

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.

Subscription date for articles for the next issue is 12 April 2026

In this issue: Road closures and travel updates; High Street ATM set to return; playground improvements at Gardiner Field; community litter pick; GAP Festival updates; What's On in April; housing development approved – and our latest update of current planning applications.

Road Closures & Works

1 A340 Tidmarsh Road

The A340 south of Pangbourne will be closed 6-11 April. Closure is between Pangbourne Lodge Drive and the junction with Beedons Hill.

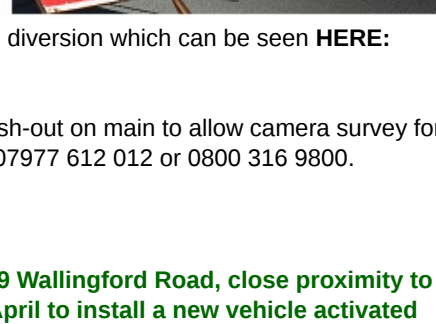
Residential and Blue light access will not be available – follow the diversion which can be seen [HERE](#): <https://one.network/?tm=GB147437983>

The closure is to allow Thames Water to install a through bore wash-out on main to allow camera survey for possible restriction. Contractor: M Group Water, contact number: 07977 612 012 or 0800 316 9800.

2 A329 Wallingford Road, Streatley

Planned Temporary Traffic Lights over a small section of A329 Wallingford Road, close proximity to junction of A417 Wallingford Road from 09.30-15.30hrs on 7 April to install a new vehicle activated sign.

This work is being done by Volker Highways on behalf of West Berkshire Council. Questions, contact 08456017087 <https://one.network/?GB149221530>.

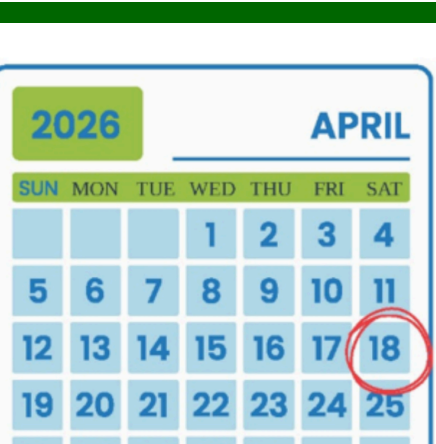


ATM in Goring High Street to be back in use very shortly

Regular users of the ATM in Goring High Street may have seen a notice placed on the machine by the building's landlord. The notice explained that access to the ATM for refuelling had been blocked due to a prolonged period of unpaid rent.

GENIE can now report that discussions between the landlord and Brink's, the operator of the ATM, have been successfully resolved.

As a result, normal service is expected to resume very shortly.

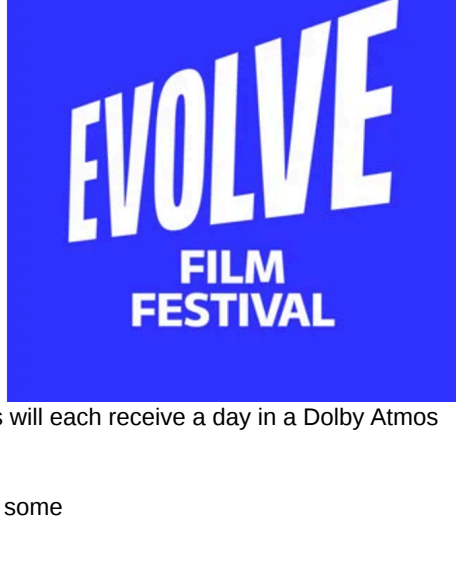


Streatley Litter Pick Community Litter Pick. All Welcome! Saturday 18 April 9.30am-12noon

All volunteers young and old warmly welcomed to support this valuable clean up of our village. Advance notice of support is not required (just turn up).

Helpers should gather in the Morrell Rooms from 9.30am where all necessary equipment along with instructions will be provided. No previous experience needed!

For further details please contact: clerk@streatley.org.



Deadline for youth film submissions extended

Evolve Film Festival (previously known as The GAP Children's Film Festival, part of the GAP Festival) has extended the deadline for youth film submissions to Friday 10 April.

To submit a film for free, go to our Film Freeway page and use this token: EFF26DLE.

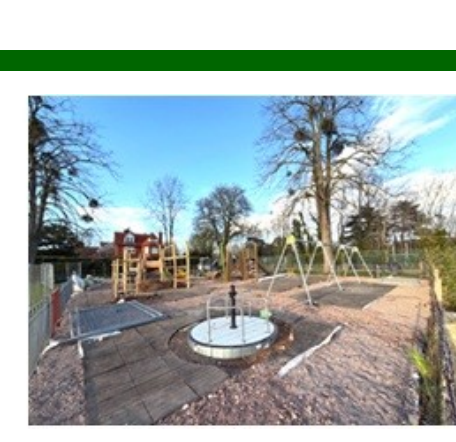
We would especially like to see more films from the 12 to 15 age category, as well as U11s.

