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RVS Cornhill Centre Newsletter

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Service Manager's Message

As August comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to show our appreciation for our volunteer's dedication and hard work here at the Cornhill Centre. The Centre certainly wouldn't be able to function without this support from our community, for our community.

The positive impact our volunteers have on the community is immense. We are now running a full weekly programme of activities and supporting almost 200 people, giving people a place outside of their home to come, have a laugh, a meal, and enjoy themselves. We are hugely proud of the good work we do as a team. Our activities span from the Art Group to the Friday Club and without the contributions of time and effort from our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to run such a varied timetable, for so many.

So, a personal thank you goes to all our volunteers, we are truly grateful for their support and look forward to continuing this important work together.

Daniel Peace, Service Manager

Centre Timetable:

Mon	10am – 12pm	Art Group
	10am – 12pm	Dementia Support Café – first Monday of the month
	10am – 12pm	Activity Club—puzzles, table/board games, jigsaws
	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Singing Group
	1:45pm – 3:45pm	International Dance
Tues	10am – 12pm	Natterbox – craft and chat
	11:30am – 1:30pm	Social Dining Club
	2:15pm – 3:45pm	Move It or Lose It!: seated exercise
Wed	10:00am – 1:30pm	Dementia Day Centre
Thurs	10:00am – 1:00pm	Dementia Day Centre
	1:30pm – 2:30pm	Singing Group
	3pm - 4pm	Yoga
Fri	10:30am – 2:30pm	Friday Club – day centre activities, games and hot lunch

Centre News

One of our volunteers, Anne Kerr, has kindly been running bric-a-brac and car boot sales to help raise funds for the Cornhill Centre. If you wish to donate items for these sales, please contact Anne or Dan at the Cornhill Centre on 01295 264214.

Thank you!

We were invited to a pig roast at the Banbury Cricket Club recently which was hosted by the Rotary Club. The weather stayed dry and a good time was had by all!



Craft Fair

Anyone interested in having a stall at the Cornhill Centre from now until the end of the year?

We have the opportunity to use the Centre's main hall on Saturday mornings between 9am—1pm, offering a large 6ft table for you to sell your wares. The Centre has a coffee bar with reasonably priced drinks available.

We would like the chance to use this facility for the good of the local community and offer people and their talents a monthly pitch to meet the public and sell, sell, sell!

Please contact josephine.allen@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk to register your interest.

