



# Wolvercote Commoners'

## NEWSLETTER March 2018

### Winter comes to Wolvercote

A busy day for John Tohill, the Commoners' horse warden. When snow comes John will always be out there making sure there's plenty of hay to go round. The horses live out all year round and part of John's role is to monitor their welfare, especially during the winter months.



Photo: Eleanor Woods

#### Please search your drawers!

When the Mill Site is developed it is proposed to have a community centre including a heritage site.

**So we need your help.**

Have you any photos, stories or any artefacts hidden in your drawers relevant to the Mill and its surrounds.?

If you have, please let us know, just email:

**wolvercote.commoners@yahoo.co.uk**

or bring any photos or artefacts etc., to:

**Phillip Dove 2 Rowland Close**

(all will be safely returned once recorded)

For those who would like to know more about the development, there are details and plans at:

[www.cala.co.uk/-/media/files/planning/wolvercote/wolvercote-consultation-boards\\_final.pdf?la=en](http://www.cala.co.uk/-/media/files/planning/wolvercote/wolvercote-consultation-boards_final.pdf?la=en)

And there is still time make comments on:

<http://public.oxford.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=P37JQLMFG9W00>

#### Wolvercote Commoners' Open Talks

At our March Commoners' talk our speaker will be NIGEL FISHER who will be talking about Wytham Woods.

Nigel is the conservator of the woods. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to hear about 75 Years of Science at Wytham and the lessons learned from the Woods since the bequest to the University in 1942. A talk not to be missed.

**The talk is at the Baptist Hall**

**on Thursday 22nd March starting at 7.30pm**

#### Commoners' AGM

**Wednesday 18th April**

**7.30pm at the Village Hall**

Our AGM may be a month away but this gives time to think about what you might want to bring up at the meeting or, more importantly, whether you would like to join us. We are always looking for new blood and this year we have several vacancies.

#### So what does being a member involve?

The Wolvercote Commoners' Committee is a registered charity which took over the management of Wolvercote Common and Wolvercote Green from the Parish Council when it was disbanded in 1929. Anyone who is on the electoral roll within the old Wolvercote parish boundaries can stand for election to the Committee. Members give up some of their free time to serve voluntarily for a term of 3 years, and organise things like grant applications, thistle topping, control of invasive weeds, liaising with Network Rail and other adjoining landowners. They also represent all Commoners on the Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common Management Group, which coordinates across both Commons.

If you are on the electoral roll, within the old parish boundary\*, please come along, find out what the Committee has been doing, and consider standing for election to help preserve and manage these very special spaces for the benefit of all of us.

\*Check out the parish boundary at:

[www.oxford.gov.uk/downloads/file/520/wolvercote\\_neighbourhood\\_area\\_map](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/downloads/file/520/wolvercote_neighbourhood_area_map)

#### Don't forget Village Work Mornings second Saturday of every month

Meet outside the Village Hall at 10am (bring gloves, wellies and any gardening tools you have). Children welcome

[www.wolvercotecommoners.co.uk](http://www.wolvercotecommoners.co.uk) - [wolvercote.commoners@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wolvercote.commoners@yahoo.co.uk)

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