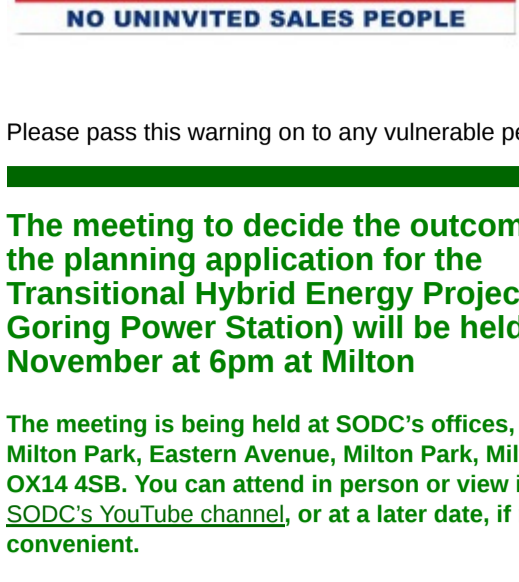
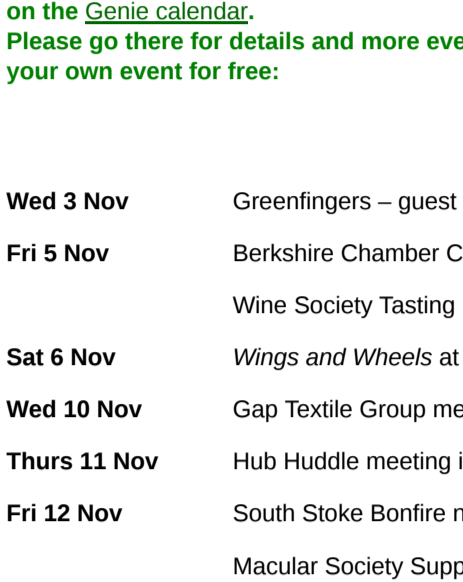
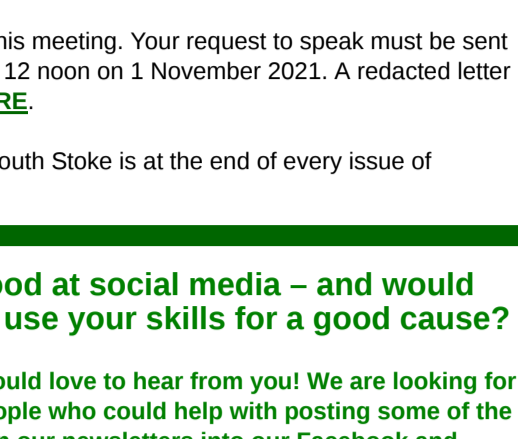


Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter
Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.
Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 November
In this issue: Cold Callers warning; Planning Decision 3 November; Calling Social media experts; November What's On; Disability Grants; Councillor Report; Speaker required; Oakley Wood closure; Energy Suppliers closing – and our latest update of new planning applications.



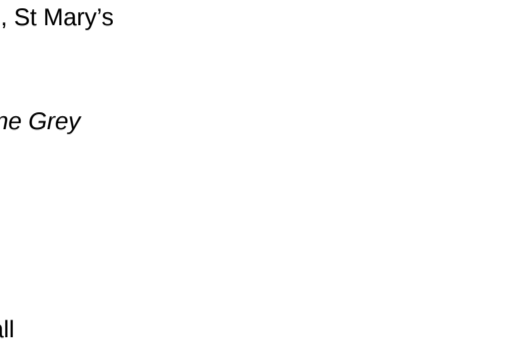
Beware of cold callers and responding to leaflets through your letterbox from people offering to do repairs on your home
It has been reported to Genie from a very reliable source in the last few days that some local elderly residents have parted with a great deal of money, for little result, to workmen who have posted fliers through their letterboxes, calling back and convincing the person they needed to have work done.
Please pass this warning on to any vulnerable people you may know, who do not receive Genie.

The meeting to decide the outcome of the planning application for the Transitional Hybrid Energy Project (aka Goring Power Station) will be held on 3 November at 6pm at Milton
The meeting is being held at SODC's offices, 135 Milton Park, Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB. You can attend in person or view it live via [SODC's YouTube channel](#), or at a later date, if more convenient.
Full details of the application and correspondence can be viewed here: [P20/S4706/FUL](#). A report for the SODC Committee can be viewed [HERE](#).
You can try to register to speak for or against the application at this meeting. Your request to speak must be sent by email to planningbusinessenquiries@southoxon.gov.uk by 12 noon on 1 November 2021. A redacted letter providing more information and the request form is available [HERE](#).
A list of current planning applications for Goring, Streatley and South Stoke is at the end of every issue of this newsletter.



