



Town Crier



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Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council News and Events



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Supporting Abingdon residents

Abingdon Town Council is improving services for local residents in its budget for 2022-23.

They are investing in extra support for young people, play areas and carers. There is also a special budget so that the town can celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Town Council's share of the Council Tax is just 39p a day per Band D property.

Care and support for those who need it most

The Town Council is stepping up support for services for young people, carers and families, which has been particularly important during this time of increased isolation, uncertainty and disrupted education.

- A new youth council for Abingdon is run by young people and giving them real power to decide what they want for their town.
- Funding for the Abingdon Bridge and Damascus Youth Project
- Supporting Be Free Young Carers in their work with children who have the extra load of caring for an immediate family member.
- Funding the Abingdon Carousel Family Centre, which supports parents, young children and babies in the town.

Supporting everyone

The Council continues to support Abingdon Citizens' Advice and is grateful to the volunteers who have done so much over the past few years to help hundreds of people with work, life, social and financial problems.

Improving recreation & play areas

Abingdon's playgrounds and recreation areas are very popular and the Council plans to spend £90,000 to make them even better, investing in equipment for all ages, including exercise equipment for adults.

Making Abingdon safer

The Town Council will pay for speed indicator devices in Abingdon and is also contributing to improved CCTV in the town, with new digital cameras being installed by the district council.



County Hall and the Town Museum within it are funded by the Town Council.

Abingdon Carousel Family Centre

Abingdon Carousel is open and running welcoming drop-in sessions for families with children aged between 0-4 Years. We are based in South Abingdon and offer 4 sessions per week.

They run from 9.30am – 11.00am:

Monday: Bumps and Babies (Non-walkers)

Tuesday: Crawlers and Explorers (Under 2)

Thursday: 0-4 Years Stay & Play

Friday: 0-4 Years Stay & Play

We are a friendly group that provides valuable time for you and your child to make friends and socialise. Please feel free to pop in or, if you have any questions, our telephone number is 01235 526691. We also have regular updates on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/abingdoncarousel.

We look forward to welcoming you to the centre soon.



Supporting Abingdon residents, cont.

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will become the longest serving British monarch this year and Abingdon plans to celebrate in style. Music, comedy, community groups and – of course – a bun throwing are all being planned.

A new community woodland

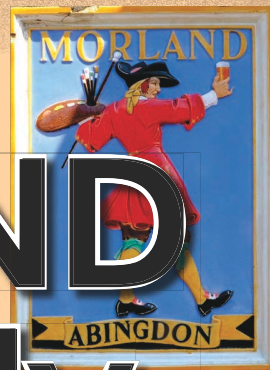
Abingdon will soon have a new community woodland to enjoy and funding has been provided to prepare the site and arrange the planting, working with local volunteers.

A wide range of services for just 39p per day

In total, Abingdon Town Council will deliver a wide range of services for the coming year at a cost to an average Band D household of just 39p a day. Your Council Tax funds: play areas – recreation areas – football pitches – the Ock Valley Walk – the town cemeteries – the historic Guildhall complex – the historic County Hall & Museum – the popular Monday market – grants for community groups

ABINGDON
COUNTY HALL **MUSEUM**

PRESENTS...



MORLAND

'A Family Business'

15TH JANUARY TO
27TH MARCH 2022

The Morland family were involved in many aspects of Abingdon Town life. As prominent solicitors, brewery owners employing many Abingdonians, landlords of a great deal of property and involved in many aspects of civic life, they contributed to the character and development of Britain's oldest town.

The exhibition explores individual members of the family and the history of their brewing empire.

Location: Sessions Gallery, First floor of Museum

Admission: Free

Plan your visit: This gallery is located on the museum's first floor up 37 steps and is not lift accessible.

Follow us on



www.abingdonmuseum.com

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Easter Eggstravaganza



@museumcraftingcrew



Kids Craft: Hop, Skip & Jump Into Spring!

Wednesday 13th & 20th April

10am to 12:00 & 1pm to 3pm

Get crafty during this Easter break with our museum crafting crew! They will be offering a range of fun crafts linked to the Easter period and the return to warmer weather. Drop in session, booking not required.

