

# Wheatley Directory

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Produced by Wheatley Parish  
Council

## INTRODUCTION

Wheatley Parish Council with the support of several volunteers wanted to produce an up-to-date version of the Wheatley Information Booklet, using information provided by the village organisations themselves. Each organisation was approached individually, although naturally some have disappeared, and others appeared since the last edition about 7 years ago.

Where provided, we have included websites and e-mail addresses,

Printed copies will be available alongside an online version, hosted on the parish council website ([www.wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)). The online version will be updated regularly, so please do contact us if you need to change your details or spot an error.

Predominantly the organisations in this booklet are not commercial unless they provide a service directly to the village. For **commercial organisations in Wheatley**, please see the bi-monthly “Wheatley News” published by the Parish Council.

In addition, for **childcare provision**, there are many individuals or organisational providers, and please see the Oxfordshire County Council or Ofsted websites for details of approved providers: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/early\\_years](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/early_years) or [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) or [www.childcare.co.uk](http://www.childcare.co.uk)

## USEFUL CONTACTS

As well as the individual organisations listed, the Parish Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, and Oxford County Council provide a huge range of services to the village of Wheatley: --

**Wheatley Parish Council** is responsible for :--

- The Memorial Gardens and War Memorial, the Recreation Areas at Church Road, Cullum Road and Farm Close Road, the Allotments at Littleworth, the Village Green, Village Square and Farm Close Patio.
- Bus shelters in the village, providing seats and dog waste bins.
- The Wheatley Newsletter, this Information Booklet, and the notice boards at Littleworth, Roman Road and at the junction of London Rd/Old London Rd – which any resident can use without permission.
- A number of footpaths in the village (but not all), and cutting of the grass verges (on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council)

The Parish Council is also consulted by South Oxfordshire County Council (SODC) on any **planning applications** within the village. However, it can only **recommend** approval or refusal. If you wish to comment on an application, please write directly to SODC with a copy to the Parish Council.

**Oxfordshire County Council** is responsible for roads (potholes) and pavements (Highways), and street lighting – if a lighting problem, ring the number on the lamp post.

**South Oxfordshire District Council** is responsible for refuse collection, emptying of street bins, social housing, and the collection of Council Tax

If you wish to report a **defective inspection cover**, check whose it is and use the telephone numbers elsewhere in this booklet to report. For any **BT infrastructure problems** (inspection covers/telegraph poles etc. – **not** telephone line faults) contact BT Open Reach on 0800 0232023.

For any enquiry concerning the **Merry Bells Hall** (car park, use of noticeboard, bookings etc.) contact a member of the Merry Bells Management Committee. For Bookings see entry on Page 14.

## **MORE CONTACTS**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Web site or e-mail</b>
<b>Parish Council</b>	01865 875615	<a href="http://www.wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk">www.wheatleyparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>
<b>SODC</b>	01235 422 422	<a href="mailto:enquiries@southoxon.gov.uk">enquiries@southoxon.gov.uk</a>
SODC Housing		<a href="mailto:housingservices@southoxon.gov.uk">housingservices@southoxon.gov.uk</a>
SODC Planning/ building control		<a href="mailto:planning@southoxon.gov.uk">planning@southoxon.gov.uk</a>
SODC Waste collection (biffa)	03000 610610	<a href="mailto:admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk">admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk</a>
SODC Noise Nuisance (out of hours)	01235 422410.	Noise nuisances
SODC Wheatley representative	Alexandrine Kantor	<a href="mailto:alexandrine.kantor@southoxon.gov.uk">alexandrine.kantor@southoxon.gov.uk</a>
SOHA		<a href="https://www.soha.co.uk/">https://www.soha.co.uk/</a>
<b>Oxfordshire CC</b>	01865 792422	<a href="http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>
Emergency planning	01865 323765	
Roads - potholes		<a href="https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk">https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>
Please note that Wheatley Parish Council is not responsible for roads, kerbs, and street lighting.		
<b>Other Agencies</b>		
Flood prevention	08708 506506	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Web site or e-mail</b>
Thames Water	0800 714 614	<a href="http://www.thameswater.co.uk">www.thameswater.co.uk</a>
<b>Transport</b>		
Buses - 280	0344 800 4411	<a href="http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/">www.arrivabus.co.uk/</a>
Buses - U1	01865 785400	<a href="http://www.brookesbus.oxfordbus.co.uk">www.brookesbus.oxfordbus.co.uk</a>
Buses to London	01865 772250	<a href="http://www.oxfordtube.com">www.oxfordtube.com</a>
Buses for Heathrow / Gatwick airports	01865 785400	<a href="http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk">www.oxfordbus.co.uk</a>
Trains – times and tickets		<a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a> or <a href="http://www.thetrainline.com">www.thetrainline.com</a>
<b>Emergency Services</b>		
Fire/rescue	999 or 01865 842999	<a href="http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/fire_service">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/fire_service</a>
Police Emergency Non-Emergency	999 101	<a href="http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/">www.thamesvalley.police.uk/</a>
Ambulance Non-Emergency	999 01869 365000	<a href="http://www.southcentralambulance.nhs.uk">www.southcentralambulance.nhs.uk</a>
A+E at the John Radcliffe hospital	01865 741166	<a href="http://www.oxfordradcliffe.nhs.uk">www.oxfordradcliffe.nhs.uk</a>
NHS Direct	111	<a href="http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/">www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/</a>
Morland House	01865 872448	See entry on page 15

## **ACTIVE OXFORDSHIRE**

A county-wide project, aiming to increase adult participation in physical activity, promoting sports and physical activities taking place locally, along with delivering new activities such as Nordic Walking, dance programmes, Tai Chi courses, social jogging groups and bike rides.

