

August 2026

Chaddleworth News



In this new edition...

- ✓ Letters and notices from the parish,
- ✓ The Trindle Down Ley Hoard,
- ✓ news and a great coffee and cake offer from West Berkshire Golf Course,
- ✓ Under 5s and School updates,
- ✓ Chadd Fest and Open Gardens reports,
- ✓ the latest Chaddleworth Village Hall 100 Club winners,
- ✓ and plenty more information from our local groups, charities, and businesses.

Please provide your letters, suggestions and contributions for the next, October edition by 20th September 2026. Thank you!

Ed.

Find us inside...



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan Afternoon Tea and Cake
on

Saturday 26th September
3pm till 4:30pm

at

Chaddleworth Village Hall

All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Care
Any donations of cakes or raffle prizes to
Phyllis Bibbings Monk Orchard Main
Street or at the hall from 2pm on the day.

Thank you!



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Letters

Wanted – Retro Computers

Do you have an old computers or computer equipment tucked away in the loft or garage? I'm looking to buy or rescue vintage computers from the 1970s and 1980s, including Sinclair, Commodore, Acorn, Amstrad, Atari and similar systems. I'm also interested in monitors, disk drives, software, manuals, joysticks and accessories. Working or not, complete or incomplete – all considered. If you'd like your old computer to go to an enthusiast who will restore and preserve it, I'd love to hear from you.

Contact: Mark Slade, 07799 513521,
mark@mark-slade.net

Heads Farm Partnership

The Hoard, discovered on 11th July 2026
on Trindle Down Ley...



Thought to be a Bronze-age Axe-head



Thought to be a Bronze-age Hoard



Axe-head filled with raw copper



West Berkshire Golf Course

A New Chapter Rooted in Community

When my husband Matt and I took on West Berkshire Golf Course earlier this year, we knew we were not just buying a business – we were becoming custodians of a place that means a great deal to the people who live, work, and visit our beautiful corner of West Berkshire.

From the very beginning, our goal has been simple: to make the course a welcoming, enjoyable space for locals, visitors, and members alike.

Although golf sits at the heart of the site, the course has always been more than just fairways and greens. It is a peaceful landscape, a social hub, and a place where people come to unwind, meet friends, enjoy the views, or simply take a breath of fresh air. We want to honour that spirit while bringing fresh energy, investment, and a renewed sense of openness.

One of the ways we are doing this is through the clubhouse. We are delighted to welcome our new chef, who has already begun refreshing our food offering and bringing a warm, homemade touch to the menu. To celebrate, we would love to invite local residents to come and enjoy the patio this summer.

On **Wednesday 5th August 2026**, we will be offering half price **Coffee and Cake** for just £3 with a voucher – a simple way to say thank you to the community and encourage everyone to come and experience the space.

And there is more to come. We are currently working on a brand-new

Takeaway Menu, launching in September, which we hope will give locals even more reasons to pop by, whether for a quick bite, a treat on the go, or a relaxed moment overlooking the course.

We are committed to maintaining the course to a high standard, supporting local employment, and ensuring the clubhouse remains a welcoming space for everyone. Whether you are a seasoned golfer, someone returning to the game, or simply a local resident looking for a warm spot to enjoy a drink and a chat, you will always find a friendly face here.

As we continue to invest in the course and the facilities, we hope you will see West Berkshire Golf Course not just as a sporting venue, but as a shared community asset – one that reflects the character, charm, and hospitality of the villages around it.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

*Warm regards, **Kim and Matt**
West Berkshire Golf & Leisure Ltd*

WEST BERKSHIRE GOLF COURSE 🏌️🍰 COMMUNITY VOUCHER

HALF PRICE COFFEE & CAKE - JUST £3

- Valid: **Wednesday 5th August 2026**
- Time: **10am to midday**
- Location: **West Berkshire Golf Course**

Come and meet our new chef, enjoy the views, and join us for a warm community welcome.

- Voucher Code: **WBGC AUG26**

One voucher per person. Valid for residents of Chaddleworth, Leckhampstead, Peasemore and nearby villages.

