

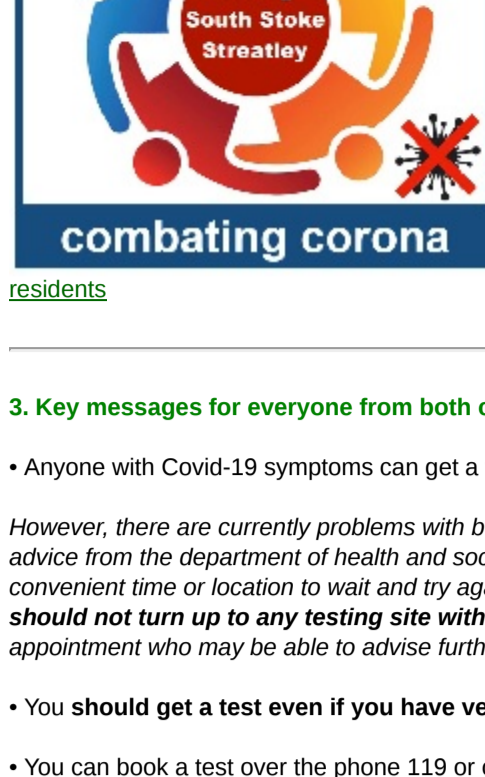
**Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter**

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 26 September

**In this issue:** Latest Covid-19 advice; Goring Cricket Club historic win; 2 Key Festival vacancies; Firefighters raise £2,000 kayaking; Goring play areas to re-open; Parish council agendas and minutes; Mend the Gap news – and our latest update of new planning applications.

**Latest Covid-19 advice from local councils**



**3. Key messages for everyone from both councils are:**

- Anyone with Covid-19 symptoms can get a test

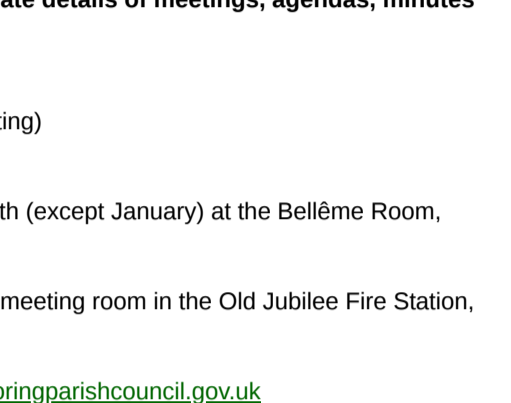
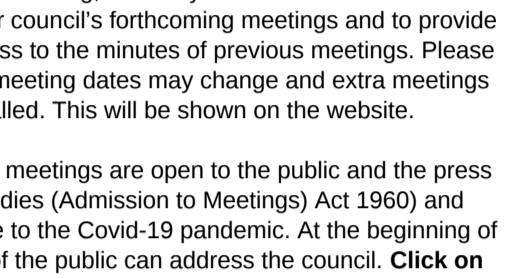
However, there are currently problems with booking tests locally due to lack of capacity at the laboratories. The advice from the department of health and social care (DHSC) is if people are unable to get any tests at a convenient time or location to wait and try again in a few hours when more testing slots will be released, people should not turn up to any testing site without an appointment. It may also be worth trying to call 119 for an appointment who may be able to advise further.

- You should get a test even if you have very mild coronavirus symptoms
- You can book a test over the phone 119 or online at <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>
- You can book a drive-in test at Newbury Showground. You will be met at the entrance of the ground by the staff and be directed and shown what to do
- You can also request a self-test kit to be sent to your home
- You must self-isolate if you have symptoms OR live with someone who has symptoms
- You must self-isolate if you are contacted by NHS test and trace and told to do so

**Goring's play areas for children to reopen**

At Goring Parish Council's meeting on Monday evening (14 September 2020), it was resolved to reopen the Play Equipment Areas (PEAs).

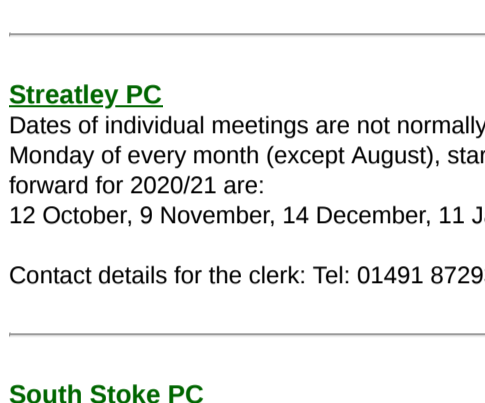
However, before the two PEAs can officially be reopened, urgent remedial works must be completed by GPC's contractors and appropriate signage and other measures put in place. A further update will be issued when a date for reopening is confirmed, including the criteria which would lead to the two PEAs being closed again.