**Contact:** Annalie Thomasson,  
Annalie.thomasson@southandvale.gov.uk

**Website:** [www.activeoxfordshire.org](http://www.activeoxfordshire.org)

**Interest group:** adults 16 years and older.

## **AGE UK, OXFORDSHIRE**

A voluntary organisation offering advice, information, and support, working within local communities to enable people to stay independent and live life to the full.

**Contact:** Rachel Poole 0345 450 1276 or 07827235460  
rachelpoole@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk

**Website:** [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

**Interest group:** Elderly and carers

## **ART CLASSES**

Contact Vic Churchley vic.churchley@gmail.com

## **BABY MUSIC**

Baby Music Wednesday for parents and carers and their pre-school children.

**Contact:** Rachel Cave; 07505 131124,  
rachel.c.cave@virginmedia.com, Facebook: Wheatley Baby Music

**Interest Group:** Parents/carers and babies

**Further information:** URC Hall Wheatley, 2 groups 9.30 or 10.30 on Wednesday mornings in term time Come when you can and want to, to whichever group suits.

## **BELL RINGERS, ST MARY THE VIRGIN**

To ring bells for services and promote the exercise of bell ringing.

**Contact:** Peter Bayliss, 01865 872250 or 07803130391

**Website:** [www.odg.org.uk](http://www.odg.org.uk) or  
[www.oxfordcitybramch.org.uk/towers.htm#wheatley](http://www.oxfordcitybramch.org.uk/towers.htm#wheatley)

**Further information:** Bell ringing can be achieved by almost anyone aged between 8 and 80.

Practice night Friday 19.30 at Wheatley and many further opportunities to ring in Oxford beyond.

### **BRIDGE CLUB, WHEATLEY**

To provide regular Bridge sessions for the local community.

**Contact:** Richard Hawes, Chairman; 01865 351540, Michael McIlvenna, Treasurer; 01865 874017, Caroline Lacey Smith, Secretary; 01865 361759.

**Interest group:** Adults

**Further information:** Duplicate Bridge 19.00 every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays) at Holton Village Hall. New members welcome, with or without a playing partner.

### **COMMUNITY CHOIR (AROUND THE PIANO), WHEATLEY**

A voluntary choir whose members sing for pleasure all kinds of songs and get to know each other.

**Contact:** Rachel Cave; 07505 131124,  
wheatleyaroundpiano@gmail.com

**Interest group:** Adults of all ages.

**Further information:** Monday term time for anyone who loves to sing. Very relaxed, no music reading, or previous experience required. 19.30-21.30 at the Wheatley URC Hall Wheatley.

### **CONSERVATIVE PARTY, WHEATLEY & DISTRICT**

To promote the Conservative Party in the Wheatley area.

**Contact:** Chair; Ginette Camps Walsh, Tel; 01865 351762.  
Email: camps.walsh@btinternet.com

**Interest group:** All those of voting age

**Further information:** South Oxford Conservative Association; 0845 230 4026, kevin@oxfordshireconservatives.com

### **COOL KIDS CLUB**

Providing quality out of school care for 40 children aged from 3 to 11, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, cooking and much more.

**Contact:** Mandy Braham, Manager, or Debbie Naish, Deputy Manager, Cool Kids Club, c/o Wheatley Primary School, Littleworth Road, Wheatley, Oxford. OX33 1NN; 01865 876395, Email:

Coolkidsinformation21@aol.com

**Website:** [www.coolkidsclub.org.uk](http://www.coolkidsclub.org.uk)

**Interest group:** Primary school children

**Further information:** We are open during term-time for breakfast between 7.30am - 8.35am and for after school club from 3.00pm - 5.30pm. We also open for holiday club from 8.30am - 5.30pm and are happy to take children from other local schools as well as Wheatley Primary School. We provide this also for the Wheatley Pre-School with the added lunch club so that parents can access our high-quality affordable care.

### **CRICKET (WHEATLEY YOUTH CRICKET CLUB)**

Wheatley Youth Cricket Club was formed in 2021 to deliver All Stars cricket to 5–8-year-olds with the intention of developing youth cricket within Wheatley.

All stars are an 8-week programme of weekly, 45 minutes sessions run by ECB accredited coaches in conjunction with Oxfordshire Cricket Board. For the seasons 2022 onwards, we hope to also run Dynamos courses for 8–11-year-olds.

Contact [wheatleyyouthcc@gmail.com](mailto:wheatleyyouthcc@gmail.com) or see our page on Wheatley Playing Field Trust website.

### **DENTAL PRACTICE, WHEATLEY**

Private dental practice in Wheatley.

**Contact:** Wheatley Dental Practice, 96 Church Rd, Wheatley Oxford, OX33 1LZ; 01865 873314; [wheatleydentist@gmail.com](mailto:wheatleydentist@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.wheatleydental.co.uk](http://www.wheatleydental.co.uk)

**Interest Group:** all ages.



### **EMMA WILSON MEMORIAL FUND**

A charitable organisation making monetary awards to young people who are resident in the villages of Wheatley or Littleworth, who have given their time on a voluntary basis to help individuals, groups, or organisations of any kind in our community.

**Contact:** Jack Turner, Chair; Lesley Durbin, Treasurer; Chantal Brierley, ewmf@thebrierleys.co.uk

**Interest group:** Primary and secondary school children and young people.

**Further information:** We consider nominations for an award from any organisation or individual; awards are given at events relevant to the award winner.

