

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 October

In this issue: Two Road closures; Goring wins Gold again; Repair Café; October What's On; History Society talk – and our latest update of current planning applications.

Road Closures

1. Elevendon Road & Icknield Road, Goring-on-Thames 20 to 22 October, each night from 21.00 to 05.00 the next morning

Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor.

Suggested Alternative Route: The alternative route for traffic is via a combination of Battle Road – Elvendon Lane – B471 – B4526 – Wallingford Road (B4009) – Grove Road – Icknield Road and vice-versa. A copy of the drawing showing the extent of the closure and also the alternative route for traffic can be seen [HERE](#).

Reason: Cutting of overhanging trees

Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Sebastian of Cass Ltd on 07538 979477.

2. Streatley Hill between the junctions of Lewendon Hill (turning to Stichens Green) and the Bull Crossroads on the A329 Reading Road 29 October 19.00 to 30 October 05.00

Due to the works not going ahead on 27 September, this closure has now been rescheduled.

Access: Residential and Blue Light access will be maintained if possible.

A map showing the suggested **alternative route** can be seen **HERE:** <https://one.network/?tm=GB145722716>

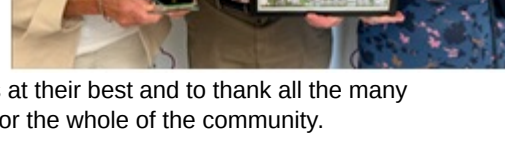
Contact: Volker Highways: 01635 519080.

This information is correct at the time of writing but is subject to change.



Goring-on-Thames wins Gold in Britain in Bloom competition

At the annual RHS awards ceremony of the Thames & Chilterns Region on 25 September, Goring won its 10th Gold Medal Award in succession. As the top scoring entry in the 'Small Town' category Goring also received the Best in Category trophy.

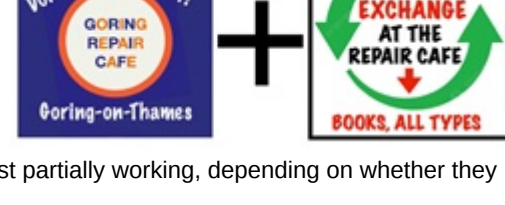


The competition has 3 sections, Horticulture, Environment & Community and Goring scored highly in each category. The Judges who visited Goring on 7 July, along with the Chairman of the Region, stressed to the audience that thanks should be extended to all those who make a great effort to present their communities at their best and to thank all the many volunteers, groups and individuals who were involved as this is an award for the whole of the community.

From the report of the judge's findings and the many positive comments they made, they stated they were particularly impressed with the Goring Primary School's horticultural efforts and the children's understanding of what is needed to grow fruit and vegetables. They also were very positive about the effort put into making the High Street look attractive and the local businesses' participation, exemplified by the beautiful hanging baskets and troughs outside Masoom's Indian Restaurant.

The Bloom committee of Stephanie Bridle, Janet Hurst, Ron Bridle (pictured) and Colin Ratcliff would also like to thank everyone involved in making Goring such an attractive place to live in and a popular visitor destination supporting the local economy

Next Goring Repair Café & Book Exchange – Saturday 4 October



Repair Café : All are welcome to bring in up to two broken items for repair to Goring Village Hall between 10am and 12noon on 4 October. Fifteen skilled local repairers, all with their own specialist work stations, will try to fix anything you can carry in. There is a success rate of up to 70% of getting products fully working again, or at least partially working, depending on whether they need a spare part.

Book Exchange: Running at the same time in the adjacent Bellême Room. Bring in books of any type, up to 5 per household, (between 9.30 and 10am) to exchange after opening time at 10am.

Both free events are run by local charity, the Goring Gap Environmental Organisation, to help reduce waste, carbon emissions and encourage recycling. It welcomes any voluntary donations to cover the cost of the hall hire and other expenses. Refreshments, including delicious homemade cakes, will be available throughout.

For details and FAQs of how both these events work, visit www.goringrepaircafe.info.

What's On – for the month of October 2025

Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the [Genie Calendar](#)

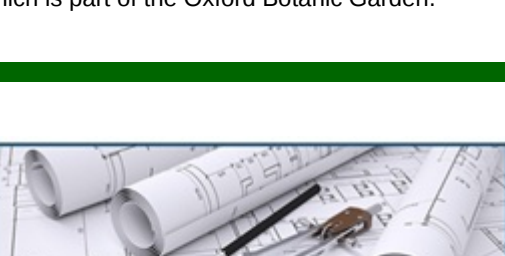


Please go there for details and more events, or to add your own event for free

Wed 1 Oct	- Noon: <i>Goring Gap News</i> copy deadline 7pm FOGL Author talk: Anna Beer at Goring Library: <i>Death of an Englishman</i> 7.30pm Village Greenfingers: Speaker Katherine Woods: <i>The Blitz as a catalyst for greening London</i>
Fri 3 Oct	7.30pm Library Garden Fundraiser Concert in the Morrell Room
Sat 4 Oct	10am-12.30pm Goring Repair Café 10.30-11.30am Drop in 5AsideChess at Goring Library
Sun 5 Oct	9am-2pm Artisan market
Wed 8 Oct	7.30pm Cleeve by Goring WI: An evening of a <i>cappella</i> music
Thurs 9 Oct	7.30pm Wallingford photo club
Fri 10 Oct	7pm Author and musician Jessica Lee Morgan
Sat 11 Oct	7pm Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir in St Thomas'
Sun 12 Oct	<i>Genie News</i> copy deadline
Tue 14 Oct	4.45-6pm Junior Lego Club
Thurs 16 Oct	10.30am-2pm Pick-a-Flick: <i>Penguin Lessons</i>
Fri 17 Oct	7.30pm A Journey Through Cholsey's Past with The Cholsey Archive
Sun 19 Oct	4pm G&S Concert Band Clarinet Recital at St Mary's Streatley
Mon 20 Oct	2.30pm Goring Gap Local History Society: <i>The history of Harcourt Arboretum</i>
Sun 26 Oct	<i>Genie News</i> copy deadline
Sun 26 Oct – Sun 2 Nov	School half term week: Half term crafts at Goring Library. Scarecrow trail round Goring

