

WEST HENDRED

March 2026 ***NEWSLETTER***

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 Mar 2026**

IMPORTANT! Please can we ask that, if you know of any neighbours who may not have access to the internet, you print a copy off for them and pop it through their door. Thank you.

Parish Council Minutes

To find the most recent and past Parish Council meeting minutes please follow the link below:

<https://www.westhendred.org/parish-council/meeting-minutes/>

West Hendred 417 Crossing

From Councillor Jane Hanna we have heard the good news (finally)! This is to confirm that the scheme is fully programmed and will commence on 16th March 2026, with the works expected to run for approximately 10 weeks. During this period, the contractor will deliver all civil engineering, electrical installations, and reinstatement required to complete the new signal-controlled crossing. Letters are being prepared to send out to residents.

West Hendred Parish Council

District Councillor Update: Cllr Sarah James (Hendreds Ward). You are welcome to contact me by phone or WhatsApp on 07811 085661 or by emailing

Sarah.James1@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Bin Collection News: Vale residents will be keeping one bin for mixed recycling. Lots of areas are introducing separate bins for different types of recycling, but Vale has confirmed it will be sticking with one. Brown bin permits run out on

31/03/2026 - buy your 2026/27 Garden Waste permit at

<https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/garden-waste-permit/>

or phone 01235 422422.

Greens get more money to help

disabled residents this year- This year

I proposed an extra £22,500 in Vale's Council budget this year so that the council can get more Disabled Facilities Grant awarded to help residents. The Council has a £2m underspend for these grants from previous years. This money was of no benefit to residents because the Council couldn't process enough grant applications. I'm so pleased that this amendment was accepted and we will be able to get this money out to residents who need it. Disabled Facilities Grants help people to adapt their homes for health reasons. You can find out more from this online leaflet -

<https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/app/uploads/sites/2/2025/03/home-adaptations-leaflet.pdf>

Cost of Living Help:

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/cost-of-living-crisis-advice-and-support/>

Tel: 01235 422600 - Email:

communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Need help with energy bills? Better Housing Better Health is a free service for Oxfordshire residents to help you keep warm and save money on energy bills -

<https://www.bhbh.org.uk/>

or 0800 107 0044.

Introducing White Horse Reservoir

Thanks to everyone who took part in the recent statutory consultation on our proposed new reservoir. We're grateful to everyone who shared their views and the feedback received. In January 2026, we were pleased to introduce the project's new name: White Horse Reservoir. Construction is expected to create around 1,800 jobs, with roles during and after the build spanning careers such as ecologists, engineers, archaeologists, electricians, park rangers and sailing instructors. To stay updated on our progress, please visit thames-sro.co.uk/whitehorsereservoir

Grove & Wantage Extravaganza

returns on Saturday 13th June 2026, from 12pm to 10pm as a collaboration between The Ray Collins Charitable Trust and Grove Rugby Club. It brings together two pillars of the local community to deliver the biggest and most inclusive family event in the area featuring live music, arena displays, children's entertainment, community group showcases, fairground, inflatables, craft stalls, and a wide range of food and drink vendors. It aims to strengthen community spirit, support local families, and raise vital funds for those in need across OX12.

It marks a new chapter for the event, combining the Trust's long-standing commitment to supporting vulnerable residents with the Rugby Club's deep roots in local sport, youth development, and community engagement. The

partnership is also supported by Grove Parish Council and Wantage Town Council, ensuring the event remains safe, accessible, and welcoming for all. Proceeds from the Extravaganza will support the Trust's work providing emergency food, essential household items, mobility equipment, wellbeing support, and community events for residents across Grove and Wantage. Local businesses, performers, charities, and community groups are invited to take part, host stalls, or volunteer on the day. Stallholder and sponsorship opportunities are now open.

<http://www.raycollintrust.org>

Abingdon Quilting Exhibition

Display of quilts made by local quilt groups.

Drayton Village Hall OX14 4LF

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th April 10-4pm in aid of Flexicare and Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

Raffle – Bed & Lap Quilts, three nights in a Derbyshire holiday cottage and other great prizes.

Tombola and Sales Tables.

Trader – Masons of Abingdon – both days. Linus Competition Quilts

Refreshments. Entry £5, under-16s free.

Cash & cheques only; cards accepted by Trader only

The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25th March. Please email to newsletter@westhendred.net

Events at the Village Hall

All hall **enquiries/bookings** should be made via email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net or www.westhendred.net

Save the date, The West Hendred Beer Festival will be 19th and 20th June 2026

We look forward to welcoming you all back for a fantastic weekend! The Beer Festival Team

Dog training classes at West Hendred Village Hall

Class times:

Tuesdays and Fridays 18:30-19:30 training foundations

Mondays 6.30-7.30 graded classes

Tuesdays and Fridays 17.15-18.15 graded classes.

Graded classes are suitable for dogs who have completed their training foundations.

Suitable for puppies and dogs (of all ages) once fully vaccinated.

Bespoke training classes to tackle all of your training issues. We work on recall, loose lead walking and much much more.

Come and train your dog with us, make new friends and have fun.

Please message Kriss on 07809 283700 or email admin@krissyscanines.co.uk to book.

New Flowing Flamingo Yoga class kicking off 5th February 2026 6:15pm

Stretch & Reset Yoga.

A feel good class designed to help you move more freely, feel more comfortable in your body, and properly unwind. Each class begins with gentle yoga conditioning focused on mobility, flexibility and functional movement. We'll use stretching and simple, supportive exercises - plus props like blocks, straps and resistance bands - to help condition your joints and muscles for everyday life and build a sense of strength and confidence in how you move. Then we slow things right down with restorative yoga. Expect cosy, supported poses, calm breathing and deep rest to help soothe your nervous system, release tension and leave you feeling reset after a busy day.

Friendly, welcoming and accessible; no experience needed. Perfect if you're feeling stiff, tired or just need some you-time

Booking: www.flowingflamingo.com/book-a-class

Springline Singers Thursdays 7.30-9.30pm

Springline Singers, your community choir, welcomes anyone who loves to sing.

We sing a range of music from pop to folk, spirituals to classical.

Come and join us at West Hendred Village Hall on Thursdays at 7:30-9:30pm.

West Hendred Stitchers - SECOND & FOURTH Tuesdays in the month 10am to 4pm

Any craft. We are a self-help group i.e. we help each other & share our knowledge. We have a lovely light hall with easy access. Coffee & tea provided. Please bring your own lunch. You are welcome to visit. Call me, Jane Soffe, for details on 07455076584

YOGA at West Hendred Village Hall

Gentle / Chair Yoga

Tuesdays 10 – 11 am (on Zoom); Wednesdays 10 – 11am

Hatha Yoga

Wednesdays 4.30 – 5.45pm. Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45 am

Please contact me for further information on 01235 863647 or linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk Not sure if yoga is for you? Contact me and arrange for a free trial lesson.

Linda Davey – British Wheel of Yoga Teacher and Yoga Therapist / Yoga in Healthcare Alliance

Village Hall Contacts: Hugh Rees (Chair) 01235-833174 / 07802-416031, Stefan Povolotsky 07460-727374



**FOR OVER 150 YEARS, EAST HENDRED
HAS BEEN HOME
TO A VIBRANT SPORTS & LEISURE CLUB.**

HELP EXPERTISE NEEDED TO SUPPORT OUR REDEVELOPMENT

We are progressing our ambitious redevelopment plan—an investment in the future of sport & community activity and are now preparing the detailed planning application. Several specialist technical inputs are required to meet the requirements

To keep this project viable, we are reaching out to our membership and wider community to ask whether anyone can offer pro bono or reduced-rate professional support in any of the areas listed below.

- Landscape Design & Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)
- Highways Transport Statement, tracking assessment
- Ecology & Biodiversity Net Gain Surveys and BNG calculations
- Planning Consultancy
- MEP Design
- Flood Risk Assessment, surface water and foul water drainage strategies, soakage testing
- Structural Engineering

If you, your organisation, or someone you know has relevant expertise in any of these fields—and would be willing to contribute pro bono or at a reduced rate—we would be incredibly grateful to hear from you.

This redevelopment is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to secure modern, accessible, and sustainable facilities for our community. Member support has always been at the heart of the Club's progress, and your help now could make a lasting impact.

Please contact us at Duncan.shearman@btinternet.com if you can assist or would like to discuss what's involved.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Hendred Sports Club.

The Trustees - Hendred Sports Club CIO