



Creative Lights Festival: Wondrous Whale Walk

On Saturday 18th November, over 500 people attended the magical Creative Lights Festival, organised by Film Oxford and Rose Hill Junior Youth club, at Rose Hill Community centre.

Local people enjoyed lots of free creative activities from music and animation, to headdress making with Oxford City Farm, arts and crafts with RHJYC, lantern making and swimming on a whale thanks to green screen special effects!

Local artist, Mani (thebigorangem), helped children and young people at RHJYC and Chilworth House Upper School create the magnificent whale lanterns from willow, paper and plastic bottles.

Horns of Plenty led over 250 people on the lantern procession around Rose Hill, with local residents joining us on their doorsteps to enjoy the wondrous sight of the colourful whales and fish lanterns gliding through the streets.

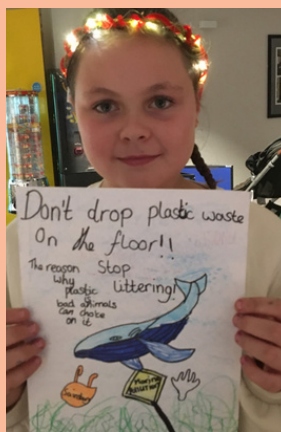
This event was supported by Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Feltham Construction and Doris Field Charitable Trust.

Photos & videos can be found on the [rosehilljyc](https://www.rosehilljyc.org) social pages or at [rhjyc.org](https://www.rhjyc.org)

Come and visit the whale upstairs on the landing in the community centre over winter!



Scan to watch the video



Poster competition winner!

This year, the CLF was ocean themed and plastic bottles donated by local residents were incorporated into the design of the whale lanterns, aiming to raise awareness of the effects of plastic pollution on our oceans.

Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon ran a poster design competition around this theme, and the winner was:

Nikkita Pitson, aged 11

Nikkita won a £10 voucher for her design and her poster will be displayed locally, congratulations!

Rose Hill Junior Youth club

We had a fantastic 2023!

If you would like to read about all of the work we have done this year, our reports are available at:

rhjyc.org/category/our-reports

Watch our videos on YouTube:

[@rosehilljuniorclub](https://www.facebook.com/rosehilljuniorclub)

Facebook & Instagram:

[@rosehilljyc](https://www.facebook.com/rosehilljyc)

Rose Hill Community centre

Opening & closing times:

Sun 24th Dec: 9am-2pm

Mon 25th Dec: Closed

Tues 26th Dec: Closed

27th-29th Dec: 9am-4pm

Sat 30th Dec: 9am-4pm

Sun 31st Dec: 9am-2:30pm

Mon 1st Jan: Closed

Tues 2nd Jan: Usual hours

Meet Shabnam!

My name is Shabnam Sabir, and I have recently been appointed as the Community Facilities and Well-being Manager for Oxford City Council.

I would really like to see every community, every kind of organisation and every kind of person access Rose Hill community centre as their community hub.

I would very much like to accommodate everyone and ensure the community centres are safe, welcoming and inclusive spaces for all members of the community.

So, if you are an organisation or a group or even a family, looking for spaces and places to hold meetings, events or any kinds of activities please do get in touch.

If you have any ideas or suggestions that will benefit the wider community in Rose Hill, I would very much love to hear from you, just pop into the centre or contact me at:

ssabir@oxford.gov.uk
07483 096353

Save the date: Festive Fun

Come along to Rose Hill Community centre on **Wednesday 20th December**, 3pm-5pm, for some festive activities.

Free to attend, everyone welcome to come along and have fun!

More info at: Facebook [@rosehcc](https://www.facebook.com/rosehcc)



Rose Hill Community Larder

This year, we've redistributed over 12 tonnes of surplus groceries, fruit and vegetables to our members, we're now supporting over 300 local residents!

We've also arranged some fun events: Easter Egg Giveaway, Ruskin College Taster, Great Big Green Week, Community Picnic, Harvest Breakfast and Let's Get Cooking!

Having taken on some new community volunteers, we visited the SOFEA warehouse who supply our food, and met King Charles and Queen Camilla!

Next up is No Waste Noel on 12th December, where we'll be singing carols and serving mulled apple juice with mince pies

Sign up to become a member here:

www.sofea.uk.com/community-larder/rose-hill-community-larder

Next larder dates at Rose Hill Community centre:

5th, 12th, 19th Dec & 2nd Jan

Christmas activities and lunch

Friday 15th December, 10am-11:30am: Rosebuds free stay and play (under 5's) Christmas session with The Story Museum at Rose Hill Community centre (sessions then resume from Friday 5th Jan).

