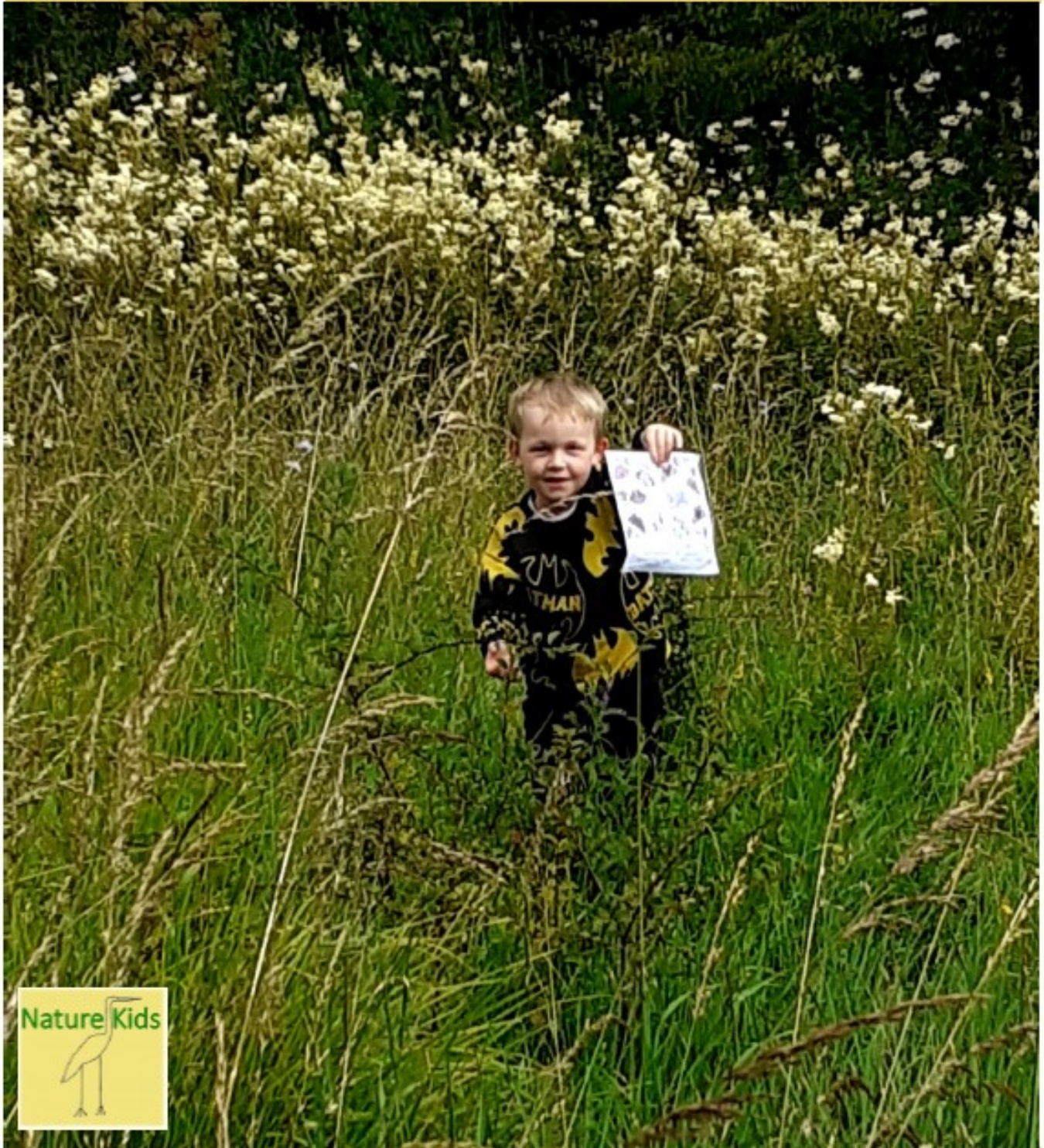


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### AUGUST

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SUN 4TH

**GLYMPTON CREAM TEAS**  
Glympton Village Hall 2.30-5.00pm

WED 7TH

**THE BRIDGE BOOK CLUB**  
The Bridge bar 7.00pm

SUN 11TH

**KILLI QUIZ**  
Killingworth Castle 7.00

SAT 17TH

**NATURE KIDS**  
Jubilee Meadows 10.00 - 11.30

SAT 17TH

**BAT WALK**  
Jubilee Meadows 8.00pm

FRI 23RD

**WOOTTON KIDS & YOUTH CLUB**  
Burditch Hall

FRI 30TH

**WOOTTON KIDS & YOUTH CLUB**  
Burditch Hall 6.00-7.00 & 7.00-8.30pm

SUN 11TH

**"FLUTES & FRETS" CONCERT**  
St Mary's church, Wootton. 3.00pm

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### This month's cover ..

NatureKids - where *everyone* enjoys themselves exploring nature! (Yes, Sarah, Karen and Rosa too..!)



Please keep the photos coming in - ***everyone***;  
Remember... Outreach depends on **YOUR** contributions.

**Deadline for the September 2024 edition - 15th August :**  
email to [outreachwgk@gmail.com](mailto:outreachwgk@gmail.com)

*Mel*



THE PARISH OF WOOTTON,  
GLYMPTON AND KIDDINGTON



**SERVICES  
IN AUGUST**

SUNDAY 4th	10.15am	St Mary's, Wootton	Sunday Light
SUNDAY 11th	10.15am	St Mary's, Glympton	Parish Communion
SUNDAY 18th	10.15am	St Mary's, Wootton	Parish Communion
SUNDAY 25th	10.15am	St Nicholas, Kiddington	Parish Communion

## WRiN

Wootton Relief in Need (WRiN) is a charitable trust established to offer support to residents of the parish of Wootton who are experiencing financial difficulties. As well as individuals, the trust can make contributions to selected local groups and organisations. Examples of what WRiN can offer are grants for:

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or pick up an application form from Wootton Stores, Burditch Hall or St Mary's Church, Wootton, porch.

## C ONCERTS IN WOOTTON CHURCH.

There was a concert planned for Sunday, 18th August but, unfortunately, this has had to be cancelled due to the indisposition of the performer.

We have been fortunate in being able to arrange a new concert which will now take place at 3.00pm on Sunday, 11th August. It will be given by the duo "Flutes and Frets", namely music for flute and lute, and will be a programme which the two musicians will be giving later at the Utrecht Early Music Festival. Tickets available at the door.