Next Goring Gap Local History Society talk – 20 October at 2.30pm, Goring Village Hall

***The History of Harcourt Arboretum* by Timothy Walker**



Timothy Walker, former Director of Oxford Botanical Garden, had a packed hall in stitches at the Goring Gap Festival with his entertaining and witty yet erudite talk. He is returning to Goring to a meeting of the Local History Society to talk on The Harcourt Arboretum, which is part of the Oxford Botanic Garden. Visitors are welcome to attend, £5 a head, and no need to book.

Check here on all local planning applications, current and past



This regular twice-monthly 'Planning Alert' service lists all the current planning applications submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council and West Berkshire Council relating to Goring, Streatley and South Stoke.

They are listed in consultation period expiry date order, so the applications with the shortest periods for your comments are at the top. Each has a link to the actual application.

To make a comment to the relevant Planning Department, follow the advice given on the application. New applications will be added to the lists in subsequent newsletters and existing ones will remain until the consultation period has expired.

To check all current APPLICATIONS for Goring, Streatley & South Stoke [CLICK HERE](#).

To check on all DECISIONS of previous SODC applications, [CLICK HERE](#)

To check on all DECISIONS of previous WBC applications, [CLICK HERE](#)

STREATLEY

Location:	Dunvegan House Townsend Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LH
Proposal:	Internal alterations to existing dwelling, including reconfiguring the ground floor to create an open-plan living and dining area and playroom, upgrading the kitchen and utility, installing skylights, and reconfiguring rooms on the first floor. The proposals include replacing existing timber windows with double-glazed grey aluminium windows and associated internal works. No external extensions are proposed, the roof height remains unchanged and there is no increase in floor area (additional area 0?m?).
Reference Number:	25/01879/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline:	30 Sep 2025

Location:	Westlinks Cottage Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QA
Proposal:	Refurbish and extend an existing dwelling including a single storey rear extension and two-storey side extension.
Reference Number:	25/02154/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline:	16 October 2025

Location:	Hillview Townsend Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LH
Proposal:	Replacement conservatory
Reference Number:	25/02122/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline:	17 October 2025

Location:	Cleeve Court House Streatley Reading RG8 9PR
Proposal:	T427, T426, T425, T424, T423, T421, T422 (Ash): Fell to ground level. All trees are in state of advanced die back
Reference Number:	25/01995/TPW
Consultation Deadline:	Determination deadline: 23 October 2025

SOUTH STOKE

Location:	Dove Tree Cottage The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS
Proposal:	Discharge of condition 5(flood resistance and resilience measures) on application ref. P25/S0779/HH (Demolition of existing garage & front / side entrance canopies. Erection of two storey side extension. Alterations to front elevation. Raised decking platform to rear).
Reference Number:	P25/S2954/DIS
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 14 November 2025

GORING

Location:	45 Wallingford Road Goring Reading RG8 0HL
Proposal:	Conversion of existing garage into bedroom; garage door replaced with a wall & window.
Reference Number:	P25/S2771/HH
Consultation Deadline:	3 October 2025

Location:	Land known as Field Adjacent to Burial Ground Driveway off B4526 Reading Road RG8 0LL
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 4 (Site Development) & 5 (Biodiversity) on P23/S3743/FUL - material change of use for mixed use of Equestrian & Residential, through the formation of a Gypsy/Traveller pitch providing 1 Static Caravan/Mobile Home & 1 Touring Caravan, alongside ancillary development. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number:	P25/S2576/DIS
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 9 October 2025

Location:	Chauntsingers Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BJ
Proposal:	'In-filling' of existing footprint between existing garage & snug; partially convert the internal space of existing garage into a drying room. Lawful Development Certificate.
Reference Number:	P25/S2592/LDP
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 9 October 2025

Location:	28 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BB
Proposal:	Discharge of Condition 4 (Landscaping etc) on P25/S0946/HH - Front, side & rear extensions; dropped kerb & extended drive. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number:	P25/S2695/DIS
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 21 October 2025

Location:	4 Summerfield Rise Goring RG8 0DS
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 3(reptiles), 4(trees), 5(SUDS), 6(cycles) and 7(biodiversity enhancements) on application ref. P25/S0352/FUL (Erection of two 3-bedroom dwellings).
Reference Number:	P25/S2930/DIS
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 13 November 2025

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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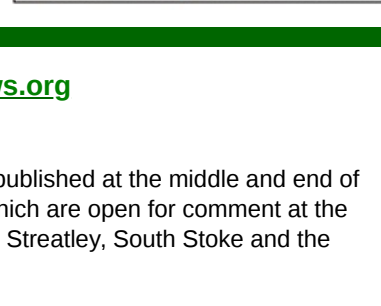
Local Parish Councils

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](#)



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