### **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH**

A voluntary organisation with the aim of keeping in good repair the Parish Church and churchyard, to pass on to future generations.

**Contacts:** Church Wardens; Jane Fanning jipfanning@gmail.com, and Zannifer Mason Zannifer.mason@gmail.com

Vicar Nigel Hawkes, vicar.wheatley@gmail.com

**Interest Group:** Adults

### **FRIENDS OF WHEATLEY LIBRARY**

The Friends organise a rota of volunteers to help staff the library, and act as a link between the library service and the local community.

To register your interest in becoming a volunteer, please visit [www.wheatleylibrary.org/interested-in-volunteering/](http://www.wheatleylibrary.org/interested-in-volunteering/)

**Contact:** Rosie Lake (Chairperson) rosamond.lake@hotmail.co.uk  
Gregory Walker (Treasurer, Acting Secretary)  
gpmwalker@btinternet.com

### **FUSION YOUTH & COMMUNITY (WHEATLEY)**

Fusion Wheatley is an ecumenical Christian group providing events and programmes for the local community. All local work is done by volunteers. It aims to help build local community in a variety of ways and, to help and support young people and children in finding their place in that community. Fusion is not a church or based around any one church, but governance is now covered under the charitable umbrella of Wheatley Community Church.

**Contact:** Gordon Ewbank Gordon.ewbank@gmail.com

**Website:** <https://wheatleycommunitychurch.org/youth-kids/>

**Interest group:** Youth and adults

**Further information:** Fusion was first formed nearly 50 years ago in the suburbs of west Sydney, as a response to the needs of socially at-risk young people. From those early roots, it is now an international movement, operating to varying degrees in 12 different countries around the world. Fusion Youth & Community UK was established in 2005.

### **GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**

A group providing help to promote the wellbeing of residents living in the Wheatley area. Using a team of volunteers, we offer practical help with day-to-day problems including shopping, collections and deliveries, befriending, and much more. We also liaise with other local services.

**Contact:** 07369 274646 wheatleygns@gmail.com

**Interest group:** Adults, elderly, carers

### **GIRLGUIDING IN WHEATLEY (HEADINGTON DISTRICT)**

Comprising 1st Wheatley Brownies (7-10 years), 1st Wheatley Guides (10-15 years), and 1st Wheatley Rangers (15-18 years).

**Contact:** Rachel Sharman, 1st Wheatley Guides, 07842 307702 (Rachel) / 07886787863 (Amy) wheatley.guides@yahoo.co.uk

**Website** [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

**Interest group:** Girls and young women. We are always looking for adult volunteers as well as new younger members.

**Further information:** Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, with 553,633 members. Girlguiding giving girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills, and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities. We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them the chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good. We give them a space to have fun.

All groups meet on Wednesdays in term time. Brownies meet from 5:30pm to 7:00pm and the Guides and Rangers meet from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

## **HOLTON AND WHEATLEY CRICKET CLUB**

An established, local club playing friendly games through the summer on Sunday afternoons, from late April on.

**Contact:** Hugh Kitchin (hkitchin@btconnect.com)

**Website:** <https://www.hawcc.co.uk/>

**Further information:** The club offers a warm welcome to anyone, who wants to enjoy playing cricket. Last season we covered an age range from 16 to 81 and an ability range from league players to keen novices. We cater for those who want regular or occasional games. The club (formerly known as Holton CC) has featured on the local circuit since the 1970s and stages home matches nearby at Great Haseley CC.

## **HOWE TRUST ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

To provide Allotments on the Howe, Windmill Lane, for rent.

**Contact:** Georgina Glenny (Chair)goglenny@brookes.ac.uk.

Mr E Morgan-Jones (Secretary) 6 Howe Close, 01865 874413, oldmogmrmog@gmail.com

**Interest group:** Youth, Adults of all ages.

**Further information:** To rent a plot or one of the raised beds for folk who are less physically able, contact Mr E Morgan Jones

## **THE HOWE TRUST (WHEATLEY)**

A local charity responsible for managing approximately 28 acres of land known as 'The Howe', to include provision for allotments and create an area of biodiversity. The area is open to all as an area for recreation and relaxation with views over the village towards Otmoor. Volunteer help is always welcome with tree planting, path maintenance, mowing etc. Funds are also available to help where there are special needs within Wheatley.

**Contact** Maggie Fyffe (chair) magsandmat@yahoo.co.uk , 07889639986, Celia Pagel (treasurer) bagels2001@gmail.com, 01865872250, Helen Cross (clerk) helen.cross.2011@gmail.com 01865873750

**Interest group.** All ages

## **JOHN WATSON SCHOOL**

John Watson School is a community special school committed to delivering high quality learning experiences to all our children and young people. We aim to provide a relevant and balanced education that recognises individual achievement and prepares each individual, well for their future lives.

**Contact:** 01865 452725, office@johnwatsonschool.org

**Website:** www.johnwatsonschool.org

**Further information:** If you would like further information, or wish to visit the school, then please contact the school office.

### **LABOUR PARTY HENLEY CONSTITUENCY**

**Contact:** Crispin Flintoff (Secretary) 07961 638683, crispinFlintoff@hotmail.com

**Website:** [www.henleylabour.org.uk](http://www.henleylabour.org.uk)

### **LEYSHON (with Farndell) TRUST**

This is a trust fund, established by a former resident of Wheatley with monies added to later by a second resident. The income generated by it can be applied to any present or former pupil of Wheatley CE Primary School/Academy, in need of financial assistance to enable them to further their own personal education in areas not financed by state education.