**MEETING DATES of forthcoming Parish Council meetings and MINUTES of decisions made at previous meetings.**

This section will be a regular item in Village Matters from now on. In future editions this will always appear as the last but one item, just above the regular list of planning applications.

The purpose of 'Meetings & Minutes' is to help keep residents of Goring, Streatley and South Stoke informed about their council's forthcoming meetings and to provide easy access to the minutes of previous meetings. Please note that meeting dates may change and extra meetings may be called. This will be shown on the website.



All council meetings are open to the public and the press (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) and every meeting there is usually a 'Public Forum' when members of the public can address the council. **Click on the link below for your parish council's web page for up to date details of meetings, agendas, minutes and how to log on etc.**

**Goring-on-Thames PC**

Tuesday 20 October 2020 – 7.30 pm (Planning Committee Meeting)

Monday 9 November 2020 – 7.30pm (Full Council Meeting)

**Council meetings** are usually on the second Monday each month (except January) at the Bellème Room, Goring Village Hall.

**Planning committee meetings** are usually held in the council's meeting room in the Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring on Thames.

Contact details for the clerk: Tel: 01491 874444. Email: [clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Streatley PC**

Dates of individual meetings are not normally published on the council's website but usually held on the second Monday of every month (except August), starting at 7.30pm, and are held in the Morrell Room. The dates going forward for 2020/21 are:  
12 October, 9 November, 14 December, 11 January, 8 February and 8 March.

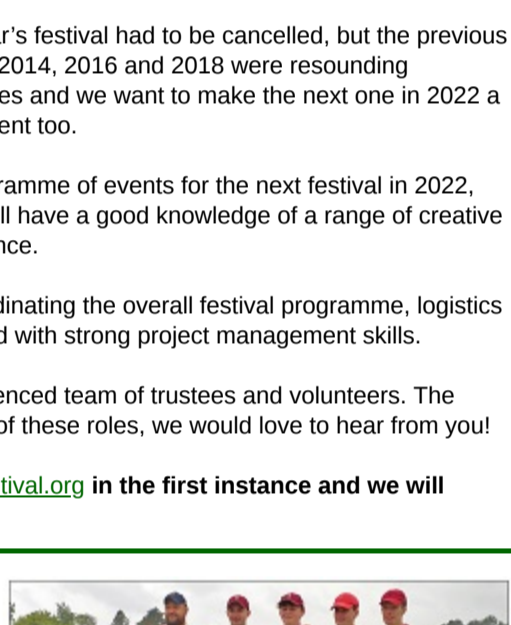
Contact details for the clerk: Tel: 01491 8729311. Email: [clerk@streatley.org](mailto:clerk@streatley.org)

**South Stoke PC**

Council meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month (except December) in South Stoke Village Hall.  
Contact details for the clerk: Email: [clerk@southstoke.org.uk](mailto:clerk@southstoke.org.uk)

**Two Goring Firefighters, father and son, raise over £2,000 for charity by kayaking 135 miles of the Thames in 6 days**

It all started with the idea of doing something special for his 50th birthday. Keith Avery, a Goring Firefighter for 14 years, and his son Sebastian, also an on-call firefighter, wanted to support the two particular charities closely associated with their jobs and saving lives.



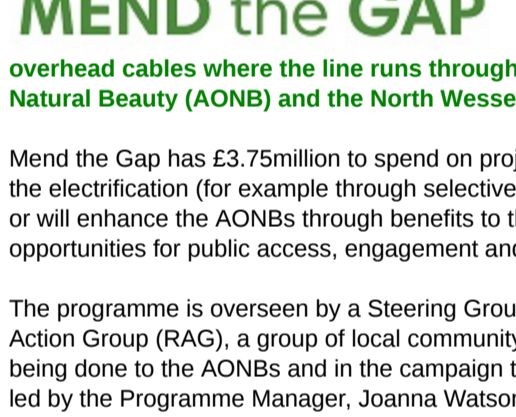
The 6 day challenge raised over twice as much as their £1,000 target for The Fire Fighters Charity, which provides mental, physical and social needs to all serving and retired members of the UK fire services, and the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

Over the six days between 30 August to 4 September, they kayaked the 135 miles from Cricklade to Teddington through five counties, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Surrey.