If you would like a preview, look for "Flutes and Frets" on YouTube.

*Michael Lowe*

# FLUTES and FRETS



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*and*

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# D

ISTRICT COUNCILLOR  
REPORT June 2024

The work of the council and its paid officers covers the areas of planning, waste collections, maintenance, business support, grant-making, affordable housing, homelessness & supporting parish councils. The council is currently governed by an alliance of The Liberal Democrat, Labour and Green groups, and is now made up of 21 Liberal Democrats, 13 Conservative, 11 Labour and four Green Party councillors. Part of my role, together with Cllr Tim Sumner, is to connect the four parish councils and the residents in the Stonesfield & Tackley ward with

the help that residents need on all WODC matters, and others. It also involves supporting community groups, and connecting them with sources of help.

HOME UPGRADE GRANT (HUG2)  
Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2) funding was awarded in 2023 to Oxfordshire County Council to retrofit the homes of low-income residents living in energy inefficient homes, which will reduce fuel poverty and carbon emissions in Oxfordshire. Residents who could benefit from the funding should register their interest with the delivery partners: <https://www.welcomethewarmth.org.uk/register-your-interest>  
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#### JUNE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

I sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. One proposal

scrutinized, and since approved is the upgrade of the public open space CCTV cameras covering the areas of Carterton and Witney to high definition digital, together with the installation of five new cameras in Chipping Norton. WODC will join the Thames Valley Police CCTV partnership, transferring CCTV assets and operational responsibility to TVP under a 'single owner' model; and moving monitoring arrangements to a shared Oxfordshire hub.