Are you good at social media – and would you like to use your skills for a good cause?
If so, Genie would love to hear from you! We are looking for one or two people who could help with posting some of the items we put in our newsletters into our Facebook and Twitter feeds, to let more people hear about them quickly.
We use social media not just for this newsletter, 'Village Matters', but more importantly for our red-topped 'Public Information' one that we send for urgent and emergency information bulletins. Please have a look at our [website](#) for more information.
Genie is a free community service, run by volunteers, to provide topical information and emergency alerts for people in the Goring Gap, and just an hour or two a month of your time would be so helpful. If you may be able to help, please contact us via: news@genienews.org. Thank you.

What's On – for the Month of November



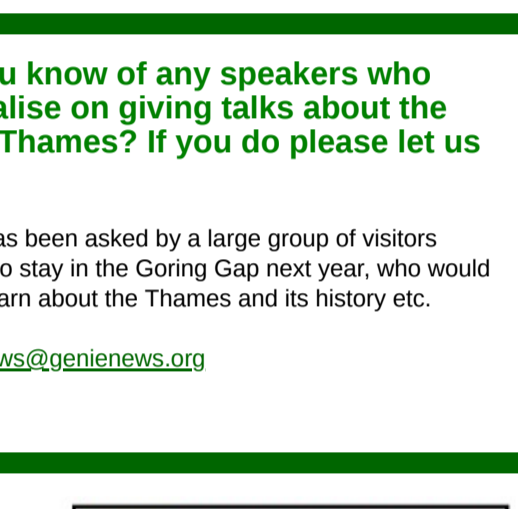
Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the [Genie calendar](#). Please go there for details and more events, or to add your own event for free:

- Wed 3 Nov Greenfingers – guest speaker Jeremy Brudenell 8pm
- Fri 5 Nov Berkshire Chamber Choir concert 7.30pm
Wine Society Tasting meeting
- Sat 6 Nov Wings and Wheels at Cranford House
- Wed 10 Nov Gap Textile Group meeting
- Thurs 11 Nov Hub Huddle meeting in the Morrell Room
- Fri 12 Nov South Stoke Bonfire night
- Sat 13 Nov Macular Society Support Group. Speaker: Stephanie Bridle
The Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir 7.30pm
Langtree Sinfonia Concert 7pm Wallingford, St Mary's
- Sun 14 Nov Remembrance Sunday 10.50am
- Mon 15 Nov Goring Gap Local History Society: Lady Jane Grey
- Thurs 18 Nov Pick a Flick: 84 Charing Cross Road
Hub Huddle meeting in the Morrell Room
- Fri 19 Nov Hub 2nd hand book sale 10.30am-2.30pm
- Sat 20 Nov Goring Craft Fair 10-4pm Goring Village Hall
Cholsey Repair Café 11am-1.45pm
Goring Chamber Choir 1pm St Thomas' Church
- Sun 21 Nov Goring Craft Fair 10-4pm Goring Village Hall
Link workers from Honduras visit St Thomas'
- Wed 24 Nov – Sat 27 Nov Goring Gap Players: A Dolls House by Henrik Ibsen
- Sat 27 Nov Food and Craft Fair in the Great Hall, Cholsey Meadows



Applying for a Disability Grant – Oxfordshire
This is a means-tested grant for disabled people to improve their safety and freedom of movement at home, by helping with the cost of necessary adaptations:
• Stairlifts
• Through floor lifts
• Ramps
• Accessible showers
• Ground floor bathrooms/bedrooms
The grant is up to the maximum value of £50,000. However, if you have a regular income or savings you may have to contribute towards the cost of the works. (No contribution is required towards an adaptation for a child.)
To apply:
Contact an Occupational Therapist based within the Oxfordshire County Council's Adult Social Care Team to see if you're eligible. You can call them on 0345 050 7666 or email socialandhealthcare@oxfordshire.gov.uk.
For more information click this link: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/adult-social-and-health-care/HomeAdaptations_0.pdf.

September/October Report from Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers, SODC Ward Member for Goring and South Stoke



The Report can be read [here](#) and includes information under the following headings:

- Covid-19 Update
- The Oxfordshire Growth Board is now the Future Oxfordshire Partnership
- Move Together
- Garden Waste update
- New Tree Policy
- Grant funding of more than £450,000 awarded for new affordable housing in Henley
- Further Support for Afghan Refugees
- Revenue Grants Scheme launch
- Capital Grants and further Councillor Grant round
- Oxfordshire 2050 and the OxCam Arc
- Civil Parking enforcement
- SODC Leadership
- Restart of monthly surgeries
- Motions Passed at council
- Levelling Up and Planning
- Decarbonisation of leisure centres
- Retrofitting homes for energy efficiency
- Concerns raised regarding Didcot sewage



Do you know of any speakers who specialise in giving talks about the River Thames? If you do please let us know
Genie has been asked by a large group of visitors coming to stay in the Goring Gap next year, who would like to learn about the Thames and its history etc.
Any suggestions will be most welcome. Please contact us on news@genienews.org
Thank you.