Supporters and donors to the charities were able to watch their progress throughout and know exactly where they were at all times by tracking them on the special website Keith set up for the occasion, which is still active now if you want to click on this link: <http://www.kayakthames2020.co.uk/>.

An essential part of the support team was Ginny Avery, wife and mother, who kept them supplied with food and essentials throughout the trip. So, congratulations to Keith and Seb for making the effort and supporting these two charities with a welcome boost to their funds.

To see Keith's personal account of the trip see [this PDF](#)



**Do you enjoy summer Festivals? Would you like to get involved?**

The GAP Festival is looking to fill two important roles for next year:

- Artistic Director and
- Festival Manager

Two opportunities have arisen to join the team of volunteers running the highly regarded GAP Festival, the main cultural event in the Goring Gap based in venues throughout Goring and Streatley.

This year's festival had to be cancelled, but the previous three in 2014, 2016 and 2018 were resounding successes and we want to make the next one in 2022 a great event too.

We are looking for an Artistic Director, to create a diverse programme of events for the next festival in 2022, and beyond. The suitable candidate for this influential position will have a good knowledge of a range of creative arts and of artists who will entertain and enlighten a broad audience.

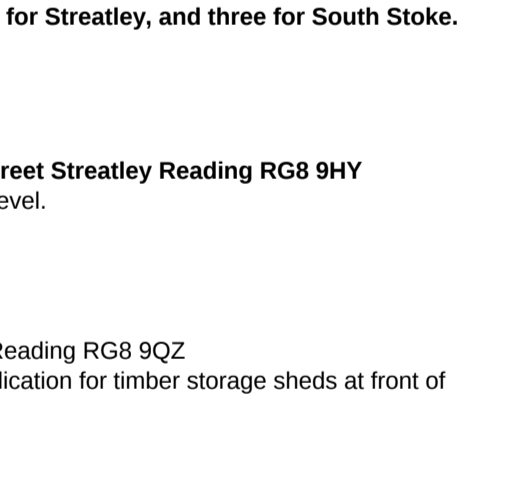
We are also seeking a Festival Manager, an important job coordinating the overall festival programme, logistics and timeline. The suitable candidate here will be highly organised with strong project management skills.

The successful candidates will have the full support of an experienced team of trustees and volunteers. The Festival is a registered charity and if you are interested in either of these roles, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Jane Dipple by 31 October at [help@thegapfestival.org](mailto:help@thegapfestival.org) in the first instance and we will provide more details about the roles and the festival.

**Goring Cricket Club makes history with nail-biting victory by winning the Berkshire Premier League trophy – by just 1 run!**

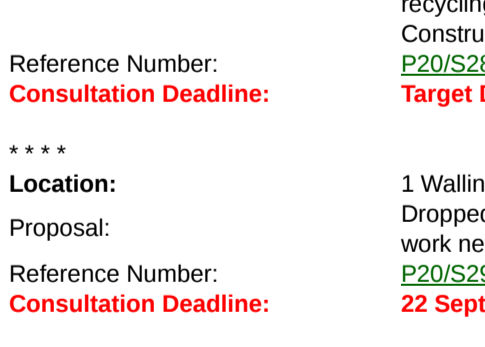
The club has had one of the most successful seasons in its 145 year history, despite the impact of the Covid-19 crisis and a much shortened season.



The team and supporters travelled to Twyford in late August to compete in the first final for the club in many years. The match had many twists and turns with outstanding performances from everyone in the team. Twyford & Ruscombe won the toss and put Goring in to bat. The game was on a knife-edge and Twyford needed 25 to win off the last 5 overs with 3 wickets in hand. Youngster Oli Winterbottom showed a superb display of bowling under pressure to concede only 4 runs off his last 11 deliveries and it came down to the last over, with 7 runs needed to win. Goring's bowling maestro, Peter Slade, kept his composure and was ably supported by the fielders who secured two run-outs in the last 3 balls, to triumph in a brilliant nail-biting victory. The result was a championship victory for Goring by just 1 vital run!

