



# NEWS LETTER

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## Aims of LPRA

- Ensure that Lea Park remains a safe and pleasant place to live.
- Identify problems which affect residents' quality of life.
- Find solutions to problems that arise.
- Represent residents' concerns to agencies that have authority over Lea Park.
- Help residents get in touch with various public organisations which may assist in maintaining and repairing the shared areas of Lea Park.
- Actively campaign for changes and improvements.
- Enable residents to help and support one another in delivering a better environment.

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Cover Picture  
The Moat in the sunshine

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## Barley Hill School Fete 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022

It was a lovely sunny day for the fete.

The LPRAs had a stall to raise awareness of our aims and to support the school in their fundraising efforts.

A special thanks to our helpers including Doug Humphries, who with Alan and Elaine Kidd helped to set up and dismantle the stand; Angela Bowers; Joe Chapman; Gobika Kobithasan; Lesley Harker; Deb Chapman; Karen Parks; Jenny McCloud; Angela Willson and Anne Walkinshaw.

Vantage Chiropractic kindly donated a prize 50% reduction in the cost of the Initial Consultation.

The winners of the 'guess the number of beads in the jar' each won a £5.00 gift voucher, kindly donated by Wally's toy shop. There were 283 beads in the jar!

4 The winners of the 'Riddles' competition, won gift vouchers kindly donated by The Book House.

Lea Park's oldest resident and founder member of the LPRAs, Garry Garretts kindly agreed to hand out the prizes at the end of the Fete.

Thank you for your support of the LPRAs.

## Teddy's Day Out!

I had a lovely day out at the Barley Hill Fete. I was very excited so I arrived early to make sure I had a good seat, where I could see all the people at the Fete.



I had a special place on the table at the front of the LPRAs stall. Can you see me in the photos above?

Lots of children came to say hello. They



asked me where I lived. It was a secret, as it was one of the competitions. People had to guess which road I live on in Lea Park. Several people thought I should live in Rupert Way, but I don't think I look like Rupert Bear – do you?

I live with Ken and Claire in Blake Way.

No one guessed correctly, but someone thought I lived in Ormond Road, which is very close by. They won the prize kindly donated by Glynswood of Thame.

## Who Cares Wins

The Thame Wombles litter picking, and conservation group, was formed on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021, during the second Covid 19 lock down.



The group has grown rapidly, and to date hosts over 650 members.

Thame residents were motivated to clear rubbish from the town and the surrounding countryside, as many people were exercising more regularly, therefore littering increased, and for those bored with lock down, litter picking provided a welcome distraction.

The group estimate that over 22 tonnes of rubbish has been removed since work began. Start-up sponsorship from a variety of businesses has enabled the group to become self-sufficient and successful in all that they have undertaken.

They are supported by 21<sup>st</sup> Century Thame and allied with Thame Green Living as part of the initiative to improve the local environment, providing a useful resource to ensure that the town and district is kept free from rubbish.

The LPRAs are proud to be associated with such a dynamic group of volunteers.

Thame Wombles ethos is "to remove everything that does not belong in the town or countryside, to educate people about the importance of a clean environment, to recycle

as much as possible, and encourage people to take an active part in the continuing support and development of this initiative."

So, how can an association with the Wombles benefit the residents of Lea Park?

The founder of the group, Joe Chapman, is known as "Head Womble" and lives on the estate, on Roundhead Drive. He is also our LPRAs Vice Chair, and is committed to ensuring that residents continue to benefit from having clean streets, and to gradually clear the pavements and kerbsides of weed growth, soil and other waste that has developed over several years.

The LPRAs, in association with residents who are already Thame Wombles, are mapping out areas where work needs doing, and are looking for volunteers, specifically from Lea Park, to assist in the clearance, to help to keep our environment nice and clean.

Ideally, the County Council would be responsible for such work, but times are far from ideal, and Thame Wombles are assisting the councils (OCC, SODC, TTC), so that the limited budget can be prioritised on more important areas.

By joining the LPRAs, which costs just £2 per year, you will be supporting this, and other projects, thereby helping to keep our estate one of the safest and most progressive areas to live.

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## Don't Feed the Red Kites!

### Don't Feed Red Kites, warns RSPB

These beautiful birds are such a pleasure to watch as they soar overhead.