Awards are made twice a year and applicants are invited to apply to the school for an application form and returned either by October 31<sup>st</sup> or April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Contact:** The Office, Wheatley CE Primary Academy either in writing or by e-mail office.3165@wheatley.oxon.sch.uk

### **LIBERAL DEMOCRATS, WHEATLEY DIVISION**

To further the aims as a political party, as set out on the official website.

**Contact:** Tim Bearder, c/o The Oxfordshire Liberal Democrats at C5 Grange Court Business Park, Barton Lane, Abingdon, OX14 3NB, tim.bearder@oxonlibdems.uk Tel 07789754727

**Website:** Liberal Democrats [www.oxonlibdems.uk/](http://www.oxonlibdems.uk/)

**Interest group:** All those of voting age

**Further information:** Meetings, fund raising activities, recruiting.

## **LIBRARY, WHEATLEY**

We have 6 universal offers in libraries:

Reading – access to books, e-books, audiobooks, magazines, and a vast collection of reference material

Health and Wellbeing – access to information about creating and maintaining wellbeing.

Information and Digital – access to courses to develop IT skills and how to be safe online.

Culture and Creativity – craft, music, speakers, jigsaw swaps

Children's Promise – studies show that by inspiring children to read for pleasure they have a better outcome in life.

Six Steps Promise – ensuring an accessible environment for everyone of all ages and abilities.

**Contact:** Wheatley Library; 01865 875267,

**Website:** [wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

**Interest group:** All

**Further information:** Joining the library is free to everyone. There are items and events for all ages and interests.

Books can be borrowed off the shelf or requested from another site.

Adult and children's fiction and non-fiction, in several formats.

Photocopying and printing are available plus free access to computers and the internet.

Reminiscence packs, local history, reading group sets, playsets, music scores are all available through the library.

Opening Hours: Monday: Closed. Tuesday: 2-7pm, Wednesday:

9.30am -1pm and 2-5pm, Thursday 2-5pm. Friday 9.30am-1pm and

2-6pm, Saturday 9.30am -1pm.

## **MAPLE TREE CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

Our friendly team aims to provide a range of fun activities, advice and support for families and carers with children under five, including parents-to-be and grandparents.

**Contact:** Laura Spencer (Centre Manager), The Maple Tree Children's Centre, Littleworth Road, Wheatley, Oxford OX33 1PH. Tel: 01865 236700, [info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.mapletree.org.uk](http://www.mapletree.org.uk).

**Interest group:** 0–5-year-olds children and their families.

**Further information:** We offer different sessions which run throughout the year such as: Maple Babies with access to the local health visitors, Stay, Play, and Learn sessions with different themes, such as Messy

Mondays, Rhyme Time, Little Explorers, Little Adventurers, Social Butterflies.

Family Fun runs on the third Saturday of each month which is a time for families to get together (this is popular with our dads!) We also offer a 1:1 Listening Ear for families who are struggling, especially during the pandemic.

We recently started an outreach and befriending programme, and this includes a weekly Stay, Play and Learn in Forest Hill.

We also run special events, such as our informative and interactive online programme for new parents (Sleep, Weaning, Toilet Training to name a few) and First Aid workshops, Baby Massage courses, and much more.

### **MERRY BELLS VILLAGE HALL (REGISTERED CHARITY)**

We have 2 rooms with excellent facilities available for hire – a large hall suitable for up to 100 people with an annexe and kitchen facilities and a smaller room for up to 25 people. The building was originally a Temperance Hotel built in 1888. It became the Village Hall in 1970 when it was sold to the people of the village. It is well maintained and run as a Charitable Trust by its Management Committee.

**Contact:** 01865 875840, [info@merrybells.org.uk](mailto:info@merrybells.org.uk) or book online at [merrybells.org.uk](http://merrybells.org.uk)

### **MORLAND HOUSE SURGERY**

Local GP practice, dispensary, and pharmacy

**Contact:** Reception at Morland House Surgery, London Road, Wheatley, OX33 1YJ, 01865 872448

**Website:** [www.morland-house.co.uk](http://www.morland-house.co.uk)

**Interest group:** All the community

**Further information:** We currently take patients from the following areas: Albury, Chislehampton, Chippinghurst, Cuddesdon, Denton, Forest Hill, Garsington, Great Haseley, Great Milton, Holton, Horspath, Little Haseley, Little Milton, Milton Common, Sandhills, Stadhampton, Stanton St John, Tiddington, Waterperry, Waterstock, Wheatley, and Worminghall

### **NEW CLUB**

Family and dog friendly licensed bar, function room and outdoor area, providing a welcoming social and meeting facility for the community.

**Contact:** The Steward, 3 Blenheim Lane, Wheatley OX33 1NJ, 01865 873530

**Interest group:** Membership available for both individuals and families

**Further information:** Home cooked food available. Regular offers and events. Also, home to local clay shooting and fishing clubs, base for local British Legion and RAF National Service Association, allotments, and Village Produce Association. Facilities include Darts, Aunt Sally, Snooker, Pool, Cribbage and Bingo.

### **NOT SO YOUNG CLUB**

A social club for older people.

**Contact:** Frances Simpson, Chair. 01865 873245, Barbara Joiner, albarjoiner@btinternet.com

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Crown Road, Wheatley, OX33 1UL.

We are a Live Simply and a Fairtrade Parish seeking to build a community of faith, hope and love.