If you would like to get involved in the club in 2021 then please contact Chairman, Jonny Russell, on 07825 552009 or [gcc@goringcricketclub.com](mailto:gcc@goringcricketclub.com)

Excellent team performances were delivered throughout a season that saw GCC top the group with a 100% record. Congratulations to all players involved in the many achievements of this summer and to all the volunteers, on and off the cricket ground, that make a huge difference in the success of the club. The young players and coaches in the Cricket Academy have ensured cricket in Goring has gone from strength to strength with record levels of interest, significant victories against local giants like Henley by each of the age groups (under 9s, 11s, 13s) and the successful launch of a Girls Academy. The club has seen more junior players than ever getting involved in the senior teams – and this helped the club field two Sunday teams for the first time in 25 years on more than one occasion this summer.



**The MEND the GAP programme is now fully up and running**

As announced in Genie's April Newsletter, Mend the Gap has been established to reduce the negative visual impacts of the electrification of the Great Western Mainline. This saw the installation by Network Rail of the large and unsightly metal gantries to carry the

overhead cables where the line runs through the Goring Gap and the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the North Wessex Downs AONB.

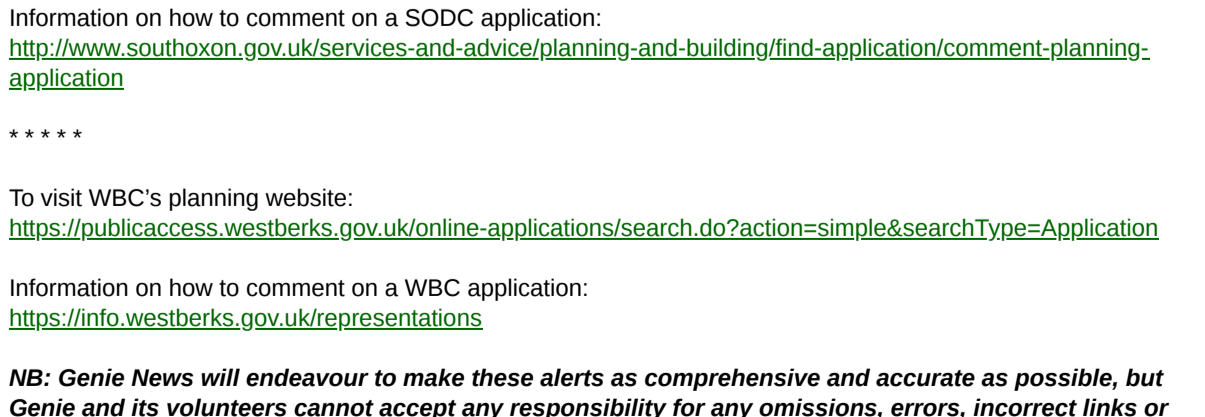
Mend the Gap has £3.75million to spend on projects and schemes which will either directly reduce the impact of the electrification (for example through selective tree planting and hedgerow restoration to mask the equipment), or will enhance the AONBs through benefits to the landscape, wildlife, heritage and through increased opportunities for public access, engagement and enjoyment.

The programme is overseen by a Steering Group comprising representatives of both AONBs and the Railway Action Group (RAG), a group of local community members who were instrumental both in highlighting the harm being done to the AONBs and in the campaign to reduce these impacts. On a day-to-day basis, Mend the Gap is led by the Programme Manager, Joanna Watson.

Keep up to date with the latest on this programme on its dedicated Chilterns AONB webpage and find more information on the type of project and scale we are considering at <http://www.chilternsaonb.org/mend-the-gap.html> or contact the Programme Manager, Jo Watson, at [jwatson@chilternsaonb.org](mailto:jwatson@chilternsaonb.org) or 07388 998713.

The area covered by the programme follows the train line between Didcot and Purley, including Goring and South Stoke, and a 3km strip either side of the track. Mend the Gap's vision is that within this area 'the outstanding landscape that links the Chilterns and the North Wessex Downs will be enhanced and enriched for wildlife, residents and visitors, helping to heal and soften the scars left by electrification of the Great Western main line.'

