

West Hagbourne news



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Thankyou's

Its traditional at this time of year to thank all those diligent residents who every year do their bit across the village.

So seasons greetings to everyone and special thanks to Dave & Sue Totterdell for maintaining the garden at the bus shelter and tubs in the square, and Robert Griffiths for watering in the summer. Mary Ann Le May for caring for the trough by the pond. And to everyone who picks up litter as they walk the paths & lanes and those who cut their grass verges.

90th Birthday

Our warm congratulations to Bill Warner on reaching his 90th Birthday on the 9th December. Happy Birthday Bill!



Village walk

The Village Association invites you to join them for a leisurely, New Year's stroll on Sunday 8th January. Walk off those winter blues or festive excesses in whilst chatting to friends & neighbours along the way.

The walk, which will be a maximum of 3 miles, will finish at the Horse & Harrow where you can enjoy a refreshing drink, if you wish. Everyone is welcome including your 4-legged friends.

Meet at The Square at 1:30pm, wearing stout shoes or boots and plenty of warm layers. We hope to see you there!

Car in pond

Another car crashed off the road and into the pond last month and had to be hoisted out.

The police had nothing to report about the driver or if they had been apprehended.

Editorial:

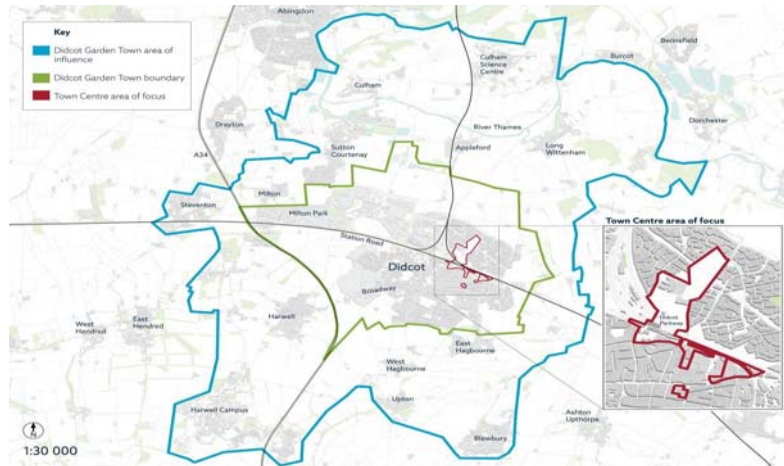
Didcot was formally awarded Garden Town status by the Government in December 2015.

What is a Garden Town?

According to the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA), a garden city (or garden town) is a 'holistically planned new settlement which enhances the natural environment, tackles climate change and provides high quality housing and locally accessible jobs in beautiful, healthy and sociable communities'.

Garden City (town) principles include:

- Land value capture for the benefit of the community.
- Strong vision, leadership and community engagement.
- Community ownership of land and long-term stewardship of assets.
- Mixed-tenure homes and housing types that are genuinely affordable.
- A wide range of local jobs in the Garden City within easy commuting distance of homes.
- Beautifully and imaginatively designed homes with gardens, combining the best of town and country to create healthy communities, and including opportunities to grow food.
- Development that enhances the natural environment, providing a comprehensive green infrastructure network and net biodiversity gains, and that uses zero-carbon and energy-positive technology to ensure climate resilience.
- Strong cultural, recreational and shopping facilities in walkable, vibrant, sociable neighbourhoods.
- Integrated and accessible transport systems, with walking, cycling and public transport designed to be the most attractive forms of local transport.



SODC tells us that as Didcot is already undergoing considerable change, the Garden Town project needs to fit into this context and complement what has already been built or what is approved and going to be built.

A defined 'vision' for Didcot as a Garden Town will shape and influence its future direction making it a greener and more attractive place to live, work and enjoy.

Becoming a Garden Town aims to make Didcot a more attractive place to live and work in. To achieve this, plans include maximising the potential of the area's green spaces and easy access to the countryside. It is also aimed to create a flourishing town centre, introduce new technologies for communication and transport, innovative town planning and improved traffic management systems. Delivery of the agreed priorities will be phased over time.