**Contact:** Fr Mervyn Tower, The Presbytery, 88 Wharton Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 8AJ; 01865 762433, corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

**Web site:** [www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk](http://www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk)

**Interest group:** All

A Vigil Mass for Sunday is celebrated each Saturday evening at 6pm. Vigil Mass on Holy Days of Obligation, 6pm on preceding day.

### **OXFORD MODEL FLYING CLUB**

To support of all types of model flying.

**Contact:** Charlie Newman, 40 Ambrose Rise, Wheatley, OX33 1YG; 01865 426129, [charlie.newman737@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charlie.newman737@yahoo.co.uk)

**Web site:** [www.oxfordmfc.bmfa.uk](http://www.oxfordmfc.bmfa.uk)

**Interest group:** Adults and other age groups to a lesser extent

**Further information:** Based on our wonderful flying field, Port Meadow, the club flies all types of model aircraft, has tuition available to beginners, runs several rallies annually and has regular evening meetings and a lively social scene.

### **PARK SPORTS CENTRE – A BETTER FACILITY, GLL**

Providing leisure and indoor sporting facilities to the surrounding area

**Contact:** 01865 872128, Park@gll.org

**Web site:** [www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/south-oxfordshire/park](http://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/south-oxfordshire/park)

**Interest group:** All

**Further information:** Fully equipped air-conditioned gym; wide range of group exercise classes including Body Pump, Pilates, Tai Chi, Circuits, Group Cycle and Zumba; children's courses, including gymnastics, trampolining and ballet, birthday parties; racquet sports including squash badminton and table tennis and many more sports facilities available for hire.

### **POST OFFICE**

Post Office Ltd for post office services, bureau de change, retail

**Website:** [www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder/4041372/wheatley](http://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder/4041372/wheatley)

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WHEATLEY AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

To provide the focus for the annual observation of Remembrance in and around Wheatley and for the welfare and social needs of current and former members of the Armed Forces and their families and additionally of any others interested and supportive of Legion aims.

**Contact:** Dr Jim Watson (Secretary) 1 Roman Road, Wheatley, Oxford, OX33 1UU, 01865 873689, Jimwatson36@tiscali.co.uk

The Royal British Legion, Haigh House, 199 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1AA (Registered Charity No 219279).

**Interest group:** any adult in the district with or without a force's connection

**Further information:** The Branch holds regular meetings at the New Club usually with a speaker and lunch. Visits are also organised to mainly local places of interest. Fund raising events are also held in addition to the annual Poppy Appeal collections.

### **RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB (WHEATLEY RUFC)**

A voluntary organisation for adults encouraging participation in rugby.

**Contact:** Peter Ramsdale; peter\_ramsdale@btinternet.com

**Website:** [www.wheatleyrufc.com](http://www.wheatleyrufc.com)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/WheatleyRUFc>

**Interest group:** Adults

**Further information:** Wheatley Rugby Club run two senior sides and a veteran's team. The first 1<sup>st</sup> XV play in the Bucks, Berks and Oxon



Premiership league and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV cater for less experienced and more mature players.

The club offers a warm welcome to new members who may wish to develop their rugby or just want to enjoy a game of rugby and the strong social scene at the club.

Adult training is at Holton Playing Fields (opposite Wheatley Park Sports Centre). on Tuesdays and Thursday 7pm, Matches Saturday.

### **SCRABBLE CLUB, WHEATLEY**

To enhance members skills and enjoy the game.

**Contact:** Anne Ambler; 01865 872628, ambleranne20@gmail.com

**Interest group:** Adults

**Further information:** We play two games of scrabble in an evening, with light refreshments.

### **SHOTOVER WILDLIFE**

Shotover Wildlife is an independent voluntary organisation founded in 1999 to research and communicate the importance of Shotover Hill for wildlife. Work comprises monthly conservation days, species surveying, wildlife management advice, tours for groups, research, and publishing.

Shotover Wildlife leaflets (free) – over thirty titles

**Contact:** Ivan Wright, 15 Blenheim Way, Horspath, Oxford, OX33 1SB;

Tel: 01865 874423, enquiries@shotover-wildlife.org.uk

**Website:** www.shotover-wildlife.org.uk

### **SHOTOVER PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

The Society exists to make sure that Shotover is preserved for future generations.

**Contact:** Veronica Dudley, Secretary, 01865 768901,

sps@shotoverpreservation.uk

**Web site:** www.shotoverpreservation.uk/

**Further information:** Our input is sought by the City Council and other bodies when making plans for Shotover, and we keep our members informed about all relevant matters through our newsletters and emails.

### **ST. MARY'S CHURCH GUILD**

We are a friendly group of individuals, who meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (no meeting in August) at 2.15 in the URC Hall. There is usually a speaker. New members are welcome.

**Contact:** Wendy Rogers; 01865 873857, w.rogers2@sky.com

## **ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WHEATLEY – GROWING CHRISTIANS IN THE COMMUNITY**

St Mary's is a vibrant church where people can explore faith, worship God together, care for one another, and share God's love in the community. We are a family and want everyone to have a place with us, whether you are very young or "getting on a bit". We look forward to welcoming you

**Contact:** Rev. Nigel Hawkes 01865 872224,  
vicar.wheatley@gmail.com Facebook: St Mary the Virgin Wheatley  
**Website:** www.achurchnearyou.com

## **SUSTAINABLE WHEATLEY**

Voluntary organisation promoting sustainable living through waste reduction, re-use, recycling, and use of resources.