Mend the Gap is not a grant scheme, but seeks to identify and support projects that will contribute towards meeting the programme's overall vision. In some cases, Mend the Gap projects will be led by external organisations, in others Mend the Gap or the AONBs may work in partnership with external organisations or individuals or take the lead themselves to develop and deliver projects. Mend the Gap is interested in hearing from organisations and individuals who share some of the programme's objectives, who may already be making a difference within the programme area and/or the AONBs.



**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 six applications for Goring, two for Streatley, and three for South Stoke.

**STREATLEY**

**Location:** Thatched Cottage High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY  
**Reference:** T1 - Pyrus - Cut to ground level.  
**Proposal:** P20/1945/TPC  
**Consultation Deadline:** 21 September 2020

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**Location:** 10 The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QZ  
**Proposal:** Retrospective planning application for timber storage sheds at front of property  
**Reference Number:** P20/02113/HOUSE  
**Consultation Deadline:** 5 October 2020

**SOUTH STOKE**

**Location:** Land adjacent to Woodcote Road Woodcote Road South Stoke RG8 0JJ  
**Proposal:** Discharge of condition 3 - Schedule of Materials on application ref. P19/S2865/RM Application for approval of reserved matters relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following application P17/S3206/O for residential development (up to 5 dwellings), and associated works, including access. (As amended by Site Plan PP1012-A, Soft Landscape Plan 0747.1.1 Rev D, Landscape Visual Impact Assessment V4 01.10.19 and Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Update 2019 and amended Construction Method Statement and visibility splays accompanying email from agent received 15 October 2019 and Arboricultural Method Statement updated October 2019 and Drainage Plan 003 Revision P10) Discharge of conditions 1-16 on application ref. P17/S3206/O. 1 - Submission of RM and commencement, 2 - Approved plans 3 - Driveways not to exceed 5 , 4 - Mix of dwellings. 5 - Landscaping scheme, 6 - Tree protection 7 - Biodiversity enhancement and mitigation 8 - Surface water drainage, 9 - Access 10 - Vision splay, 11 - Construction Traffic Management Plan 12 - No surface water drainage to highway 13 - Details of refuse and recycling storage, 14 - Fire Hydrants 15 - Hours of operation, 16 - Construction Method Statement.  
**Reference Number:** P20/S2897/DIS  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target Date: 18 September 2020

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**Location:** 1 Wallingford Road South Stoke RG8 0JD  
**Proposal:** Dropped kerb at front of property. Previously approved in 2005 but work never carried out: P05/W0888.  
**Reference Number:** P20/S2932/HH  
**Consultation Deadline:** 22 September 2020

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**Location:** 2 Goode House The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS  
**Proposal:** Subdivision of residential unit into two flats.  
**Reference Number:** P20/S3103/FUL  
**Consultation Deadline:** 1 October 2020

**GORING**

**Location:** 1 Grove Farm Cottages, Goring RG8 0LU  
**Proposal:** Removal of 2 bays of existing agricultural building and relocation of access. Alterations to existing brick & flint building to: phase A - provide additional rooms to Cottage at No1; phase B - create new independent dwelling with provision of garden, parking and new access  
**Reference Number:** P20/S2989/FUL  
**Consultation Deadline:** 18 September 2020

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**Location:** 94 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DR  
**Proposal:** Single/double storey rear extension, garage conversion, additional window to ground floor.  
**Reference Number:** P20/S3006/HH  
**Consultation Deadline:** 19 September 2020

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**Location:** The Orchard Manor Road Goring RG8 9DP  
**Proposal:** Single-storey dwelling & conversion of existing dwelling as ancillary residential accommodation  
**Reference Number:** P20/S2910/FUL  
**Consultation Deadline:** 23 September 2020

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**Location:** Waterfield Cottage Manor Road RG8 9EN  
**Proposal:** Demolition of existing open-fronted storage element; erection of side extension and orangery  
**Reference Number:** P20/S3082/HH  
**Consultation Deadline:** 24 September 2020

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**Location:** Glendale Elmhurst Road Goring RG8 9BN  
**Proposal:** Erection of a 3-bed detached dwelling.  
**Reference Number:** P20/S2961/FUL  
**Consultation Deadline:** 30 September 2020

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**Location:** Primrose Cottage Fairfield Road RG8 0EU  
**Proposal:** Discharge of condition 4 - tree protection on P19/S2458/HH Side and rear two storey extension  
**Reference Number:** P20/S3251/DIS  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target date 15 October 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>

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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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