The proposed Garden Town boundary is centred around the existing built up area of Didcot, plus existing and planned development sites including Great Western Park, Valley Park, North East Didcot, and the Milton Park and Didcot Growth Accelerator Enterprise Zones. The boundary also covers the gravel pit and landfill sites north of the town, as well as other areas of land where future uses can be carefully planned as part of the Garden Town vision.

Implications for West Hagbourne

From the information provided so far, some important unanswered questions arise for village residents. SODC has recently stated that proposals relating to connectivity, such as transport and green infrastructure, may need to extend beyond the Garden Town boundary in order to join Didcot with surrounding networks. Will a green belt around Didcot be created to protect villages outside the Garden Town boundary from merging with the town? Will road structure connectivity plans increase traffic volume through the village? Will planners take into account the needs of the farming community moving farm vehicles between farms? How will the villages be protected from increased pollution and loss of air quality? These are only some of the issues for West Hagbourne to consider. SODC wants to hear the views of as many people as possible so they will be taking the Didcot Garden Town exhibition to events and meetings being held by local groups and organisations.

There is a dedicated interactive website for the Garden Town www.didcotgardentown.co.uk. People are invited to tell SODC their own vision for Didcot, including the issues and opportunities that they would like the Garden Town project team to consider.



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Go Active gold:

Free taster event for the over 60s
At East Hagbourne Pavilion,
Wednesday 18 January 2017, 09.30
am - 10.00 am, for fun, friendly and
affordable activities in East
Hagbourne.

9.30 am - Welcome presentation
10.00 am - 11.00 am Activity tasters
11.00 pm - 12.30 pm Functional
Fitness MOT's

Enjoy a drink with us afterwards!
Booking essential: call or email
Annalie Thomasson 07717 346351
annalie.thomasson@southandvale.
gov.uk

The Supermoon

Did anyone manage to catch a
glimpse of the supermoon on
November 14th despite the thick
cloud cover? Sue and Dave
Totterdell were in New Zealand on
that day, and this is what could
have been seen there:



CAB advice

Having problems at university?
Then Contact Citizens Advice.

For many young people leaving
home for university, the transition
from family life to independent
living can be difficult to manage.
Some new students find dealing
with practical problems they hadn't
anticipated can be a problem. Many
of us at Citizens Advice have been
through all of this. If you are a first-
year student, or about to become
one, or if you feel that you can't

cope with undergraduate life, or if
you need support, contact us. For
further help visit
www.citizensadvice.co.uk, phone
03444 111 444 or drop in to your
nearest Citizens Advice. Citizens
Advice Oxfordshire South and Vale
is an independent charity that
provides the local Citizens Advice
service. Our 150 skilled volunteers
work from 5 locations and are
supported by 10 full time equivalent
staff. All our income is raised locally

Chilton A34

The new slip roads on and off the
A34 at Chilton opened in November
and as a result an increase in traffic
through the village has been seen as
vehicles access the Harwell site and
join the already congested A34.

Health:

There will be a public consultation
on Oxfordshire's NHS Service
Transformation Plans in January
2017. The consultation will cover
changes to the way some NHS
services work and how they are
delivered, including proposals for
the future of community hospitals,
emergency care services and
children's services plus critical care,
stroke services and maternity
services in the north of the county.
For more information on the
transformation programme click
here Editor's note: This is extremely
important to be informed about, as
judging from the national picture
we are due to lose some of our NHS
services in Oxfordshire

Flu vaccine for pregnant women: Dr
Andrew Burnett, Urgent Care Lead
at OCCG advises pregnant women
to get a vaccine as soon as possible
to minimise the risk to themselves
and their babies. The flu vaccine is
safe during any stage of pregnancy.
So ask your GP, pharmacist or
midwife about the free flu jab now.'