**Contact:** sustainablewheatley@gmail.com

**Web site:** www.sustainablewheatley.org, www.cagoxfordshire.org.uk

**Interest group:** Adults

**Further information:** Part of a network of similar groups in Oxfordshire.

## **TENNIS**

Wheatley Playing Field Trust manages 9 tennis courts on the Holton Playing Field. These are available to residents of Wheatley and Holton, between April and October, outside of school hours.

At time of publication, there is no tennis club and further details can be found on the Trust website [www.wheatleyplayingfieldtrust.co.uk](http://www.wheatleyplayingfieldtrust.co.uk)

## **THAME & DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (THAMECAB)**

Provides free, independent, confidential, and impartial advice on a wide range of issues such as debt, welfare benefits, housing matters, consumer rights, court proceedings, child support maintenance and employment.

As well as the general helpline, they also have a consumer's helpline, a witness service to support those in court and a pension guidance for those aged over 50.

**Contact:** 03444 111 444 (central number) 0808 278 7907 (Thame CAB), [thame@osavcab.org.uk](mailto:thame@osavcab.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/)

**Interest group:** Adults

## **THE OTHER WHEATLEY BOOK CLUB**

To read a variety of different books and to meet once a month to discuss them.

**Contact:** Pam Harverson 01865 873343, pam.harverson@outlook.com

**Interest group:** Adults of all ages.

**Further information:** We meet monthly to discuss the book just read.

## **THE RAMBLERS, THAME & WHEATLEY GROUP**

The Ramblers is a registered charity, which promotes walking, protects the rights of way network, and campaigns for greater access to countryside & coast.

**Contact:** Linda King 07554069406

**Website:** [www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/thame-wheatley.html](http://www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/thame-wheatley.html) or  
[www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk](http://www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk)

**Interest group:** Adults of all ages.

**Further information:** The Thame & Wheatley group is a friendly and lively group which contributes walks of all levels and distances to the Oxfordshire area programme, as well as arranging holidays, awaydays and social events. It is active in footpath checking and maintenance. Members are kept informed of Ramblers events via monthly e-mails and regular newsletters. New walkers and potential members are always welcome. The beautiful rural area covered by the group includes 34 parishes within the Vale of Oxford as well as several picturesque market towns. It is crossed by the Thame Valley Walk, the Ridgeway, the Oxfordshire Way and Shakespeare's Way as well as numerous local footpaths.

## **THE WHEATLEY SOCIETY**

Since the mid-1970s the Wheatley Society has existed as a social and cultural resource for those living locally. It has always been keenly interested in local civic affairs. When appropriate it has worked with others on planning and environmental issues.

**Contact:** Mary Hall, (Chair), [maryelizabethhall@hotmail.com](mailto:maryelizabethhall@hotmail.com) 01865 803910, Jennifer Newton, (Secretary), [jen@cjnewton.co.uk](mailto:jen@cjnewton.co.uk), Leigh Darnton (Membership Secretary) 01865 875675

**Interest group:** Adults

**Further Information:** Our annual programme includes social evenings, a Christmas quiz, talks on a wide range of topics, walks in the local area and visits to places of local interest.

Joining Wheatley Society is an excellent way to meet others interested in Village issues and for newcomers it offers a welcome to the village

and all it has to offer. All in the Wheatley area are welcome to join -- annual membership fees are £7 per family or £4 for an individual.

### **UNITED REFORMED CHURCH- WHEATLEY HIGH STREET / CROWN SQUARE**

The church on the square. Sunday morning service 10.00 in the church and online. See website for details.

**Contact:** Church Secretary: (Phyllis Williams) 01865 803859  
secretary@wheatleyurc.org.uk

**Website:** www.wheatleyurc.org.uk

Interest group: Church and community activities for all ages

**Further information:** See website for more information. There are regular activities and events through the week. Please drop in if you see the door is open.

### **VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION (VPA)**

A club to inform and inspire new and experienced gardeners.

**Contact:** WheatleyVPA@gmail.com

**Interest group:** People interested in plants and growing of any age and experience.

**Further information:** We meet at the Merry Bells at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of every month except December. We have a full programme of talks from invited speakers and the meetings provide the opportunity to get gardening questions answered and to meet the many other friendly members. We organise a summer holiday and hold an Autumn Show which includes classes for baking, crafts, and photography in addition to fruit and vegetables.

### **WHEATLEY AREA CHURCHES (WAC)**

Local network of churches with the aim of encouraging collaboration and ecumenism through celebration of significant moments in the Christian calendar, services, community events and children's holiday clubs, working in conjunction with Fusion (Wheatley).

**Contact:** Gordon Ewbank, (Chair); 01865 873326, Michael Worthington, (Vice Chair), Val Farmer, (Secretary)

**Interest group:** all welcome

**Further information:** Wheatley Area Churches - Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church (Wheatley), St Bartholomew's (Holton), St Mary's Church (Wheatley), Wheatley Community Church, Wheatley United Reformed Church.

## **WHEATLEY CARE**

Wheatley Care is a Volunteer Organisation providing transport to Residents including children (must be accompanied by a parent) of Wheatley, Littleworth and Holton for all medical appointments.

Wheatley Care has 2 wheelchairs which can be used by the Drivers for any person that may need one. They can also be used for disabled people so long as they are able to get in and out of the car.

**Contact:** For bookings 07505 543750, Kath Lamont (Chairperson) 01865 876609. 74 London Rd, Wheatley OX33 1YQ.

**Further information:** We cover the following: - Doctors, all Oxfordshire Hospitals, Podiatry, Dental, & Physio appointment. **(Not Shopping)**

## **WHEATLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ACORN NURSEY**

Primary school education for 4–11-year-olds and nursery for 2–4-year-olds.

