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The Parish Office is open to receive phone calls and emails to our staff, however, we are limiting visits to the Office by arrangement only. Whilst there will be some things that may take longer, we will endeavour to ensure that we continue to respond where we can and continue to support our community. Our Advice Service can still be accessed via email and phone.

## MEETINGS

All meetings to be held at the Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook. Due to the fluid nature of Covid-19 restrictions, the venue for meetings may change, please see our Notice Boards, website and social media pages for update information on Council meetings.

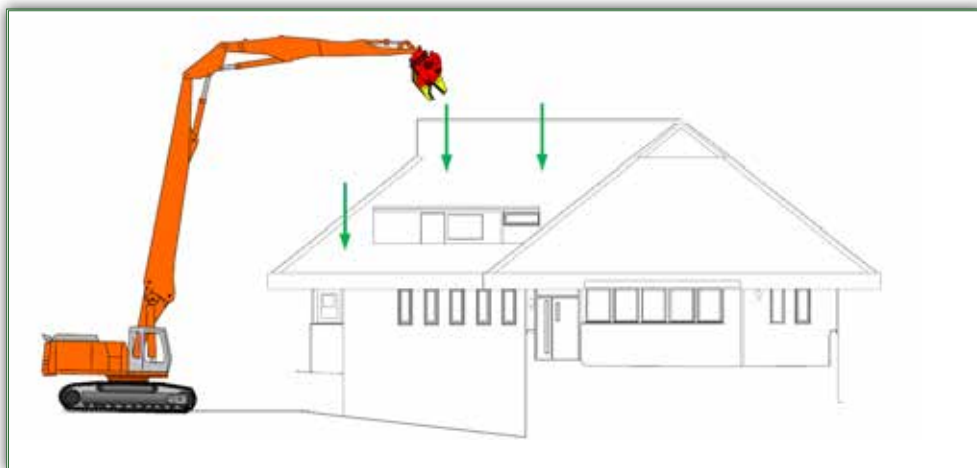
Please note that it may be necessary to restrict the number of members of the public attending Council meetings.

See page 13 for next meeting dates

# Community Hub

Campbell Park Parish Council

**As you will know from the last magazine, we were awaiting the outcome to the planning application we had submitted to Milton Keynes Council seeking permission to demolish the existing building (the former Springfield pub) to clear the plot in readiness for the next stage of the Hub development. This planning application also sought outline permission for the construction of the Community Hub.**



We are really pleased to tell you that permission was granted! Due to the outcome of the ecology surveys and the possibility identified of bats hibernating in the building currently, we have planned to start the demolition of the building in March, which is considered a safe time to do so without causing harm to the bats.

## Development of the Future Plans

The Parish Council has now appointed the Architectural Design Services of Stenton Obhi Architects to work with us to develop the detailed plans and building designs for the Community Hub. Community engagement and consultation with our residents will be the next key part of the process. We know that resident input will be critical in making sure that the services the new Hub will deliver best match the community needs across all of our estates. With the Hub being the first purpose-built property of its type in Milton Keynes, we are focussed on getting it right and making sure this significant investment delivers flexible space to meet your ever-changing needs for many years to come.

**We want to create a community building that residents can be**

**proud of and** increasingly value through the services and initiatives that it delivers and meets the priorities you have set for us in the recent 2022-2023 Budget/Precept Level Consultation which were to create a Community Hub which;

**1. Allows residents to get involved**

**2. Aspires to be carbon neutral & promotes biodiversity**

**3. Is financially affordable & sustainable**

We would like to provide you with an opportunity to help shape our developing plans. We are particularly keen to hear your ideas on the services you would like delivered from the Hub.

We will be holding a Consultation Event on Thursday 24th March 2022 2-4pm & 6-8pm at Springfield Centre

## Demolition Approach & Recycling

We have, through a rigorous tendering process, appointed a demolition contractor who will start on site week beginning 14th March. The demolition work will take approximately 4 weeks to complete.

The start of the demolition process will involve the removal of all loose furnishing and non-structural elements from inside the building being stripped out by hand. Items removed from inside the building will be processed and segregated into separate waste streams to enable recycling of the materials, wherever possible. Structural demolition will then take place using specialist demolition mechanical excavators and carried out in line with the British Standards for demolition: BS6187: 2011. The demolition will take place in a controlled manner working from the top of the structure, and progressing down to the ground floor level. There is a small basement area to the former public house. This will be retained and sealed so access can be reinstated and used for storage, as part of the future plans for the site. During demolition activities, environmental considerations will be taken into account with noise, dust, and vibration minimised to as low level as



reasonably practical throughout the works.

During both the internal strip out and structural demolition, the ability to avoid taking the arising waste materials to landfill is a key consideration. As a result, on site processing and segregation of all materials will take place to maximise the recycling opportunities. The structure is largely of masonry construction with a timber framing to the roof. By implementing these onsite material segregation processes, it is anticipated that we will be able to achieve a recycling rate of approximately 95% through the demolition process with the arising materials being transported to be recycled at specialist off site facilities for future reuse.

### **Traffic Management**

To minimise the disruption to local residents, access to the site for all vehicles associated with the demolition will be via V8 Marlborough Street only. All vehicles exiting the site will be required to turn left out onto Springfield Boulevard then turning left directly onto V8 Marlborough Street.

The main gate to the site will be controlled by a Traffic Marshall during the movement of all vehicles into and out of the site. The Traffic Marshall will supervise the exit from the site onto Springfield Boulevard to ensure there is no conflict with other traffic or pedestrians.

We will be writing to neighbouring properties prior to the start of the demolition works with more details about the on-site operations and to let you know how to contact us about any issues, so that it can be resolved quickly.