Multiple £250 cash/vouchers, as well as additional voucher/kit/course prizes are up for grabs. In addition, 3 winners will each receive a day in a Dolby Atmos mixing studio with a sound engineer (worth £2,000 each).

If you are new to filmmaking check out our YouTube channel for some inspiration: <https://www.youtube.com/@EvolveFilmFestival>.

Not sure where to start? Email: support@evolvefilmfestival.org

For all T&Cs and to submit films via: <https://filmfreeway.com/EvolveFilmFestival>.



New and upgraded playground in the Gardiner Field making good progress

Improvements to the existing playground in the north-east corner of Gardiner Recreation Field, which began on 10 March 2026, are progressing well.

The works are currently on track, with completion expected in early to mid-April.

The upgraded space will provide improved play opportunities for children and families in the village.

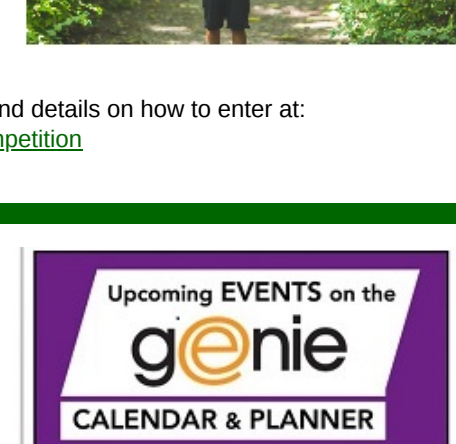


Gap Festival Updates

1 GAP Festival Tickets now on sale

The full programme (12 to 21 June) is now available on the GAP Festival website. Brochures will be landing on local doorsteps over the coming weeks, giving you everything you need to plan out your festival experience.

Tickets are on sale online at www.thegapfestival.org/events. In 2024, many events sold out quickly, so book early to avoid disappointment.

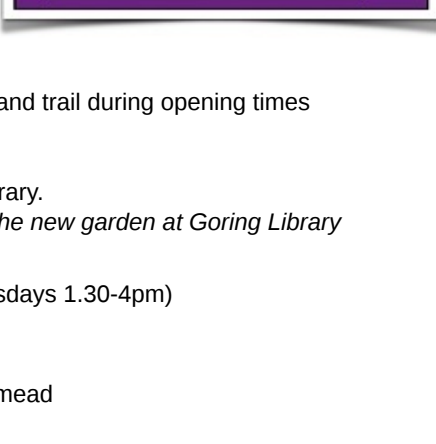


2 Children's Nature Photography Competition open

As part of The GAP Festival Family Day on Saturday 13 June, young people from across the local area are invited to take part in a Children's Nature Photography Competition in collaboration with wildlife photographer Simon Booker and Beale Park.

The winner of each category will be announced on the day and invited to join Simon Booker for an exclusive photography workshop. The overall 'Young Nature Photographer of the Year' will win a family day pass to Beale Park.

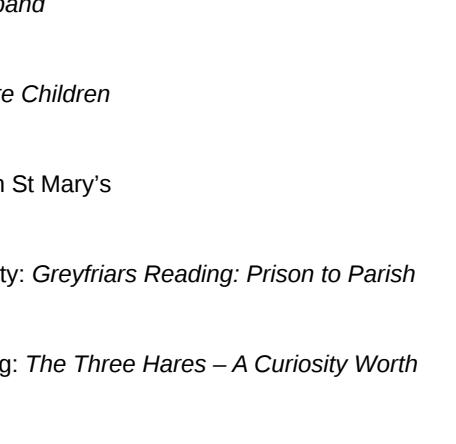
Entries close Friday 29 May at 5pm. Full terms and conditions and details on how to enter at: www.thegapfestival.org/news/childrens-nature-photography-competition



What's On – for the month of April 2026

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.