**Contact:** Mrs Gillian Standing (Headteacher), Wheatley CE Primary Academy, Littleworth Rd, Wheatley, Oxfordshire, 01865 872366

**Website:** [www.wheatley.oxon.sch.uk/](http://www.wheatley.oxon.sch.uk/)

**Email:** [office.3165@wheatley.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3165@wheatley.oxon.sch.uk)

**Interest group:** Children and families

**Further information:** **Cool Kids Club** operates adjacent to the school premises and runs a breakfast / lunch / holiday and after school club. See separate entry.

## **WHEATLEY CHARITIES**

The charity administers two funds for residents of Wheatley Parish: The first fund is for the benefit of poor persons living in the Parish. Applications for assistance can be made at any time of the year by letter to the Chairman and will be considered in strict confidence.

The second fund is for the benefit of apprentices, students, and trainees under the age of 25 to assist them to pursue a trade or profession. Application forms are available from the Secretary and must be completed and returned by the end of August in the year of application.

**Contact:** Details of the current Chairman, Secretary and Trustees can be obtained from the Parish Council Office

**Interest group:** Secondary school age to elderly.

## **WHEATLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Wheatley Community Church is a growing community of all ages, including many young families. We seek to be inclusive, contemporary, lively, and accessible to all – a community where Christians can meet and serve together under the lordship of Christ, and where those with questions of faith can come to explore them.

**Contact:** Al McNicoll 07802 442985

al.mcnicoll@wheatleycommunitychurch.org

**Further information:** We meet at Wheatley Primary School every Sunday at 10.30 am, as well as midweek in homes across the village.

## **WHEATLEY COMMUNITY LARDER**

Helping to reduce food waste and supporting residents through the cost-of-living crisis, the larder shares food otherwise destined for landfill. Fresh fruit, vegetables, bread, tinned and packet goods, plus baby items, as well as a café. You may also find other donated items available too.

The larder is currently based in the Uniter Reform Church, Crown Square and is open every Thursday from 2.30pm.

## **WHEATLEY HEALTH WALKS**

To encourage people to walk for the sake of their health and enjoy it. We walk at a speed to suit everyone.

**Contact:** Walk leaders: Geoff Ambler; 01865 872628, ambleranne20@gmail.com, Jean Vaughton 01865 873430  
jeanvaughton@aol.com

**Interest group:** Adults and special groups

**Further information:** We walk every Thursday morning, leaving from Park Sports at 10.00am.

## **WHEATLEY LIBRARY READING GROUP**

To read books and discuss them with local people.

**Contact:** 1. Mrs Julia Middleton, 54 St. Mary's Close, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1YP; 01865 875266 julie.middleton1@ntlworld.com

**Interest group:** Adults

**Further information:** Meets 8pm on the last Thursday of the month in the library.

### **WHEATLEY NURSERY SCHOOL**

A nursery school for 2–5-year-olds that can offer funded spaces, and 15 or 30-hour free sessions. Open Monday-Friday from 8am, Breakfast Club 8-9am, Morning Session 9am-12pm, Afternoon Session 12-3pm. After school club 3-6pm. We also offer a holiday club 9am -4pm at various times during the school holidays.

**Contact:** Debbie Ball and Sue Woodward Deputy Head teachers and Nursery Administrator 01865 452725, [wheatleynurseryschool.org](http://wheatleynurseryschool.org) @[johnwatsonschool.org](http://johnwatsonschool.org)

**Website:** [www.wheatleynurseryschool.org](http://www.wheatleynurseryschool.org)

### **WHEATLEY PARK SCHOOL: RIVER LEARNING TRUST**

Secondary Education

**Contact:** Mr. Tim Martin. Headteacher. Wheatley Park School, Holton, Oxford. OX33 1QH; 01865 872441, Fax 01865 874712, [office@wheatleypark.org](mailto:office@wheatleypark.org)

**Web site:** [www.wheatleypark.org](http://www.wheatleypark.org)

**Interest group:** Secondary age pupils and their families.

### **WHEATLEY PLAYING FIELD TRUST**

The Trust manages and maintains the Parish Council's playing field and facilities in Holton.

**Contact:** Wheatley Playing Field Trust  
[admin@wheatleyplayingfieldtrust.co.uk](mailto:admin@wheatleyplayingfieldtrust.co.uk)

**Interest group:** Organised outdoor sports for schoolchildren and adults

**Further Information:** Bookings taken for organised sport – cricket, netball, football, rugby, and tennis – via the Wheatley Parish Council website: <http://wheatleyplayingfieldtrust.co.uk/>

### **WHEATLEY PRODUCTIONS**

To offer opportunities for local people to participate in high quality musicals, drama, opera & pantomime for the community.

**Contact:** Helen Keely, Secretary, [Wheatleyprods@gmail.com](mailto:Wheatleyprods@gmail.com)

**Further information:** Wheatley Productions is a friendly, welcoming group, enabling local people to take part in plays, musicals, pantomime, and the occasional opera. So, whether you're interested in lighting, sound, scenery, makeup, music, dancing, acting, directing, or producing, we would love to see you. New members are always welcome, no experience necessary.

### **WHEATLEY REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP**

Our aim is to promote awareness in our local community in support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers by organising local events to highlight their issues and cultural background, with speakers from local or national groups, poetry evenings, shared meals, and by highlighting relevant campaigns and petitions to government and agencies.