But the RSPB has warned the public not to feed Red Kites after two toddlers were alleged to have been left with cuts following a close encounter with the species in Buckinghamshire. There have been reports of other incidents around Thame. RSPB spokesperson Rupert Masfield has said, "Red Kites are primarily scavengers and travel far and wide in search of food. They rarely have any problem finding dead animals and other things to eat, so there really is no need for people to be putting out food for them."



Image by Trevor Cridlan ©

## Dates For Your Diary

### September Street Fair: 15<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> September

Don't miss this spectacular annual fun fair! Thame's High Street is transformed into a mini theme park with everything including massive fairground theme park-like rides.

### Thame Food Festival: 24<sup>th</sup>–25<sup>th</sup> September

Held at Thame Showground, this festival features over 120 artisan food producers and stalls alongside demonstrations from many leading chefs and bakers, including Master Chef and Great British Bake Off stars, plus masterclasses and workshops. With children's activities, a fun dog show and live music, there's something to appeal to the whole family.

### October Charter Fair: 7<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> October

A smaller fair than the one held in September, taking over just the Upper High Street car park with rides, bumper cars and candy floss – great for kiddies!

### French Market: 7<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> October

Stall holders travel to Thame from France selling a range of local crafts, hot food, soaps, and more.

### Thame Art Crawl: 10<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> October

A pop-up art exhibition in the windows of Thame town centre businesses, with an

exciting display of artistic talent from professional to up-and-coming artists.

### Thame Charities Fair: 5<sup>th</sup> November

Promoting and showcasing Thame's charities.

### Thame Fireworks Display: 5<sup>th</sup> November

An impressive annual community fireworks display, raising funds for the PTFAs of the three local Thame primary schools.

### Service of Remembrance: 13<sup>th</sup> November

Thame's Service of Remembrance starts from Thame Town Hall and then parades to the Memorial Gardens for a short service.

### Christmas Lights Switch-On: 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Christmas in Thame begins with the switching on of the town's Christmas lights.

### AgriSocial's Charity Tractor Road Run: 18<sup>th</sup> December

An annual event that features hundreds of agricultural vehicles driving through Thame to raise funds for charity.

### Carols Around the Tree: 24<sup>th</sup> December

Sing your socks off around the Christmas tree outside the Town Hall, whilst enjoying mulled wine and mince pies.

## Your Jubilee Celebrations

Thank you for sharing your Jubilee celebration photos.

### The Roundheads Jubilee Siege!

Organiser Isabelle Lewin, arranged for the closure of a section of busy Roundhead Drive.

Neighbours, who had gathered together on 3 other occasions since the start of the Covid pandemic, shared food and drinks in honour of Queen Elizabeth's 70 year reign.



## Overton Drive

This is the street party organised by Sarah Minchin and Liz Shorthouse for the residents of Overton Drive.



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## Thame Public Art Project by Beckie Reid

The Public Art project to improve wayfinding across Thame continues to move ahead, but slowly. The signs for Phase 1 (from Thame Meadows Estate, opposite Lord Williams's Upper School, to the town centre) are about to be made and will take 10 - 12 weeks to complete after which they will be installed.

Initial designs have been created for the wayfinding signs for Lea Park, but due to the rising costs, it is unclear at this point when it will be possible to have them manufactured and installed due to the limited budget available.

Recently the lead artist, Nicola Henshaw,



Example of totem

attended Barley Hill School to work with Year 3's for the day to get their input into the designs for the wayfinding signs for Lea Park, and engage them in learning more about the road names in the area. The children took part in a variety of activities which led to the creation of artwork which will be incorporated into the final designs for the estate.

Becky Reid, Market Town Coordinator from Thame Town Council, supported this activity. She will also be arranging to meet with members of LPRA to develop the wording which will be included on the totems. This will include the history of the Moat, and some information about the people and events behind the Lea Park road names.

Please contact the LPRA if you would like to participate.

Latest information can be found at:

<https://www.thametowncouncil.gov.uk/visit-thame/town-trails/public-art-leading-way-finding/>

## Lea Park Footpath Network

By Steve Brandish

Thame's Green Living Plan encourages us to have a healthier lifestyle and save our planet by leaving the car at home, walking and cycling instead. Lea Park residents are well placed to adopt this lifestyle with footpaths giving easy access to the town centre, schools and other local destinations. In fact, it is often easier and quicker to walk to town than drive.