Keeping fit and healthy at home;
This year's Self Care Week aims to

help you become more aware about
health and lifestyle options that will
impact positively on your physical
and mental wellbeing. Self care
means knowing how to keep fit and
healthy, how to deal with medicines
appropriately, manage self-
treatable conditions and when to
seek appropriate clinical help. If you
have a long-term condition, self
care is about understanding that
condition and how to live with it.
For more information [click here](#)

Reduce Medicines waste

OCCG is supporting the 'Open Up'
campaign to help drive down
medicines waste and to ensure
people use medicines safely. The
campaign encourages patients to
talk to their healthcare professional
if they have medicines that are
prescribed to them that are not
used, or patients have stopped
taking a medication as it does not
suit them.

For more information on the
campaign, which runs until
December 2016 [click here](#)

New Minor Eye Conditions Service

You can now visit your participating
local optician to be assessed and
treated free for a variety of minor
eye conditions such as red eye or
eyelids, flashes or floaters, in-
growing eyelashes and more
conditions.

The service does not provide eye
tests and some conditions are
better suited to immediate referral
to eye casualty - please ask your
optometrist, pharmacist or GP if
unsure. For more information on
the service [click here](#)

The National Rights Day 'Caring
Matters' Conference 2016 is being
held on Friday 25 November at the
Kassam Stadium, Oxford (9.30am
to 4.30pm). It is aimed at both
carers and professionals and
includes guest speakers, seminars
and over 20 information stands. For
more information and to reserve
your place [click here](#)

Village lunch

Seven residents enjoyed another
delicious Horse and Harrow lunch
together in November.

Our December Christmas lunch is
booked for Friday 16th December.
We will contact you later to see how
many will be coming along, and
menu choices.

U3A

Didcot & District U3A meets on the
3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00
pm in the Didcot Civic Hall. Please
arrive 15 minutes before the start
time to ensure you are all seated for
the 2pm start.

Tuesday 20th December: Christmas
Lunch & Entertainment

Tuesday 17th January: Andrew Steel
will give a talk entitled "Banff
National Park Canada"

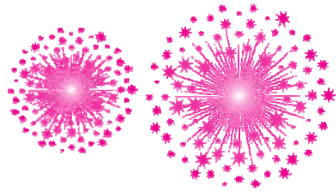
Flooding solved ?

According to South Oxfordshire's
residents newsletter 'Outlook'
West Hagbourne suffered serious
flooding in January 2014 and large
amounts of surface water built up
towards the west of the village near
the Horse and Harrow pub.

Water flowed towards the centre of
the village causing considerable
problems for residents, flooding
homes and cutting off the main
road. To help stop this happening
in the future they carried out
£14,000 of remedial work. Water is
now directed into the culvert on the
south side of the village to divert it
away from the main road and
properties.

However the issue is and always
will be, getting the water off the
road to the ditch. The pipework
between road and ditch has been
proved time and again to be the
main problem with road flooding in
this part of the village.





Village Association

The Association's AGM took place on the evening of 14th November at the Horse & Harrow, where our Chairman, Val Walton welcomed all those present.

During the meeting the Chairman's annual report was presented, a copy of which can be viewed on the village website.

Committee officers were elected and new members welcomed. A discussion then took place regarding future events and it was decided to organise a village walk in the new year (details below).

Also planned of course, are the annual Dragon competition to celebrate St George's Day (April'17) and the Madge Trophy garden competition which will take place next summer. Details will follow closer to the time.

At the end of the meeting the Association presented Helen and Tony with a card and bouquet of flowers as a "Thank you" in recognition of their valuable contribution towards the success of the village's Queen's birthday celebration that took place in June.

The Association will always welcome ideas for new events from villagers, and you can contact the Secretary, Margaret Leishman, via email or telephone - mjleishman707@gmail.com - 01235 851707.

