

# NORTH HUB NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Oxford City Council's North Locality Hub newsletter. I hope this newsletter keeps you up to date with what we are doing in the hub and how we can continue to work together to support the local community.

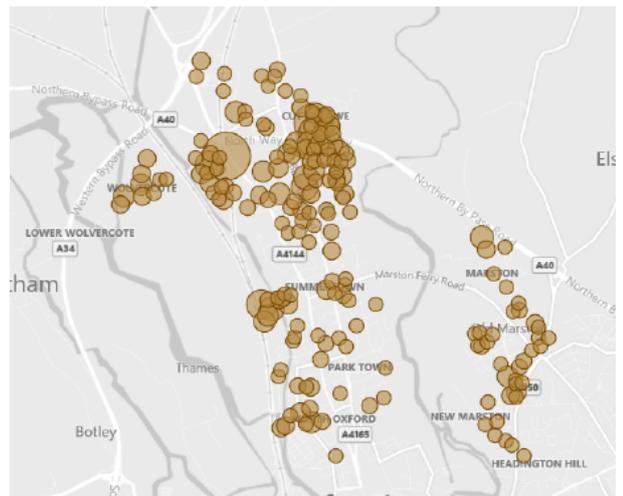
I'd like to take this opportunity to mention Marmalade - this year the conference is happening a little differently. It's aiming to get people having a conversation about how Oxfordshire can work together to rebuild after COVID 19. If you sign up via this link <https://www.marmalade.io/2021> you will be partnered up with someone. Hopefully this leads to an enriching and meaningful discussion around how we prepare for what lays ahead and how we can use relationships and share power to create change.

I'd encourage you to get involved. If you have anything you wish to discuss with me please do not hesitate to get in touch.

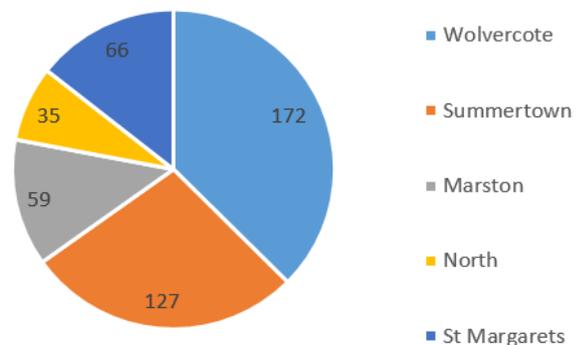
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## Local support provided using the COVID Winter Support Grant

- Total Referrals - 56
- Community Larder Memberships - 18
- Energy Bill Support - £2237



Referrals By Ward



To Make A Referral Call 01865 249811 or email [Northcommunity@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:Northcommunity@oxford.gov.uk)



# What We've Been Up To

One of our main focuses during this time has been to support GP's across the city by completing house calls to residents that have not taken up their invite for the COVID-19 vaccine. The team have all together completed 617 house calls, offering help and support to those who wished to book their vaccine in and leaving information for those who remain unsure.

In addition to that we have also continued to administer the COVID winter grant. Complex cases continue to come in and the team support where possible, with some further stats on this in the 'CWG' section of the newsletter. As well as new referrals, we are also spending time contacting those who have already been supported to check that their situation has improved and to offer follow up support from cross council teams and external support agencies when needed.

We have also contacted all the local businesses in the area to share the letter informing them of the free rapid COVID testing centre operating at the Kings Centre.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/coronavirus-covid-19/prevention-and-testing/rapid-symptom-free-testing#no-back>

## CORONAVIRUS

*"Getting tested is a really easy way to help keep my family and my workmates safe."*

Around 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 don't have any symptoms and can spread it without knowing.

**PRATIK, RETAIL ASSISTANT**



**REGULAR TESTING FOR SAFER WORKING IS HERE**

## Partner In Focus

Cotteslowe Community Larder is one of the City's SOFEA Community Larders which gives members low cost access to food, starting at £3.50 per week. It operates out of the Cotteslowe Community Centre on Wednesdays 2pm – 4pm.

Community larders aim to provide low cost food, reduce the amount of food going into landfill and support the local community. Individual memberships cost £3.50 per week and you choose 10 items, whereas family memberships cost £7 per week for 20 items.

Payment is taken by direct debit once a month.

Anyone can become a member, please visit [www.sofea.uk.com](http://www.sofea.uk.com) or pop in to see Tom & the team

### JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY LARDER



**£10**  
P/YEAR  
ANNUAL JOINING FEE

**£3.50**  
PER WEEK  
Start up to £400  
of your food costs

**£7**  
PER WEEK  
Start up to £800  
of your food costs



# Upcoming Events

## Not Quite Chelsea Flower Show: Cutteslowe Nursery and Garden Centre

"The flower show is coming up in the next few months and with some restrictions still likely to be in place it will be a slightly leaner version of the usual event, however we do still plan to go ahead in a COVID friendly way if restrictions allow. We've already begun our seed sowing and potting up of plants, some for use in the display gardens. So we encourage you all to think about joining us, creating a 1m x 1m garden for entry into the show.

You can join by forming a small group to represent your charity or organisation and working with us, we will supply some resources (compost/plants/flowers etc.) and guidance, to create your masterpiece! It's a great way of promoting the partnerships as well as the plants we have here. Further information will follow over the next few weeks as we begin planning."

For more information or to get involved please email [cutteslowehort@chartervillecare.co.uk](mailto:cutteslowehort@chartervillecare.co.uk)

## Grant Of The Month

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LITTLE GRANTS

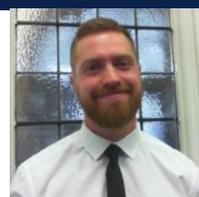
MAGIC LITTLE GRANTS CAN PROVIDE GRANTS OF £500 TO ORGANISATIONS WHO HAVE PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES THAT MEET ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA;

1. IMPROVING MENTAL WELLBEING
2. ENABLING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE ARTS
3. PREVENTING OR REDUCING THE IMPACT OF POVERTY
4. SUPPORTING MARGINALISED GROUPS AND PROMOTING EQUALITY
5. IMPROVING BIODIVERSITY AND GREEN SPACES
6. ENABLING PARTICIPATION IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
7. RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY
8. INCREASING COMMUNITY ACCESS TO OUTDOOR SPACE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO FIND THE LINK TO APPLY PLEASE VISIT; [HTTPS://LOCALGIVING.ORG/MAGIC-LITTLE-GRANTS/](https://localgiving.org/magic-little-grants/)

## Meet The Team

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**Hi! My name is Rob Jeffs and I am the Deputy Locality Co-ordinator for North and Barton hubs. I joined the team in February, having worked at the Rose Hill Community centre previously. I joined OCC in March 2017 initially working as a Sports Facilities Projects Officer in St Aldates.**

**Throughout the pandemic I have supported the community in different ways, mainly through preparing and delivering the food boxes the council provided for vulnerable residents. I have enjoyed being able to make a difference and help people during these difficult times.**

**In my spare time I can often be found trying to keep up with my young daughter, enjoying a run or following my favourite team (Aston Villa.)**

**Fun fact ; outside of COVID times I travel around the world to watch football derbies. Locations I have been to so far include; Rio de Janiro, Belgrade, Bogotá, Istanbul, Santiago and many many more!**

