

# Nuffield Parish Council - Newsletter – December 2023

Dear Resident

It's getting colder and winter has definitely arrived! As we approach the festive season, here are some highlights of what's been happening in the Parish recently.



On a very wet Saturday morning earlier this month, we were very pleased to welcome some hardy parishioners to help with the bi-annual litter pick. The post-pick coffee at The Maker Space was most welcome! We would also like to thank the residents who regularly litter-pick outside their own properties and neighbouring roadside.

## Get your home winter-ready today!

There is still time to register for the government-backed scheme targeted at inefficient homes not heated by gas. If you are concerned about the cost of energy bills and looking for ways to make your home cheaper to heat and more comfortable to live in, you may be able to apply for a **grant from Oxfordshire County Council to improve your home**. With the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2), eligible homes can receive tailored energy solutions, from insulation to solar panels, resulting in a warmer home, lower bills and reduced carbon emissions - all delivered by the Welcome the Warmth team. Check your eligibility and apply through the website at [welcomethewarmth.org.uk](https://welcomethewarmth.org.uk)

## Comet/HandyBus Service

We are hoping to offer pensioners in the parish a regular bus service to Henley next year and are keen to know if there is any interest in this service. We know that not everyone has access to email/social media and we will be very grateful if you would pass on this message to your senior neighbours. More information is available from [clerk@nuffieldparish.org](mailto:clerk@nuffieldparish.org)

## School Admissions for Reception Applications - Deadline 15th January 2024

As part of the application process for Reception entry to infant and primary school, parents and carers of children born between **1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020** need to apply for a school place.

If any parents or carers have any questions, you should check the primary application web page which has all the information you will need plus a link to the online application form at: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

The School Admissions Team can be contacted direct on 0345 241 2487 or at [admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

**The deadline for receipt of completed school applications for Reception is 15 January 2024**

## 2024 Meetings

Please note Parish Council meetings will continue to be held at The Maker Space, with an earlier start time of 7pm. Dates for next year are:

8<sup>th</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> May (Annual Parish and Parish Council Meeting), 5<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> November.

As well as putting information about our meetings and other useful local knowledge on our website, we have a Facebook page – [Nuffield Parish Oxfordshire](https://www.facebook.com/NuffieldParishOxfordshire) – which we use to share local messages.

Importantly, though, we rely on email to share information and get your feedback on local matters. If you are not receiving emails from the Parish Council, please do send us your email address so we can add you to the mailing list. There's a link on our website or you can email [clerk@nuffieldparish.org](mailto:clerk@nuffieldparish.org) with your details.

Kind Regards and Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Nuffield Parish Council

