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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE – APRIL 2024

Happy Spring everyone! Hoping that we can all enjoy a sunny and dryer spring and summer to make up for the wet winter we have had.

High Street Residents' Parking and Pedestrian Safety Plan approved – You have probably heard that the new parking scheme was approved at an OCC Highways Cabinet member decision meeting on 25th January. We still haven't received a specific timeframe for the changes to go into effect, other than it is planned for this fiscal year. I know some residents were concerned about the changes, but there was clear overall support in the village for this and I believe the most significant concerns were addressed by changes to the scheme during the consultation. The Parish Council remains committed to monitoring the impacts of the changes during the first year following their implementation and working with the County Council to make any appropriate adjustments where needed. A special thanks to TAPWG members who worked so hard in recent years to develop the scheme for the village under the leadership of Cllr Diana Smith.

Refurbished benches in Manor Road playground – Thanks to Cllr Katherine Higley for having the benches in the playground refurbished to a very high standard. Three more benches that were recently donated by a local resident are due to be refurbished shortly. This work was funded by a grant from SODC. Further work is planned soon to clear some laurel bushes that will free up some space for recreation.

Tea Hut Demolition – Thanks to Cllr Frances Parkes for securing the contractor to demolish the Tea Hut that has deteriorated to the point that it was not safe for use. The work was done over school holidays with minimal disruption to the surface of the green. Everyone was surprised to see that the Tea Hut had a concrete base under it; this has been retained. The Parish Council is looking at options to develop replacement facilities that could be used for Fetes and other community activities on the Village Green. We would welcome help in designing and procuring a new facility from any volunteers who may have experience they could offer.

Village Green Car Park Repair – Thanks again to Cllr Parkes for arranging the repair of an area of the Village Green car park with matching 'grasscrete' surface that had been damaged for some time. We are pleased that this work was done to such a high-quality standard and should ensure that the car park surface remains attractive and safe for the foreseeable future.

Leaky tap/stopcock on north end of the Village Green – Once more thanks to Cllr Parkes for working with Thames Water to have the tap at the top end of the field repaired by Thames Water after the PC agreed to take responsibility for fixing this from the Cricket Club in November.

Graffiti – You may have noticed that some village signs and fences in the village were subjected to graffiti. This is unfortunately also a problem in other villages such as Goring where it can be seen on the train bridge. Thanks to Cllrs Parkes and Higley for removing graffiti from a Speedwatch sign and on the Manor Road playground. Apparently, the graffiti can be removed with white spirit and some elbow grease. Again, we welcome any volunteers to remove the graffiti if you come across it in the village.

Grants – The Parish Council does not fund community groups on an ongoing basis but can make grants to community organisations on a case-by-case basis. We have been giving an annual grant of £800 to the Pangbourne Community toilets which we believe has a direct benefit to the residents of the village. We recently contributed £500 to repair the gate at the allotments. Finally, we agreed to contribute £300 towards new acoustic cladding for the Old Stables which supports many community activities. The cladding will make it easier for conversation to take place in crowded events such as the Art Café.

Residents' issues – We have been working to address a number of issues raised by residents in the past couple of months:

- **Lights out in upper and lower narrows** – We have had persistent problems getting faulty lights repaired in two key locations on the High Street. These have required an unusual amount of escalation and chasing with both OCC and SSE. The crux of the problem seems to be that OCC is responsible for the operation of the lamps and bulbs, but SSE is responsible for faults with the power and their cooperation is less than ideal.
 - A light by the lower narrows at the Ferryboat (no. 2) was finally fixed as of 9th January with the help of a temporary light provided by the

neighbouring resident.

- A light at upper narrows (no. 7) at the Hardwick Road intersection is still not working consistently. OCC is working with SSE but there seems to be a lot of finger-pointing between the two organisations. It has been temporarily fixed on at least a couple of occasions recently only to become faulty a few days later.

- **Repair of pavement at Ferryboat needs to be made good after SSE work –**

OCC had stated that SSE had committed to reinstating the 'faux brickwork' by 17th March. This has clearly not happened yet, and I have asked OCC to provide an update.