Dogs Trust

Dogs Trust Newbury continues to support dogs and owners across the local community, although the way we care for dogs has changed. Our team at the Newbury centre remains incredibly busy, with a greater focus on helping dogs through foster homes and our Homestay scheme rather than housing them in kennels.

Dogs Trust Newbury now operates as a foster hub, meaning dogs are cared for in loving foster homes while they wait to be matched with their forever families. Where appropriate, we can also support dogs through our Homestay scheme, allowing them to remain with their current owners until a suitable new home is found.

Although this means you may not see dogs staying in kennels at the centre, our work certainly has not stopped. In fact, Dogs Trust Newbury has already helped 122 dogs find their forever homes in 2026.

Living in a foster home can offer enormous benefits for dogs. A home environment is often quieter and less overwhelming than kennels, particularly for nervous dogs or those who have never experienced life inside a house. It also gives our team a valuable opportunity to learn more about each dog's personality, behaviour and home-life needs, helping us to find the most suitable long-term match.

One dog currently benefiting from this approach is Delores, a young Boxer cross with very limited hearing. After being handed in as a stray to a local veterinary practice, she came into Dogs Trust care. She's recently moved into a foster home, where she can now enjoy the comfort and



routine of everyday home life, which will be far more suitable for her than kennels. This will help her build confidence and learn new skills while she continues searching for her forever family.

Delores is an affectionate, playful girl who adores being around people, playing with her toys and curling up for a cuddle. She has completely stolen the hearts of the team and is looking for a family who will embrace her wonderful personality and continue her positive training.

We are always looking for more volunteer foster carers. Dogs Trust provides the food, equipment, veterinary treatment, training and ongoing support, while carers provide a temporary but safe, loving home. To find out more about fostering, visit: www.dogstrust.org.uk/support-us/volunteering/vacancies/newbury-foster-carer

To find out more about Delores or apply to adopt, visit: www.dogstrust.org.uk/rehoming/dogs/rottweiler/3653910



Chaddleworth Cricket Club



THE 24TH ANNUAL SEATTLE CUP – A Fantastic Day at Chaddleworth Cricket Club



The Seattle Cup took place back on Saturday 27th June, and once again proved to be a fantastic day of cricket and camaraderie!

The players split off into two teams, with one side captained by Seattle's own Howard Slauson, and the other by one of CCC's youngest players Harry Turner. Winning the toss, Howard wanted to bat first, and his side worked up an impressive total of 168. Harry's team responded well, finishing on 153 and setting up an exciting second half of the match.

After a well-earned break for a delicious BBQ, the action resumed. Howard's side added a further 99 runs to their tally. In an entertaining finish, Harry's side successfully chased it down with a couple of overs to spare, rounding off another fantastic Seattle Cup!

A huge thank you goes to Jacqui and Joe Mills for once again providing a fantastic BBQ, and to Lynne Doncaster for all her

help behind the scenes too. Everyone's hard work and efforts is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, the day helped raised £300 for Chaddleworth Cricket Club, money that will be incredibly helpful towards our Pavillion repairs.

CAPTAIN JACK'S MID-SEASON REPORT

Chaddleworth CC are smashing their season once again with only losing a couple of games. It's been a great season so far strong performance from the players, week in week out always field a team and also put on strong performances for our hosts or if we travel.

I as captain am happy and proud of all the players for all the hard work and commitment they put towards the games, every player gives 100% win or lose and the support from each player to another is great, it's like a family run team.

Tea ladies are smashing it as usual and making sure we are all hydrated on these very warm game days.

As a team we would love to finish strong with only 6 games left until the season comes to a close for another year, as always all the support helps us and love to see as many people there for a last few games. **#upthechad**

REMAINING GAMES:

Sun 2nd Aug – Chieveley (H) 1:30pm
Sun 9th Aug – Twyford & Ruscombe (A)
1:30pm
Sun 16th Aug – Binfield (H) 1pm
Sun 23rd Aug – Mandem (H) 1:30pm
Sun 6th Sept – BBC Caversham (H) 1pm



Chaddleworth Community Plan: Handing Over the Reins

Working Groups Step Up to Lead the Next Chapter

Over the last few months, the Chaddleworth Community Plan has moved from planning into action. Detailed briefings covering the ideas and priorities raised through last year's survey have now been handed over to the Chaddleworth Parish Council, Chaddleworth Entertainments, and the Village Hall committee, so each can assess and take the lead on the items that fall within their remit over the coming years. Several items in the Plan will need new working groups set up to support them, and we'll need more volunteers to make this happen. If you were one of the 73% of the village who told us in the survey that you'd volunteer to help out on certain tasks and items, please watch this space - the pace of progress will be determined by the amount of help put in.

Already Making a Difference

A number of items from the Plan have already moved from idea to reality. Seed funding held in the Community Plan budget has been used to help start up the village yoga club and has also covered the initial outlay for a new defibrillator at Chaddleworth Cricket Club – both practical, visible steps that came directly out of resident feedback.

A Welcome Pack for New Residents

Karen Hoar and Martyn Lisby have been busy putting together a new village welcome

pack for residents moving to Chaddleworth. It's now in its final review stage ahead of being road-tested with real new arrivals. The project was given a head start by an earlier pack shared by a resident who moved here ten years ago and have used it as a reference all this time. We hope the refreshed version will give newcomers everything they need to know about what is available in and around the village.

20mph Speed Limit: What We Need Next

The village's speed limit was discussed at the Chaddleworth Parish Council meeting in early July, along with the process for getting 20mph agreed with West Berkshire Council. Our local councillor, Clive Hooker, attended and set out two things WBC will be looking for: strong support from the village, which we've already quantified through the Community Plan survey, and hard data on the volume and speed of vehicles through different parts of the village. Chaddleworth Parish Council will now coordinate collecting that data, but we'll need volunteers to help.

Looking Ahead

The Community Plan is now a standing item on every Parish Council meeting agenda, keeping focus on the higher-priority items the Parish Council will own from the report. With the other briefings in the hands of the groups best placed to act on them, the coming years will be about steady delivery – turning the Plan's priorities into more projects like these.

Want to Get Involved?

If you'd like to help the Chaddleworth Parish Council, Chaddleworth Entertainments, or the Village Hall take these ideas forward – including collecting traffic data for the 20mph proposal – get in touch with the Community Plan Steering Group.

**For more information or to get involved,
contact the Community Plan Steering
Group at: chaddleworthplan@gmail.com**



West Downland Benefice

The Church of England in Brightwalton & Catmore
Chaddleworth, Fawley, Great Sheffield & Sheffield
Woodlands, Leckhampstead and Welford & Wickham.

St Andrew's Church, Chaddleworth

part of the West Downland Benefice

Dear Friends,

What a whirlwind this past month has been across the Benefice.

The last week we have been bust wishing the year 6 leavers well as they prepare to move on to secondary school. Our prayers are with them and our dedicated teachers across our schools.

We have been rejoicing with a number of families sharing the baptism of 5 children across our churches.

Not forgetting the joyful occasion on the Saturday 27th June, where our Rev Matt was ordained as a priest at a service in Reading Minster.

Next month sees a flurry of wedding throughout our churches with 7 couples choosing to marry in the Benefice.

God is doing great things in and around the West Downland Benefice.

A reminder that the Sundry service rota can be found on the website. www.westdownland.co.uk we hope to see you over the Summer

With love and prayers, **The Benefice team**

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office@westdownland.co.uk

Telephone **07954 117093**



Afternoon Tea & Prosecco

- 3:00 – 5:00pm
- Saturday 15th August 2026
- St James Church, Leckhampstead
- £15 per person inc. glass of prosecco!
- Tickets include sandwiches, cakes, scones & tea
- Supporting St James Church & The Dogs Trust
- Use the QR code or call Michelle on 07792 117384 to book tickets



www.stjamespcc.com



Chaddleshworth and Shefford Schools PTFA

(Registered Charity 1190914)

Thanks to everyone for their unwavering support with our events.

