

# Headington

## Discover Headington

It is easy to think you know Headington if you've driven through it. But behind the main drag are lively neighbourhoods and some beautiful old Cotswold stone buildings, centred around pubs The Black Boy (F/G2) or Butcher's Arms (F4). There's even a shark (F3) sticking out of the roof of a house, who presides over the weekly Farmers Market on Saturday mornings.

Headington is rich with parks and green spaces, including Shotover (off G5), once a Royal Forest providing venison for the King and now popular for walks and science. Mesopotamia (off B4) is a beautiful shortcut through to University Parks and central Oxford.

It is also home to the main campuses of Oxford Brookes University, and the city's excellent hospitals.

### Shops & Services

**MBE Oxford Headington** F3  
94 London Rd, OX3 9FN  
Problem solvers with 20 years experience in printing, binding, & worldwide parcel delivery!  
Mon-Fri: 8.30am-6pm, Sat: 9am-5pm  
info@mbeheadington.co.uk  
www.mbe.co.uk/oxfordheadington

**The Wellbeing Clinic** G3  
1 Windmill Rd, OX3 7LH  
We are a complementary health clinic offering many different therapies. Mon-Sat: 9am-6pm  
01865 751111  
www.the-wellbeing-clinic.com  
info@the-wellbeing-clinic.com  
www.the-wellbeing-clinic.com

**Education & Language Schools**  
**EF International Language Centre** D3/4  
Pulles Lane, OX3 3JX  
01865 759660 Fax: 01865 759662  
@EF  
Facebook.com/EFUKDirect  
YouTube.com/user/EF  
Instagram.com/educationfirstuk  
www.ef.com

**Ruskin College** F1  
Ruskin Hall, Dunstan Rd, Old Headington, OX3 9BZ  
01865 759600  
enquiries@ruskin.ac.uk  
@RuskinOxford  
Facebook.com/RuskinCollegeOxford  
www.ruskin.ac.uk

**Letting Agents**  
**Finders Keepers** F/G3  
113 London Rd, OX3 9HZ  
01865 307207  
eastoxford@finderskeepers.co.uk  
@FKLetting  
www.finders.co.uk

**Bike & Car Hire Schemes**  
**Oxobike Self-Service Bike Hire** F6, D4, E3, G3, F5, E5  
Pedal and electric bikes to hire by the hour see Central map for main listing and full details

**Cowheels Car Club** www.co-wheels.org.uk  
National car club. PAYG basis, with low emission, hybrid and electric cars. Cars parked across the city, including:  
All Saints Rd  
Gipsy Lane Car Park  
John Game Way  
Kennett Rd  
Perrin St  
Sandfield Rd  
St Leonard's Rd  
Weldon Rd  
Plus (just off map, not marked)  
Palms Rd (Wood Farm)  
York Rd  
Also see East Oxford map for more parking spaces

**Going Out** D3/E4  
Headington School shows in term, local drama companies in holidays

**Who is Aunt Sally?**  
Aunt Sally is a popular pub game in Oxfordshire. No one knows how it came about, or why it's called that, but it might date from the Civil War. It's a cross between skittles and a coconut shy: players throw wooden sticks at a skittle atop an iron plinth and try to knock it off, scoring 'a doll'. If you fail to hit with any of your sticks that's 'a blob'. Matches Wed nights, April-Sept.

**Trinity College sports field**  
**Magdalen College sports field**  
**John Game Way allotments**  
**Pulles Lane allotments**

**Headington Hill Park** interesting trees, spring crocuses  
**South Park** Views of sunset over spires  
**Warneford Meadow** Orchard (rare apple breeds)

**Angel & Greyhound Meadow**  
**Warneford Hospital**  
**Churchill Hospital**  
**Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre**

**Oxford Brookes University**  
**Gipsy Lane Campus**  
**John Radcliffe Hospital**

**The Manor Hospital**  
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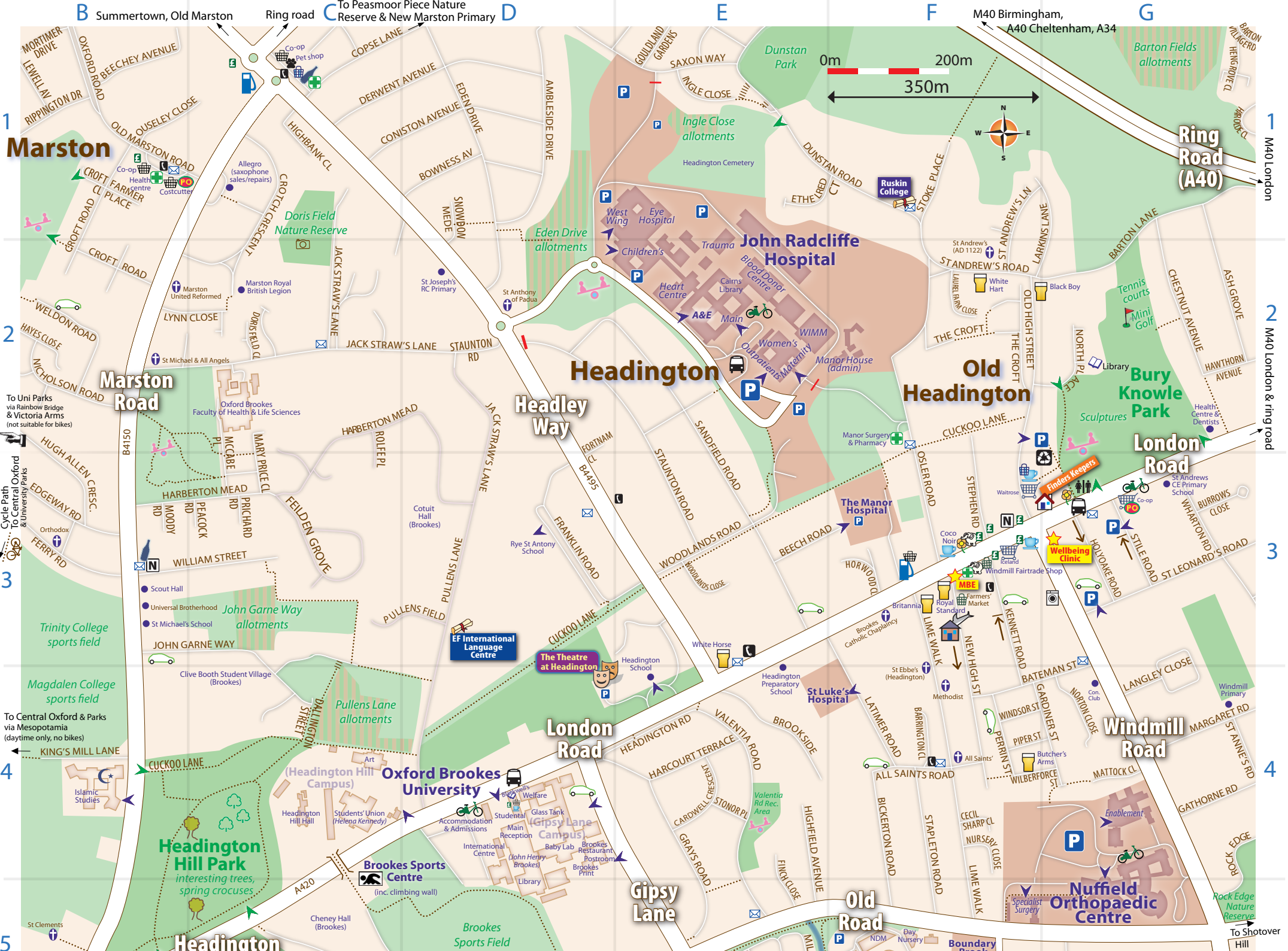
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# East Oxford

**Discover East Oxford**  
If East Oxford were a dish it would definitely be spicy, but beyond that it could be anything! The community hails from many different traditions, and you can find in the area a mosque, a Jewish bath house, Chinese & Asian Community Centres and some very bright graffiti. At Carnival time (early July) Cowley Road is closed for a day of music, food & celebration.

Other seasonal highlights include Common People music festival (May) & spectacular fireworks around 5th November, in South Park. But there's culture all year round, with Pegasus Theatre, music & comedy gigs at many pubs and the O2 Academy, & nationally celebrated open mic, Catweazle.

For local, ethical food try the Farmers Market (Saturday mornings) in East Oxford Primary School (B/C6). Cultivate Veg Van, a mobile greengrocers makes various stops. Oxford City Farm is brand new (C10).

It's a region still full of independent shops, including Indigo (ethical clothes), PMT (guitars), Silvers (hardware/DIY), The Goldfish Bowl (tropical fish), Gameskeeper (boardgames) & Truck Store (records).

### Food & Drink

**Atomic Burger** 92 Cowley Rd, OX4 1JE A6  
Legendary burger restaurant and truly unique experience - burger fans rejoice! Mon-Sun: 11.30am-10.30pm  
01865 790855  
oxfordbookings@atomicburger.co.uk  
@atomicburgers

**Atomic Pizza** 247 Cowley Rd, OX4 1XG C7  
Awesome thin base pizzas, thick shakes, burgers & wings too. Check it out!  
Mon-Thurs: 5.10-10.30pm, Fri-Sun: 12-10.30pm  
01865 248200  
oxfordbookings@atomicpizzas.co.uk  
@atomicpizzas

**Big Ron's Mexican Cantina** A/B6  
96 Cowley Rd, OX4 1JE A6  
A Mexican feast - burritos, enchiladas, all washed down with a shot of Tequila! Mon-Sun: 12-10.30pm  
01865 792700  
oxfordbigrons.co.uk  
www.bigrons.co.uk

**The First Floor Restaurant & Bar** B7  
158 Cowley Rd, OX4 1UE  
Multi-cuisine buffet & bar. Fresh, vibrant dishes from across the Far East, Asia and beyond.  
01865 200203 / 200977  
www.thefirstfloor-restaurant.com

**Uhuru Wholefoods** 48 Cowley Rd, OX4 1XG A6  
Healthfood store stocking organic, vegan and vegetarian food and toiletries.  
Mon-Sat: 10am-6pm except Thu: 10am-7pm  
01865 248249

**Street of a Thousand Restaurants** A-C7  
Exaggeration! Cowley Rd restaurants & delis cover: Polish, Syrian, Italian, Lebanese, Vegan, Patisserie, Jamaican, Indian, Nepalese, Mexican, Moroccan, Pan-Asian, BBQ & Ice-cream!

**College and County** A6  
9-10 St Clement's, OX4 1AB  
01865 727272  
info@collegeandcounty.co.uk  
@collegecounty

**Finders Keepers Student Letting** A6  
27 St Clement's, OX4 1AB  
01865 260111  
info@fkstudentletting.co.uk  
www.fkstudentletting.co.uk

**Premier Estate Agents** C7  
207 Cowley Road, OX4 1XF  
01865 792299  
contact@premieruk.com  
Facebook.com/premierford  
www.premierford.com

### Shops & Services

**The Annie Sloan Shop** A6  
33 Cowley Rd, OX4 1HP  
Home of Chalk Paint™, inspiring interiors, paint, fabric, furniture and workshops.  
www.anniesloan.com  
01865 247296

**Gameskeeper** 105 Cowley Rd, OX4 1HU B6  
We stock the best and most popular games - board, card and party - for adults and families.  
Mon-Fri: 11am-6pm, Sat: 10.30am-5.30pm  
enquiries@gameskeeper.co.uk  
www.gameskeeper.co.uk

**Indigo** 62 Cowley Rd, OX4 1JB A6  
Enticing shop offering ethical homeware, men's and women's clothing, and gifts.  
Mon-Fri: 10am-6pm, Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun & BH: 11am-5pm  
01865 794176  
Facebook.com/IndigoOxford  
www.shopindigo.co.uk

**Yoga Venue Oxford 2** 2 Avenue Lane, OX4 1YF B6  
Oxford's only purpose-built yoga studio. Over 40 classes a week, all levels welcome.  
01865 245754  
info@yogavenue.co.uk  
Facebook.com/YogaVenue  
www.yogavenue.co.uk

**Magdalen College School** A6  
1 London Place, OX4 1BD  
01865 203988  
info@oxcoll.com  
Facebook.com/oxcoll

**Oxford International College** B5  
1 London Place, OX4 1BD  
01865 203988  
info@oxcoll.com  
Facebook.com/oxcoll

**Where to Stay**  
**Balkan Lodge Hotel** 315 Ifley Rd, OX4 4AG C9  
Warm, characterful, family-run hotel.  
01865 245254  
info@balkanlodgeoxford.co.uk  
Facebook.com/SJArts

**Coach and Horses Boutique B&B** A5  
62 St Clement's, OX4 1AH  
Top-rated, cosy, individual, boutique family-run B&B.  
admin@oxfordcoachandhorses.co.uk  
www.oxfordcoachandhorses.co.uk

**Old Black Horse Inn** see Central map for full details A6

### Going Out

**SJ&E Arts** A/B7  
St John the Evangelist Church, 109A Ifley Rd, OX4 1EH  
Concerts in the church, art exhibitions in adjoining cloister.  
concer@sjsoho.ox.ac.uk  
Facebook.com/SJArts

**O2 Academy** Premier gig venue hosting big name & local acts, and DJ's.

**Pegasus Theatre** Mesopotamia Theatre, very good children's & dance shows

**Ultimate Picture Palace (UPP)** Small independent cinema with cafe/bar.

### Boats & Waterways

The quintessential Oxford craft is a punt. Punting is a ridiculous sport, but when you're gazing along eye-to-eye with moorhens and trailing your hand in the grubby old Thames there is nothing nicer. You can hire punts from Cherwell Boathouse (Sum G6), Magdalen Bridge (Cen K7) or Folly Bridge (Cen H10). There is a change of levels along the Cherwell so to traverse this you'll need to take your punt up or down the rollers (Cen K3). The Victoria Arms in Marston is a gorgeous place to tie up and drink a swift pint before drifting home.

You can also hire pedalos (Magdalen Bridge), take a river cruise from Folly Bridge to Abingdon, join Oxford Canoe Club (Donnington Bridge), hire a narrowboat from College Cruisers (Cen D4), or watch rowers in full glory in Torpids (end Feb) or Eight's Week (end May) in Christ Church Meadows.