#### LOCAL BIODIVERSITY

Polecats are in the region! I found a roadkill pole cat between Witney and Curbridge. Polecats were trapped pretty much to extinction

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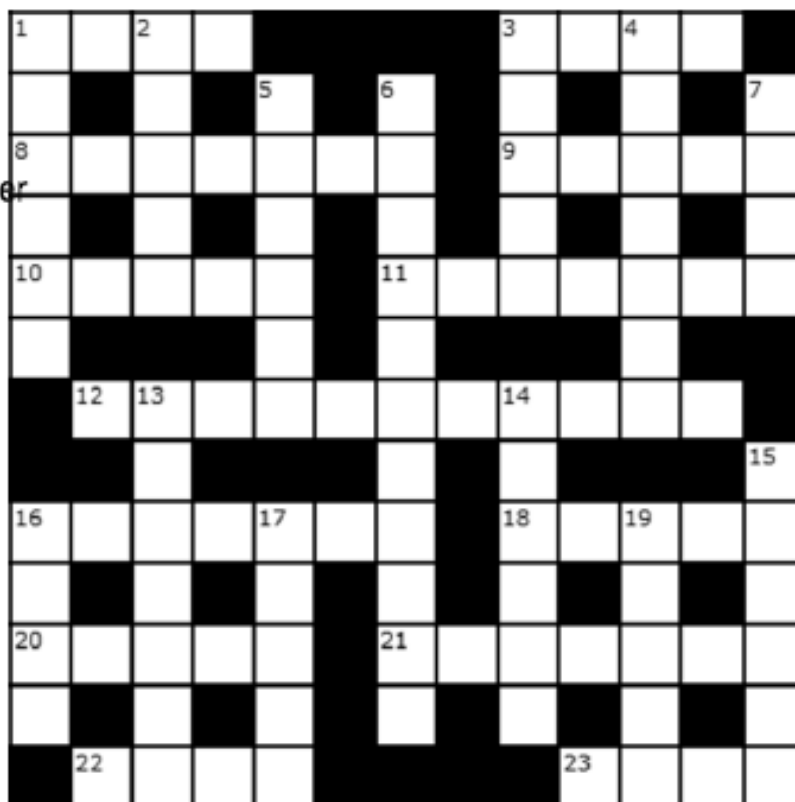
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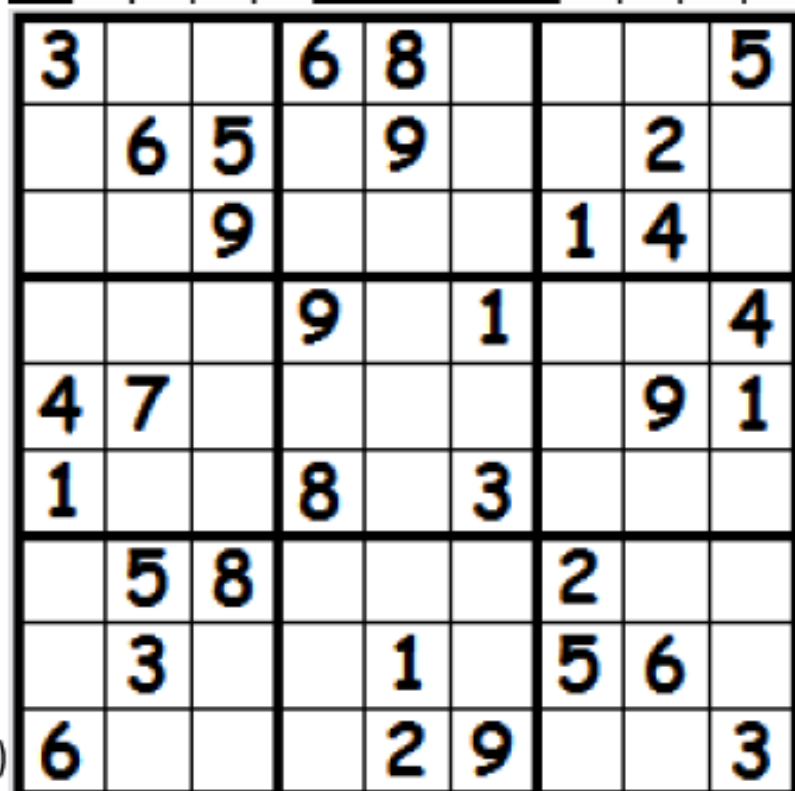
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- 1) Wander (4)
- 3) Stalk (4)
- 8) High-performance car manufacturer (7)
- 9) Reddish-brown colour (5)
- 10) Japanese stealth agent (5)
- 11) Form of transport infrastructure (7)
- 12) The Bard (11)
- 16) More cheerful (7)
- 18) Fossilised resin (5)
- 20) Brownish-grey colour (5)
- 21) Offensive remarks (7)
- 22) Cried (4)
- 23) Large group (4)



