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| OXFORD WATERSIDE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER No.84 May 2024 |

***JOIN ME IN THE SQUARE ON SATURDAY 8TH JUNE***

*This is my last Newsletter - in June I am standing down as Chair after 10 very enjoyable years. We have seen many people come and go, and the warm welcome we give to all who choose to live here makes this a very special place. I hope that the Residents Association continues to thrive, but sadly without more of you joining the Committee and supporting our activities you may not have much ‘glue’ to bind us. We are all busy, but many hands make light work!*

*Thank you all for the fun we have had together, I am not moving, just standing aside for others to develop their ideas … so don’t be a stranger.*

**Kay**

**Dates for your diary 2024**

**Waterside drop-in sessions**

June -July 10:30 in Merrivale Square on the 1st of each month where RA and Management Board members will attend when available:

**Kay’s Farewell Picnic Lunch from 12 midday Saturday 8th June**

Please put this in your diary, we need help to set up from 10am and to put away.

**Bring interesting food & drink to share & seats & games for the kids**, volunteers are needed to make it run smoothly.

**Traffic Filters and You – see enclosed leaflet**

Oxford County Council will be implementing a traffic control scheme this Autumn that is intended to reduce traffic in Oxford and increase speed of public transport, a key issue as house building on the outskirts of Oxford intensifies traffic.

All Waterside residents with a car will be impacted and you are advised to look up the detail on [www.oxfordtrafficfilters.co.uk](http://www.oxfordtrafficfilters.co.uk) and the Oxford County Council website, where maps of the location of the 6 filters are shown. Key ones for us are on the approaches to Frideswide Square & St Cross Road 7am to 7pm Mon-Sun and Marston Ferry Road in morning and evening rush hour Mon-Sat.

To drive through Oxford centre your car must be registered with the Council. ANPR will operate to record your used passes. You will get 100 day passes per annum per person per vehicle, max 3 cars per household (must be different owners on the V5C). After all passes are used or unregistered cars pass through a ‘Technical Filter’ they will be charged £35 (£70 if late paying).

There are many exemptions – check out the websites!

Contact us in person or on [**owra.owmc@gmail.com**](mailto:owra.owmc@gmail.com)

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**Oxford Waterside Management Company**

**Electrifying News for ALL Waterside householders**

**You can Help by Completing the Online Questionnaire**

We have just had the wonderful news that our application to the Community Energy Fund for £34,100 has been accepted. (Woohoo! Much thanks to Jonathan Finnerty for making this application.) This money has been given to the whole Waterside Estate towards the cost of a feasibility study designed to make all our homes more energy efficient and cheaper to run. The first thing we need to do is some careful energy research on a sample of houses on Waterside that will allow us to better understandour Estate’s current and future electricity consumption patterns. We can then plan the next steps in the project that will propose the installation of low carbon technologies and help inform the grid authorities the forecast electricity consumption profile they can expect in the future

An online questionnaire exclusive to all

Waterside Shareholders and Residents will be shortly made available.

It should only take you about fifteen minutes.

Please follow the link to more information on the project and complete the questionnaire by the end of May when the survey will close. Thank you!

Any Further Enquiries to Jonathan Finnerty or Caro Fickling

c/o Oxford Waterside Management Committee

Email :jonathan… /Caro@carofickling.co.uk

**Dog Fouling in Merrivale Square**

This continues to be a nuisance for users and gardeners and must stop. If it continues the Board may ban all dogs to ensure a hygienic environment for all.

**Bike Cull**

There appear to be many bikes abandoned on our bike racks, using up valuable space. Tags will shortly be put on all bikes that appear abandoned, and if not claimed within a specified timeframe will be removed.

**Breckon & Breckon online portal**

The management board have agreed to join our managing agent’s web portal (Dwellant) to improve communication on all estate matters. More info will follow.