- **Upper narrows safety –** Cllrs Parkes, Leach and I met with residents of homes

in the upper narrows. Their concerns were related to traffic in the narrows that seems to be getting faster and more aggressive in recent months, risking pedestrian safety, especially children and pets. We discussed a number of potential solutions that we are following up on including placing traffic cones to put in front of homes alerting drivers to take care of walls and entrances, investigating options for traffic calming signs above the entrance to the upper narrows and options for better lighting in the narrows. The new parking scheme should at least help reduce congestion and increase visibility in the upper narrows.

Parish Clerk Vacancy – we are very sorry to report that our Parish Clerk Jane Yamamoto has decided to move on after more than four years of serving our community so well. This is a big loss for the Parish Council as I am sure that many members of the community who have worked with her over the years will appreciate.

We will formally be advertising the position in the May/June timeframe, but if you know of someone who may be interested in the role, please ask them to contact me for more information at cllrdonahue.whitchurchonthames@gmail.com. The role is a paid part-time position requiring an average of 8 hours a week work. The clerk is responsible for managing the Parish Council's finance and administrative matters and acting as a point of contact for residents raising matters to the council. The ideal candidate will be a resident of the village with general finance and administrative skills interested in getting involved in the community. There is training and advice available from the local association of local councils.

Annual Assembly 30th May – A reminder that our annual village assembly will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 30th May from 7:30pm, with wine and nibbles being available from 7:15pm. We aim to finish by 9pm. Whether you are new to the village or a long-time resident, it's a great way to learn about everything that is happening in the village – and you won't want to miss the presentation of the annual Whitchurch Award!

*Kind regards,
Jim Donahue*

Chairman, Whitchurch-on-Thames Parish Council



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QUARTERLY PLANNING UPDATE for WOT PC – APRIL 2024

| Planning Reference | Address and Application | Comments by WOT PC | SODC status |
|---------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| P23/S4055/S73 | Eastfield House, Eastfield Lane, Whitchurch-on-Thames RG8 7EJ Variation of conditions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13 and 14 of planning permission P11/S0126 (Partial demolition of existing care home, Eastfield House, construction of extensions and associated works and change of use of land at the rear of the home) to allow changes to tree protection measures and landscaping details. | The Parish Council voted to submit the comments that they support the Planning Officer's decision to have the outbuildings removed from the planning application. | Granted |
| P24/S0551/FUL | The Bull Pen, Path Hill, Goring Heath RG8 7RE Replacing existing yurt with proposed structure | The Parish Council voted to support the application. | Granted |
| P24/S0464/FUL | Whiteways, Hardwick Road, Whitchurch-on-Thames RG8 7HW Sub-division of existing dwelling into two dwellings; to include proposed single storey rear extension and two storey extension to the inner north elevation, construction of a new porch to east elevation and detached garages. Associated parking, landscaping, private amenity and access arrangements. | The Parish Council voted to support this application. | Application under consideration. |
| P24/S0971/DIS | Technology Centre, Boztdown Drive, Whitchurch-on-Thames RG8 7QR. The application is for: Discharge of condition 13 (Contaminated Land) on planning application P22/S3223/FUL The demolition of buildings; the erection of a new part single storey, part two storey building for the research / testing of electric battery technology and associated test chambers; and the erection of buildings and compound for storage and other ancillary facilities. | The Parish Council asked SODC to confirm that they are following up on recommendations from the Contamination Report. | Still in consultation period. |
| P24/S0988/FUL | Oakfield, Eastfield Lane, Whitchurch-on-Thames RG8 7EJ. The application is for: Replacement dwelling including a swimming pool building with linking roof to the east of the replacement dwelling approved by P23/S4171/FUL, dwelling now proposed to be moved 3m to the west. | The Parish Council submitted comments to ensure there was no issue overlooking the preschool and access issues with neighbours were resolved. The Parish Council supported the comments from other neighbours that future landscape changes need to comply with AONB policies and permitted use of land. | Still in consultation period. |

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR COMMENTS

Not many people know that there is a national league table of local councils based on the amount of collected waste that is recycled, and in the past few years South Oxfordshire has hovered just off the number one spot, but last year with a recycling rate of 61.6% our District topped the table, with Vale of White Horse coming up in third place at 60.9%. Helping South Oxon is that 55% of the waste is made up of organic waste, principally garden waste but also the food-bin.