## **COMMUNITY LARDER IN THE PARISH**

**Campbell Park Parish Council are currently looking into the possibility of setting up a Community Larder within the Parish.**

A community larder is a 'pop-up' hub, a place to access food that is surplus, make friends, access additional services and save money on your bills. All Community Larders are unique in their own way, "reducing food waste, creating opportunities, engaging with communities". Source: Sofea

The Larder would be delivered in partnership with the charity Sofea, in a location yet to be determined.

To get food from a SOFEA community larder and access all the other help and support available you need to be a member. Membership is open to everyone.

There is a one-off £10 joining fee, plus a weekly subscription. The weekly subscriptions start from £3.50. Membership and payments are organised directly with SOFEA. Each week, as a standard member, you can choose up to 14 item of food– averaging £12-£15 worth of food.

Source: SOFEA Community Larder



There is often confusion between who can access different food provision services in Milton Keynes. This image, supplied by SOFEA Community Larder, helps to explain the differences:

**We hope to be able to provide a further update in the next edition of Homeground.**

In the meantime, for more information about Community Larders, please visit [www.sofea.uk.com/purpose-projects/community-larder/](http://www.sofea.uk.com/purpose-projects/community-larder/)







## Did you know that Campbell Wharf Marina falls within our Parish?

Campbell Wharf Marina is owned by The Parks Trust. With its enviable location, on the Grand Union Canal in Milton Keynes, Campbell Wharf Marina offers 111 berths. It has been designed to accommodate wide beams, narrowboats and cruisers and is suitable for those searching for leisure or long-term moorings in the UK.

With our Parish boundary falling on the marina side of the canal, we are excited to see the ongoing development of this area and facilities it offers within the Parish. At the heart of the new development is the new Canalside pub 'Warbler on the Wharf', which will have great views of the canal and marina.

The pub is a McMullens and Sons premises. We understand that they brew their own beer at their brewery in Hertford, so we expect that there will be a range of beverages and fresh cooked food for everyone.

There is good access for walkers and cyclists, A 60 space car park is available for those who will drive to the location. For those that will be using their satnav the post code is MK9 4AD.

The building is complete and they are now working on the interior and is expected to open "early in 2022", so we will watch out for news on this.



Following its launch in May, and training in June and July, Electra – Milton Keynes' volunteer-run all-electric community boat – successfully ran public trips and private charter cruises from July to December 2021. In total, Electra gave over 1,200 guests a different view of Milton Keynes, gliding quietly along the canal, observing wildlife and art, and enjoying food and drink. The lift for guests with limited mobility was used on over 20% of cruises and guests came from all local MK postcodes and beyond.

Online booking re-opens on 01 March

<https://www.bmkwaterway.org/mkcommunityboatelectra/> and cruises start again in April. Popular cruises will continue – Cream Tea Cruises, Fish'n'Bubbles, Walk One Way, Coffee & Cake, Christmas Cruises, Family Eyespy, Relax – and Electra will attend waterside Parish events whenever possible.

There'll also be new cruises that take Electra further north (for example to cruise the two aqueducts between New Bradwell and Cosgrove) and further south (to enjoy Waterhall Park and the countryside around Stoke Hammond), and cruises which offer tempting new food and activities on board. Watch the website for details or follow us on social media [@ElectraBoatMK](#).

As well as boat crew, many volunteer skills are needed on shore to help make things happen.

*If you are interested in volunteering, check out that section of the website.*





**DAFS**  
DRUGS & ALCOHOL FAMILY SUPPORT

in partnership with  
**SAMAS**  
SUPPORT, ADVICE, MENTORING  
AND ADVOCACY SERVICE

## Who are DAFS?

**DAFS** are a small team of volunteers who focus on supporting and empowering families of addicted loved ones without judgement or exclusion.

We work in partnership by sharing lived experiences, offering compassion and understanding.

We aim to **raise awareness, reduce feelings of isolation, help build self-confidence, self esteem and self worth.**

We motivate families to live their lives, laugh again and to have **HOPE** for the future.

## WE COMFORT HURTING FAMILIES

### Get Support!

Join us on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/groups/MKFamilysupportgroup](https://www.facebook.com/groups/MKFamilysupportgroup)

Speak to Val and Lynn...  
Tel: **07598346244 OR 07874849659**  
or  
Email: [dafsmailbox@communityled.org.uk](mailto:dafsmailbox@communityled.org.uk)

[www.communityled.org.uk](http://www.communityled.org.uk)



## REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS



Please keep your homes, cars, sheds and garages secure. During the darker months, reports of opportunist crimes increase.



Also, if you can leave a light on or consider using timers for a light to come on when it gets dark. Making your house appear that someone is home will reduce the chance of you becoming a victim of burglary.



Also, please remember on cold and icy mornings **DO NOT** leave your car running unattended!



## Got 5?

**Register online to vote**

[gov.uk/register tovote](https://gov.uk/register tovote)

YOUR VOTE MATTERS  
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Commission



## Woolstone Pre-school

**Enquire Now  
for 2022 Places**

**For children aged 2 - 4 years old**

The Community Centre Church, Mill Lane,  
Woolstone, Milton Keynes MK15 0AJ

Term time only.



Call us for more details, or visit our website:

**07923 511808**

[www.woolstonepreschool.co.uk](http://www.woolstonepreschool.co.uk)



# Landscaping Report

Campbell Park Parish Council

**In the autumn the Landscape team spent a number of weeks concentrating on works in Fishermead.**

A large percentage of the work undertaken here included cutting back shrub beds along the main roads to clear sight lines and free up space around the parking bays.

During the time allocated to Fishermead, two weeks were reserved to attend to resident reports. Unfortunately due to the very mild temperatures at the beginning of autumn we found ourselves uncovering a large number of wasps nests. Due to this, unfortunately a few jobs had to be left uncompleted. However, we will be returning to finish these jobs in the new year. In November we rented a

tractor-flail for a month to help us tackle the cutting back of large hedges. This was the first time the Team had used this equipment within the Parish and it proved to be a great success. The team benefited from the recruitment of a temporary team member for the winter. With the additional team member plus the voluntary help of Councillor Ray Golding, it meant that the we have been able to split the team in two, with one team out using hand tools and the other team out with the tractor acting as banks-man & also carrying out hedge cutting works around obstacles where the tractor can't reach.

