

KINGSGROVE RESIDENTS

MEET YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS



Cllrs Andrew Crawford and Patrick O'Leary

Kingsgrove forms part of the Wantage Charlton Ward of the Vale of White Horse District Council and of Wantage Town Council. It is also part of the much larger Oxfordshire County Council Division of Grove and Wantage. Contact details for all your Councillors - all currently Liberal Democrat - can be found on the relevant website. Visit: wantagecouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Patrick O'Leary

"Welcome to Wantage, I hope you find it as delightful and wonderful as I did when I arrived many years ago."

I have been a Wantage Town Councillor for 14 years and District Councillor since 2019. I have lived in Wantage for 21 years and had a local business for most of that time. I have 3 children with my wife who is a Physiotherapist in the NHS and 2 older children. My younger children attended King Alfred's Academy where two are in their final year of sixth form and one has just gone to Cardiff University to study History. I have been associated with many different groups and organizations in the area over the years and am currently President of King Alfred's Scouts. I have also been privileged to have been Mayor of Wantage twice and found this incredibly rewarding."

Councillor Andrew Crawford

"I was first elected to the District Council in 1999 and currently serve as the Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Assets. After a career commuting to the

City I spent 7 years as a Director of Oxfordshire's largest mental health charity and have also served as a parent governor both at King Alfred's School and Wantage Primary where my daughter attended until recently.

For those of you moving into the area for the first time it may be difficult in the current circumstances to fully appreciate what the community has to offer here in Wantage, and most of us are trying to cope with new challenges in very uncertain times. Ordinarily we would try to call on new residents but the current restrictions make that inappropriate but please feel free to contact us if there are Council issues or questions you may have.

Over the coming years there will be considerable development and new amenities on the Kingsgrove estate which your Councillors will be involved in, so your views are vital to us."

HELLO FROM SOPHIE MILTON



Hello, my name is Sophie Milton and I am the Community Development Officer working on the new Kingsgrove development.

My job is to work in partnership with the Town and District Councils, St. Modwen the developers, other local organisations, and most importantly residents to ensure that a happy and healthy community develops as part of Wantage and Grove.

My role will focus on supporting residents to take the lead on community initiatives and activities they would like to see happen. I will be reaching out to residents in various ways; initially this may be more online, but hopefully in time will be face-to-face in groups or at events.

If you have any questions please contact me at:

kingsgrovecommunity@southandvale.gov.uk



Sophie Milton

KINGSGROVE ESTATE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Did you know when you bought your property at Kingsgrove you became a member of the Kingsgrove Estate Management Company?

Many of the communal areas of Kingsgrove will be privately stewarded for the benefit of residents on site. An Estate Management Company has been established to manage, maintain and eventually own the areas of open space and site infrastructure that are not adopted by the local authority. This includes public spaces and General governance and Company Secretarial duties.

You are a member of the Kingsgrove Estate Management Company and it comprises all the people who will live in the 1500 new residential homes

on site. An Estate Management Partner, will be appointed with the responsibility for delivering all aspects of the estate management service. Directors are currently representatives of St. Modwen, however once the development is complete the Directors will be replaced by you, the homeowners.

Now there are sufficient residents on site, we would like to establish a Residents Working Group forum, to facilitate engagement between elected homeowners representing the community, the managing partner and other local stakeholders. The purpose

of this group will be to discuss the estate and its management as well as wider community issues and to share any ideas for managed areas that the residents and owners would like to see in place. If you are passionate about Kingsgrove, have a strong sense of community and can spare some time, then please step forward to join the Residents Working Group forum and represent your fellow residents, be their voice and help shape the future of the Kingsgrove community.

To register your interest please contact: info@kingsgrovewantage.co.uk

YOUR LOCAL WANTAGE COMMUNITY



Wantage Market Place

Wantage town centre is a place of beautiful independent shops, cafes, bars and restaurants. The surrounding streets and arcades also offer lots of opportunities to enjoy your shopping experience and sit down after with a well-earned drink, snack or meal.

There is a Town Market in Wantage Market Place on Wednesdays and

Saturdays from 8.00am to 3.00pm whatever the weather.

Look out for a Local Christmas Artisan Market in the run up to Christmas. To keep updated, follow @WantageMarkets on Facebook and @LoveWantage on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Christmas event

The churches of Wantage and Grove invite you to "Christmas Readings and Songs online" on Sunday the 13th of December at 6pm.

It will be streamed by each church in the area on Facebook, YouTube, Zoom, as each church prefers. Each church website will have

links to it on them closer to the time.

Community Hub

As the Kingsgrove development continues to grow, work on the Community Hub goes on behind the scenes. The public consultations led to significant changes, pointing the way to a bigger, more flexible, building that had first been through of, which is great news. The architects, developers, and others are busy working on it. If you have anything you would love to see happening in the community hub, please do let us know by contacting us on: info@kingsgrovewantage.co.uk