To improve communication, the Association will shortly be taking advantage of the Parish Council's village emailing system to inform those registered, of news, events and reminders. If you are not yet registered you can do so by contacting the clerk - parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

The Association wishes all villagers a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fireworks

With the festive season fast approaching please be aware that there are many animals out in the fields, in and around the village. Fireworks, of course, can easily scare animals/poultry, causing panic, sometimes resulting in injury and possibly death. If you are planning to release fireworks, be responsible, do not aim them into adjoining fields where you know animals/poultry are kept, and as a precaution, (and as a matter of courtesy) inform their owners well in advance so they can take steps to protect them. Thank you.

More Lights

Clearance work will begin on the £11m link route on Thursday. The new road will be built between Harwell and Didcot with yet more lights and another roundabout at the Kingswell.

Pharmacy

Make better use of your pharmacist this winter. The Self Care Forum is calling on people to make more use of their local pharmacist this winter to help ease the burden on frontline NHS services.

Recycling Bins

SODC will only empty green wheelie bins if the recycling in them is loose or in clear sacks. Despite a recent campaign to raise awareness of the issue - **food waste, dirty nappies, and other items that can't be recycled** are still being put into green bins - contaminating whole truckloads of recycling. When these are put into recycling bins in black or coloured sacks they're not spotted until it's too late.

So if there's a sack in a recycling bin and the waste crews can't see what's in it, they won't empty it. The best option is to put your recycling in loose. contact Biffa on 03000 610 610 or admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk

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Council Meetings

are held in Hagbourne Village Hall

- Wednesday 4th January
- see website for future dates

Minutes of meetings of the Parish Council are available online.

If you cannot find them contact the clerk, if you do not have access to the internet, call the clerk and a printed copy will be delivered to you.

www.westhagbourne.org/pc_minutes.htm

Planning updates

If you want to be notified about planning applications that affect West Hagbourne, you can sign up for email alerts. This can be done directly on the SODC planning website, or you can ask the Parish Clerk to put your email address onto the village mailing list.

Contact Andrew Wise
parishclerk@westhagbourne.org

HGV's & potholes

Please report potholes direct to Oxfordshire Highways. If you can supply a photograph that gives some idea of the extent of the pothole this will help assess the urgency for its repair.

You can do this online at highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk 0845 310 1111

or by writing to: Southern Area Office Oxfordshire County Council, Milton Road Drayton OX14 4EZ
www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm#potholes

Scotlands Ash

The council has objected to a replacement planning application for four new houses on the land on Main Street between the Horse and Harrow and the garage. The grounds are based on those for the previous application, which was refused.



Local events

If you have items you are prepared to give away, send us a short advertisement with the details for inclusion (free of charge) in the next newsletter.

Friday Lunch Club

At the Horse & Harrow 12.30pm
Friday 16th December

Didcot Film Club

The club meets at Cornerstone in Didcot at 8 pm. Annual membership costs £5. It shows the sort of films you probably won't see in mainstream cinemas. Film tickets can be bought via the Cornerstone site or in person.

Farmers' Market Didcot

Saturday 10th December

Hagbourne Garden Club

There is no meeting in December.

Thursday January 26th:

The Cutting Garden; talk by Moira White

Thursday February 23rd:

Climbers for Sun and Shade; talk by clematis specialist Marcus Dancer

Thursday March 23rd:

The Season; flower arranging demonstration by Patricia Spanton

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Marquees

The Village Association has two Marquees.
£25 plus a returnable deposit of £50
The Association will not be responsible for any claims for accidents that may occur during the rental.
12 x 5 metre and 11 x 4 metre
Tables and chairs are also available.

For advanced booking and details please contact **Rob Robert Griffiths (Woodleys)**
rob.griff@yahoo.co.uk
All donations go towards our village funds.



The West Hagbourne Emergency Defibrillator is located in the Telephone Box in the Square
in the event of an emergency call 999



For Sale Violins - one **Three Quarter Size £120** and one **Half Size £50** — perfect gifts for aspiring grandchildren. In near perfect condition, complete with bow and in good quality cases.

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contact Jo on 01235 850182



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