### Down

- 1) Peter Paul ....., Flemish artist (6)
- 2) One eschewing animal-derived foodstuffs (5)
- 3) Japanese dish (5)
- 4) Give freedom to do something (7)
- 5) Assault (6)
- 6) E.g. Lemon, orange (6, 5)
- 7) Indistinct (4)
- 13) Hairy (7)
- 14) (Of time) Pass (6)
- 15) Gruesome (6)
- 16) Flying insect (4)
- 17) Incompetent (5)
- 19) Lowest compartment in a ship (5)



From another bumper entry, last month's winner was **Jane Lee - Congratulations!** Enjoy our croissants, Jane.

Commiserations to those not lucky this time.... don't give up!

Completed puzzles should be handed in at Wootton or Glympton Stores, with your name and phone number, before the 15th of the month. The first correct answer drawn after the 15th of the next month will win four croissants.

Outreach is grateful to WOOTTON STORES for their continued generous support.



at the end of the 19th century. It is great news that they are recolonising West Oxfordshire! Biodiversity policies: Government guidance (17 May 2023) is that, as a public authority, town and parish councils must: consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. agree policies and specific objectives based on their consideration, act to deliver their policies and achieve their objectives. I look forward to supporting the development of the Wootton Parish biodiversity policies and plans.

#### COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the magnificent committee and new tenants of the Stonesfield community pub, the White Horse. This is such a great outcome after a long time and much work by the committee and villagers.

*Genny Early*

To contact your District Councillors, email:

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[tim.sumner@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:tim.sumner@westoxon.gov.uk)



## **S**TONESFIELD GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club held a very successful Open Gardens event at the end of June, when we had 160

visitors visiting 11 gardens in the village. We are very grateful to those who opened their gardens, some for the first time, and to all those who baked cakes and sold teas. We now have lots of money to give to local charities later in the year.

We also went to the (rather soggy) school fete to sell what we had left of our plants, and, thanks to generous donations, we were able to benefit Chrissie's Owls directly. Also in July we had a return visit from Chris Day of Buckingham Gardens. Having started his career over 40 years ago as an apprentice at a houseplant nursery, he brought along a wonderful display of different plants to show us. The general rule of thumb is that the bigger the leaf the more tolerant of shade a plant is, so a smaller leaved plant needs more light.

Over watering is the biggest cause of problems with house plants, so Chris suggests getting the soil moist then allowing it to dry so the roots can take up oxygen which they also need. Feed your plants too, best done from March to September. No meeting this month, but September sees the return of another club favourite, Rosy Hardy, talking to us about perennials for pollinators.

*Diane Bates*

Secretary Stonesfield Gardening Club  
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# JULY QUIZ



For the third year in a row, the July quizzers were tested and entertained by the younger generation. Matthew and Ned put on their Hawaiian shirts and ran a fantastic evening down at the Killi. Special rounds were the pictograms for the Paris Olympics and first lines of novels. And we all had fun guessing how much beer the average Czech drinks - at 330 pints a year they are biggest beer drinkers in the world. Cheers!

Team Alb From Down Under included special surprise guests James and Alyssa, home for 5 weeks. Cheers again! We had five teams in total, all paying fees to help fund Outreach. Thank you. Congratulations to a very cheerful family team "No Passengers" who took the first prize, pipping Pickled Brians by one point.

