

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

Please send 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 October

In this issue: Goring wins 8th RHS Gold Award; Postponed road closure; Goring Repair Café; October What's On; Scary Scarecrow Hunt; Planning Appeals outcome – and our latest update of new planning applications.

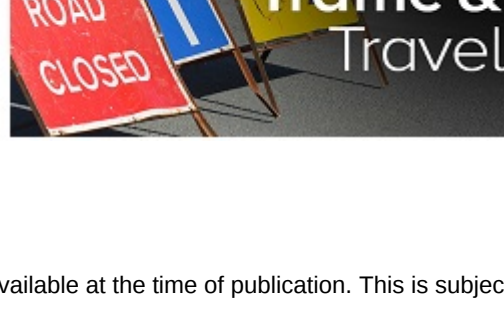
**Road Closure – B4009 from Westridge Green to Aldworth**

This closure originally planned for 23 September has been postponed. It will now take place on Thursday 3 October, 09.30 to 15.30.

Volker Highways are undertaking lining works from Backside Cottage, Aldworth to Westridge Green on behalf of West Berkshire Council. A plan can be found [HERE](#).

[www.volkerhighways.co.uk](http://www.volkerhighways.co.uk)

Genie provides information on road closures according to data available at the time of publication. This is subject to change.



**Your next Goring Repair Café – Saturday 5 October, 10am-12.30pm, Goring Village Hall**

This Saturday there will be about 20 unpaid volunteers on duty (about 12 skilled repairers and 8 support staff), all there to help try to fix your broken items – and free of charge.

All residents and visitors are welcome to bring in up to two items – any small electrical and non-electrical products, bikes & buggies, toys, computers, phones, textiles, small leather and wooden items and small pieces of furniture etc. Flymo blades and other tools can be sharpened, along with kitchen knives. Basically, we will try to fix anything one person can carry in easily. If you haven't been to this repair café before, there are a video, photographs and more information about what happens there on our website: [www.goringrepaircafe.info](http://www.goringrepaircafe.info). (When it opens, click on the logo (as above) to start the short video, check you have your sound on and click to see it full screen).



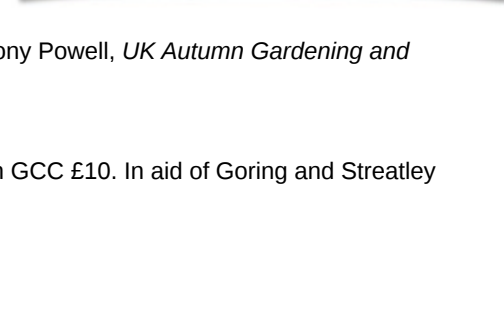
The Repair Café is an environmental project run by the local charity Goring Gap Environmental Organisation (GGEO) to help reduce waste and avoid the carbon emissions produced when you purchase a new replacement product which is often made abroad and shipped here. So, if your existing product can be fixed it all helps to protect our planet – and saves you money. We welcome any voluntary donations to cover the cost of the hall hire and other expenses.

However, if you don't have anything broken to be fixed at this time, you are very welcome to just pop in to have a look at what happens in the Village Hall every other month – and you can have a coffee or tea and some wonderful homemade cake at *Café Bellême*.

**What's On – for the month of October 2024**

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:



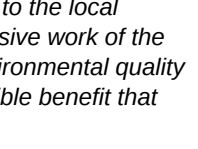
Wed 2 Oct	7.30pm Goring Village Greenfingers: Anthony Powell, <i>UK Autumn Gardening and Gardens</i>
Sat 5 Oct	• 10am-12.30pm Goring Repair Café GVH • 12-2.30pm Soup, bread and cheese lunch GCC £10. In aid of Goring and Streatley Young Musicians Trust
Wed 9 Oct	• 12 noon: GGN deadline for October • 7pm-10pm Gap Textile Group Meeting • 7.30pm Cleeve by Goring WI: Jane Robinson: <i>A Force to be Reckoned with</i>
Sat 12 Oct	Genie News copy deadline: <a href="mailto:news@genienews.org">news@genienews.org</a>
Thurs 17 Oct	10.30am Pick a Flick: <i>A Good Year (2006)</i>
Mon 21 Oct	2.30pm Goring Gap Local History Society: Katrina Cooper: <i>The Archaeology of Newbury Reinforcement (Ipsden to Bucklebury) Pipeline</i>
Thurs 24 Oct	10am and 1pm Arts Society: Gail Turner: <i>Cities of Castille: Hidden Treasures</i> . Guests welcome £5
Sat 26 Oct	Genie News copy deadline: <a href="mailto:news@genienews.org">news@genienews.org</a>
Sat 26 Oct-2 Nov	Goring's Halloween Scary Scarecrow hunt
Thurs 31 Oct	10.30am Goring Gap u3a: Richard Marks: <i>A Lot of B's - Industry in Victorian Reading</i>

**8th RHS Gold Award for Goring-on-Thames in Bloom**

The annual awards ceremony of the Thames & Chilterns Region of the Royal Horticultural Society was on 25 September in Woodley, Berkshire. To achieve Gold, entrants need to score 85% or more overall (Excellent category) in the 3 sections of the competition which make up the total points available, ie Horticulture (40%), Environment (30%) & Community (30%). Goring is placed in the 'Small Town' category, as its population is just over the limit to be a 'Large Village'.