However, years of neglect has have left us with footpaths in a poor and hazardous condition. There has been further damage caused by the digging for high-speed broadband installation.

Also, the absence of cycling restrictions presents added dangers at narrow sections, (e.g. the path linking Ludlow Drive to Lenthal Green and the path linking the estate to the Cattle Market).

LPRA has conducted surveys and audits of issues affecting the safety of our footpaths. Some successes have been achieved including path repairs, dropped curb installation and overhanging vegetation removal. However much more is needed.

We would like to see investment in:

- Extensive resurfacing of the main footpaths to create a safe and even surface for pedestrians, particularly older people using walking frames and scooters.
- Appropriate warning signs where key paths cross roads.
- Development of a cycle network to encourage safe cycling and segregation from pedestrians.
- Signage to restrict cycling where a danger is likely to be created for pedestrians.

This project will involve extensive planning and dialogue with the councils at local and county level.

## Fix My Street

This is a fast and effective way to record and report problems and track remedial action. Log your concerns regarding pavements and roads.

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>

## Update on the 20mph campaign

The Oxfordshire County Council is scheduling implementation in Thame of the 20mph limit in 'Tranche 2' in 2023/24. LPRA has helped to put Thame high on the priority list.

## Have Your Say

LPRA are keen to hear about any genuine concerns that Lea Park residents may have, so we can try to find a solution.

Please e-mail to [leapark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leapark@hotmail.co.uk) or write to the Editor at:

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## Lord Williams's School News



### Grants for former students of Lord Williams's School - Old Tamensians' Association/John Hampden War Memorial Scholarship Fund

**All past students and staff are automatically members of the Old Tamensians' Association.**

**The Fund** exists to make grants to former LWS students in higher education, apprenticeships and undertaking vocational training, to help cover the cost of books, tools and equipment and other course necessities such as special clothing. The Fund also provides textbooks and equipment for the school.

The monthly newsletter contains information on the grants from the Fund. Please join up using the link <http://eepurl.com/hdo4XD> - date you left the Lord Williams's School, in format 31/08/xxxx.

To apply for an award, please apply via the **Old Tamensians' Association** website <https://oldtamensians.org.uk/john-hampden-fund/>

**Closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October each year** and you will be notified of the outcome of your application in late November/early December.

Bridget Trueman President OTA  
[president@oldtsamensians.org.uk](mailto:president@oldtsamensians.org.uk)

## LPRAs Quiz Night - 14<sup>th</sup> October

The LPRAs will be hosting a Quiz Night at the Thame Barns Centre, Church Road, Thame, OX9 3AJ on Friday 14 October at 7.15pm.

Entry per person will be £5.00, which will go towards covering costs and any surplus will go towards LPRAs funds.

Maximum of 8 in a Team.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please no peanuts!

There will be prizes for the winning teams.

Email [leapark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leapark@hotmail.co.uk) to book a table, letting us know how many people will be in your Team, whether your Team is representing a street and your Team name.



*The last Quiz Night we held was a great success*

## Media Secretary

Lea Park Residents' Association is looking for a Media Secretary to join the LPRAs Committee.

### Responsibilities include:

- Editing and maintaining the website
- Creating posts and stories on LPRAs's Facebook page which residents might find useful
- Writing short blogs to post on the website with the help of the Committee
- Attending committee meetings to report on social media activity – approx. every 6 weeks.

**If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please get in touch via [lpra.chair@gmail.com](mailto:lpra.chair@gmail.com)**

## Use it or loose it!

### Thame Town Service 121 commenced on Tuesday 19 April 2022.

This service was on a 6 month trial but has been extended until 31 December 2022. It is important the service is used or it may be discontinued.

There is a half-hourly service between Wenman Park (Warren Mead) and the town centre, and an hourly service via Towersey



Drive and Cromwell Avenue which covers a longer spell of the day and will operate on Saturdays. One bus per hour continues to the Lord Williams's Upper School and Leisure Centre on Oxford Road, but there is no evening or Sunday service.

For a full timetable please visit:

<https://www.redlinebuses.com/time-tables/48431281-35f2-4050-9e29-0078fd25e32f> where you can download a pdf of the timetable or collect a copy from the Town Hall.

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