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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 29 October.

In this issue - Road closures, Noisy Nightwork, Footpath closure, Extra waste collection; Get Online Week; Pavement work, Silchester Gp, Evening with Matt Humfrey; Pen & Pile re-opening; Scam alert; Film Festival; OOC report - and our latest update of current planning applications.

Road Closure - Mill Road, Goring

24 hour closure from 14 October 8.00 to 17 November 23.00

The section of Mill Road running under the railway is closed.

Access is allowed for emergency services and to any premises which is only accessible from the closed section; all other residents will have to follow the diversion.

The diversion is via Wallingford Road (B4009), Goring High Street (B4009) and Clever Road and vice versa.

SDN is undertaking repair and maintenance gas works.

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

Goring Traffic & Travel

NetworkRail

Noisy Nightwork by Network Rail during October-December

If you live close to the railway line, you may have already been notified in September about Network Rail's programme of vegetation clearance and vegetation it considers as "significant ecological vegetation management" starting at 11pm to 6 am on the following dates:

Ferry Road, South Stoke - Chelsey Station
Saturday 18 - Sunday 19 October
Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 October
Saturday 15 - Sunday 16 November
Saturday 29 - Sunday 30 November

Goring & Streatley station - South Bank, South Stoke
Saturday 11 - Sunday 12 October
Saturday 18 - Sunday 19 October
Saturday 22 - Sunday 23 November
Saturday 29 - Sunday 30 November
Saturday 6 - Sunday 7 December

The workmen will be continually moving along the track so the noise will not be in any one area for extended periods. If you want to contact NR about this or other issues you can contact its dedicated 24 hour National Helpline (also Emergency Helpline) on 03457 114141 or visit www.networkrail.co.uk/contacts.

Footpath Closure

The popular new permissive footpath, between Sunnyhill Shaw and Park Farm Barn allows walkers to stay off the B4026 Reading Road, with a 1.5 mile circular walk from Streatley village in the winter season. The route has provided the following list of planned closure dates:

Friday 10 Oct 2025
Friday 17 Oct 2025
Friday 24 Oct 2025
Friday 31 Oct 2025

Friday 7 Nov 2025
Friday 14 Nov 2025
Tuesday 18 Nov 2025
Friday 28 Nov 2025

Friday 5 Dec 2025
Friday 12 Dec 2025
Friday 19 Dec 2025
Tuesday 23 Dec 2025
Tuesday 30 Dec 2025

Friday 9 Jan 2026
Friday 16 Jan 2026
Friday 23 Jan 2026
Friday 30 Jan 2026

Please avoid the path on these dates and follow any local signs.

A map and further information can be found HERE. The path will be closed between points 2 and 3.

Extra garden waste collections coming soon

SODC Parent Holders are eligible to have extra garden waste collected for free on their normal kerbside collection day only, between 27 October and 7 November.

On the collection day, you may place up to four extra sacks of garden waste beside each brown bin, provided the bin has a valid permit.

To ensure collection, please follow this guidance:

- Only present natural garden waste, such as cut grass, plants or small branches.
- Place in biodegradable sized (600litre) black refuse-style sacks or brown/compostable waste paper/standard size no more than a standard bin full.
- Please DO NOT use bags larger than 600ltres (including one tonne builders' type waste bags) – our crews will not collect any garden waste from these, as they are too heavy for our crews to safely lift.
- Bags and containers must be kept open so crews can easily empty them into the rear of the vehicle and be able to check there are no contaminants.

Crews will return bags/containers left behind if they were left, but please note they are left at the owner's risk and will not be replaced if missing or damaged.

All the garden waste collected will be taken to our facility near Wallingford where it is composted. The compost is then sold on to local farmers for use on their farmland as a soil conditioner.

Get Online Week - 20-26 October

Digital help at the Library - Pop in to the Library to find out more, or call 03855 831535.

Thursday 23 October:

14-15 Streatleyan discussion
Drop-in app, SHS online and learning GP appointments skills.

15-16 Streatleyan discussion
Online safety and scams.