The hedges that were not cut back with the large tractor flail we rented, will be completed in the new year when we get our own smaller tractor flail, which will enable us to continue this type of work across the Parish.

During November we began our winter maintenance schedule in Oldbrook. A lot of the larger works have included work on and around Dexter House, woodland clearance and tidying up of the park on The Oval. We have also completed shrub clearance around the back of all the houses on Verity Place, Shackleton Place, Larwood Place & Hutton Avenue. There have also been many more smaller jobs completed and the work in Oldbrook continued through December.

After Christmas, the Team moved into Springfield to start, amongst other tasks, the clearance of footpaths and to attend to the shrubbery surrounding the corner flats. From February, the team will be moving on to works within Willen and Woolstone.



*I just wanted to say that I've lived in Tolcarne Ave since 1989 and the landscaping around my home is the tidiest it has \*ever\* been. Parts of my cul-de-sac seemed to keep going invisible when MK Council did it. The edge alongside my house was often omitted. The thin strip at the bottom of my garden was \*never once\* cut back. Both these things caused considerable incursions on to my garden or property, and every year I had to spend money I haven't really got spare to clear it. Not only that, the heavily-used public path out of the cul-de-sac never felt very safe to use as it was simply always so overgrown with no line of sight. You have sorted ALL of it in the last 12 months.*

**So I just wanted to say you're doing an epic job - and thank you!**



# Under 5's Play Area Project - Progress Update

Campbell Park Parish Council

***You may recall early last year, we reported the outcome of our public consultation on the future re-development of the overgrown area adjacent to the Pirate Park Play Area in Fishermead into a new fenced play area, designed specifically for the Under 5's.***

Your responses showed clear support for the project and provided some valuable ideas and contributions.

Since that time we have been working to develop a specification for the play area and meet the requirements for the additional funding we have secured from MK Council towards the project.

In December, our Landscape team took the next steps towards making the project a reality, spending 2 days clearing away the overgrown shrubbery. This revealed a vast space ready to become useable again.

Also, in December our Council approved the appointment of the contractor who will create the play area for us.



Phase 1 of the project will begin in March to create an fenced play area, 20m x 14m in size, with a soft play surface and multiple play items for the use of children under 5 years old.

We are excited to see this area come to life again in the Spring, with a wonderful addition to the play offer in this location. Watch this space for further updates as the we move on to the next phases of this project.

## Play area between Wallbrook Avenue and Turnmill Avenue in Springfield

***This play area, which is owned by MK Council, currently contains a multi-play unit that is in poor condition and swing frames, but no swing seats.***

MK Council are of the opinion that this play area is no longer required and if Campbell Park Parish Council agree, MK Council will arrange for it to be removed.

***Before CPPC respond to this proposal, we are seeking your views.***

Please send any comments on this matter to [admin@campbell-park.gov.uk](mailto:admin@campbell-park.gov.uk) by Friday 11th March 2022.

**Please title your comments:**  
'Turnmill/Wallbrook Play Area'



Any residents that are concerned that the removal of the play area may lead to development, can be assured that this area has been identified within the Campbell Park Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan as a "key area of open/green space within the Parish".

It should be noted **MK Council** and **Campbell Park Parish Council** undertook a joint project in 2019 and completed a full refurbishment of the play area between Turnmill Avenue and Springfield Boulevard (close to the canal path), which is very near this site.





## MK Safety Centre Visits for Year 5 & 6 students in the Parish



***Willen Primary were really pleased to make a visit to the Milton Keynes Safety Centre (also known as Hazard Alley) in September 2021 with their Year 5 & 6's students.***

Due to the lockdown last year, the current Year 6's had to wait an extra year for their trip.

Their trip was fully funded by Campbell Park Parish Council.

'Hazard Alley' was the first purpose-built safety education centre in the UK, designed to give visitors a unique interactive

learning experience. During a tour in their 'life size' village young people encounter a range of 'hazards' giving them the opportunity to develop vital knowledge and strategies on how to stay safe. In small groups, children are led through twelve everyday scenarios by a tour guide looking for risks in each and finding out how to keep themselves safer. In pairs, children get the chance to practise making a 999 call from our phone box and also to learn some emergency first aid. Year 5 & 6 students from Jubilee Wood and Orchard Academy are planning to make their visits in the next few months.

Mr Brown, Headteacher at Orchard Academy said " I'm a big fan of the Safety Centre and have been taking children there most of my career. I think it's possibly the most important educational visit a child will have during their time at school"





# Get Around

## Transport smartphone app launched for Milton Keynes

A new smartphone app has been launched by MK Council to help local people and visitors make quick, clean and green transport choices in Milton Keynes.

The first phase of the Get Around MK transport app is now live and available to download to smartphones for free on the **Google Play** and **Apple App Store**.

The launch of new Get Around MK transport app comes after the council recently published its Get Around MK website, and is part of a wider £500K investment in sustainable transport following the huge uptake in cycling, walking and scooting during the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal is to make it as easy as possible for local people to find a greener transport option that's right for them.

Both Get Around MK web and mobile platforms host a range of interactive features, including a live map of roads and Redways, nearest bus stop locator and details of bike hire locations, EV car charging points and lots more.

Cllr Jenny Wilson-Marklew, Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainability said:

*"Milton Keynes is at the forefront of new technologies in transport, innovation and communication. Our Get Around MK mobile app and website are all part of our commitment to making cleaner and greener transport part of everyday life in Milton Keynes. Please download the app and help us on our greenest city journey."*



Cycling and walking levels in some areas of MK were 58% higher in May 2020 compared to May 2019, and the council wants to maintain the momentum created in sustainable travel beyond the pandemic.