Crime incidents in Goring this month



Below are the 'incidents' in Goring and locality reported to Genie on 28 October by the Thames Valley Police (Henley Neighbourhood Team)

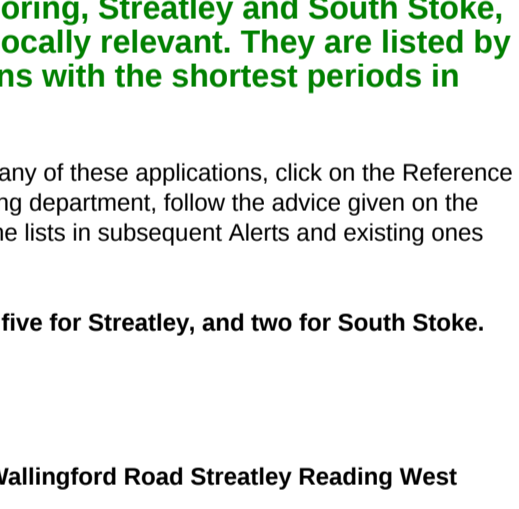
- 2 October Road traffic collision, Goring High Street
- 3 October Action Fraud
- 7 October Action Fraud
- 16 October Robbery, between Farm Road and Lockstile Way*
- 18 October Theft, Red Cross Road
- 22 October Criminal damage, Manor Road

* See Genie's [Public Information bulletin](#) of the same day appealing for witnesses



Oakley Wood Recycling Centre
Two Day Closure
The Oakley Wood Recycling Depot will be closed on the 16 & 17 November for maintenance & cleaning.

Citizens Advice information on vanishing energy suppliers

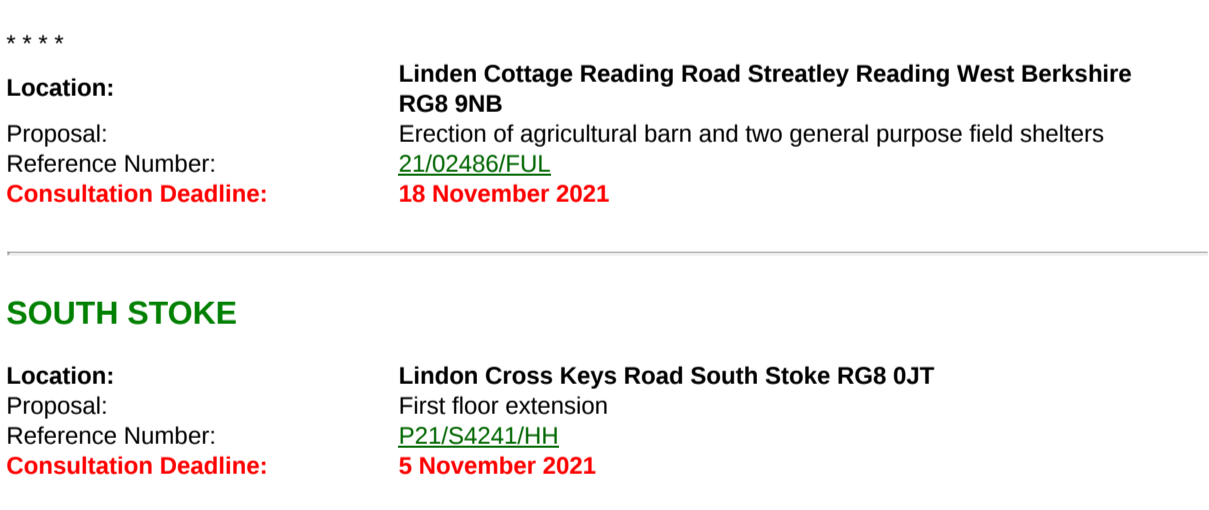


Many people have had the disconcerting experience of seeing their energy supplier break up and go out of business during the recent energy price fluctuations. It sounds pretty drastic, but the situation isn't as bad as it seems.

If you are one of those affected, remember these key facts: first of all, the gas or electricity supply itself won't be interrupted, so don't be concerned about that. Next, you should know that Ofgem, the industry regulator, will automatically move you to a new supplier. This usually takes a few weeks.
Wait for your new supplier to contact you. They will explain what will happen with your new account. But contact the new supplier yourself if you haven't heard from them within two weeks. You can check on www.citizensadvice.org.uk ("check who's taken over your energy supply") if you're not sure who your new supplier is.

