

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 August

In this issue: Goring Summer of Play begins; Streatley Night glow; Guiding at Didcot; Social media help needed; Post Office news; District Councillor's report; crime incidents; Arson in Goring; Crime prevention – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Summer of Play

Events begin on 3 August, booking now available

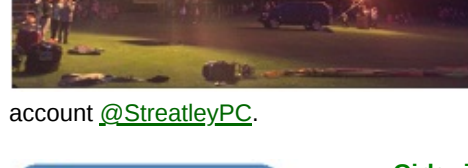
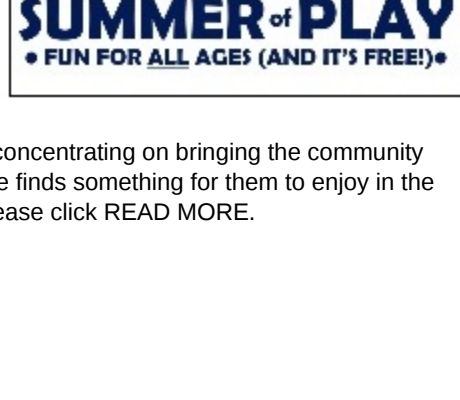
Goring-on-Thames Parish Council is now taking bookings for this year's Summer of Play. All events are free to all residents of Goring, Streatley and South Stoke, who are encouraged to take a look at what is on offer, regardless of age. There are lower age limits on some activities, just for the very youngest of residents for safety reasons.

There is a different format this year, with predominantly large events concentrating on bringing the community together, rather than lots of small events. The Council hopes everyone finds something for them to enjoy in the line-up. For details of each event and links to the FREE bookings, please click [READ MORE](#).

You can go to the main bookings page [here](#).

Or see the full line up below, with links to the tickets for each activity.

Wed 03/08/2022	Rectory Garden	9am-12noon Gymnastics with Charlie	Gymnastics
Fri 05/08/2022	Sheepcot Recreation Ground	11am-4pm Goring Mayhem!	Goring Mayhem!
Sat 06/08/2022	Sheepcot Recreation Ground	11am-4pm Goring Mayhem!	Goring Mayhem!
Mon 08/08/2022	Sheepcot Recreation Ground	11am-12noon Dance (with Kayleigh)	Dance
Sat 13/08/2022	Gardiner Recreation Ground	All Day (from 11am) Outdoor Cinema	Cinema
Sun 14/08/2022	Rectory Garden	10am-11am Yoga with Emma	Yoga
Thu 18/08/2022	Rectory Garden	10am-11am Yoga with Emma	Yoga
Thu 18/08/2022	Sheepcot Recreation Ground	1pm-2pm Dance (with Kayleigh)	Dance
Sat 20/08/2021	Gardiner Recreation Ground	7pm-Late Silent Disco	Silent Disco



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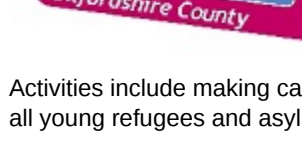
Two local Events on Monday 8 August

Streatley Recreation Ground – Night Glow

The balloonists will be coming to Streatley Recreation Ground for their summer Night Glow on Monday 8 August.

The event will start at 7pm when the balloons will be unpacked and start to inflate. They will remain tethered to the ground. Their burners will be lit at dusk, around 9pm, so that they glow. An Italian food truck will be based on the recreation ground during the event if you would like to buy food. They usually serve a selection of paninis and pasta and tea, coffee and fizzy drinks. For more information see <http://www.theitalianfoodtruck.co.uk/menu.html>.

There is very limited parking at the recreation ground, so you are advised to walk or be dropped off. For more information, or updates if it is windy, check the Streatley Council Twitter



Girlguiding Oxfordshire refugee welcome activity afternoon

Guiding wish to extend a warm welcome to all young asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants across Oxfordshire. We welcome you to a free fun day on Monday 8 August from 2.30-5pm at Didcot Railway Centre, Station Road, Didcot, OX11 7NJ. (Follow the flags!)

Activities include making camp gadgets, craft snacks, treasure hunt, robots and much more! The event is open to all young refugees and asylum seekers aged between 4 and 18, and their families/guardians.