The Get Around MK app has been developed in partnership with transport management and smart ticketing software developers Unicard.

Download the Get Around MK app, visit **[www.getaroundmk.org.uk](http://www.getaroundmk.org.uk)** and follow **@GetAroundMK** on social media.

### E-Scooters

We have received lots of comments and concerns about the increasing use of E-Scooters within the Parish. The most common complaint is about the places that the scooters are being left – sometimes causing trip hazards, blocking driveways and pavements etc.

**It should be noted that it is illegal to use privately owned scooters on public highways and they should only be used on privately owned land.**

You can find lots of information and answers to frequently asked questions about e-scooter hire in Milton Keynes at **[getaroundmk.org.uk/get-connected/go-electric/e-scooter-trials](http://getaroundmk.org.uk/get-connected/go-electric/e-scooter-trials)**.





## Report on MK Connect

by Cllr Val Dixon

MK Connect is demand-responsive public transport for residents who aren't served by a bus route in Milton Keynes.

This MK public transport service has improved since it began. Early problems have been ironed out and people have got use to using it and are more familiar with how it works.

There is no timetable as it is 'on demand' and it is not tied to any of the old routes that it replaced. You are able to journey from wherever to wherever within the Borough of Milton Keynes. If there is an operational bus route that covers your journey, when you request your journey, you will be directed to it.

Your pickup point will be shown on the map of your journey. It will not be a bus stop. The registration and vehicle details will be given to you so you know what you are looking for.

It is easiest to use the app on your phone to book your journey but if you are unable to you can ring them on **01908 252526** or you can e-mail them on **mkconnect@milton-keynes.gov.uk**. Their response is usually quick.

If you have any problems, do ring them they are very helpful.

Also if you are disabled, call them to set up a profile so that a suitable vehicle is used for your journey.

## Price

**£3.50** during peak hours  
(7am-9am, 4.30pm-6.30pm),  
**£2.50** at all other times.  
**£1** for All in 1 MK cardholders.

Free for Older Person's and Disabled Person's bus pass holders after 9.30am on weekdays and free all day on weekends.

More information about Bus Passes can be found at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub/bus-and-taxi/bus-passes-and-cards](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub/bus-and-taxi/bus-passes-and-cards)

## Operation Times

Monday to Saturday 6am till 11pm  
Sunday 9am till 6pm

More information can be found at [www.ridewithvia.com/mk-connect/](http://www.ridewithvia.com/mk-connect/)





**Happy new year from everyone at Shepherdswell Academy.**



In EYFS we have been exploring the topic 'Growing', we learnt the Eric Carl story 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. We used Talk for Writing to learn the story of by heart and performed it. We have been growing seeds and learning about life cycles.



During the first half term **Year 1** have been exploring the story 'On Sudden Hill' written by Linda Sarah. This story is about friendship and imagination around playing with cardboard boxes. To start our topic, we looked at what we could create and play with cardboard boxes, our ideas included: firefighters, shops, climbing skyscrapers, car sales people and rockets.

In **Year 2** they have haven been taking the opportunity to take some of their learning outside to explore and learn from the natural world around us. In Science, the children have been learning about growing plants and what conditions they need to grow well. We explored medicines from the past and finding out about historical figures like Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale.



On Safer Internet day, our school PCSO, Colin came in to teach us all how to stay safe online. He shared stories about how we can be safe and reminded us of the SMART rules.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2021 or 2022 and would like to find out more then please contact the school office on **01908 665418** to arrange a tour.

***It has been another busy term in school with lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities for our children to explore.***

You may have noticed that we have redesigned our school logo. Our logo reflects the value we place on relationships and is represented through the joining of two jigsaw pieces, valuing the importance of developing links and partnerships between home and school. Our school is known for our playground pencils, a representation of our commitment in creatively inspiring our children through a well-planned curriculum that meets the needs of all. It also incorporates our popular Nursery. When partnerships between home and school come together they enhance the education provided, creating a better start to early years education which is all reflected in our motto:

### ***Together we make a difference***

Respect, Responsibility, Teamwork,  
Kindness Friendship, Honesty

The children have enjoyed a range of visits and first-hand learning experiences to support their learning journeys this term as well as developing their understanding of our school community values.



**If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2022 and would like to find out more about our amazing community school then please contact the school office to arrange a school tour. Our nurturing school will enable your child to reach their full potential in a happy and caring learning environment.**





## The Willows First School and EYC

### Nose Cone landing

#### Learning at The Willows First School and EYC

November started with a bang for the children with a **nose cone landing** in the playground from a spaceship. Luckily Mr Morris was onsite to help, so we did not have a fire!

The children all made poppies and wreaths in their classes for **Remembrance day** and were very respectful during the minute silence. Miss Kemp's English group wrote some lovely letters to a war veteran who replied and answered the children's insightful questions.



The lucky children and staff had a theatre company come to school and perform the story of **The Beauty and the Beast**. We are not sure who enjoyed it more! All children across the school had a chance to go on an Autumn walk and appreciate the wonders of nature.



#### Remembrance day display

Finally we got the school ready for Christmas and enjoyed learning songs ready for our performances.

In the new year we look forward to many more new learning experiences.

Staff, children, Governors and members of the community came together on a Saturday morning and spent a few hours **clearing pathways** near the school to ensure a safe walk to school for the children and the residents. We are hoping that this is the start of working together as a wider community as it was really appreciated by all families. The community leaders also came into school to speak with the school council about things that they like and dislike about the area in which they live. Together we can make a difference.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meeting to be held  
15th February 2022, 7.30pm  
15th March 2022, 7.30pm  
19th April 2022, 7.30pm  
17th May 2022, 7.30pm

#### Committees & Working Groups

##### Planning, Infrastructure & Transport

7th March 2022, 6.30pm  
4th April 2022, 6.30pm  
4th May 2022, 6.30pm

##### Finance, Administration & Policy

1st February 2022, 6.30pm  
5th April 2022, 6.30pm  
3rd May 2022, 6.30pm

##### Buildings & Property Portfolio

8th February 2022, 6.30pm  
8th March 2022, 6.30pm  
12th April 2022, 6.30pm  
10th May 2022, 6.30pm

##### Community & Social Wellbeing

21st February 2022, 7pm  
21st March 2022, 7pm  
25th April 2022, 7pm  
23rd May 2022, 7pm

##### Communications

22nd February 2022, 6.30pm  
22nd March 2022, 6.30pm  
26th April 2022, 6.30pm  
24th May 2022, 6.30pm



#### Annual Meeting of Council -

**Tuesday 17th May 2022**

Election of Offices of Chair, Vice Chair and Committees, membership of Committees, review of policies and membership of outside organisations.

#### Annual Meeting of Parish Electors -

date and time to be confirmed  
Opportunity for residents to raise issues and put questions to Council

# THE REDWAY CODE – RESPECT, PROTECT, ENJOY

The Redways are an important part of Milton Keynes. They are shared-use routes for people walking, wheeling, cycling and scooting (including powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters). Delivery robots also use the Redways. The traffic-free network is popular for leisure, commuting and for staying active. To enjoy them, please follow these common sense guidelines.

## Respect other people

- Be polite and courteous. Consider the needs of others.
- Where ever possible, cycle on the left, walk on the right. Don't change direction suddenly and signal clearly while cycling.
- Take care when passing other people, slow down, allow plenty of room and use a polite audible method to signal your approach.
- Slow down at bends and all junctions and be prepared to stop when necessary.
- Only walk or cycle two abreast. Don't obstruct the Redway or stand in groups; allow others to pass quickly and easily.
- Don't use your mobile phone. It's safer to be aware of your surroundings especially of people approaching from behind.
- If you need to cross a redway in a vehicle e.g. to reach a private driveway, drivers should give way to pedestrians and cyclists. (Highway Code Rule 206)

## Protect the environment

- Take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under control, preferably on a short lead.
- Always clean up after your dog and get rid of mess responsibly.
- Report problems on the redways including glass, potholes, lighting and vegetation to MK Highways at [www.mycouncil.milton-keynes.gov.uk/](http://www.mycouncil.milton-keynes.gov.uk/)

## Enjoy the outdoors

- Follow the guidelines and the Highway Code ([www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code))
- Be responsible for your own safety and others in your care.
- Plan your route in advance.
- Horse-riding is permitted on redways, which are part of the bridleway network.

### Source:

**Redways - Milton Keynes ([getaroundmk.org.uk](http://getaroundmk.org.uk))**

### Helpful advice:

Young people and others may want to consider wearing a helmet while cycling.

At night, wearing reflective, hi-viz or light coloured clothing will help you be seen.

## Walking Groups within the Parish

Working in partnership with Milton Keynes Council and the Ramblers Walking for Health Scheme we are hoping to set up some walking groups across the Parish in 2022 to help people live healthier and happier lives.

To do so, we need volunteers to lead and assist with walks and help to develop local walking routes.

**Could this be you?** Full training and support will be provided. This is a great opportunity to be active, meet new people and make a difference in your community.



**If you would like to volunteer or would like more information please contact**

Tracey Jones

on 01908 608559 or

email [admin@campbell-park.gov.uk](mailto:admin@campbell-park.gov.uk)



# Starting Point Milton Keynes



(part of the charity The Mustard Tree) is a project which enables young people facing disadvantage to see transformation in their lives by providing mentoring and creating opportunities.

Starting Point Milton Keynes focusses on holistically supporting young people aged 15-25 who struggle with wellbeing and are NEET (not in employment, further education, or training).

We aim to equip them with practical skills and social-emotional support, enabling them to make and sustain positive change in their social circumstances, achieve their aspirations, and thrive in life within in a job, college course, or apprenticeship, & the wider community. We do this by equipping local volunteers, to mentor local young people, in partnership with local communities, which has proven success in achieving meaningful outcomes.

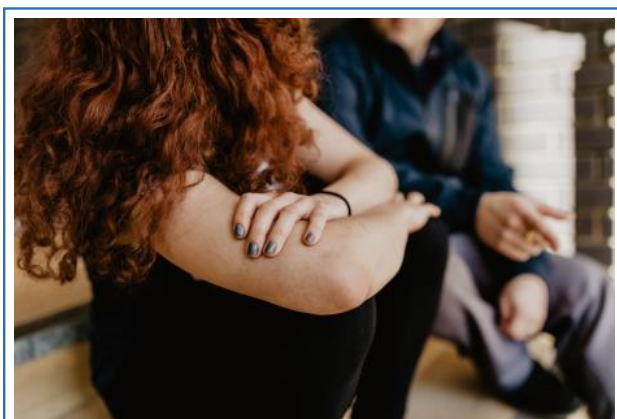
Our approach is face-to-face, 1:1, relational, tailored, and holistic with no set time limit, and young people we mentor are referred to us through multiple partners including: Children's social services; schools, colleges and PRUs; Youth Offending Team; Care Leavers Team; Counselling services. This ensures we are working with those who are most in need of our support. Of those we currently mentor in Milton Keynes 100% have low/no formal qualifications and 67% are struggling with their mental health.



R was dismissed from college and didn't know what he wanted to do for a job. Having started a 2-week work placement in stonemasonry he began to wonder if there were any benefits to work experience. He and his mentor worked through this together and R decided to stick it out. At the end of the 2 weeks R was offered an apprenticeship with the same organisation, which he has been excelling in for over 6 months. "I wouldn't have been able to get my job without the support of my mentor and starting point"

More personal stories can be found on our website: [www.startingpoint.org.uk/stories/](http://www.startingpoint.org.uk/stories/) With the support of Campbell Park Parish Council (Grant of £1000 awarded – see page 17), we are seeing young peoples' lives transformed by: - growing in confidence and self-esteem/worth; accessing employment, further education, or training; accessing additional opportunities (e.g., workshops, work experience, volunteering and our young person support fund); making and sustaining more positive friendships; and feeling more hopeful about the future.

**If you would like to find out more, get involved, or have an opportunity to effect positive social change within your community,** please get in touch with Starting Point Milton Keynes on 01908 464275.





## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

The UK will celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch with a weekend of celebrations at the beginning of June.

The May Bank Holiday will be moved to Thursday 2 June and with an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June we will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - the first time any British monarch has reached this historic milestone.

This historic event will reflect on Her Majesty's reign, and her impact on the UK and the world since 1952.



### Planning a street party?

The UK has a long history of organised street parties to celebrate national events. Why not organise one for your neighbours for the Platinum Jubilee?

You're could host a street party on any day across the bank holiday weekend, or as part of The Big Jubilee Lunch, which is taking place across the UK on Sunday 5 June.

Every year since 2009 The Big Lunch has encouraged communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better.



Following the success of the first Big Jubilee Lunch, to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, The Big Lunch will bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community again in 2022. More info can be found at <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/blog/the-big-jubilee-lunch>

### If you are planning to hold your event in your road

You must contact Milton Keynes Council at least 2 weeks before your event to arrange for the road to be closed for safety.

### Costs

MK Council do not charge for the legal process to close a road for a street party, but you will need to find some road signs to tell drivers that the road is closed.

### Clearing up

You will need to clear up any waste following your event. Remember to leave some time before your road closure notice finishes to allow for this.

### Music

If you are having music please be considerate to your neighbours and do not play music too loudly especially in the evening. Remember that some residents may have young children or they were not able or may choose not to attend the party.



## Risk assessments

You do not need a formal risk assessment but you may want to carry out your own risk assessment to think about how you can reduce risks to people, equipment or the road, i.e. have a back up for bad weather or if it is forecast to be very hot remember to have plenty of water available and shade.

## Decorations

Any bunting must be erected above the minimum height to allow emergency vehicles through without causing obstruction. Do not attach anything to the street light columns, road signs or barriers.

If you have any questions or want to apply for a temporary road closure call **01908 254604** to speak to MK Council Highways team. Or you can email them at **TR0team@milton-keynes.gov.uk**

## More information about holding Street Parties can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party#what-sort-of-events-does-this-guidance-apply-to>

<https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/get-involved-with-the-platinum-jubilee/>

**" Campbell Park Parish Council are planning events and projects to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

## SAVE THE DATE

for our main event,  
a Family Fun Day on the Bank Holiday  
**Thursday 2nd June**

There will be more information in our May edition, and updates will also be posted on our website and social media channels."



## Grants

We recently awarded a grant of £1000 to **Starting Point**, towards the delivery of their Aspire Mentoring Programme within the Parish for 15-25 year olds that are not in Education, Employment or Training.

*"I am writing to thank Campbell Park Parish Council for the generous Grant of £1000. We look forward to our journey with you and to sharing stories of transformation from the lives of the young people we support in Milton Keynes, in particular Campbell Park, as a direct impact of this grant."*

See Page 15 for more information

**If you're from a community group or charity, who is supporting local residents in the Campbell Park Parish,** visit our website to discover more about our grant funding:

<https://www.campbell-park.gov.uk/services/grants/>



# WHAT IS WELLBEING?

Good mental wellbeing means feeling good and functioning well. It doesn't mean that you never experience feelings or situations that you find difficult, but you'll have the resilience to cope when times are tough. Good mental health and resilience are fundamental to our physical health, our relationships, our education, our work and to achieving our potential.

Our mental health can change over time. This can be because of life events which cause distress or unhappiness, or it can happen with no apparent cause.

**THE MILTON KEYNES SELF CARE STEERING GROUP RECENTLY PUBLISHED A TOOLKIT TO HELP INCREASE WELLBEING.**

*We are going to regularly share some of their (& others) tips*

The Toolkit sets out **"Five Ways to Wellbeing"** which is a set of evidence-based public mental health messages aimed at improving the mental health and wellbeing of the whole population. They were developed by NEF (The New Economics Foundation).

Over the next few editions of Homeground we are going to give you some ideas of things you could do towards each of these **'5 Ways to Wellbeing'** and explain a little more about why each of the '5 Ways' are so important.

Evidence suggests there are five steps we can all take to improve our mental wellbeing.

**The five steps are;**

**What are the 5 Ways to Wellbeing?**

## BEING ACTIVE

- Have a kick-about in a local park
- Take the stairs not the lift
- Go for a walk at lunchtime



## CONNECTING

- Talk to someone instead of sending an email
- Speak to someone new



## LEARNING

- Read a book
- Do a crossword or sudoku
- Research something you've always wondered about



## TAKING NOTICE

- Nature observation
- Take a different route on your journey to work or the shops
- Visit a new place for lunch



## GIVING

- Volunteer in your community
- Perform acts of kindness
- Compliment someone



**If you need someone to talk to please contact our Advice Service – more information can be found on the back page**



**Climate change is a global issue but we, as individuals, are able to help in the fight to protect our environment.**

**We are going to include information and tips in each edition of Homeground of things you might like to do....**



When using your kettle, only boil the amount of water you really need. This will help to reduce your energy bill and emissions!



Buy fruit and vegetables that are in season. Fruit and vegetables are often imported by air, having a big carbon impact. Look on the labels to see the origin of the product or ask your greengrocer for advice on 'in season' produce.



Plan your meals and check your fridge before taking a trip to the supermarket. Around a third of the food produced in the UK is thrown away! Be creative to reduce food waste.



Visit your local Community Fridge and help use the surplus quality food that would otherwise be wasted. The Fridges are open to everyone and their aim is to reduce food waste. [www.mkcommunityfridge.org](http://www.mkcommunityfridge.org)

## Recycling made clear

How MK residents sort their recycling

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling)

 Milton Keynes recycles

 milton keynes council



### Recycling Do's and Don'ts

#### Do's

- ✓ Put all non-recyclable rubbish into black bin bags (not supplied by MK Council)
- ✓ Rinse out any food and drink containers before you put them into the clear sacks
- ✓ Put all food and garden waste in the green bin
- ✓ Put battery bags on top of your green bin
- ✓ Place waste and recycling on the boundary of your home by 7am on your collection day
- ✓ Tie up all rubbish and recycling bags
- ✓ Breakdown cardboard and place it inside the clear recycling sack. If is too big please take to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre.
- ✓ Place damp or wet paper and cardboard in the black sack.

#### Don'ts

- ✗ Don't mix your rubbish with your recycling. If you do everyone's recycling will be spoilt and may not be recycled
- ✗ Don't put out your recycling earlier than 5pm the day before your collection day
- ✗ Don't pile up your bags with the neighbours in your street
- ✗ Don't put loose items, e.g. large cardboard boxes out with your recycling; it won't be collected
- ✗ Don't put out the grey kitchen caddy; this is for indoor use only

**If your recycling bags, box or wheeled bin contain the wrong items it may not be collected or emptied.**

### Visit us online to...

Find out your collection day

Order clear sacks, a blue box, green wheeled bin or a yellow battery bag

Find out what happens to MK recycling and rubbish

Report a missed collection

Book a bulky waste collection

Find out about Household Waste Recycling Centres

Report litter, graffiti and fly tipping

Find composting advice

Learn about real nappies

And more!

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling)

Tel: 01908 252570

Email: [customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

YouTube: [MiltonKeynesCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/MiltonKeynesCouncil)

 [mkcouncil1](https://www.facebook.com/mkcouncil1)

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## Our Virtual Community Forum with Thames Valley Police

**Campbell Park Parish Council hosted its another virtual Community Forum with Thames Valley Police (TVP) on 18th November via our You Tube Channel.**

The questions and concerns raised related to a variety of topics including parking on pavements, electric scooters and the current priorities for TVP associated with anti social behaviour and county line drug dealing.

The key message we take from this Forum is – if you see or hear anything you are concerned about – PLEASE REPORT IT! The more information the Police are able to gather, the more likely they will be able to deal with the issue successfully. Also, if a report is not made, they won't know about it and, therefore, are unlikely to deal with the issue.

Reports can be made by phoning 101 or by completing a report online at <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/>

The Community Forum is still available to view on our You Tube channel – 'Campbell Park Parish Council'.

We intend to hold the Community Forums on a regular basis so watch this space for details of the next one.

If you have any questions or topics that you would like to be discussed at the next Forum please let us know by email [admin@campbell-park.gov.uk](mailto:admin@campbell-park.gov.uk) or by telephone to the Parish Office on **01908 608559**

## Winter Activities and Food Programme 2021 #HAF

**Campbell Park Parish Council were very pleased to work in partnership with MK Play Association to host sessions at the Oldbrook Centre, Springfield Centre and Fishermead Trinity Centre to provide FREE activities and food from 20 to 24 December for children, young people and their families who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals**

With winter indoor crafting and play, MK Play Association (and partners) provided a programme of imaginative arts and crafts led by experienced play leaders. The children had access to free materials to complete crafting projects with guidance and support, including make Christmas decorations to take home. Each session accommodated around 30 children, each provided with a hot meal.

Unfortunately due to low attendance, caused partly by the increasing rates of the Omicron Covid variant just before Christmas, a decision was made by MK Play Association to close the sessions earlier than planned. However, we hope to be able to provide more initiatives like this again in the future in, hopefully, more settled times.

### On the hunt for your Green Bin?!

We have received some reports recently of MK Council waste teams not returning the Green Bins to the correct properties with residents have to go and find their bin after the collections have been completed.

We have raised this problem with MK Council.

They have highlighted some ways in which residents could help the refuse operatives to improve this;

- If possible, please put your door number on your bin. Sometimes, when the refuse operatives collect multiple bins at one time, they can get mixed up and they then don't know which bin goes to which house!
- Please put your green bin out regularly during the winter months, even if it is not full. Not only is this important to reduce smells and flies, if there are more green bins out in your street, the operatives will not travel too far with each bin to empty and return it. If there are only a few bins out – there is a tendency for the operative to collect them all up at the same time to take them to the truck and leave them altogether somewhere on the street which is likely to be further away from your property.





JOIN US FOR OUR

# Easter Tea Party

Lots of activities to include face painting & Reptile Roadshow- free of charge!



Saturday 9th April 2022  
2-4PM  
Oldbrook Centre



# FREE ACTIVITY PACKS FOR CHILDREN



*Due to their ongoing popularity, we put together more Activity Packs for Christmas than we do usually. Once again, they were so popular they were all collected before we could sing Jingle Bells!!!*

The packs contained a range of paper-based activities including colouring sheets, wordsearches, mazes, spot the differences, code words etc along with some pencils, pens/crayons.

To make the Christmas pack extra special, we added more craft supplies to enable the children to make some Christmas decorations. We had lollipop sticks with glittering gems and stars that could be hung on the Christmas tree and some Christmas cards to colour in a gift to a family member or friend.



Thank you to Layla Jones for sharing a photo of her grandchild enjoying colouring in the Christmas Cards provided in the Activity Pack – excellent job!

**The next Activity Packs** will be available for the February Half Term Holiday which will be ready for collection from **Tuesday 15th February** & for the Easter Holiday the packs will be ready for collection from **Tuesday 5th April**. The activity packs can be collected from the Parish Office, Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm.

To ensure as many families as possible can benefit from this, please only take one pack per child. The packs will be limited in number and only available while stock lasts.

We would appreciate any feedback on the packs. Also, if you have ideas of how they could be improved or ideas for the content of future packs - we would love to hear from you.

We would also love to see any photos of the children enjoying the packs or the completed activities that we can share. Most of all – we hope that the children enjoy them.



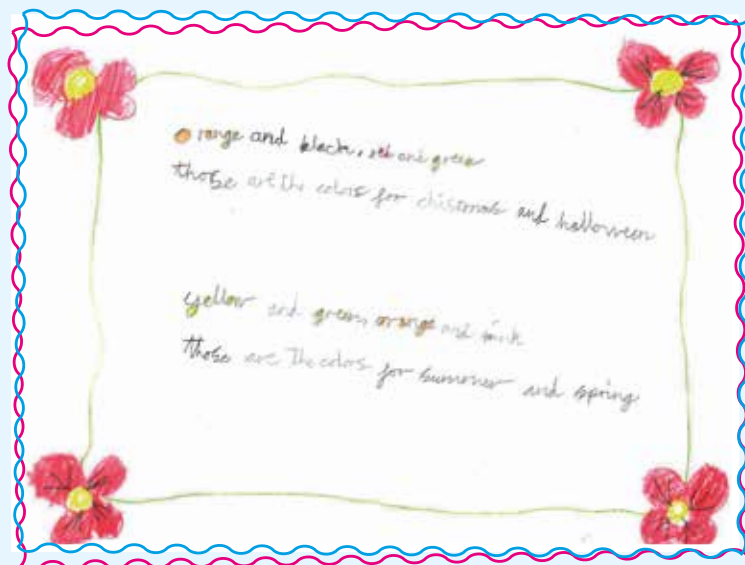
Name  
**The Tractor competition**

Well done to **Chloe** for winning our Name The Tractor competition.

Chloe named the Tractor 'Sam'



## KIDS CORNER



**Thank you and Well Done** to **Deepthi** aged 7 for sending in this wonderful poem.

We will be sending you a prize!





# KID'S CORNER



## Hello Children,

I hope you are all keeping well and you and your family have not been affected by Covid recently – I know lots of families have had to stay at home because they have been unwell or tested positive for covid.

If you have been poorly, I do hope you are feeling better now. Why not write into Kid's Corner and tell us how you have been and what you have been up to.

Do you have ideas that we can share with other children of things you can do if you have to stay at home and get a bit bored?

I was hoping to be able to come into school this term, however, due to covid restrictions, I might not be able to.

As it has been such a long time, if I cannot come in yet I will try and send in some plates for you to do Easter Bunnies pictures for me – maybe, you could draw Easter Bunnies in a field with lots of Easter eggs. So, what is inside an Easter egg? .....Yummy, yummy, yummy!!! (but don't eat too much and be sick!!!!)

Write and tell me how much fun it is to be back at school with all your friends. Do you have any school pets? Please tell me about them, if you have any.

### Road Safety:

Some of you may remember our Green Tick Code. Those of you who don't, I will explain... Almost three years ago, there was an accident at a local school, so Myself and one of our Environment Officers (Mitch) decided we would come up with a new Road Safety Code. As it has been such a long time that I have seen you all, we will relaunch **"The Green Tick Code."** Hopefully, by the time the Homeground magazine comes out in the summer, the new code will be in ready.

I will be coming into school to speak to you all about it.

### Send in a Poem:

Has anyone got a poem about the weather, frosty days, rain or windy days? The best poem we receive will be printed in the next Homeground magazine and you will win a prize.

P.S: If you send anything into Kid's Corner we need to know your name, address, your age, and what school you go to, or we cannot send you your prize. The address is: 1 Pencarrow Place, Fishermead, Milton Keynes, MK6 2AS.

### Remember Stranger Danger

Until next time, Cllr Penny.

## JOKES

Here are a couple of jokes from **Fatima** of Oldbrook

**Q:** Why did the banana go to the Doctor?

**A:** Because he wasn't peeling very well.....

**Q:** What happens to a radio when it is in the fridge?

**A:** Cool music.....

## Sophie the white squirrel Meets Isabell at Buttermilk Farm Woods



So, The Tracey Sisters got Isabell home and it was only half past four. Her mother was very impressed. She looked at Isabell with that look that only a mother can look! Isabell knew at once, "Oh, I think I am in trouble"

Isabell had a thought, If she stands on one leg, closes her eyes and makes a wish then maybe her Mum would not be upset! So she did just that. Guess what happened? The spell did not work. Isabell had to think hard and quick. Isabell said to her Mother "The Tracey Sisters are very hot on time keeping Mum. If you do anything with them at Buttermilk Farm you have to keep to the schedule. They only have little legs, but they can run very fast!

"Okay, right" her Mother said, looking very confused. "Tea is ready, so wash your hands and sit down please"

Isabell did just that, thinking how on earth she was going to eat her dinner. Fortunately for her, her Mother had lots of questions about Buttermilk Farm, so she chatted so much that her food went cold. Lucky for Isabell, she got away with that, so maybe the spell did work after all....

What do you think?

So next time Isabell will go back to Buttermilk Farm to look out for Sophie. She needs to know how the spells work and she would like to look around her home. Most of all she would really like to know what makes a squirrel white..... Until next time.....

# CAMPBELL PARK ADVICE SERVICE

## FREE SERVICE

Are you struggling with money?  
Do you need a listening ear?  
Pop along and speak to our  
advisors in confidence

### SOME OF THE ISSUES WE CAN ASSIST WITH ARE

- Any housing matters related to rent arrears and or Discretionary Housing Payment
- Benefits (advice or form filling)
  - Rent or Council Tax arrears
  - Family or domestic difficulties
- Any other concerns you would like to discuss



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To find out more, please pop into the Parish Office, or contact us on the details below

CALL US NOW! 01908 608 559



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**Resident from Fishermead was helped with form filling,**  
"Priscilla is thorough, has time and patience and a personality that all people need when it comes to help".

**Resident was helped with Universal Credit,** "The Advice Worker was very professional and made me feel calm and relaxed".