While you're waiting to hear from the new supplier, it's a good idea to take meter readings (and a photo of the readings) as they might prove useful later. Make a note of your account balance too. Keep any old bills you have, as these can help prove your payment history, credit balance or debt.
If you aren't happy with your new supplier or tariff, you can switch suppliers. Look at ["switch energy supplier"](#) on our [website](#) or ring the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0800 223 1133.

Many people are seeing their energy bills increase significantly. If you are one of them, and worried about being able to meet these higher energy payments, please contact Citizens Advice on our AdviceLine number 0800 278 7907.
Citizens Advice has slightly different advice for small businesses whose energy suppliers have gone out of business. Please visit the Citizens Advice [website](#).



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 eleven applications for Goring, five for Streatley, and two for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: 2 Place Manor Cottages Wallingford Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JT
Proposal: T1 - Goat Willow: Pollarding to reduce crown by 35% to previous pollarding points. Tree shape to be maintained.
Reference Number: 21/02559/TCG
Consultation Deadline: Internal Target Date: 8 November 2021

Location: 4 Icknield Cottages High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JA
Proposal: Rear first floor extension, internal alterations, alterations to rear out building, new doors, timber framed roof lantern, outside lighting and construction of new brick & flint garden wall
Reference Number: 21/02439/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: 16 November 2021

Location: 4 Icknield Cottages High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JA
Proposal: Rear first floor extension, internal alterations, alterations to rear out building, new doors, timber framed roof lantern, outside lighting and construction of new brick & flint garden wall
Reference Number: 21/02440/LBC2
Consultation Deadline: 16 November 2021

Location: Paget House Wantage Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9LA
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 (Arb Method Statement) of planning permission 21/01293/HOUSE - Detached oak framed garage
Reference Number: 21/02385/COND1
Consultation Deadline: Determination date: 17 November 2021

Location: Linden Cottage Reading Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9NB
Proposal: Erection of agricultural barn and two general purpose field shelters
Reference Number: 21/02486/FUL
Consultation Deadline: 18 November 2021

SOUTH STOKE

Location: Lindon Cross Keys Road South Stoke RG8 0JT
Proposal: First floor extension
Reference Number: P21/S4241/HH
Consultation Deadline: 5 November 2021

Location: 6 Cross Keys Road South Stoke RG8 0JU
Proposal: Side facing rooflights to be opening and clear glazed
Reference Number: P21/S4431/HH
Consultation Deadline: 15 November 2021

GORING

Location: Mulberry Croft Lintree Road Goring RG8 9EY
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) in application P20/S4579/HH -single-storey rear extension and detached rear outbuilding -to reduce the size of the rear outbuilding
Reference Number: P21/S4145/HH
Consultation Deadline: 1 November 2021

Location: 80 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0HN
Proposal: Single storey glazed rear extension to dining area.
Reference Number: P21/S4218/HH
Consultation Deadline: 3 November 2021

Location: Icknield Lodge Icknield Road Goring RG8 0DG
Proposal: Carport extension to garage block
Reference Number: P21/S4298/HH
Consultation Deadline: 5 November 2021

Location: High Winds Bridle Way Goring RG8 0HS
Proposal: Single storey, side garage extension in the form of a lightweight lean-to structure.
Reference Number: P21/S4275/HH
Consultation Deadline: 10 November 2021

Location: Howgate Boathouse Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BT
Proposal: Variation to condition 5 (storage use only) to P17/S1850/HH – new pitched roof to garage & studio in roofspace – to ancillary use.
Reference Number: P21/S4302/HH
Consultation Deadline: 10 November 2021

Location: Elm Cottage Station Road Goring RG8 9HA
Proposal: Replacement of two ground floor windows.
Reference Number: P21/S4279/LB
Consultation Deadline: 10 November 2021

Location: 15 Grange Close Goring RG8 9DY
Proposal: Front porch and alterations.
Reference Number: P21/S4428/HH
Consultation Deadline: 11 November 2021

Location: 23 Milldale Avenue Goring RG8 0AS
Proposal: Proposed ground and first floor side extension. Proposed new roof over existing garage
Reference Number: P21/S4426/HH
Consultation Deadline: 12 November 2021

Location: South Woden Manor Road Goring RG8 9EB
Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension
Reference Number: P21/S4353/HH
Consultation Deadline: 17 November 2021

Location: The Hollies Howgate Drive Goring RG8 9DQ
Proposal: Proposed garage conversion
Reference Number: P21/S4182/LDP
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 2 December 2021

Location: 28 Holmea Road Goring RG8 9EX
Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 (Surface Water Drainage) on planning application P21/S2627/FUL. (Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of replacement dwelling.)
Reference Number: P21/S4531/DIS
Consultation Deadline: 6 December 2021

Click on the link below for your parish council's web page for up-to-date details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes and how to log on etc.

- [Goring-on-Thames PC](#); [Streatley PC](#); [South Stoke PC](#)

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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