



# September 2020 Newsletter



## Monthly Newsletter

### THE PLACE

The Place is Faringdon's community group supporting families with children under 5, funded by Faringdon Town Council and community fundraising, along with a grant from Oxfordshire County Council.

The Place are hoping to resume groups as soon as possible but in the meantime are providing telephone, text and email support during the pandemic. They really understand the demands and ups and downs of family life and sometimes a listening ear can really help. Information on other agencies who may be able to help can also be provided.

During the lockdown, some offices in the rear of the Corn Exchange have been converted so The Place have their own dedicated space ready to welcome families as soon as sessions can run again. This is an exciting step and will enable The Place to offer even more support to Faringdon families, allowing families in need to pop in. The permanent space will also allow families to access the Place more hrs a week.

The Place have also recruited several new volunteers to their team, which will enhance what they are able to offer in so many ways. If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering with The Place – please do get in touch.

The Place also have a brand new website – <https://www.theplace-faringdon.org/> please do keep checking this out for regular updates. For further information about The Place or any questions or issue pleas get in touch either by email [theplacefaringdon@spurgeons.org](mailto:theplacefaringdon@spurgeons.org) or phone.

Call Carole on 07973678837 or Lucy on 07973678827. They would love to hear from you!

### FOOD BANK

The food bank works together with Faringdon Town Council to assist families in our community. Due to Covid19 there has been increased demand for food parcels and this is ongoing. Faringdon food bank has received many donations from local organisations and residents of Faringdon. The foodbank is open 10am to 12pm in the Town Council Office. If you need help or would like to donate please call **07548 535855** during opening hours.

### FARINGDON SURVEY COMING SOON

Do you have an idea of how you see Faringdon Market Place in the Future? Please watch out for a survey coming soon available on the Faringdon Town Council website.

### NEW FARINGDON APP



In June Faringdon Town Council has launched a new app available to download on Apple store and Google Play store. You can now subscribe to the Newsletter and receive up to date news when you subscribe to the FTC notifications.

You can in fact choose to receive information on road closures, events, and news. You can also report problems on fix my street directly on the app.

## OPEN SPACES AND BUILDINGS

Our Team has been busy installing new benches on the apron of The Old Town hall with one more bench soon to be installed near the new flower bed In Southampton Street car park.

The play equipment in Tuckers and Oakwood parks is being currently repaired as well as being sprayed with disinfectant twice weekly.

The Team has also painted the Corn Exchange Hall and front foyer, installed new bins in Tuckers and Oakwood Parks, kept all our parks and churchyard mowed and tidy and carried various Tidy Team requests including The Hobble.

If you know of a neglected area that needs a visit from the Tidy Team please email [Marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Marzia@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) and we will investigate it. If you are interested in running a litter pick, individually or with family members, you can use our equipment. Please contact the email above to find out more information.

## INFORMATION CENTRE

Although the door to the Information Centre for the time being has to remain closed (to be able to cope with distancing restrictions, a narrow corridor and small room), please be assured **we are open** and a warm welcome awaits – and there is a smile behind the mask! We are all open mornings (Monday – Friday 9am – 12.30pm and Saturday 9.30am – 1pm). We have a range of gifts available from our local crafts people including Mike Bradley (wooden items) and the Uffington Potters. Our artist of the month for September is Sheila Isabel Irigoyen Zozaya. Sheila is a local artist whose work often features local views around Faringdon. As well as these beautiful items, we have a good choice of affordable greetings cards, souvenirs of Faringdon (t-towels, pencils, bags and notebooks etc) handmade soaps from the Goat Soap Company, and of course maps – for that countryside walk on an Indian Summer day. We look forward to seeing you soon, (contactless payments only).

## FARINGDON NATURE GROUP

What would we do without nature?

Nature is our companion:

- ★ It provides us with the air we breathe
- ★ It freely pollinates our crops

- ★ It offers us free food
- ★ It brightens our day
- ★ It soothes our minds
- ★ It gives us shelter
- ★ It educates us
- ★ It entertains us and our families

We take nature for granted, but we need to give back to offset the climate emergency and maintain our bond with nature for future generations to come. We need to rekindle our relationship with nature before it is too late, and we have lost too much. Faringdon Nature Action Group is a response to the Faringdon Town Council's declaration of climate emergency. We are so fortunate in Faringdon for the nature sites we have, but we still need to do more to increase biodiversity and bring back from the brink once common species that are now endangered. We are currently in the process of looking at wildlife projects we might undertake in Faringdon. If you would like to take part; or are looking for ideas for inspiration; or have any expertise please look up Faringdon Nature Action group on Facebook or see the Faringdon Town Council website for Climate Emergency.

## SATURDAY MARKET

The monthly Market operates on the 1st Saturday of every month, 10am to 1pm. Come along and support local traders, shops and businesses in the town centre. Stall pitches are FREE – if you are interested in having a stall contact [liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:liz@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to Covid 19 restrictions the Council and its committees are currently meeting online. Please submit any questions to [office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk) You can view them on the Faringdon Town Council YouTube Channel. September meetings:  
Full Council 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Facilities Committee 16<sup>th</sup> September  
Planning and Highways 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
Community and Partnerships 30<sup>th</sup> September  
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