Until 11 April	Easter Activities at Goring Library: Crafts and trail during opening times
Wed 1 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.30-3.30pm Chess match at Goring Library. • 7.30pm Goring Village Green Fingers: <i>The new garden at Goring Library</i>
Thurs 2 April	Mobile Post Office: 8-11.30am. (Also Tuesdays 1.30-4pm)
Sun 5 April	Easter Sunday 10am-5pm Easter Bird-Egg Trail at Withymead
Tues 7 April	10.30am Goring Carers' Group
Wed 8 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12noon <i>Goring Gap News</i> copy deadline • 7.30pm Cleeve by Goring WI: Beeswax candle workshop
Sat 11 April	11am-4pm <i>Meet the Anglo-Saxons</i> at Wallingford Museum
Sunday 12 April	<i>Genie News</i> copy deadline
Wed 15 April- Sat 18 April	8pm Goring Gap Players: <i>An Ideal Husband</i>
Thurs 16 April	10.30-2pm Pick-a-Flick: <i>The Windermere Children</i>
Sun 19 April	4pm Piano recital by Max Mostovetski in St Mary's
Mon 20 April	2.30pm Goring Gap Local History Society: <i>Greyfriars Reading: Prison to Parish Church</i>
Wed 22 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11am and 2pm The Arts Society Goring: <i>The Three Hares – A Curiosity Worth Regarding</i> • 7.30pm Trudie True cooking demo
Fri 24 April	7.30pm Goring Unplugged
Sat 25 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am-3pm Goring Fire Station 50th Anniversary Open Day • 11am-3.30pm Goring Thames Sailing Club Open Day
Sun 26 April	<i>Genie News</i> copy deadline
Thurs 30 April	10.30am Goring Gap u3a: <i>Swans</i>

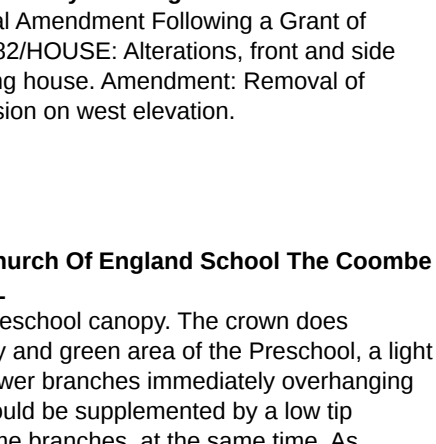
Planning permission granted for new housing development in Gatehampton Rd, Goring

Residents in Gatehampton Road, along with others in the parish, have been notified by South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) that planning permission has been granted for a new housing development.

The approved scheme is "...for the erection of 10 dwellings, including 4 affordable homes, with new vehicular access and pedestrian/cycle access from Gatehampton Road, along with associated infrastructure and landscaping." Permission was granted on 19 March 2026.

The site forms the designated Reserve Site within Goring's Neighbourhood Plan, which was supported by residents at referendum and formally adopted by SODC in 2019.

Full details of the application can be viewed here: [P24/S2193/FUL](https://p24/S2193/FUL)

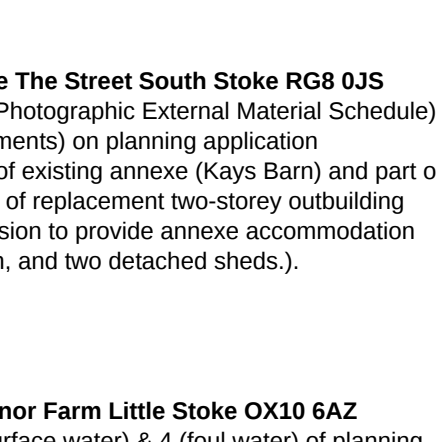


Goring Chamber Choir 75th anniversary concert

16 May at 7:30pm at Douai Abbey

Centred on the *Magnificat* with settings by JS Bach and Durante and also including works by Mozart, Bruckner, Britten, Timothy Blinko, Frank Ferko, John Tavener and Pierre Villette.

For more details please see [HERE](#): [Goring Chamber Choir Concert](https://www.goringchamberchoir.org.uk/next-concert.php) or see [this link](#) <https://www.goringchamberchoir.org.uk/next-concert.php>.



- **Musical Director:** Frances Brewitt-Taylor
- **Orchestra:** Charivari Agréable
- **Soloists:** Anais Manz, Richard Decker, William Searle, Jan-Magnar Gard
- **Where:** Douai Abbey, Woolhampton RG7 5TQ
- **When:** Saturday 16 May 2026 at 7:30pm
- **Tickets:** £20. Under-18s free.
- **Available from:** tickets@goringchamberchoir.org.uk, Inspiration (Goring), Garlands Organic (Pangbourne), from any choir member.

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.

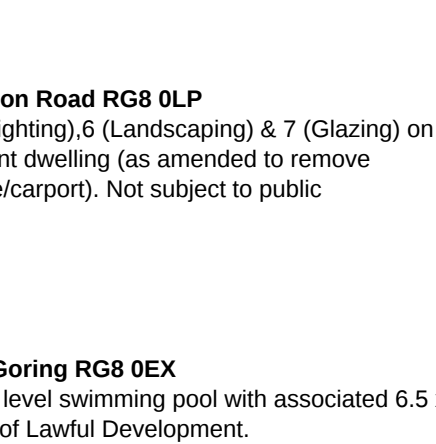
They are listed in consultation period expiry date order, so the applications with the shortest periods for your comments are at the top. Each has a link to the actual application.