The Bloom committee would like to thank all the volunteers who work throughout the year to keep the High Street and the other roads and spaces, such as the station gardens, looking as good as possible for residents and our many visitors to enjoy. The judges visited for a 2-hour tour on 8 July followed by refreshments and a presentation in Goring Village Hall's garden room where many of the Bloomers and other local organisations were assembled to meet them.



The photo above shows L-R: Janet Hurst (Secretary), Stephanie Bridle (Chair) & Pak Ling Wan (RHS Communities Manager).

Describing the overall standard and impression of the entry the judges included the comments: "Goring combines heritage, floral displays and environmental projects, each bringing positive benefits to the local community and leaving a lasting impression that enhances the visitor experience. The impressive work of the Goring Gap Environmental Organisation should be commended, helping bolster the local environmental quality of Goring. Community cohesion and civic pride was in abundance throughout the tour, a tangible benefit that being in Bloom brings. Well done to all those involved".

**Join in Goring's new Halloween Scary Scarecrow Hunt**

Saturday 26 October to Saturday 2 November

The shops and businesses in Goring are coming together to host a charity Scary Scarecrow trail in Goring during October Half term week this year. The aim is to give children and visitors a fun activity to take part in and raise funds for charity at the same time.



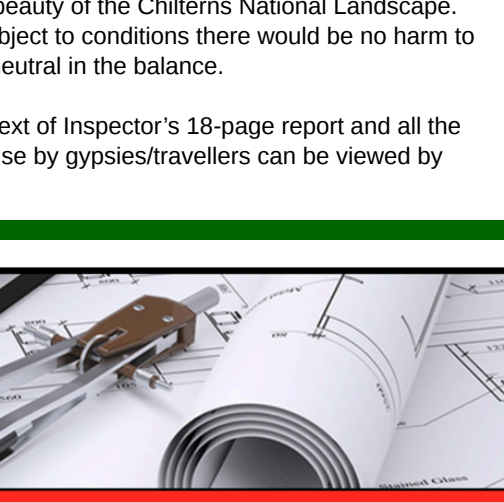
Many of the Goring shops and businesses will be participating and would love Goring residents to join them! It's time to get creative and build a spooky Halloween creation in your garden (or window) and then trail visitors will be invited to vote for the funniest, scariest and cutest winning entries on the trail.

If you fancy joining in and hosting a spooky creation this October, please pick up an entry form from The Goring Grocer, Inspirations or Goring Hardware and you will be included on the gory Goring Halloween trail map!

For full details please click [HERE](#).

**Outcome of planning appeals regarding development in the field adjacent to Goring Burial Ground**

A 3-day public inquiry hearing in Wallingford took place on 9, 10 & 11 April (followed by an additional online event on 25 April). Officiating was Thomas Shields MA DipURP MRTPI, a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, who considered three appeals (A, B & C) made by Mr Nelson Rogers (junior) on land known as Field Adjacent to Burial Ground Driveway off B4526 on the Reading Road, Goring.



Appeals A and B were Dismissed and SODC's enforcement notices were upheld. Appeal C was Allowed for mixed use (Equestrian and Residential) and planning permission granted for the formation of 1 Gypsies/Traveller pitch using 1 Static Caravan and 1 touring Caravan, subject to specified conditions.

In the Planning Balance and Conclusions section of the Report, among many other considerations the Inspector decided, subject to appropriate planning conditions, there would be only limited harm to the character and appearance of the area with a minor level of harm to the scenic beauty of the Chilterns National Landscape. Also, that the appeal site is in a sustainable location, and that subject to conditions there would be no harm to occupiers of neighbouring properties. Thus his conclusions are neutral in the balance.

Details of each of the 3 Appeals can be read [HERE](#) and the full text of Inspector's 18-page report and all the conditions governing the development of the site for residential use by gypsies/travellers can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).



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, three for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

**STREATLEY**

**Location:** Thurle Beeches Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QH  
**Proposal:** A series of minor internal and external alterations, including re-fenestration, bay window side extension, demolition of existing garden room and conservatory with replacement of conservatory and construction of electric gates at entrance to the drive.

**Reference Number:** [24/01867/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 15 October 2024

\*\*\*\*

**Location:** Streatley Farmhouse Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PT  
**Proposal:** Change of use of South Barn and North Barn to ancillary residential use in association with Streatley Farmhouse together with occasional events. Internal and external alterations to Regatta Barn to provide a gym. Change of use and external alterations to West Barn to provide 3 no. short-term lets. Use of Middle Barn for occasional events alongside its lawful B8 use. Erection of replacement car port. Internal and external alteration of Tractor Shed to provide secure ancillary residential storage. Extension of residential curtilage to form a new vehicular driveway to Streatley Farmhouse. Erection of two greenhouses, replacement sheep barn, landscaping, car parking and associated works.

**Reference Number:** [24/01944/FULMAJ](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 18 October 2024

\*\*\*\*

**Location:** Streatley Farmhouse Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PT  
**Proposal:** Change of use of South Barn and North Barn to ancillary residential use in association with Streatley Farmhouse together with occasional events. Internal and external alterations to Regatta Barn to provide a gym. Change of use and external alterations to West Barn to provide 3 no. short-term lets. Use of Middle Barn for occasional events alongside its lawful B8 use. Erection of replacement car port. Internal and external alteration of Tractor Shed to provide secure ancillary residential storage. Extension of residential curtilage to form a new vehicular driveway to Streatley Farmhouse. Erection of two greenhouses, replacement sheep barn, landscaping, car parking and associated works.

**Reference Number:** [24/01945/LBC](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 18 October 2024

**SOUTH STOKE**

**Location:** Little Haffets Cross Keys Road South Stoke RG8 0JT  
**Proposal:** Proposed two storey rear extension, front porch extension and new pitched roof over dormers.

**Reference Number:** [P24/S2951/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 11 October 2024

**GORING**

**Location:** Site of Building at Upper Gatehampton Farm RG8 9LY  
**Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) & 7 (materials) on P23/S0933/FUL - demolition of existing building and erection of dwelling with associated works, to alter position and type of some windows and main wall to be brick

**Reference Number:** [P24/S2757/S73](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 2 October 2024

\*\*\*\*

**Location:** Treetops Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EX  
**Proposal:** Existing pitched roof replaced with green flat roof; roof extension to rear; corner window to front elevation; rectangular window to replace round window; replacement porch to match existing

**Reference Number:** [P24/S2763/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 7 October 2024

\*\*\*\*

**Location:** Brabham House 85B Wallingford Rd RG8 0HL  
**Proposal:** Single storey side extension. Enclosure of existing open porch to the front elevation with addition of small log store.

**Reference Number:** [P24/S2997/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 16 October 2024

\*\*\*\*

**Location:** 19 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DP  
**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions 5 (Surface water), 7 (Flood plain compensation), 10 (Boundary) and 11 (Landscaping) on P24/S1080/FUL - two detached houses. Not subject to public consultation.

**Reference Number:** [P24/S2816/DIS](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 4 November 2024

\*\*\*\*

**Location:** Cedar Wood House Elvendon Road RG8 0LP  
**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions 8 (external lighting), 4 (lighting strategy for bats), 6 (landscaping) & 7 (glazing) P23/S4299/FUL - replacement dwelling. Not subject to public consultation.

**Reference Number:** [P24/S2924/DIS](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 11 November 2024

\*\*\*\*

**Location:** 45 Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 0EN  
**Proposal:** Discharge of condition 8 (external lighting) on P24/S0420/FUL - erection of replacement two storey dwelling & garden outbuilding. Not subject to public consultation.

**Reference Number:** [P24/S3032/DIS](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 19 November 2024

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>

NB: Genie News will endeavour to make these alerts as comprehensive and accurate as possible, but Genie and its volunteers cannot accept any responsibility for any omissions, errors, incorrect links or other issues associated with this information.

To comment on any of these stories please email [contact@genienews.org](mailto:contact@genienews.org)  
To send in news items, use [news@genienews.org](mailto:news@genienews.org)

Village Matters reports on topical events and items of interest to local residents. It is published at the middle and end of each month. It includes planning applications for Goring, Streatley and South Stoke which are open for comment at the date of publication. Unless stated otherwise, the items will refer to Goring-on-Thames, Streatley, South Stoke and the surrounding villages.

If you like it, please forward to your friends and encourage them to subscribe. Also, to ensure you consistently receive the e-mails it is suggested that you either 'whitelist' [subscribe@genienews.org](mailto:subscribe@genienews.org) or add us to your contact list.

More details on Genie newsletters [here](#).