Monday 25th December, 1pm-4pm: Christmas Day lunch at John Henry Newman Academy (Littlemore): Food, bingo, raffles and crafts, transport available. Suggested donation: Adult £2.50, Child £1.50. To book contact: admin@littlemorechurch.org

25th December, 12:30pm-4pm: Free Christmas Day lunch at The King's Centre, Osney (transport available), contact Sara: sara@oxfordchristmaslunch.org or 07535314716

Winter support

Age UK: Free support for older people, their families and carers: 0345 450 1276 www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire

Cheaper broadband & phone packages: Social tariffs are cheaper broadband and phone packages for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits, explore options at:

www.ofcom.org.uk/cheap-broadband

Food support: goodfoodoxford.org/food-support/community-food-services-map

Support helpline listings:

www.oxfordshireallin.org/help-in-crisis

Rose Hill & Donnington Advice centre

The advice centre will be closed from Friday 22nd December 2023 and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

01865 438634

rhdadvice.org

Free NHS health checks

Health Checks Oxfordshire is now providing free NHS health checks on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council at convenient community-based locations across the county.

An NHS health check can lower a person's risk of developing type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and (certain types of) dementia.

Everyone eligible, aged 40 to 74 in England, will be invited for a free NHS health check once every five years.

Find out more about free NHS health checks in Oxfordshire by visiting the health check website:

www.healthchecksoxfordshire.org

Community Litter Pick



32 local residents turned out in November for a litter pick, supported by Friends of Rivermead Nature Park, Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon, Rose Hill Community Network, the Community Centre, OxClean and ODS.

It was a lovely, sunny afternoon, and volunteers collected quite a bit of rubbish & recycling!

Thanks to everyone who took part!

Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon

Eight air source heat pumps have now been installed in Rose Hill thanks to the Clean Heat Streets project. Seven more installations are booked, with over 100 registrations for free surveys in eligible streets of Rose Hill. To see if you qualify, visit: www.cleanheatstreets.com

Through government funding, heat pumps can be installed at a hugely discounted price in certain streets in Rose Hill and Iffley – or free if you are a council tenant and request one.

Email: info@cleanheatstreets.com

Energy Day, Sat 9 December, 10 am - 2 pm

Rose Hill Community Centre will host free talks and stalls about ways of saving on energy bills in the morning followed by a free lunch. In the afternoon, you can visit Rose Hill homes with heat pumps.

New footbridge in Rivermead Nature Park

A new footbridge has been installed within Rivermead Nature Park to improve pedestrian access to Sandford Lock, without the need to get wet feet or jump over a stream!

After crossing the footbridge, it is possible to walk under the ring road and follow the path to Heyford Hill Lane, and onwards to Sandford.

We would love more residents to walk this link in order to keep the vegetation back and enjoy the resulting circular route on both sides of the river.



Walking route Rivermead to Sandford

Rose Hill Methodist Church

We are delighted to be able to offer a series of free workshops run by Age UK on Monday afternoons at our Community Drop-In, from 2pm-4pm.

11th Dec:

Floristry - Christmas Wreaths

15th Jan: Knitting

12th Feb: Yoga (sitting or standing)

11th Mar: Drawing & Painting

If you are interested in attending, please let Liz, Community Chaplain know, contact:

07754670565

rosehillcommunitychaplain@gmail.com

Christmas activities

Mon 18th Dec: Festive food, quiz and carol singing, from 2pm.

Weds 20th Dec: Community Cupboard Christmas Party, 1:15pm-3:30pm.

Sun 17th Dec: Carol service, 10:30am.

Sun 24th Dec: Christmas Eve service, 10:30am.

Mon 25th Dec: Christmas Day Celebration, 10:30am.

Everyone welcome to all of the above!

rosehillmethodists.org.uk

Rose Hill Primary School

In November, children in Year 6 had the opportunity to participate in the IntoUniversity Primary Focus programme run by the University of Oxford.

Its aim was to inspire and support young people in realising their full potential and gain a better understanding of the pathway to university.

Becoming university students for a week studying a degree subject, while thinking about their own future ambitions was a valuable learning experience.

At the end of the week a graduation ceremony was held at Christ Church University.

Their parents & carers came along to watch them deliver a presentation about their chosen scientists.

We were all overwhelmingly proud when the children accepted their certificates in their caps and gowns!



Kaiden, holding a snake during the session!