The government publishes a wealth of statistics on waste, and one figure that really struck me is that the amount of waste, across the country, going to landfill has dropped from 22m tons in 2000/01 to 1.76 million tonnes in 2022/23. The reduction in landfill is made up of several factors, including an overall reduction in household waste and increases in recycling and incineration.

There are imminent changes to the arrangements for paying for the garden waste collection service in South Oxfordshire which will be introduced from 1 April 2025. At the moment, every brown bin has its own direct debit payment, which means that if you have more than one bin you have more than one direct debit, each on the anniversary of each brown bin service starting for you. From April 2025, the direct debit process will be replaced by an annual payment in April for everyone, and once payment is made a sticker will be issued to be put on your bin so that the waste crew know that the service is paid for – no sticker, no collection! Apparently, there has been some cases under the current system whereby bins are emptied when no direct debit payment has been made. Anyway, no need to panic yet as more information will be sent to you.

The current charge of £60 for a brown bin is also having to rise to £69 as the costs of the service provided by Biffa have increased, and as the garden waste service is a paid for service it must breakeven, and not be subsidised by other council tax payers. You may remember the difficulties of a year or so ago when Biffa could not provide the normal service because drivers and operators had left for other jobs. The contract with Biffa, which has been in place for the last 14 years has just been extended for a further two years. A recent waste satisfaction survey has yielded encouraging results for SODC household waste collections, indicating a high level of resident approval

with this side of the service. An impressive 82% of respondents expressed satisfaction, or high satisfaction, with the overall quality of the service provided.

The move to extend the current contract was driven by central government's delay in clearly outlining the forthcoming changes within the waste industry stemming from the Environment Act 2021. The extra two years will provide the necessary space to develop a brand-new waste strategy to determine an approach for the next 10 years.

In setting the budget, and so Council tax for this year, although there are increases in various charges, there have also been savings. One of the biggest sources of income for the council is the return on investments, which have benefited from the recent general increases in interest rates, and in the current year SODC will receive over £7 million; £2m more than expected.

One of the savings that has been made is vacating the rented offices in Milton Park. Looking ahead, the Council is pressing ahead with new offices as part of the Didcot Gateway Regeneration project. Although this is a big investment, it is worth noting that offices at Milton Park were rented for about eight years at a total cost, including utilities, of about a million pounds a year, a substantial cost with nothing to show for it at the end

Peter Dragonetti
SODC Councillor for Whitchurch on Thames

WHITCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



We have had lots of exciting things happening at school this Spring. We kicked things off in the Spring term with Mr Chester's quiz and it was nice to see parents as well as some of their neighbours and family from the wider community getting involved in a great fun evening. We also had a fun "masked reader" competition where children had to guess which members of staff were "behind the mask". Proceeds went towards funding some great new science books for science week. There was a big reveal in assembly to great shouts of "take it off, take it off- who's that behind the mask?!"

Year 4 performed a fantastic play entitled "Pirates of the Curry Bean" – they did an amazing job of learning lines and songs and showing off their amazing talents. Willow class have been enjoying their fantastic new outside area resources thanks to funding from "Greenham Trust."

The children finished the Easter term with fun crafts and an Easter scavenger hunt working in teams across the school with upper school supporting lower school. A great fun way to end a busy term!





Finally, the amazing mum Beata has run her marathon raising over £3000 towards the school with her justgiving page, Art Café and Colour Run event in the build up to the marathon itself. What an amazing achievement. Her just giving page is still open should you want to donate <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/beatahageman1>.

Keep an eye out in the Henley Standard for an article all about the Colour Run and a huge thank you to Warmingshams for sponsoring the event. The village green was filled with shrieks and laughter as the children ran through bursts of colour - it was a great event and heaps of fun!

*Nicola Armstrong
Whitchurch Primary School Parents' Association Chair
whitchurchpa20@gmail.com*



SAVE OUR PRESCHOOL



Whitchurch pre-school building urgently needs replacing. The current building has supported local children for over 30 years but now must be replaced by the end of 2024.

To provide a new building for current and future children, we must raise funds and get help to organise this project.

We can't achieve this without the support of our local community, friends, family and past alumni.

CAN YOU HELP?

