation Deadline: 8 July 2020

Location: 11 The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QZ
Single storey residential rear extension with flat roof

Reference Number: [20/01158/HOUSE](#)
Consultation Deadline: 23 July 2020

Location: The Lodge Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QH
Application for approval of details reserved by conditions (8) EPS licence and (10) Suds of approved 20/00150/HOUSE - Demolition of garage, erection of a 2 storey extension linked to the existing dwelling

Reference Number: [20/01112/COND1](#)
Consultation Deadline: 11 August 2020

Location: West Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY
Application for approval of details reserved by conditions (3) samples, (4) rainwater goods, (5) CMS, (6) hours of work, (7) delivery hours and (8) contract for demolition and re-build of approved 20/00221/HOUSE - The demolition of the side extension (utility room) and the rebuilding of the extension to be more in keeping with the architectural style of the main house.

Reference Number: [20/01180/COND1](#)
Consultation Deadline: 21 August 2020

SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

Location: 49 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY
Demolition of existing rear extension, erection of new single storey rear extension & front porch

Reference Number: [P20/S1569/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 6 June 2020

Location: 5 Valley Close Goring RG8 0AN
Garage conversion, flat & pitched roof over garage & hallway, 1st floor side extension new flue on front elevation and alterations to existing fenestration

Reference Number: [P20/S1595/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 6 June 2020

Location: 8 Milldown Avenue Goring RG8 0AG
Proposed alterations, refurbishment and extension

Reference Number: [P20/S1609/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 10 June 2020

Location: 1 Millers Close Goring RG8 9BS
Conservatory of 5m x 3m to rear of property

Reference Number: [P20/S1557/LDP](#)
Consultation Deadline: Target date 1 July 2020

To visit SODC's planning website: <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application>

Information on how to comment on a SODC application: <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application/comment-planning-application>

To visit WBC's planning website: <https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

Information on how to comment on a WBC application: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/representations>

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