



## CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

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A series of newsletters which aim to keep residents in touch. Please let us have your views and comments. Contact points are given below.

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUCCESS

As an ex teacher, one of my great interests is in education. So I am delighted to see all the exciting things that are happening at our Community College. This year Carterton Community College achieved its best ever GCSE results, with 76% of students being awarded A\* - C grades. This is significantly above both the county and the national average. ***Carterton students out-performed all other schools in the local area in their category.***

I recently attended an open evening there and the atmosphere was dynamic. The whole school was buzzing with ideas and wonderful projects. Since becoming a specialist engineering school, their reputation has spread across the country. Enthusiasts and experts from both the civilian community and the base are working with the college on a range of projects, including, for example, building racing cars for proper competitions. The college has some fantastic equipment, and is clearly blessed with a dedicated and dynamic staff. It is almost enough to tempt me out of retirement!!! I would like to offer my sincere thanks and congratulations to Niall McWilliams, his staff and pupils for together creating a school of which we can all be so proud. Next time they hold an open evening, I recommend you go and have a look round. You will be amazed at how much has changed!



***Maxine Crossland***  
***Town Mayor***

### Sainsburys Planning Application

In July, Sainsburys submitted a planning application for a food store on the West Oxfordshire Business Park. The Town Council is one of a number of organisations invited to comment on the application, which Councillors considered at their September meeting. In commenting on the application, the Council warmly welcomed Sainsbury's interest in opening a store in Carterton, as another food store is urgently needed in the town. However, the Council was not able to support the application as it stands, because it runs counter to national and local policy to protect the town centre. The Council therefore urged Sainsburys to explore fully the possibility of locating in the town centre where their store would provide a much-needed catalyst for regeneration. The Council said that it hoped that the parties involved in the redevelopment of the town centre would soon produce a master plan for public consultation. The Sainsburys application will be determined by WODC Planning Committee on 19 October.



### Carterton Fast Forward

Following contributions from a wide range of organisations and agencies, the new Carterton Fast Forward Delivery Plan has been completed. It contains twenty-eight projects and actions, ranging from developing the town centre to establishing a cinema at the community centre. The plan has just been sent to all the major partners we hope to work with on specific projects, with a request that they make a formal response to our proposals. If you would like to look at the plan in detail log onto the 'News' page of the CFF section on [www.carterton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.carterton-tc.gov.uk).

Some projects are already underway. A group of plane spotting enthusiasts has been set up to look at the feasibility of a plane spotting area (which some other bases have), which we believe will improve road safety in the area. There have been discussions with the market traders on how to sustain and improve the market and have a trial market/fayre at the new square in front of the community centre. We are always on the look out for volunteers so if you would like to be involved in any of the projects please contact us.

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### FINA GARAGE, UPAVON WAY

We understand that recent work at the garage by the Osprey is decommissioning work to make the garage safe.



### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON AND STREET FAIR

This year's event will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 6.00 p.m. with the switch-on. This will be followed by fireworks and there will be a fun fair, carol singing, craft stalls and refreshments. Please contact the Town Hall for a stall application form.



### Extreme Wheels Day

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August the Dell Skate Park once again played host to the skateboard, inline and BMX party known as Extreme Wheels Day. It included competitions in all three of these categories as well as a Bungee run, adult bouncy castle, BBQ, t-shirt sale and live music performances by no less than 7 bands. Prizes worth £700 were kindly donated by SS20 (Oxford skate shop), Extreme Stores (Oxford BMX shop) and Rapture music stores.

The Extreme Wheels project is organised and managed by park regulars and friends, with support from the Town Council, local businesses, churches, Carterton Youth Council and community volunteers. Every decision regarding the planning and delivery of the event was made observing the democratic process, involving primarily young people who use the skate park.

During the day, 1000s of photographs were taken by our official snappers and we had video producers, Likal.com, on site filming for most of the day. The videos are already available to view on YouTube and an official DVD is in the production stages. Our sound engineer is now producing a CD of approximately 18 tracks recorded live on the day; the proceeds from sales of this CD will go towards staging the 2010 event.

*Ady Coomber*

### CAN YOU HELP?

One of the best things about being Mayor is getting involved in all the activities that go on in town. It is amazing just how many clubs and groups there are. The Football Club's 30+ teams could not play without the commitment of so many coaches and managers; scout and guide troops rely entirely on their volunteer leaders; schools, clubs for mothers & babies, the teens and over 60s can always use more helpers.

The one thing all these groups have in common is that they depend on ordinary people giving up a little of their precious spare time for the benefit of our wider community. It is also a great way to meet people and make new friends. At present we are also looking for volunteers to help with running the cafe at the Community Centre; to join Neighbourhood Watch schemes; to act as Street Wardens, alerting us to problems like faulty traffic lights or unsightly graffiti; to help distribute the Community Magazine. Or take a look at the list of clubs in the back of the free Carterton Community Magazine for other ideas if you think you might like to help. If you would like to get involved, either contact the clubs direct or leave a message for the Mayor at the Town Hall.

*Maxine Crossland*

### Alvescot Road Recreation Ground

The play area on the Recreation Ground is starting to show signs of serious wear and tear. Rather than trying to replace individual pieces of play equipment, the Council has decided to replace the whole play park with a new one. We have set aside a substantial sum of money and will be hoping to do the work next summer. We have set up a working party involving a group of people who work with young people and hope to have some plans to show you by the spring.



### Town Centre Planting

You will have noticed that the trees in the boxes around the town centre crossroads are looking rather poorly. We have talked to a number of horticulturalists who advise that trees need to be planted in the ground if they are to thrive. Before we can do this, we need to establish what services are buried under the pavements. We had a full survey carried out over the summer and are now working with experts to see where trees might be planted. We will also be making improvements to some of the town's flowerbeds. This work will be phased over a period of time because of the costs involved.

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