DONATE NOW



**EXPERIENCE, SKILLS,
OR CONTACTS?**

email:
saveourbuilding@whitchurchpreschool.org

donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/save-our-preschool

WHITCHURCH PRE-SCHOOL

New building by Christmas!

Over the Easter holidays we made planned routine roof repairs to our building. Sadly when we pulled back the roof it quickly became apparent that considerably more work is needed to our Pre-school building and fast. The building needs to be replaced prior to Christmas 2024. It has done us well, originally bought second hand and now long overdue for replacement.



Rest assured the current building is safe and signed off by a structural engineer. The committee is investigating a new modular, highly sustainable classroom ready to support current and future children in our local community.

Due to the short timeline we will be submitting a planning application in the coming weeks and planning to start the preparation work in the summer holidays. We have some cash from previous fundraising, but we need more. So we need your help urgently!

Can you help? There are two ways you can support this community project:

1. Donate to our cause

Scan the QR code to donate or go to:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/save-our-preschool>

Any amount big or small will make a massive difference.



2. Donate time, contacts and experience

Our committee is run by a team of 6 parents and we don't have all the skills or time for this level of project.

- Do you have skills in securing grant & applications, planning, procurement demolition, construction, fit out and can help advise or progress these areas?
- Do you have any contacts with organisations who can provide donations or sponsor towards our cause, please let us know.

Please get in contact at saveourbuilding@whitchurchpreschool.org

Updates from our Pre-School Spring Day

We had a fabulous Spring Day on Friday 26th March. Thanks to Warminghams, our wonderful local sponsor, we were able to put on a very special day for the children. We had a visit from Berkshire Reptile Encounters where the children got to hold all sorts of animals. We also put on crafts and activities; it was a great day for children and snakes alike!



Improvements to our allotment

During March we made improvements to our dedicated allotment space where we teach Forest school for the children. With the help of our Pre-School committee and a number of willing parents, plus some heavy equipment we have made the space a better place for the children to learn and play and easier to maintain for the future. We have divided the space into new zones, added paving and decking to contain the weeds and replanted all the beds. A big thank you to all those involved.

Spaces available

We currently have spaces available for new starters aged from 2 years upwards.

- We're open from Monday to Friday during term time, from 8.45am - 3.15pm, with an early drop-off option at 8.30am and late pick-up option to 3.30pm
- Free government-funded places are available for 3 and 4 year olds for 15 or 30 hours per week during term time.
- We are Forest School, Healthy Smiles and Hygge accredited.
- Children from out of the Whitchurch catchment area are welcome to apply.

To register your interest, please use the form on our website or email:

hello@whitchurchpreschool.org

Thank you for all of your support!

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THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S & ST JOHN'S

Are you doing some spring-cleaning and turning out cupboards? The trustees are running a **'Granny's Attic'** stall at **Whitchurch Hill Fete** on Saturday May 25th in order to raise funds for our charity to support vital projects at St Mary's and St John's.

Please can you search your storage places for any small household, garden or toolshed items that you no longer need, and are in good condition. Pre-loved is very acceptable, but items that are worn out will not be needed! Things like flower vases, glazed garden pots, crockery, ornaments, utensils, small tools etc. would be ideal as well as unwanted 'good as new' items. General bric a brac!

Also, donations of any pots of jams and marmalades would be very welcome as a side-line on the stall. However, please note that we do not want any electrical items, nor clothing, books, CD's or DVD's.

Please get in touch with Sarah Dragonetti on 07763 432260 or email her at sarah@dragonetti.co.uk and she will arrange to collect your goods. Items can also be donated on the morning of the Fete by bringing them to the Granny's Attic Stall at Whitchurch Hill but please let Sarah know in advance.

Any items that are unsold on the day will be given to a local charity shop. Thank you for your support and generosity and we hope to run a fun and popular stall!

Sally Woolhouse

WHITCHURCH-ON-THAMES AWARD 2024

The Whitchurch Society is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for this year's Whitchurch-on-Thames Award. The recipient will be announced by the Parish Council and presented at the Annual Assembly on 30th May (details above)

The Award can be given to an individual, or possibly a group, in recognition of their contribution to the village.

Please email the name of your nomination, and why you think they should receive the award, to The Whitchurch Society at TheWhitchurchAward@gmail.com. The deadline for nominations is Sunday May 19th.