FREE entry (suggested donation £1 per child).

Location: Museum Basement (this floor is accessible by stairway or lift).

We will be ensuring that only one family group or bubble will be working on each table. We respectfully ask all visitors to wear masks and maintain social distance during your visit for the safety of staff and all visitors.

Exhibition coming soon...
opens 2nd April until 26th June...

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**Life in Abingdon during the
2nd Elizabethan Era**

One Planet Abingdon Climate Emergency Centre

People in the Abingdon area have come together to form One Planet Abingdon Climate Emergency Centre (CEC).

Thanks to the support of Abingdon Town Council, the CEC is to be found in the former Mousehole Café, in the basement of Abingdon Museum.

Please come and see the exciting things that we're doing and consider getting involved.

The CEC advocates the **One Planet Living** framework - where the world lives within the resources of our one planet, leaving space for nature and wildlife to thrive.

We promote the circular economy which creates a closed-loop system that minimises waste and pollution. We invite people to participate in the repair cafes, mending workshops, clothing and plant swaps, climate conversations and much more.

We hope that in time it will become second nature for the people of Abingdon to think before throwing anything away, before buying anything new, instead choosing to share, reusing, upcycling and thereby reducing consumption

In 2022 our focus is on the young people of Abingdon, to whom we all have a responsibility. Please consider supporting us by visiting our Donate page on the website.

Everyone is welcome to participate and are warmly encouraged to get involved.

Visit One Planet Abingdon website or follow us on social media to find out more and get involved:

www@oneplanetabingdon or email us at abingdoncec@gmail.com



Sally Reynolds, Catherine Webber, Vale Cabinet member for Climate Emergency and Environment, Susie Howard at a Repair Cafe event.



Clive Elsmore helps with a bike repair.



New cafe volunteer, Jemima

One Planet Abingdon

Upcoming events



1st March 7.30pm - Steering Group Meeting
(Zoom - all welcome to attend)

4th March (am) - (Learn to play) Chess with Laury

5th March (am/pm) Mend workshop (clothing)

12th March (am/pm) - Swish (Clothes Swap)

18th March (am) - (Learn to play) Chess with Laury

19 March (am/pm) Repair Cafe/Bike Check/Plant and Seed Swap

26th March - Teenage Clothes Swap (details tbc)

Events are added all the time!

Market Place

Abingdon Market Place, or 'The Bury' as it was once known, has been at the centre of town life for at least a thousand years.

It has seen riots against the abbey, the destruction of the Market Cross in the Civil War and until 1818 it had the cage and the stocks, used for public punishment. It's hosted all manner of celebrations and regular markets and fairs.

The Market Place continues to thrive, with the weekly Monday charter market, Farmers Markets usually on the third Friday of each month (upcoming markets being Friday 18 March and Friday 15 April) and the quarterly Local Excellence Market (next on Saturday 30 April).

The area is available at other times for local groups, clubs and societies to use, free of charge for non-profit groups. You may wish to showcase your work, hold a fundraising sale or use the area for music or drama.

The Market Place is very popular so book well in advance. The booking form and other information is online at:

www.abingdon.gov.uk/town-council/town-council-services/market-place



Annual Parish Meeting

The next Annual Parish Meeting in Abingdon will be held on Wednesday 16 March. Further details about the meeting will be advertised on the town council website and on social media in early March.

Neighbourhood Plan update

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan is continuing. The volunteer Steering Group have recently consulted on a number of parts of the Plan.

Keep up to date with the project here:

www.abingdon.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan

Platinum Jubilee Update

Residents and businesses in Abingdon are gearing up to enjoy the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee in celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 70 Year Reign.



We are planning events to celebrate this anniversary from Wednesday 1 June to Saturday 4 June 2022 at Rye Farm Meadows in Abingdon, against the beautiful backdrop of the Thames.

Please email enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk to see how you can be involved.



Let there be buns!

For more information and updates visit our website and social media channels.



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