Sessions run by Adonis Online CIC
The Library's 2:1 Digital Helpers will also be on hand

Remedial Pavement Works in Goring

Between 27 and 31 October SSE Contracting will be carrying out remedial works on the pavement in front of the Goring Village Hall. More broadband work in August 2026

Why? Many of these pavements have been completely resurfaced by Oxfordshire County Council Highways in August 2024 and the new work damaged the recently laid surfaces. Where work is undertaken causing damage to the surface, it is the responsibility of the contractor. There is an obligation to return the road or pavement surface to its original condition and specification.

Preparation – as for the original OCC contractor work in August 2024, pavements being resurfaced should be clear of weeds and obstacles including other edges. Whilst OCC's contractor did some preparation (and presumably Virgin Media's wet-box residents wishing to ensure a lasting result may wish to ensure that their pavement is clear of weeds (which can regrow through the surface) and tidy the edges for a smarter finish.

Goring Village Clean Up

Volunteers are needed for a Village Clean Up day being organised by Goring Parish Council on **Saturday 8 November, 9am to 12 noon.**

Please come and help clear away leaves and debris from our streets. Equipment will be provided but if you can bring brooms that will be a big help. Collect equipment from the Goring Village Hall Community Centre, Station Road, Goring.

An evening with Kate Humfrey Thursday 4 December

FOOL are delighted to be welcoming to Goring and Streatley writer and broadcaster Kate Humfrey this evening of chat.

Kate is a Sterling Prize nominee but she is also an author of a variety of books as well as a writer for various publications.

We look forward to finding out more about the life and interests of this extremely busy celebrity who is very kindly travelling from her barn in Oxfordshire to be with us. Please, not something she has ever done before.

Please book early for this event

- Place: Morrell Room, Streatley
- Date: Thursday 4 December, 7.30 pm
- Cost: £12pp to include a glass of wine or soft drink
- Ticket available on Eventbrite and from the library

Pen & Pile pub in South Stoke to reopen next month

The new landlord of the Perch & Pike, Richard Keep, has told Genie that he is hoping to open the doors in the evening of Friday 7 November - Friday 14 November

Currently, this popular 17th century Red-brick pub is undergoing extensive internal refurbishment and Richard is hoping to be open for lunch by the big day when he will open the doors again.

The previous landlord announced the closure of the pub on 28 May this year and Richard, who is experienced in running pubs in Berkshire, is determined to make this tenancy a great success. He is very much looking forward to welcoming local South Stoke regulars together with other local people from surrounding villages and beyond. Genie hopes to be able to notify readers of the actual opening date and time in our next issue on 30 October.

New Scam Alert – 'Conveyancing fraud'

Payment diversion fraud when buying a new property

In one year, 143 cases of conveyancing fraud were reported to Action Fraud, resulting in £11.7 million in losses. The vast majority involved residential property transactions, accounting for 140 reports and £10.97 million in losses, with an average loss of £78,393 per case.

For details click HERE.

Film Festival partners with Reading Biscuit Factory

Evolve Film Festival is rolling out the red carpet at Reading Biscuit Factory on Sunday 21 June 2026, celebrating the next generation of filmmakers.

This youth short film festival is open to young people everywhere and entry is free for filmmakers from Berkshire and Oxfordshire. Entries can now be submitted online, with the festival open to filmmakers between 2014 and 2026, with three key categories (Under 11, 12-16, and 16-18). Shortlisted creators will see their work on the big screen before the winners are revealed in a glamorous awards ceremony at Reading Biscuit Factory cinema.

Formerly part of The Gaff Festival, Evolve launched as a stand-alone event in 2025. Partnering with Reading Biscuit Factory allows them to give young filmmakers a true cinema big screen experience which is going to be amazing to showcase their films. Their aim is to make it a fun, creative and inclusive celebration of young filmmakers, with a friendly, launch creative charter. Past winners have received filming kit, BFI vouchers, cash prizes and industry recognition.

Free filmmaking workshops will run from January to March 2026 in Reading, as well as Goring & Streatley, covering script development, sound, camera, and editing.