The next quiz is on Sunday 11th August, 7pm in the Killi. You don't need to have fully formed team - just come on down and join in! No quiz in Sept, then we will be quizzing again on 13 Oct and 10 Nov.

Phil  
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# Nature Kids

Nature Kids is a kids' club for 7-12 year olds that meets monthly on the Meadows in Wootton. We aim to explore the Meadows and its wildlife and to take part in conservation work that will support this wonderful habitat. We also do arts and crafts that you can take home to make space for nature beyond the Meadows.

To register your interest or for more information, please email [naturekidsWCT@gmail.com](mailto:naturekidsWCT@gmail.com)

What a profusion of flowers on the Meadows at the moment! This provided a good starting point for our Nature Kids meeting to carry out the Big Butterfly Count national survey. We started our walk to Long Meadow by examining the flowers in Round Top and which butterflies were visiting them – small skippers favour the clover, while marbled whites were mostly seen visiting the scabious and meadow browns the ragwort. The most popular plants were the two bedstraw varieties which attracted all the species we noted (and smelled gorgeous)!

At Long Meadow we were met by the amazing sight of a ragwort completely devoured by cinnabar moth caterpillars which led to some discussion – while this plant is invasive and can be poisonous to



some mammals if included in hay, it clearly has great value to some wildlife.

Sensitive

management is needed (and will be carried out by WCT later this month).

While doing the Big Butterfly Count survey, we enjoyed a snack and a sit down among the flowers then



made butterfly kites which were well-used on the walk back!

Our next meeting is August 17th and will be bat-themed to tie in with the evening bat walk (advert elsewhere in Outreach). All children welcome – we aim our sessions at 7-12 year olds but can accommodate younger children with parents accompanying. Please contact [naturekidsWCT@gmail.com](mailto:naturekidsWCT@gmail.com) for further details.

*Sarah Brown, Karen Clemons  
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A few weeks back, in late June, I had the most unbelievably idyllic walk, straight from my door. The weather was perfect – 21 degrees, blue sky, small cotton-wool clouds, nice breeze. Most of the footpaths had been recently mown (thank you!), the birds were singing, the crops were all lushly green, I had my super comfy trainers on – I felt so happy and grateful to live here. The dog even managed to behave herself the whole way round.



There are lots of walks from and around Wootton. Fancy a hike into Woodstock? There are at least three decent options. How about a longer walk punctuated by brunch? The Cotswold Guy in Gagingwell does a fab dirty breakfast bap. Just look at a map of the area and you'll find a network of paths that can give you a short stroll or a day's ramble. I love maps – well obvs, I studied geography. Not for me the geomorphological topics like glaciation or volcanology. No. Give me a lecture on photogrammetry or digital image processing any day. What a geek. A proud map geek.



Oh, and I also love a tray!  
 Imagine my delight, then, when I saw a 'tray that's got a map of Wootton on it' for sale in Wootton Stores! Of course I had to have one. And I bought one for my mum and one for my auntie. I'm not sure if they'll find the map element of it particularly useful, since they both live in Fife, but I'm sure the tray will come in handy for carrying their wine glasses and their bowls of nibbles over to the sofa. And the map will remind them of places they've been to when they've visited us here in Wootton.

*Melanie Waldron*



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We've read a wide variety of books since the Book Club started about a year ago, including *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan, *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, *Love and Marriage* by Monica Ali, *Lanny* by Max Porter, *The Women of Troy* by Pat Barker, *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Daré, and *The Satsuma Complex* by Bob Mortimer.

Do come along if you're interested in joining us – you'd be very welcome. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7 August (7:00 at the Bridge Bar) and we'll be discussing *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* by Satoshi Yagisawa.

*Fiona Mills*

## WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL TALKS

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ALL PROCEEDS TO THE UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

At the summit of European leaders at Blenheim Palace on July 18th, President Zelensky of Ukraine urged all countries to support peace efforts and to show leadership. He said it was



important for countries around the world to be brave and to ignore threats and blackmail attempts: "Joint efforts are needed for the sake of peace. When the aggressor loses, the world wins." Please support the Wootton Talks - and therefore Ukraine

*Andy Morgan*  
(01993 813016)



## LIFES EVENTS

Sadly, both Tony Fisher (husband of Marlene) and Sarah Loftus (wife of Peter) passed away during last month. Both had lived in the village for many years and were well known by many in the community. We send our condolences to the families.