Please let us know if you'd like to come: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/girlguiding-oxfordshire-refugee-welcome-activity-afternoon-tickets-386372038167?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

The Railway Centre is right next to Didcot station which has regular trains from Goring and Streatley (and other stations) and there is good parking.

Post Office News

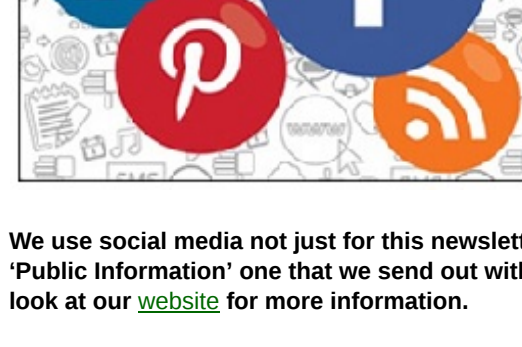
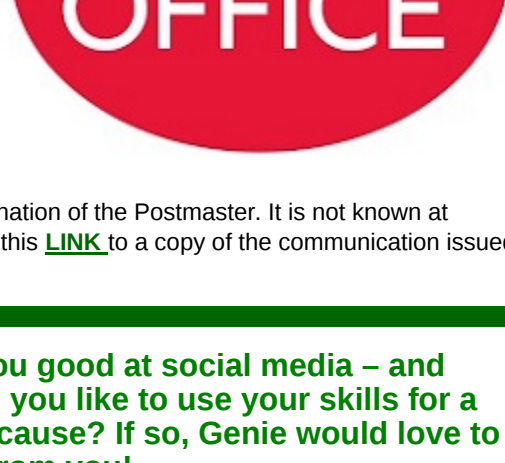
Mobile Post Office at Jack's, Wallingford Road, Goring

Please note the times this temporary Post Office service is running:-

- Monday mornings 8am-10am
- Thursday mornings 8am-10am

Wallingford Post Office

The Post Office in Wallingford is currently closed due to the resignation of the Postmaster. It is not known at the present when it will reopen, and if it will be relocated. Please see this [LINK](#) to a copy of the communication issued by the Post Office.



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 the items we put in our newsletters into our Facebook and Twitter feeds to let more people hear about them quickly.

This is a brilliant opportunity for anyone looking to gain experience in Social Media. It is a great way to improve your skills and a real addition to your CV if you are a young person wanting to develop a career in the media or journalism. The role is flexible and can be done from anywhere, so it is easy to get involved. Just an hour or two a month of your time would be so helpful.

We use social media not just for this newsletter, 'Village Matters', but more importantly for our red-topped 'Public Information' one that we send out with urgent and emergency information bulletins. Please have a look at our [website](#) for more information.

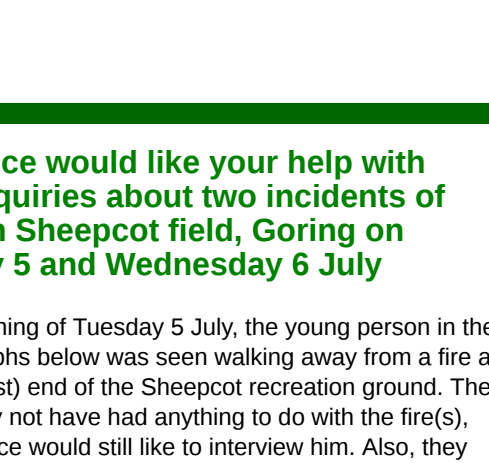
Genie is a free community service, run by volunteers, to provide topical information and emergency alerts for people in the Goring Gap.

If you may be able to help, please contact us via news@genienews.org. Thank you.

Crime incidents in Goring this month

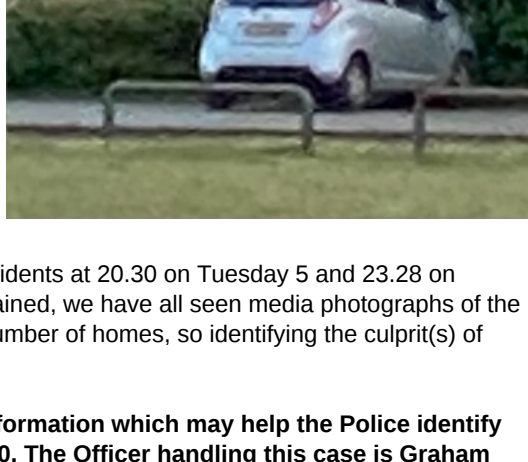
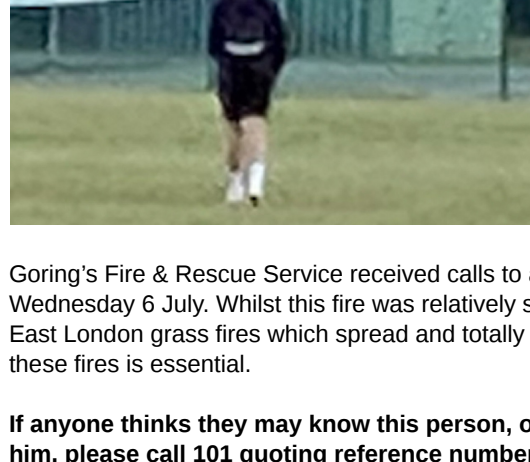
Below are the incidents in Goring and locality reported to Genie on 27 July by the Thames Valley Police (Henley Neighbourhood Team).

29 June	Malicious communications
2 July	Alarm going off
2 July	Criminal damage
5 July	Arson – Sheepcot field (See next article)
6 July	Arson – Sheepcot field (See next article)
13 July	Bike theft – Elmhurst Road
17 July	Unattended boat
23 July	Shoplifting Tesco – Offender identified
24 July	Assault – Offender identified



The Police would like your help with their enquiries about two incidents of Arson in Sheepcot field, Goring on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 July

On the evening of Tuesday 5 July, the young person in the 2 photographs below was seen walking away from a fire at the top (East) end of the Sheepcot recreation ground. The person may not have had anything to do with the fire(s), but the Police would still like to interview him. Also, they were interested to hear from anyone else who was in the vicinity during these two evenings, as they may recollect something which might be useful. One car happened to be in one of the photographs taken. (These Police photographs were taken from far away, so have been enlarged a great deal so the quality is not good, but are all that is available.)



Goring's Fire & Rescue Service received calls to attend both incidents at 20.30 on Tuesday 5 and 23.28 on Wednesday 6 July. Whilst this fire was relatively small and contained, we have all seen media photographs of the East London grass fires which spread and totally destroyed a number of homes, so identifying the culprit(s) of these fires is essential.

If anyone thinks they may know this person, or have any information which may help the Police identify him, please call 101 quoting reference number 43220 297910. The Officer handling this case is Graham Davey C3852. Thank you.

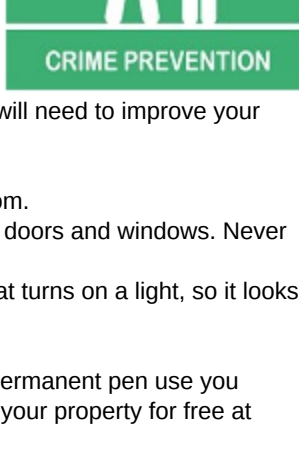
Summer Crime Prevention Advice

Here is a message from Neil Gunnell of Thames Valley Police with some advice on how to keep safe this summer.



Click on the [READ MORE](#) link below for information about:

- Preventing burglary
- Preventing vehicle crime – quick tips
- Preventing personal robbery



Preventing Burglary

- Look at your house as a burglar would – if you were locked out how would you get back in? This will help you identify any weak spots where you will need to improve your home security.
- Keep external doors locked even when you are at home.
- If you open a window always close and lock when you go out or leave the room.
- Keep all keys out of sight and reach of letter boxes, cat flaps, and downstairs doors and windows. Never leave a key hidden outside!
- Make your home look occupied once darkness falls by using a time switch that turns on a light, so it looks as though someone is in.
- If you have an alarm system use it..
- Mark your property so it could be identified There are various options :a UV permanent pen use you postcode ex HP17 5DL 5 or SmartWater which is a traceable liquid. Register your property for free at www.immobilise.com.

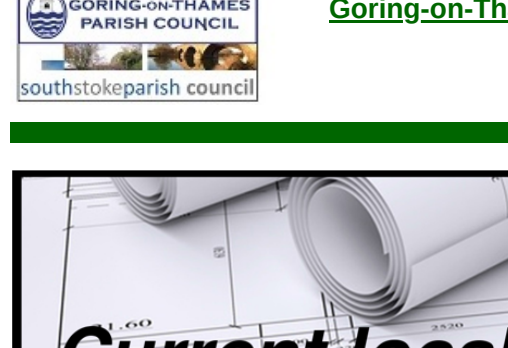
Preventing Vehicle Crime – Quick Tips

- Before you get out of your vehicle check your door pockets that you have not left anything lying around, the dash, the console and wipe away any round sticky marks on window as that may show you have a holder for mobiles or stat nav.
- Check you have closed windows and ,locked doors. If your car has automatic locking system still check that they are locked. Criminals nearby can use jamming devices to block the remote signal especially if you forget to lock your car.
- It is important when you are parking your car especially if you will be away for the day and not return until the evening. Make sure you park in a secure parking area where there are lights and possibly use of cameras or a security firm in attendance.

Preventing Personal Robbery

- Plan ahead before you go out. Know exactly where you are going, and how you will get there and back. Inform family or a friend, to say where you are going with approximate time of return. Be prepared for a change of plan.
- Keep your purse and wallet close and lock. Streets take out essential items you need.
- When you are out always keep to well lit areas and never take shortcuts.
- Be aware of your surroundings and do not use your mobile phone to text or listen to music, as this will distract you and advertises to the criminals that you have a mobile phone.
- If you do not feel safe then change your route.
- If going out with friends try to stay together on route home. Try avoid walking home alone at night..

Having said all that enjoy the sunshine and the holidays whether you are going abroad or staying home.



Local District Councillor's Report

The June/July report from Maggie Filipoва- Rivers, the SODC councillor for Goring and South Stoke, can be seen [HERE](#).

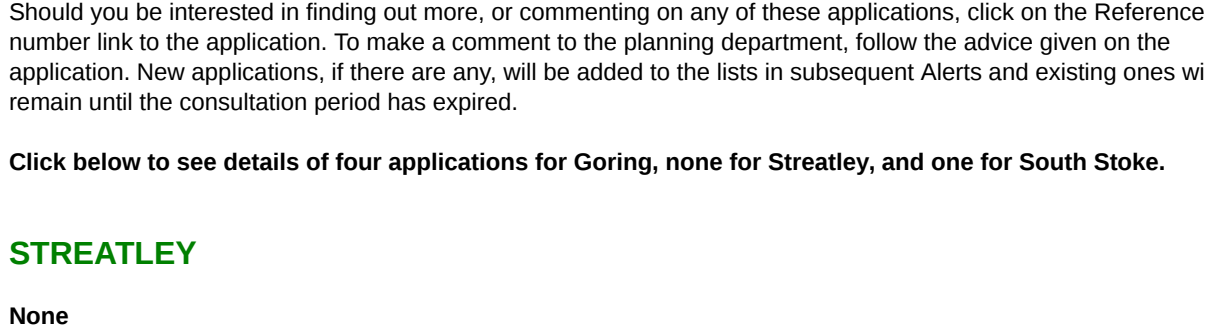
It covers topics including: cost of living support, free or low-cost activities for families over the holidays, EV charging, Ukrainian refugees, Thames water quality, and waste and the environment matters.



Local Parish Councils

Click on the link below for your parish council's website for up-to-date details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes and further useful general information.

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



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, one for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

None

SOUTH STOKE

Location: Land at Icknield Gas to Grid Anaerobic Digestion Plant Icknield Road Ipsden OX10 6AS
Construction of a green energy hub comprising a standalone solar array together with grid connection infrastructure, underground cable route, site access, access gates, internal access tracks, security measures, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements.

Reference Number: [P22/S2477/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: 17 August 2022

GORING

Location: Larchmead Elmhurst Walk Goring RG8 9DE
Single storey side extension. Further solar panels & ground source heat pump to rear elevation

Reference Number: [P22/S2435/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 1 August 2022

Location: Greycourt Manor Road Goring RG8 9ED
Loft conversion with dormer window and rooflights.

Reference Number: [P22/S2469/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 3 August 2022

Location: 6 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BA
Two-storey side extension to replace single-storey carport; single-storey rear extension to replace conservatory

Reference Number: [P22/S2460/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 5 August 2022

Location: Land off Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0HL
Erection of three detached houses

Reference Number: [P22/S2363/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: 15 August 2022

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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