To submit a film or find out more visit: filmfreeway.com/EvolveFilmFestival

Sept/Oct 2025 Report from Oxfordshire County Councillor, Maggie Filipova-Rivers

Please click HERE to see the report which includes the following headings:

Councillor Priority Fund – Apply now!
Common Grant Award: Up to £15,000 per Ward
Digital Inclusion
Apply for a Temporary Congestion Charge Permit
Footpath Pilots: Promised to Support Local Projects
Draft Strategic Plan 2025 to 2028 - Have Your Say
Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OIS) Update 2025 Approved
Oxfordshire Employment – National Recognition for Inclusive Job Support
School Streets and Active Travel
Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Update
Fire and Rescue Cover Review
Tackling Inequalities
Adult Social Care
Consultations – a range of consultations open

Check here on all local planning applications, current and past

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

They are listed in consultation period order, with the most recent first in the list, followed by those in 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:	**Westlinks Cottage Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QA**
Proposal:	Single storey side extension to existing building including a single storey rear extension and associated alterations.
Reference Number:	P25/S3445/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline:	**24 October 2025**
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Location:	**Willow Tonnemant Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LH**
Proposal:	Replacement conservatory
Reference Number:	P25/S3442/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline:	**17 October 2025**
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Location:	**Clewer Court House Streatley Reading RG8 9PB**
Proposal:	T427, T426, T425, T424, T423, T421, T422 (Ash): Fell to ground level. All trees are in state of a advanced die back
Reference Number:	P25/T0575/TPO
Consultation Deadline:	**Determination deadline: 23 October 2025**
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Location:	**Ickleton Fields Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PY**
Proposal:	Proposed detached oak framed garage with studio
Reference Number:	P25/S3361/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline:	**30 October 2025**
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Location:	**Yarnton House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9NY**
Proposal:	Timber orangery to replace the existing conservatory
Reference Number:	P25/S3360/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	**4 November 2025**
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Location:	**White Hart House 8 White Hart Yard High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9JE**
Proposal:	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 'Materials' of approved application 24/02390/HOUSE: Proposed Cart Shed Reference Number:
Reference Number:	P25/S3340/DC
Consultation Deadline:	**Determination deadline 9 December 2025**

SOUTH STOKE

Location:	**Dove Tree Cottage The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS**
Proposal:	Discharge of condition School resistance and resilience measures) on application ref: P25/S0738/N (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/S3245/DC
Consultation Deadline:	**Target decision date 14 November 2025**
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Location:	**Thurle Down Bridle Way Goring RG8 0HS**
Proposal:	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on P24/S3251/HH - Demolition of existing and construction of new oak-framed garage with ancillary accommodation above, to include dormers, rear roof light, type windows to three pitched roof north facing dormer windows
Reference Number:	P25/S3000/S73
Consultation Deadline:	**21 October 2025**
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Location:	**Chaunticlegers Chess Road Goring RG8 9BJ**
Proposal:	To fill/ug of existing footpath between existing garage & snug; partially convert the internal space of existing garage into a dining room. Lawful Development Certificate
Reference Number:	P25/S3262/PD
Consultation Deadline:	**24 October 2025**
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Location:	**Lorwood River Retreat Bridle Way RG8 0HS**
Proposal:	Demolition of existing shed & summerhouse and replacement with larger structure in same location.
Reference Number:	P25/S3088/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	**30 October 2025**
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Location:	**Flat 5 Molesley House Station Road RG8 0PU**
Proposal:	Replacement of 3 windows (Retrospective). Certificate of Lawful Development
Reference Number:	P25/S3261/DC
Consultation Deadline:	**End consultation period 5 November 2025**
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Location:	**4 Summerfield Rise Goring RG8 0DS**
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 3(replacc), 4(tents), 5(Lcd5b), 6(cycle) and 7(construction management plan) on application P25/S0251/FUL - erection of two 3 bedroom dwellings. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number:	P25/S3250/DC
Consultation Deadline:	**Target decision date 13 November 2025**
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Location:	**Lydden Cottages Manor Road Goring RG8 0DS**
Proposal:	Replacement roof tile & refurbishment works, with no demolition or extensions, to include: removal and reinstatement of render on rear elevation & lean-to; repair & repointing of east chimney; replacement of rear entrance door; removal of garden decking; various internal works. Listed Building Consent
Reference Number:	P25/S3244/LB
Consultation Deadline:	**Target decision date 25 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=simpleSearch&searchType=Application

Information on how to comment on a WBC application:
https://b2b.westberks.gov.uk/myaccount/signin.aspx

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Local Parish Councils

Click on the link below for each 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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