The Schools' Summer Fete was a great success and the Cotswold Water Park whole school trip was fully funded by the PTFA.

C&S PTFA



Great Shefford

Under Fives

(Registered Charity 1033744)



We are now at the end of term and looking forward to a rest over the summer.

The summer term has been busy with lots of teacher visits, a trip to Bucklebury Farm Park, visits from Rev. Mike to play his guitar and Rev. Matt to read a story, meeting the pigs and paddling in the river to manage the heat!

Thanks to the support of the Saunders Wynn & Coventry Educational Foundation we have been able to buy a new water tray which the children love!

We also welcomed a visit from the Newbury Agricultural Society Education Officer to explain how milk gets from farm to fridge and we all had a go at milking Buttercup

Our last day of term was the Sports morning which has been brought to an earlier start at the park to avoid the midday sun. The children received the medals they made, plus a leaver's book.

Fourteen children are leaving us to go to Shefford, Brightwalton, Welford, Kintbury, Chilton Foliat and Wantage schools. We will be sad to see them go but know that they are excited for their next adventure.

We do have Pre-School spaces in September so if you would like to know a little more about what we can offer your pre-school child, please do get in touch or look at our website.

We wish everyone a safe and fun summer break.

Best wishes, **Denise Herrington**

www.greatsheffordunderfives.co.uk



Chaddleworth St Andrew's and Shefford C.E.

Federated Primary Schools



As we come to the end of this academic year we realise just how busy it has been!

Every one of our school staff has been committed to providing our children with care, support and guidance to help our children reach their potential and be their best selves. Our children have embraced the wide offer of opportunities, and challenges, available to them. We are also so grateful for our wonderful families and supportive community who have been with us every step of the way.

Our Christian Values of Community, Compassion, Courage, Trust, Perseverance and Thankfulness have guided us through the year. With our daily worship opportunities supporting our understanding of how the values can be lived by us all- from Bible stories to picture books, celebration events and house meetings.



The Christian Values tree display in school is now bursting with colour representing the celebration and recognition of the values being lived in our daily lives.

Wishing everyone a super summer with plenty of smiles,

**Ms Munday,
Headteacher**

www.csfschools.org

Whole School Trip

What a wonderful way to bring the school year to a close! Everyone enjoyed a day out together at Cotswold Water Park and Beach, with many thanks again to our PTFA for funding the whole trip through their fundraising events. The weather was kind to us, the water was warm and everyone had fun with their friends!



Leaver's Service

It was a very special service at St Mary's Church. The whole school, our families and school friends gathered together to bring our school year to a close.

We shared our good wishes and good-byes with our year 6 children moving on to their secondary school adventures and with the staff and children leaving our school.

We wish our year 6 children the best of luck in their continued education, with the hope that their Primary School foundations provide a solid base for them to grow into their best selves.





CHADFEST WEEKEND BRINGING THE VILLAGE TOGETHER!

What a fantastic ChadFest weekend! We'd love to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who came along, volunteered and performed. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces from around the village with friends, neighbours, and visitors coming together to make it such a memorable weekend!

The celebrations got underway on Friday with an Open Mic night, hosted by the brilliant Sion Whiley. It was a wonderfully relaxed way to kick off the weekend with talented local musicians taking to the stage!

Saturday saw the return of our much-loved Village Fete, and what a day it was! The weather was kind to us, and the field was buzzing from start to finish. Ice creams, burgers, and of course a few well-earned beers were enjoyed throughout the day while everyone enjoyed browsing the stalls,



trying their luck on the raffle and cheering on the entrants in the Rosie's Pet Care Fun Dog Show.

One of our highlights was seeing our very own Rev Mike take his turn in the stocks! Thanks to everyone who paid for the privilege of soaking him – he took it all in great spirits and proved once again what a fantastic sport he is!

As the sun went down, the celebrations continued into the evening with superb live performances from The Station and The Precious Lies, who kept everyone entertained before moving into a Silent Disco. It was the perfect way to round off a brilliant Saturday, with some very questionable dance moves!