Come along and join in

Jigsaw puzzles

Play Dominoes, Scrabble, Connect 4, Chess, Draughts

Every Monday 10am – 12pm

RVS Cornhill Centre

£2 per person

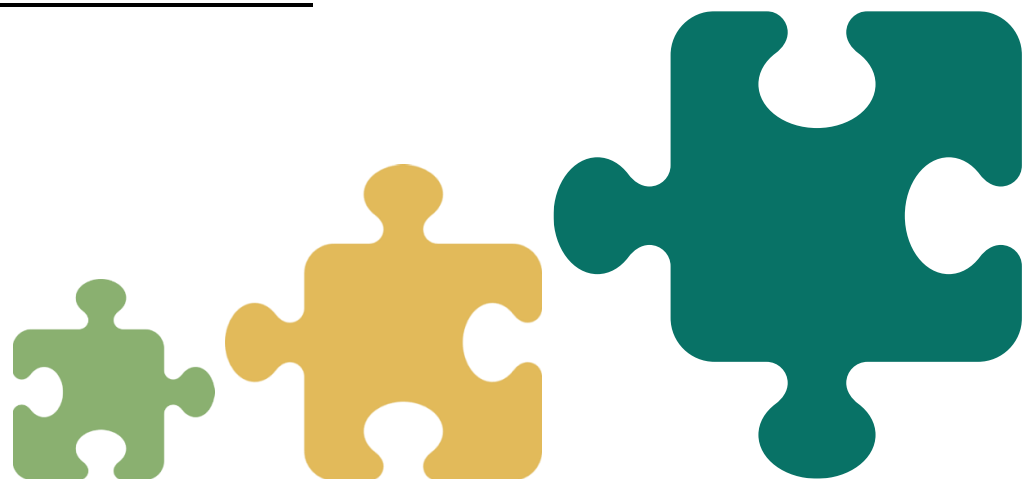
For more information email us
at



cornhillcentre@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

Or contact the Cornhill Centre on

01295 264214



Announcements

SCAM HELPLINE

- **URGENT: We need transport volunteers to collect service users and bring them to the Centre on a Tuesday and Friday. Please contact daniel.peace@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk if you can help.**
- If you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or personal details - stop, hang up and call 159 to speak to your bank. This will get you through to your bank safely and securely, every time. Please pop over to their website to take a look at how it works in more detail www.stopscamsuk.org.uk. The cost of calling 159 will vary according to your phone provider. In many cases this will be the same as a national rate call. (Please ask your provider for details.)
- HELP! We are in desperate need of gardening volunteers to assist Help@Home with keeping the outside area in front of the Cornhill Centre in tip-top condition. It's not a huge time commitment but certainly an important one! The outside area is the first port of call for visitors and members alike and we need it looking its best. Please do get in touch if you think you can help.
- If you would like coffee machine training please contact Chris at the Centre or at christopher.lee@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk
- Our Friday Club 10:30am—2:30pm - day centre with activities, games and hot lunch is currently full. If you would like to join our waiting list, please do get in touch at natasha.knight@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or call 01295 264214.
- We run a weekly raffle for our members. If you have any items you could donate, please drop them at the Cornhill Centre, Banbury or we can arrange to collect them - we'd be very grateful!
- Do pop over and take a look at our Facebook page, to see the latest news and events and keep up to date with what's happening hear at the Cornhill Centre.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093103762273>

Cornhill Centre Volunteering Opportunities

Community Club Volunteer

Meet people, support activities in your local community and help people come together and socialise.

Community Companions Volunteer

This role is about supporting people to stay independent and be a part of their communities.

Cook/Assistant Cook Volunteer

Join a friendly team where you'll get to prepare and cook a delicious menu or support our cooks with food preparation.

Community Volunteer - Lunch & Social Dining Club

Work as part of a team to offer meals and the chance for people in your community to socialise.

Service Support Volunteer

Do you want to use your skills or learn new ones by supporting services in your local area? This role will support the local teams with a variety of activities and tasks to help with the day to day running of the service.

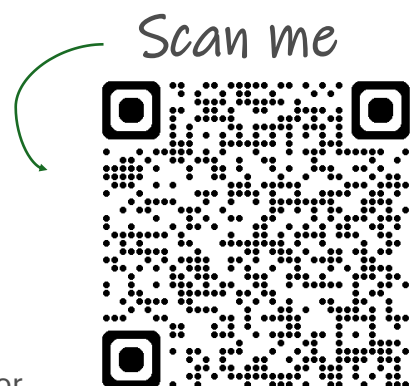
Telephone Support Volunteer

Support people in their local communities to stay independent.

Volunteer Driver

Meet new people and help them get out and about. You'll gain knowledge of your local community and can volunteer in your own time.

Website: <https://royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/opportunities> or email: natasha.knight@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk for further information.



Partner Promotions

'It's Good to Talk' takes place on the second Saturday of each month at 11am. Each month we have a discussion theme and spend an hour in serious, non-judgemental, discussion while enjoying a cuppa - aimed particularly at those who live alone but everyone is welcome.

Contact Sue Ayliff at sueayliffchurchac@yahoo.co.uk

Banburyshire Advice Centre

We are an Independent charity that provides advice on benefits and general advice. We can help with filling in Benefit forms. We do not give debt advice but can issue Foodbank Vouchers to those in need. We also provide Career advice.

Older people can contact us for Tax Advice and we can refer you for free advice from a Tax charity. We help Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire residents. The majority of our clients live in Oxfordshire.

We are fortunate that we can refer clients for free initial advice on Wills and Power of Attorney.

To Book a Benefit form filling appointment in Banbury ring

01295 23 67 67 This is an automated phonenumber which

Banbury Talking Newspaper

BTN is a 40 year old charity that provides free USB audio recordings to anyone visual impaired, based on the Banbury Guardian together with other magazine articles.

Anyone who qualifies as visual impaired and wishes to receive this service, can apply through the following contacts

01295 258193 or email banburytn@gmail.com

Dementia Community Clinic



A place for anyone with dementia, their carers, and family to drop-in and meet with a Dementia Adviser for advice and support on:

- How to support someone living with dementia
- Local services, social groups, and leisure opportunities
- Staying independent and adaptations for the home
- Legal issues, finances, benefits, and allowances