WHITCHURCH & GORING HEATH HISTORY SOCIETY

Our last meeting before the summer will be at Goring Heath Parish Hall on Thursday 16th May when we want to look at the last seventy years in the area covered by the history society. It was in 1952 that the new parish of Goring Heath was formed from parts of Whitchurch and Goring parishes. How have the villages changed? What do we remember of how life was when we first came here? An informal evening, coffee from 7pm, discussion from 7.30pm. No charge for non-members.

In June and July, we go on members-only outings and re-convene in September.

Vicky Jordan

POLISH CHURCH MEMORIAL GARDEN CELEBRATION 17th MAY

On 17th May, 6-8pm, we are having a little celebration at the Polish Church Memorial Garden. It's a chance to see the recently-installed Interpretation Board and a celebration of the end of the project to create the garden. It's been a great community project where local residents and village organisations - including the Green Team, the Parish Council, WoTHabs and the Whitchurch Society - have all worked together.

The plan is to start at 6pm with a very short introduction from me and James Leach. We will provide drinks and nibbles (with a Polish theme!). If it is raining, we'll use the Village Hall.

All Whitchurch residents are welcome but, to help us with catering, please let me know if you're planning to come.

John Bradon, Chairman of Whitchurch Society
john@jbradon.co.uk

HARDWICK HAPPENINGS

Navigating Rain and Flooding

This year's unprecedented rainfall has brought significant challenges to the Hardwick community, especially with persistent flooding affecting the park fields and beyond. While this yearly creation of wetlands has been embraced by water birds, drawing migratory waterfowl like ducks and geese, and enriching biodiversity on the estate, the prolonged flooding has prompted some members of the boating community to resort to using unconventional modes of transport such as canoes! As we anticipate the summer months, hopes are high for drier weather. We're pleased to announce that plans are underway for a drainage system, diverting excess water into the moat and back into the Thames, alleviating the flooding issue and restoring our picturesque landscape to its functional splendour.

Managing Our Woodlands

In our woodlands, a surge in deer populations is posing a threat to young tree growth. The overgrazing by deer, compounded by the burgeoning squirrel population, impedes forest regeneration, ultimately affecting biodiversity. Addressing these ecological challenges demands careful management to safeguard the continued health and resilience of our natural environment.

Mid-Tier Projects Update

Looking ahead to the 2024 season, we're excited to report progress on implementing Countryside Stewardship grants. Initiatives include organic conversion, capital projects such as fencing, hedge laying, hedgerow improvements and enhancing species-rich chalk grasslands that support diverse plant and animal life, including pollinators, birds, and mammals, boosting ecosystem health. This will benefit our local communities by improving soil health, filtering water, and providing opportunities like birdwatching and nature walks. Moreover, we're thrilled to offer 'Educational Access Packages,' welcoming schoolchildren from the wider community to immerse themselves in countryside activities, from farming to traditional crafts. These grants are also extended to vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility for all.

Spring Lambs have arrived:

Meet Peanut, one of the youngest lambs here at Hardwick. As part of our very friendly flock of Shetland sheep, Peanut contributes to both fleece production and our conservation grazing efforts. Their fleeces, dyed in many natural colours of the rainbow, cater to crafters, spinners, and felters alike.

Currently nestled in our community orchard, Peanut and his companions invite visitors to share in their company. While some lambs are already warming up to human interaction, others remain cautious. However, by adopting a patient approach and simply sitting among them, visitors often find themselves rewarded with heartwarming moments as lambs curiously approach, nuzzle, and even curl up beside them.

**Community Consultation Recap**

In late February, the Whitchurch consultation meeting convened at the village hall, attracting a significant turnout. Key topics included the transition to a community-led charity and the shift from horse grazing to agriculture, notably at the stud farm. Feelings ran high as community members expressed their thoughts on the planned changes, reflecting a deep passion and commitment to the area. Since the consultation, the Hardwick community has rallied behind steering groups tasked with guiding the transition towards its charitable future. We welcome everyone to reach out and share your perspectives. If you'd also like to receive updates from the Hardwick newsletter, please let us know, and we'll be happy to add you to our email list.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HARDWICK

Hardwick Spring Talk series @ The Tolhurst Organic Packing Shed (£3 donation)

30th May / Andrew Hood – Environment and Self

27th June / Dave Jackson – Coppicing and its Cultural Heritage

The Hemp Fair – 10am to 8pm Sunday 26th May 2024 @ Hempen, RG8 7RE

A celebration of Hemp and Community. Local Hemp Market, Educational Talks, Immersive Workshops, Family Games, Hemp Cafe, Live Music and More.

Saturday Market

(every Saturday 9am- 1pm) - Outside the VegShed at the entrance to Hardwick.

Serving Organic locally roasted coffee, Organic pastries, bread and locally grown flowers, with guest popup stalls throughout the summer.

What's on at Path Hill?

Join us in the woods and on the river for a dose of fresh air and nature connection this Spring. **One-day canoe course – Sun 12th May** Join our experienced instructors for a day on the glorious River Thames. **Family Bushcraft Day – Sun 19th May.** Learn to survive in the wilderness as a family with our experienced bushcraft instructor. **Little Ducklings – Forest School for preschoolers and toddlers.** Friday mornings, 10 – 11.30 am. Explore the woods, play with friends, cook over the fire, swing in a hammock, sing songs, learn about nature, and much more. **Forest Bathing – Sun 12th May and Sun 9th June.** Give your health and wellbeing a boost with this gentle and mindful experience in the woods at Path Hill.

*Michael Faretra
Estate Manager*

THE CRAYS POND COMMUNITY GROUP



The campaign to save the White Lion Crays Pond continues.

Help us to retain the ACV status.

The story is a long one, but here is a brief update.

Up to 2019 the owner was living in the property, contrary to legislation, and was eventually asked to leave by a High Court Judgement. Since then, the property has remained empty, becoming more and more dilapidated.

In 2019 we were successful in retaining the 'Asset of Community Value' (ACV) status (first granted in 2013), over the property although because of the pandemic the process took longer than usual, and also as the owner appealed and this appeal was rejected twice.

The ACV means that the property cannot be sold by the owner unless offered to the community first. It is a useful tool in the community's armoury.

It can stop disposal of the property as an 'Investment Opportunity'.

Since 2019 a Community Interest Company (CIC) in the pub's name has been established as a means of making offers to purchase (multiple times now!), applying for Community Ownership Funds to purchase, renovate it, and manage its improvement.

This is the vehicle that would own and run the property when we are successful.

We are now in the position to get the ACV nominated again and this is where we need your help as every 'Nomination' period of 5 years is a reapplication, not a renewal.

As years go by it becomes more difficult to maintain ACV status, with the property left to deteriorate and remain unused by the owner.

Therefore we need to show that the community, both local and the surrounding, support the campaign.

Why should you help?

Many residents of Whitchurch and surrounding area already support the project and have registered as supporters through our website :

<https://www.savethewhitelion.com>

Many have also promised financial support.

Supporting the project and to retain the 2024 ACV nomination helps the wider community decide what happens to The White Lion property, not just the owner.

As you know, once a pub is lost to development you never replace the community benefits that it provides. It is not just a pub, but a hub that can provide food, drink, accommodation, a meeting place, a market place, a focus for walkers, cyclists and others, or just a place to sit relax and reflect.

It can also add to the local commercial activity and can provide employment.

The White Lion Crays Pond is ideal, with the land it has, and the position it has to provide all this, not simply a plot for more residential development.

How could you help?

You could register your support through the website and send us your contact details.

<https://www.savethewhitelion.com>

You could also register an 'In Principle Promise' in the fundraising page

<https://www.savethewhitelion.com/contact>

You could also let us know why you want to support the retention of the ACV by writing an email to us, so we can pass this on to SODC with our 2024 nomination documents.

And Finally.....

Thanks to the Whitchurch Bulletin for placing this in the publication.

*To contact the Crays Pond Community Group use the email address below:-
crayspondcommunitygroup@gmail.com*

To register as a supporter please use the website. The home page has a registration form at its foot. The fundraising page explains the 'In Principle Promise' you could make.

*The Website also has the pub's history, past pictures, blogs and its GDPR policy.
To get to the website simply use the address:-
<https://www.savethewhitelion.com/>*

THE PARISH OF WHITCHURCH ON THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE

Acreege – 1,320, Population – 824 (2011 census), Electors – 622

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