Congratulations to Hilary Stenning, who (unbelievably!) reached the age of ninety on the last day of July. We hope that she thoroughly enjoyed celebrating this achievement!!

*Mel*



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## Updates on 'Botley West'

### Dornford Lane: 'A smashing length of drovers' road'

As a keen walker, I have walked the footpaths across much of the planned location for Botley West, which includes some beautiful rolling countryside.

Dornford Lane, in the Parish of Wootton, is one particular footpath, technically a bridleway and cycle route, running north to south through the northern section of the proposed solar farm which **I believe is incredibly special and should be recognised as such.**

It is associated with the history of the Blenheim Estate and the old Woodstock Manor which preceded Blenheim.

**Oxfordshire CC** comments on it as of **special interest**: "Dornford Lane is an ancient green lane, **coming into existence around the year 1100** for the purpose of carrying supplies from the royal demesne farm at Steeple Barton to the royal manor of Woodstock. It is very different from Akeman Street, following the valley as much as it can, curving when it suits it and having **high ancient hedges** alongside it."

The 1955 book '**The Making of the English Landscape**', by WG Hoskins, refers to Dornford Lane in some detail. The book has been updated, and in 1988 was edited by another eminent landscape historian, Christopher Taylor. Hoskins concludes that Dornford Lane originated as a road from one of the demesne farms to the **royal hunting lodge** of Woodstock. He believes the Lane existed for the purpose of carrying supplies along its wide green track not later than the **tenth century**. Taylor comments that the Lane was more likely to be the former main road into Woodstock from Banbury, which developed after 1154-74 when Woodstock was founded as a royal town by Henry II; or that it had an earlier importance as a main road to Oxford in **late Saxon times** before the arrival of Woodstock. Both historians confirm in different ways that **the Lane has existed for 900 plus years.**

Although probably not a true drovers' road the Lane's past use for moving goods and livestock from one place to another has **resulted in a footpath and bridleway which is extraordinarily wide, and with a rich mix of trees, shrubs and other planting on either side** of the actual Lane. The footpaths which meet with Dornford Lane have similarly wide and rich tree and shrub growth.

**Bruce Smith's website [localdroveroads.co.uk](http://localdroveroads.co.uk)** describes it as **"a smashing length of drovers'**

**road** ... The hedgerow on either side of the path is 15 or 20 feet deep – hawthorn & elder run amok..."

Dornford Lane has a **historical importance for the local area.** Yet it is now proposed that the Botley West Solar Farm will surround it with solar panels. The developer has just announced more changes, **which directly affect Dornford Lane itself**, not just the surrounding fields.

The developer proposes that the Lane would be used for maintenance purposes **using light goods vehicles and other vehicles during the lifetime of the solar farm.** It seems that those proposing this have **not** seen how the path narrows 'to a track only two feet wide through the jungle' as described on Bruce Smith's website. I have walked along Dornford Lane recently and found **the density of trees and shrubs to be even more extensive now.** Both Google and Ordnance Survey maps show this growth – 50 plus feet wide in places.

Surely concerns about preserving the Blenheim Palace **World Heritage Site** should extend to the **surrounding area and its history** - to features such as Dornford Lane, which appears to have been in existence long before Blenheim Palace was built and the old palace of Woodstock demolished - **rather than simply on the palace, park and grounds within the walls?**

### Updates from Stop Botley West

1. Please **write** to your new MP, Calum Miller ([Calum.Miller@oxonlibdems.uk](mailto:Calum.Miller@oxonlibdems.uk)) with all your concerns about Botley West.
2. Stop Botley West are planning a **Dornford Lane walk (date to be announced)** to raise awareness of this special area before the Developer submits their application in late 2024.

Be among the first to get all the latest news. **Register** for updates at [stopbotleywest.com](http://stopbotleywest.com)

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