Sunday provided the perfect opportunity for a wind down after a busy Saturday! Rev Mike led a well-attended open-air service, offering a peaceful and reflective end to what had been a fantastic few days of that amazing Chaddleworth spirit!

Events like ChadFest simply wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of our volunteers. Thank you for making the weekend such a success!



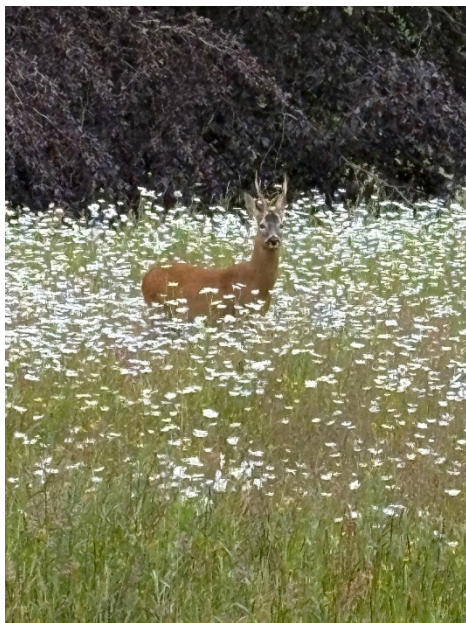


OPEN GARDENS – A BLOOMING SUCCESS!

The Chaddleworth Open Gardens showcased a fantastic selection of beautiful gardens around the village, each one unique and lovingly cared for. There were many compliments on the variety of gardens there was on offer to look around!



The biggest thank you goes to the wonderful garden owners, who so generously opened their gates and welcomed everyone into their private spaces. Preparing a garden takes an enormous amount of time and effort, and we are incredibly grateful. A special mention goes to everyone else who supported on the day in other ways, such as the driver of the minibus, and those who took the time to bake delicious cakes (which were as popular as ever).



Please keep your eyes peeled as we will be looking to organise some events across autumn and winter! If you would like to get involved in organising these events, or have a fantastic idea, please get in touch with Tish on 07795840489.



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www.theibexinn.com



WHAT'S COMING UP

SAVE THE DATES



IBEX FESTIVAL

Live Music, BBQ, Kid's Disco, Karaoke. It's going to be epic!

1

Aug



BINGO NIGHT

Eyes down from 5pm. Cash and prize rounds!

16

Aug



FISH & CHIPS

With an amstel or small house wine... ONLY £20

20

Aug



QUIZ NIGHT

Grab your team and put your knowledge to the test!

8

Sept



DINNER & DANCE

3 courses for only £20. Live music, and a guaranteed boogie!

26

Sept



Chaddleworth Village Hall

(Registered Charity 1055503)

www.chaddleworthhall.org.uk

Recent activity at the Hall includes the Fete, Open Gardens parking, Downland Benefice support, a lovely booking for a senior dance and wonderful be able to also support children's exam dance preparation. There has also been a table games day, the school leavers party, the Radio guys BBQ and a number of other private hires. Thank you for making good use of the Hall.



The Chaddleworth 100 Club latest lucky winners are:

For June are number 72, **Kirsty Edge** and number 14, **Tish Slade** – each winning **£40**.

For July number 71, **Susan Hida-Slade** and number 46, **Judy Kelley** – each winning **£40** too.

**THANK YOU to all the
80 current members.**

The 100 club has recently supported a new baby changer table and sign, a new Henry vacuum and replacement lights. The Hall would especially like to say **thank you** to Kevin Macnammara for installing the baby changer table.

Please consider joining or rejoining...

This is a really good way of supporting OUR Village Hall which has been around for well over 100 years and as you can imagine needs constant on-going maintenance.

The Village Hall Committee have a programme of improvements in the coming year that need financing, and the 100 Club supports these.

If you would like to utilise the Hall, become a trustee or assist with the care and maintenance of it, please contact us via ChaddleworthHall@gmail.com

How do I join the 100 Club?

Here's what you do if you "internet bank", set up a standing order for £2 per month (one number) or £24 a year. Payable to:

Recipient: **Chaddleworth Village Hall**

Sort Code: **23-05-80**

Account No: **56083967**

(which is a Business Bank Account with Metro Bank)

Alternatively, by cheque or cash is fine.

Contact us on **07827 309401**

or chaddleworthhall@gmail.com to get your allocated lucky number!

**PLEASE NOTE: NEW BANK DETAILS
AND EMAIL ADDRESS**



meeting are published on the Chaddleworth Parish Website.

The Parish Council website and email are:
www.ChaddleworthParish.gov.uk
clerk@ChaddleworthParish.gov.uk

The regular **Downlands Ward Councillor's Report** is available via West Berkshire:
www.westberks.gov.uk/downlandsparishcouncilreport
Kind regards, **Councillor Clive Hooker**

Chaddleworth Parish Council

Chaddleworth Parish Council meets every other month with the next regular meeting on **Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7:30pm in Chaddleworth Village Hall**, all welcome.

The latest Chaddleworth Parish Council Annual Meeting covered:

- an update from Ward Member Cllr. C. Hooker,
- review of the latest statement of accounts, budget vs expenditure for the current 26/27 financial year,
- a report from the Annual Parish Meeting,
- response from Sporting Clays,
- a letter from the Downland Practice,
- approval of the grant application from Chaddleworth Crick Club,
- agenda items received regarding incidences of aggressive dog behaviour and children under the age of 14 riding e-cycles,
- village safety and speed limit,
- reports from the Fete and Open Gardens,
- and several other items.

The meetings are public and parishioners are welcome to attend. Minutes of each

Saunders Wynn and Coventry Educational Foundation

(Registered Charity 269215)

The three named benefactors set up the Trust to offer financial help to further the educational needs of the children and students (up to the age of 25) of the Parish of Chaddleworth. The Trustees meet four times a year with the next meeting scheduled for **August 2026** to consider applications including any relating to the additional costs of home-schooling and remote study for students.

Previous contributions have been made towards the cost of school uniforms, books for university courses, music lessons, specific equipment and kit for courses, and residential activities. If you wish to apply for funds please contact the Foundation's Clerk, **Heather Murphy**, Tower Hill Cottage, Botmoor Way, Chaddleworth RG20 7EU or email botmoorway@gmail.com for an application form. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence. Any applications received after this scheduled meeting will still be considered for awards by the Trustees but there may be a delay before awards are made.

Chaddleworth Bakers Trust

(Registered Charity 204875)

The Trustees recognise that energy bills have dramatically increased and are set to go up again in the autumn. All applications are always treated with the utmost confidentiality. If anyone is having difficulty in paying their bills and or are in 'fuel poverty' (spending 10% or more of their income on energy) they are urged to contact the Bakers Trust via the Parish Clerk on:

Clerk@ChaddleworthParish.gov.uk

Welford Park

Welford Park opens its gates for special events throughout the year. Events in August include picnic performances of Twelfth Night and The (Almost) Complete History of Britain as well as outdoor cinema nights too.

Visit www.welfordpark.co.uk/events/ for information, book tickets and subscribe to the mailing list to keep up to date.

t: 01488 608 691

e: contact@welfordpark.co.uk



Have you got good taste?

At June's meeting our lovely President Adrienne and Vice President Mary-Ann compiled a fiendish food quiz for us to puzzle over.



In spite of the soaring temperatures we tasted, smelt, nibbled, solved anagrams and had a go at trying to identify some very unusual pastas, scents and spices. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, rounded off by a very tasty tea and the monthly competition of 'Best Bloom' which this month were again fragrant and spectacular.

Our upcoming talks at 2.30pm :

12th	Aug	- My Life as a Tiller Girl
9th	Sept	- TBA
14th	Oct	- Rock of Ages

You are most welcome to come along to a talk (£4 entry for visitors) or to join us as a member. A very warm welcome from ladies of ALL ages awaits together with a delicious homemade tea!

Contact: **Adrienne Wright**
077887 80907
aawright@btopenworld.com
or Mary-Ann Brown
07966 361648

Next meeting: 2.30pm
12th August - Leckhampstead Hall

Louise Weston



Leckhampstead Village Hall

**EXTRA! EXTRA! BERKSHIRE
VILLAGE VANISHES!**

**ALIENS INVADE LECKHAMPSTEAD...
AND THE RESISTANCE NEEDS YOU!**

Leckhampstead has disappeared.

A mysterious alien forcefield has sealed the village from the outside world. Roads end in nothing. Friends and family can't get in. No one can get out. To the rest of Britain, the village has simply vanished.

Katrina Lyons only returned home for a quiet weekend to visit her parents. Instead, she finds herself trapped under alien occupation in the very village where she grew up.

Determined not to surrender, Katrina joins forces with Lucy Alexander, a fearless (if slightly unconventional) 16 year old, and together they form a resistance to fight back against their extraterrestrial invaders.

Will courage, quick thinking and village spirit be enough to defeat an alien army? There's only one way to find out...

Be Part of the Production!

We're looking for budding actors of all ages. Whether you've trodden the boards before or have never acted in your life, we'd love to hear from you.

Prefer to stay behind the scenes? We're also recruiting volunteers to create the magic with sound effects, audio production and technical support. From the hum of an alien forcefield to the

footsteps of the resistance, you'll help transport listeners into another world.

And guiding the whole adventure is our very own Mr Muddle, Nick Saunders, who will be directing the production. If you've seen his imagination and energy in action, you'll know you're in for something special!

No experience is needed, just enthusiasm, imagination and a willingness to have fun.

The aliens have landed. The resistance is recruiting.

Will you answer the call?

leckvhberks@gmail.com

Jacqui Arnold 07885 493323

Jacqui Arnold, Co-chair

SATURDAY
Mini-Market
COFFEE MORNINGS

AT LECKHAMPSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

♥ 10.00-12.00AM ♥

- ♥ SATURDAY 15 AUGUST
- ♥ SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER
- ♥ SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
- ♥ SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER
- ♥ SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER

Come along to browse our stalls.
Drink coffee, eat bacon butties
or eat cake!

≡ All welcome! ≡

If you would like a stall, please contact Helen on
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West Berkshire Council

Government confirms new Ridgeway Council in landmark decision for West Berkshire

West Berkshire Council welcomes an announcement today that a new Ridgeway Council will be formed from April 2028.

The new council will bring together West Berkshire along with most of the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse districts in one new unitary authority - delivering better services and value for money for residents. It's part of a wider programme of reorganisation across Oxfordshire and West Berkshire which will see seven existing councils replaced by three new unitary councils from 1 April 2028.

The new councils will be:

- **Ridgeway Council** – covering West Berkshire and most of the existing South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse districts.
- **Northern Oxfordshire Council** – covering most of the existing Cherwell and West Oxfordshire districts.
- **Greater Oxford Council** – covering Oxford and its immediate surroundings.

West Berkshire Council has consistently supported the creation of a Ridgeway

Council and has worked closely with South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse to develop the proposal. The council believes the decision will create a stronger, more resilient authority that is better placed to protect and improve local services, attract investment and meet the challenges of the future.

The proposal was shaped through extensive engagement with residents, businesses and local stakeholders. Throughout that process, West Berkshire Council argued that a Ridgeway Council would bring together communities with strong existing links while creating a council with the scale, capacity and resilience needed to deliver excellent public services for generations to come.

A joint proposal for Ridgeway Council and Northern Oxfordshire councils (including Oxford City) was submitted by West Berkshire, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse, Cherwell and West Oxfordshire councils and was one of three proposals submitted.

The government has instead opted for a three-council model of reorganisation, keeping an expanded Oxford City council separate rather than a part of a Northern Oxfordshire Council. While it means a slightly smaller geographical footprint for Ridgeway Council, it will nevertheless create a stronger, more resilient council that is better placed to protect and improve local services, attract investment and meet the challenges of the future.

No changes to the border with Reading were proposed - a move welcomed by West Berkshire Council following a campaign by Reading Borough Council to move three Tilehurst wards out of West Berkshire and under its control.



MenB vaccine: could your child or teenager be eligible?

The MenB vaccine helps protect against serious illnesses caused by meningococcal group B bacteria, including meningitis, sepsis and blood poisoning. It is routinely offered to babies at 8 weeks, 12 weeks and one year old as part of the NHS vaccination programme.

Until March 2027, the vaccine is also available to some young people, including those born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008, and students starting university or certain further education colleges for the first time in autumn 2026 who will be living in student accommodation.

If your child has missed a MenB vaccination, contact your GP surgery, as they may still be able to receive it.

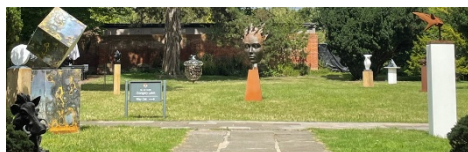
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What's On

Shaw House | West Berkshire Museum | Local Heritage

Open air sculpture exhibition



The Orangery Lawn at Shaw House will be transformed into an open-air sculpture

exhibition where you can discover artworks by acclaimed sculptors in the grounds of this lovely historic setting.

For more information about the exhibiting artists, please visit:

www.alteredstatessculptures.co.uk

Shaw House | Every day, Saturday 1 August – Sunday 27 September | 11am – 4pm | Free

Lumos Live



Join Lumos Live for an enchanting candlelight experience with classic sounds performed by a string trio in the historic grounds of Shaw House.

Visit our pop-up bar and outside caterers, then sit back to enjoy an evening under the stars.

Shaw House | Saturday 15 August | Gates open 7pm, performance starts 8pm

A Royal Picnic



Pack up your favourite treats and join us for a Royal Picnic!

Starting with a live show of singing and dancing, you will then be able to meet and have photographs with the magical princesses and characters whilst enjoying your picnic outside.

Sessions will last approximately 90 minutes including a 30-minute show.

Shaw House | Sunday 16 August | 10.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm

Responsible Dog Ownership in Our Community

Dogs are a much-loved part of village life, bringing companionship, exercise, and enjoyment to many households. However, with dog ownership comes responsibility, not just to your pet, but to everyone who shares our community.

One of the most important duties of any dog owner is keeping their dog under control at all times. In the UK, it is an offence for a dog to be "dangerously out of control," which includes situations where a dog causes someone to feel frightened or threatened, even if no injury occurs.

In practice, this means making sure your dog responds to commands, stays close to you, and is put on a lead where necessary, particularly around roads, livestock, wildlife, or when approaching other people.

It is important to respect that not everyone feels comfortable around dogs. While many people enjoy greeting a friendly dog, others may be anxious, have allergies, or simply prefer not to interact. Letting a dog run up to someone uninvited, even if friendly, can cause distress and may be perceived as intimidating. Responsible owners should always keep their dog close and only allow interaction with others when invited.

Equally, it is important to remember that not every dog wants to be approached. Some dogs may be nervous, in training, elderly, or recovering from illness or injury. Allowing your dog to greet every dog it sees can lead to unwanted interactions or even conflict. If another dog is on a lead, or the owner is creating space, this is often a clear signal that their dog needs distance. In these

situations, calling your dog back and keeping it under close control is essential to avoid causing stress or potential incidents.

Cleaning up after your dog is also a key responsibility of ownership. Dog fouling is unpleasant, can pose health risks, and has a negative impact on the community. It is important to carry dog waste bags and dispose of such waste responsibly, using public bins or taking it home if needed.

Simple actions go a long way in maintaining a pleasant environment for all:

- ✓ Keep your dog under control and on a lead where required
- ✓ Do not allow your dog to approach people or dogs without permission
- ✓ Always clean up after your dog
- ✓ Be mindful of signage and local restrictions, such as areas where dogs must be on leads

Being a responsible dog owner helps keep the village safe, clean, and welcoming to ensure dogs remain a positive part of our community.

Need to get in touch?

If you've lost or found a dog, witnessed dangerous dog behaviour, or want to report dog fouling, please visit the PPP webpage for the latest advice and contact details using the QR code or visit

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