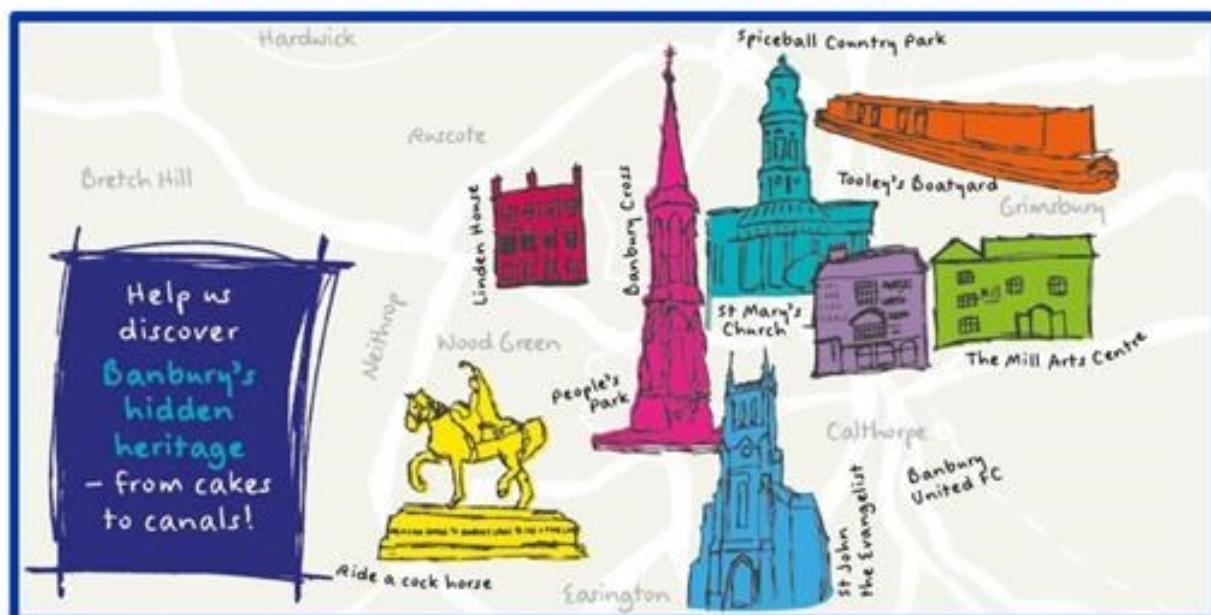
First Thursday of every month, from 10am - 12:30pm
RVS Cornhill Centre, Castle St, Banbury OX16 5NT

For more information, please contact your local Dementia Adviser:

sarahjaneedmunds@dementiaoxfordshire.org.uk **07964 038 813**

Explore Banbury's Heritage

Help us discover Banbury's Hidden Heritage



We are setting up a project to explore Banbury's heritage in all its forms, including buildings, diverse communities, work places, special events and green spaces.

The project will be a fun, inclusive space for people to share and learn more about their local heritage and make new friends. If you are aged 60+, based in or around Banbury and interested, please get in touch. Group leaders also welcome to connect.

Find out more
helenfountain@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk
07887 882 960

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GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Are you a community or voluntary group?

Do you need funding to help you run health and wellbeing activities in your local community?

Or maybe you want to start a new group, class or activity in your area?

If so, the Well Together grants programme could be for you!

Well Together funding is for activities delivered in at least one of these areas:

- Abingdon Caldecott • Banbury Neithrop • Banbury Grimsbury
- Banbury Ruscote • Barton • Blackbird Leys • Central Oxford
- Greater Leys • Littlemore • Rose Hill



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Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action

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We recognise the essential role community groups play in addressing local health inequalities for adults and children. Building on existing grants and support, Well Together funding is available from £3,000-£15,000, but feel free to chat to us about smaller or larger grants.

Expressions of interest are especially welcomed from groups that may be excluded or underrepresented, or those working with them. If you would like help to talk through your idea or your application, do get in touch – all questions are welcomed!

The friendly Well Together team are here to help! Contact us for a chat, for more info or for help with getting a grant:
welltogether@ocva.org.uk or call 01865 251946

What kind of activities might be funded by Well Together?

Grants are available for new or existing activities which help to reduce health inequalities. Examples of regular activities include:

- Community initiatives to **support healthy eating**, such as community larders, cooking classes, and after-school clubs;
- **Support for mothers and babies**, including parent mentoring groups;
- Initiatives to **promote physical activity**, including exercise classes and sports clubs;
- Activities to **support mental health and wellbeing**, including community cafes, and walking and talking groups;
- Activities which **support connection and relieve isolation**, including befriending schemes, bereavement support groups and arts and crafts clubs;
- **Life skills mentoring sessions or campaigns** with a focus on health and wellbeing;
- **Support groups** helping people to stop smoking, or to reduce harmful drinking or drug behaviours;
- **Initiatives or campaigns** supporting community members to attend **health checks** and receive vaccinations.



Plus your ideas – see the website for full criteria and information.
Web: ocva.org.uk/well-together-programme



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**Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire
and Berkshire West**
Integrated Care Board

Cornhill Community Companions

Would you like to make friends with an older person and meet up with them once a week for a conversation or take them out to the shops or to a local café?

Half an hour of your help and friendship each week could make a remarkable difference to someone's life.

We also need volunteers to run events, including cooking and baking.

To find out more about how we help local people, please ring 07763 207780 or 01295 264214 or email cornhillcc@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk



Age Friendly Banbury is a place where people of all ages can live healthy and active later lives. Age Friendly Banbury is a partnership between local organisations committed to making Banbury an age friendly town. It brings together older people, community leaders, local charities, businesses and local councils to make it possible for people to continue to stay living in their homes, participate in the activities that they value and contribute to their communities, for as long as possible.

www.agefriendlybanbury.co.uk

If you have any needs in your area, events you want to promote, etc, please feel free to contact Natasha at the Centre or email natasha.knight@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk