



# Town Crier



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# County Hall Museum

## Upcoming Exhibitions and Events

### ATOM FESTIVAL - YouTube Workshop at the Museum

Saturday, 14th March, 10:30am-3:30pm

Find out how to develop your own YouTube channel.

Meet the scientists who produce their own programmes and use the web as a platform to interact worldwide with like minds, sharing theories and stories. There will be live discussions and activities being transmitted through the web... get connected and learn the pathway.

Suitable for all ages.



### ATOM FESTIVAL Event - Ice Age Workshop

Saturday, 21st March, 10:30am-3:30pm

Look into the past with an expert in Geology. The Earth contains secrets of a lost time when giant animals roamed fresh pastures and small groups of humans hunters and gatherers for their survival. What was it like, was everything cold and covered in ice? You might be surprised... Please join us to find out more.

Suitable for all ages.

Location: Session Gallery, Abingdon Museum



Admission: Free  
(donations welcome)

Type: Drop-in Session  
no need to book!

Please note the sessions gallery is located on the museum's first floor up 37 steps and is not lift accessible  
The Basement is wheelchair accessible via lift from street level

## ....What's on



### Abingdon Treasures

4th April to 28th June  
2020

Explore with HapticART the many and varied treasures of Abingdon Museum. This group of textile and mixed media artists have taken Inspiration from the history, colour, pattern, style and form of

artefacts in the museum's collection. Each artist has interpreted their chosen source in their own unique style to create a link with history and bring a new perspective to how we view these

Don't forget to visit the Mouse Hole Café if you're in the museum or in town!

Located in the basement serving lunches, drinks and local cakes with a new Vegan Menu!

The  
**Mouse**  
Hole Café



Make sure you like and follow the Mousehole café and Abingdon Museum on Social Media for the latest news!





Along with all the latest box office hits the Abbey Cinema has a variety of different screenings including weekly Parent & Baby showings, weekly Silver Screenings and monthly relaxed Screenings.

## Parent & Baby Showings at The Abbey

The Abbey Cinema holds special screenings for mums and dads with babies and toddlers to enjoy one of the latest films with no worries about causing a disturbance during the film. The atmosphere will be adjusted to suit small children including softer lighting and a quieter soundtrack to sooth your child. There is a ramp straight up to the entrance, where you will be greeted by friendly staff who will be able to help you with your pushchair.



## Silver Screenings

Did you know about the weekly Silver Screen performances? All the newest films during the day with reduced prices for over 63-year-olds.

## Relaxed screening

These monthly screenings are designed specially for those with dementia as well as autism and other SEN. Lighting and sound will be kept at an appropriate level, and friendly staff will be on hand.

For the latest programme of films and to book your tickets visit  
**[www.theabbey.ac](http://www.theabbey.ac)**

# Markets in Abingdon

Abingdon-on-Thames is a market town that still enjoys the unique atmosphere of a lively market. As well as the many community events and stalls that pop up here on a regular basis, there are markets, farmers' markets and craft fairs on a weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual cycle.



## Farmers Market

The Thames Valley Farmers' Market visits Abingdon Market Place on the third Friday of each month. This friendly market gives shoppers the opportunity to sample and buy fresh produce from the local area while meeting local farmers, growers and producers.

## Monday Market

By Royal Charter, Monday is the town's traditional market day with a wide variety of good quality produce and goods available weekly. This is one of the oldest markets in England and one of the busiest. This market takes place every Monday from 8.00am to 3.00pm in the Market Place



## Excellence Market

Local Excellence is a market at which local food producers, craft workers and retailers sell their goods in Abingdon Market Place. The Local Excellence Market gives Abingdon shoppers the chance to sample foods, beers and crafts from Oxfordshire and the nearest counties.

2020 dates for the Excellence Market:

Saturday 29th February 2020  
Saturday 30th May 2020  
Saturday 29th August 2020  
Saturday 31st October 2020

If you would like to use the Market Place for an event please contact the Town Council at [info@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:info@abingdon.gov.uk) to make a booking well in advance.



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# **Annual Town Meeting**

## **The Royse Room, Guildhall**

### **TUESDAY**

### **10TH MARCH 2020**

### **Commencing at 7:00 pm**

**All residents are cordially invited to attend**

#### **The Neighbourhood Plan**

The town council are looking to lead the development of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the town.

Such a plan will allow more local control over development. We are hoping to see a wide variety of people involved to ensure the process is inclusive.

Hear more about it at the meeting and keep an eye on the Town Council website for more details about future meetings and how you can get involved!

#### **Report from the Town Council**

Reports will be presented by all the council committee chairs regarding their work during the past year .



**This is a time when you can have your say on town matters or any other concerns you might have.**

# Climate Change Action

At its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 the Town Council, in common with many councils both in this country and around the world declared a climate emergency.



Abingdon Town Council will be doing everything it can to limit the negative impacts of Climate Change.

It has committed to become carbon neutral as quickly as possible, and is looking at all its activities to identify how to achieve this goal.

The new Green Scrutiny and Advisory Committee has already taken steps towards a greener future, and is consulting with a number of environmental specialists.

These initiatives are already underway:

- The Council is looking to use recreation and cemetery spaces for 'wild areas' and tree planting and will look into the option of having bus stops with 'wild' space on the top.
- The Council are looking at how to reduce the carbon footprint of its buildings.
- 'Environmental implications' is now included as a factor for consideration within the community grant application process.
- The Council are looking at introducing incentives and competitions to encourage greener living within the community.

Earlier this year Abingdon was awarded Plastic-Free status by Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) becoming the 65th community to receive this award!

## **Working with the Community**

The Town Council has taken important steps to become more environmentally friendly and is now looking to build on this work. A major part of this will be to engage more fully with Abingdon Carbon Cutters, Abingdon Cuts Plastic and other groups in the future and to work more effectively with the community in order to meet the challenges which the Climate Emergency is posing for us and future generations.

With this in mind we have created an email address purely for this. Should you wish to contact the Council regarding the climate emergency please use the email address:

[green@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:green@abingdon.gov.uk)



# Dates for your Diary

## What's on in March

Tuesday 10th March 2020

**Town Meeting**

Saturday 14th March 2020

**ATOM Festival Science Market**



## What's on in April

Friday 10th April 2020

**Good Friday Procession**

Sunday 12th April 2020

**Easter Sunday**

## What's on in May

Sunday 17th May 2020

**Abingdon Air and Country Show**

Saturday 30th May 2020

**Local Excellence Market**

**Commemoration Events for VE Day will take place in May. Please see the website for further details.**



**The Annual Fun and Music in the Park events are taking place on Saturday 6th June 2020.**

**Keep an eye on the website for a ticket release date!**



*For Further information on these and other events please go to the events section on the Abingdon Town Council Website at [www.abingdon.gov.uk](http://www.abingdon.gov.uk)*

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