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, SEE BELOW

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

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



STREATLEY

Location:	Lardon Lodge Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JX
Proposal:	Single storey rear and front extension, single storey rear converted bbq area and store.
Reference Number:	26/00538/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline:	2 April 2026

Location:	Townsend Farm Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JX
Proposal:	T1, T2 and T3 - Yew, Cyprus and Scotts Pine: on boundary of Townsend Farm over hanging 3 flats back gardens. Reduce back to fence line overhanging branches. Secondary and tertiary branches only.
Reference Number:	26/00502/TPC
Determination Deadline:	14 April 2026

Location:	Carramar Wantage Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LB
Proposal:	Application for a Non-Material Amendment Following a Grant of Planning Permission 25/02582/HOUSE: Alterations, front and side extensions to existing dwelling house. Amendment: Removal of proposed kitchen side extension on west elevation.
Reference Number:	26/00636/NONMAT
Determination Deadline:	20 April 2026

Location:	The Playgroup Streatley Church Of England School The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QL
Proposal:	T1 - Yew tree: the existing canopy and green area of the Preschool, a light (50-75cm) crown lift of the lower branches immediately overhanging would be acceptable. This could be supplemented by a low tip reduction (1-1.5m) of the same branches, at the same time. As recommended by: Jon Thomas TechArborA, Senior Tree Officer
Reference Number:	26/00506/TPW
Determination Deadline:	28 April 2026

SOUTH STOKE

Location:	Kays Barn Fullbrook House The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS
Proposal:	Discharge of condition(s) 3 (Photographic External Material Schedule) and 9 (Biodiversity Enhancements) on planning application P25/S1238/HH. (Demolition of existing annex (Kays Barn) and part of existing outbuilding. Erection of replacement two-storey outbuilding with single storey front extension to provide annex accommodation and ancillary accommodation, and two detached sheds.)
Reference Number:	P26/S0483/DIS
Target Decision Date:	14 April 2026

Location:	Middle Barn Littlestoke Manor Farm Little Stoke OX10 6AZ
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 3 (surface water) & 4 (foul water) of planning permission P23/S3822/FUL - Replacement of existing grain storage building to provide accommodation for artists and creatives visiting Littlestoke Manor farm. Provision of bin and bike storage, amenity space, parking & landscaping.
Reference Number:	P26/S0581/DIS
Target Decision Date:	21 April 2026

GORING

Location:	Friars Ford Manor Road Goring RG8 9EL
Proposal:	Change of use of existing outbuilding to visitor accommodation.
Reference Number:	P26/S0549/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	30 March 2026

Location:	Cedar Wood House Elvendon Road RG8 0LP
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 4 (Lighting),6 (Landscaping) & 7 (Glazing) on P23/S4299/FUL - replacement dwelling (as amended to remove proposed access and garage/carport). Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number:	P26/S0399/DIS
Target Decision Date:	7 April 2026

Location:	Broughton Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EX
Proposal:	10 x 4 metre outdoor ground level swimming pool with associated 6.5 x 3.5m pool house. Certificate of Lawful Development.
Reference Number:	P26/S0475/LDP
Target Decision Date:	21 April 2026

Location:	Land west of Wallingford Road SouthStoke
Proposal:	Change of Use from Agricultural to Flexible Commercial for a private dog exercise paddock
Reference Number:	P26/S0796/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	24 April 2026

To visit SODC's planning website:
<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/comment-on-planning-applications/find-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

Information on how to comment on a SODC application:
<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/comment-on-planning-applications/how-to-comment-on-a-planning-application-effectively/>

To visit WBC's planning website:
<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control>

Information on how to find and comment on a WBC application:
<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/40109/Find-and-comment-on-a-planning-application>

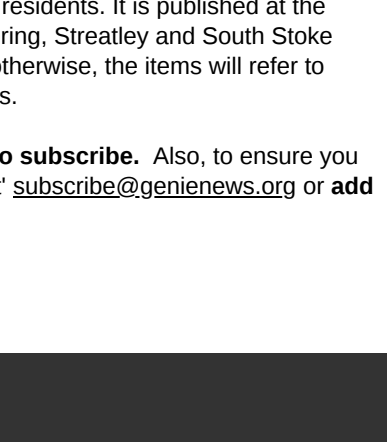
NB: Genie News will endeavour to make these alerts as comprehensive and accurate as possible, but Genie and its volunteers cannot accept any responsibility for any omissions, errors, incorrect links or other issues associated with this information.

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](#)



To comment on any of these stories please email contact@genienews.org

To send in news items, use 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 or add us to your contact list.

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