Practical support such as collections of clothes or other necessities, distribution of locally grown produce.

**Contact:** wheatleyrefugeegroup@gmail.com or search on Facebook

**Interest group:** adults, children

Further information: contact us to join our circulation list.

### **WHEATLEY RYOBU-KAI KARATE CLUB (WRKC)**

To teach the principles of England Karate-do-Ryobu-kai (EKR) offering tradition, respect and humility showing there is no exception to age, ability, sex, or race.

**Contact:** Roland Read, Chairman & Chief Instructor, 64 Church Road, Wheatley, Oxford, OX33 1LZ; 01865 873691

roland.read@ntlworld.com

**Web site:** www.ekr.uk.com Parent organisation

**Interest group:** Adults and children from 7 years.

**Further information:** It also gives the opportunity for people to learn the history of the martial art and to train in a manner that has been effective for many decades. Developed from Karate, Aikido, Jujitsu and Kobudo this opens many avenues to understanding and enjoying such weapons as the Kama (sickle) Tonfa (baton) and Bo (staff).

Venue: The Park Sports Centre, Oxon, OX33 1QZ

### **WHEATLEY SCOUT GROUP**

We provide Scouting activities for children and young people from Wheatley and surrounding villages. They experience many different adventures, take part in outdoor activities, go camping, interact with others and make new friends, gain confidence, and learn new skills. Comprising Beavers (6-8years), Cubs (8-10½), Scouts (10½-14) and Explorers (14-18). The Explorers section is technically independent of the Group, although we do provide informal support. As well as Wheatley village, our catchment area also covers many of the surrounding villages.

**Contact:** Ann Ashmore, Administrator, Wheatley Scout Group, Holloway Road, Wheatley; 07962 243216

info@wheatleyscouts.org.uk or www.scouts.org.uk/



**Website:** [www.wheatleyscouts.org.uk/](http://www.wheatleyscouts.org.uk/)

**Further information:** Our group currently has around 80 members, of whom about 15 are voluntary 'warranted' leaders or regular helpers. All leaders and helpers are subject to CRB checks. Subscriptions pay for most of the expenditure of the group, (currently £10/month) with additional support from fundraising and local community grants. Extra charges are payable for camps and special excursions. We are sympathetic to those families suffering financial hardship and will also seek to include and support those who struggle to make a personal contribution.

We are always looking for helpers to support our leaders, and Executive committee which supports the running of the Group through managing our premises and finances. Please do get in touch if you would like to help in any way.

### **WHEATLEY SINGERS (CHORAL SOCIETY)**

Wheatley Singers are a voluntary music organisation, whose members sing and perform choral music and sundry other musical activities.

**Contact:** Celia Pagel, Secretary; 01865 872250,  
bagels2011@gmail.com

**Interest group:** Adults

**Further information:** Tuesday evenings, 19.15 -21.00, at the Wheatley URC working towards concerts at Christmas and May/June. Anyone with an interest in singing is welcome.

### **WHEATLEY VILLAGE ARCHIVE**

The Village Archive collates and safeguards artefacts, photographs, maps, and other information relating to the history and people of the village; village life, past and present; details of individual properties; and family trees. The Archive provides a valuable resource accessible to all, via its comprehensive website, visits to the archive room, or by following the Heritage Trails. Publications connected to the village, which will add to the reader's knowledge of Wheatley, are available for sale. Additions or corrections to the archive are always most welcome.

**Contact details:** Michael Heaton: 01865 425909, Steph Cox: 07979867014, Pam Reay (particularly genealogy) 01865 432808, Roger Bell, Treasurer: 01865 875286

**Website:** [www.wheatleyarchive.org.uk](http://www.wheatleyarchive.org.uk)

**Interest group:** All ages.

**Further information:** The Archive Room in the Merry Bells is open every Thursday afternoon from 14.00 until 17.00, and on the first

Saturday each month from 10.00 to noon, or at other times by prior arrangement with one of the organisers. Disabled access is available via the library.

### **WINDMILL PRESERVATION SOCIETY, WHEATLEY**

A charitable and voluntary organisation concerned with the restoration, preservation, and maintenance of the Wheatley Windmill.

**Contact:** Caroline Dalton, Secretary; [secretary@wheatleymill.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wheatleymill.co.uk)  
Mavis Ramsden, Member; 01865 874610,

**Website:** [www.facebook.com/Wheatley-Windmill-101755292087737](http://www.facebook.com/Wheatley-Windmill-101755292087737)

**Interest group:** All

**Further information:** Wheatley Windmill is open to the public every second Sunday in the months May to October. We gladly host group or society visits at other times by arrangement. The Society is a source of educational and historical material, while teas and other refreshments are served at the mill on open Sundays.

Anybody over 18 can become a Friend of the Mill for £10.00.

Volunteers are always welcome.

### **WINE CIRCLE, WHEATLEY, AND DISTRICT**

A social club for people with an interest in wine. Monthly meetings on various wines, beer, and other topics.

**Contact:** Stephanie Brooklyn 01865 872710

**Interest group:** Adults

**Further information:** Annual wine making competition and various social events including trips to places of interest.

### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, WHEATLEY**

A voluntary organisation to enable women to improve and develop conditions of rural life and its associated issues, including arts, crafts, and sciences.

**Contact:** President, [wheatleywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:wheatleywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)

**Website:** [www.wheatleywi.com](http://www.wheatleywi.com)

**Interest group:** Adult women

**Further information:** new members always welcome.

Meetings on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Merry Bells at 19.15.

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