

24th February 2023

Minutes of the Community Projects Committee Meeting
held on **Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 10.30am**
at Stantonbury Parish Office, 126 Kingsfold, Bradville, MK13 7DX

Minutes

59/22	Chair's Welcome and Introduction to meeting.	Actions
	<p>The Clerk explained both the Chair and Vice-Chair would be absent for this meeting and a nomination and vote would need to be taken to choose an acting Chair. Councillor Kennedy proposed and Councillor McGahan seconded for Cllr Ronaldson be considered. Clerk checked with Councillor Ronaldson who confirmed she would agree, and a vote was taken. Agreed by 8 votes for.</p>	
60/22	<p>Present: Cllr Sara Agintas (SA) Cllr Abid Anwar (AA) Cllr Sandra Kennedy (SK) Cllr Peter Kirkham (PK) Cllr Judy Kite (JK) Cllr Paul McGahan (PM) Cllr Ann Ronaldson (AR) - Acting Chair Cllr Edward Seaborne (ES)</p> <p>Mrs K Fane (KF) - Minute-taker Mrs D Moore (DM) - Clerk Mr D Outram (DO) Mrs S Tozer (ST)</p>	
61/22	<p>Apologies for Absence: Cllr Carol Northwood Cllr Derek Northwood Cllr Linda Morgan All above agreed by 8 votes for.</p>	
	<p>Cllr John Warren (JW) – Not Present Cllr Graham Davison (GAD) – Not Present</p>	
62/22	<p>Public forum for members of the public to speak: Public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed (15) minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting. Each member of the public shall not speak for more than (3) minutes in accordance with standing order 3(g). None.</p>	
63/22	<p>Chair's Remarks: KF asked to remind Committee to forward any articles for the Spring Newsletter.</p>	KF

	<p>Councillor Anwar requested complaint regarding trees in Kingsfold be investigated. Clerk advised possible route would be monthly Clerk's meeting with MKCC and requested emails be forwarded to her to progress.</p> <p>Councillor McGahan asked for update on Clothing Bank. KF advised of delay due to bad weather and backlog with deliveries and agreed to chase again.</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>KF</p>
64/22	<p>Declarations of Interest: None.</p>	
65/22	<p>Minutes: To approve and sign the Minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held on 2nd November 2022. Clerk reminded only those Councillors that were present at the meeting can vote. The vote was as follows: 5 votes for. 3 abstain. (due to absence from meeting).</p>	
66/22	<p>Community Hub Terms & Conditions of Hire: Committee to discuss and adopt the Terms & Conditions of Hire Discussion took place and recommendations was made to change certain wording, timings, and prices.</p> <p>Clerk took note of changes and will revise version and add it to the next Main Meeting to be discussed.</p> <p>Agreed by 8 votes for.</p>	DM/ST
67/22	<p>Community Hub Policy: Committee to discuss and adopt Fire Safety Policy Clerk made committee aware there has been an amended version to the backing papers, the word 'kitchen' was added to Emergency Plan and Evacuation section. Committee acknowledged the change and agreed the word inclusion by 8 votes for.</p> <p>Agreed by 8 votes for to approve the policy.</p>	JH / ST
68/22	<p>Resident Survey: Committee to acknowledge Resident Survey feedback. Clerk advised following the release of the residents survey, the responses had been put together and referred to the backing paper for committee to digest and note. SK requested it be made clear SPC are not responsible for some areas so can't make changes to them. Clerk and KF to work together to expand on existing item in the Newsletter.</p>	KF
69/22	<p>Events and Activities: Committee to discuss and agree to form a Working Group to look into all events and activities for 2023 – 2024. Clerk explained why working group was needed, adding help and input was needed for all items suggested in the budget. Following a further discussion, it was resolved a vote</p>	KF

<p>should be taken. Agreed by 7 votes for to form an Events & Activities Working Group, with 1 objection.</p> <p>It was further agreed an ‘all councillors’ email regarding the newly formed group should be sent inviting those councillors absent from the meeting to be given the chance to join. KF to send email.</p> <p>Councillor Members are: ES/SK/AR/PMc/AR/SA with ST and DO. KF agreed to be designated admin for group.</p> <p>Date of first meeting to be: Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 11.30 am.</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 11.30 am.</p>	
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**Events & Activities Working Group Running List
Meeting Notes – Wednesday 22nd February 2023**

Working Group Members		
S Agintas-Absent	S Kennedy-Attended	P McGahan-Attended
A Ronaldson-Absent	E Seaborne-Absent	L Morgan-Attended via Zoom link.
D Outram-Attended	S Tozer-Attended	K Fane-Attended.
P Kirkham-Attended	Non-group C Northwood-Attended-Carol requested to join group.	Non-group member-Abid Anwar-Attended.

1. Kings Charles III Coronation Celebration-Sue to lead Admin.

- **Date-Sunday 7th May 2023-confirmed.**
 - **Timing-11am-3pm-confirmed.**
 - **Activities & entertainment**
 - Craft stalls-**Still looking into.**
 - Music (Brass band/Morris Dancers-LM to sort)-**LM advised can't get Brass Band. Morris Dancers to be looked into by ST.**
 - Food vans-
-Kebab van-**King Kebabs agreed to attend. (DO). ST to organise letter.**
 - Ice cream van-**Can't get ice-cream van. Agreed to buy ice-creams ourselves to give out for free.**
 - Facepainting-**Initial person can't make date. ST waiting on another person if available.**
 - Great Gappo-**Agreed to attend. Check if OK to reduce time to 12-3pm. ST to contact ST to get back to Great Gappo to confirm if OK.**
 - Craft items-**update-Make your own amazon crowns etc-Contact MKPA scrap store.**
 - Cup cakes-**update-DO to look into costings for 200.**
 - 1 large cake – **DO to look into costings.**
 - Kids to have cakes/biscuits to decorate. **ST to organise.**
 - Tablecloths/balloons/flags/bunting/plates-**ST/DO to organise. Bunting cost £2.99 for 10m (DO).**
 - MKPA contacted for hire costs. Following items agreed by Clerk/Chair to hire:
 - Medium Bouncy Castle & staff - £145.
 - Wiki & staff - £257.50
 - Mousehole Golf - £15
 - Tug of war - £10
 - Archery - £5
- Above Games hire total = £432.50. Quotation received. Payment organised.**
- **Commemorative items**
 - Mugs-**update-ST to purchase 108.**
For children, ST to look into purchase of water bottles-funds permitting.

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- **Volunteers**
 - **Cllrs-Confirmed – AR/PK/SK/JK/PMcG/CN**
 - **Staff-DO/NS**
 - **Residents/Parish Guardians invited to volunteer – ‘Volunteers Wanted’ Poster to be agreed. LM to meet with Jess.**
- **Location**
 - **Hub-both outside front and inside.-agreed. As not now using rear-no need to request permission for use.**

2. Summer Play Activities-See backing papers.

- **Locations-Agreed to recommend following locations to CP Cttee- Bancroft Park - Land behind Roman Park Residents Club (subject to approval from Parks Trust to hold). Bradville - Land in front and to side of The Community Hub. Stantonbury – Land adj. to Cawarden. Timescale-Mornings throughout the school summer holidays.**
- **Circus Skills-To recommend 3 sessions (alongside play sessions) to CP Cttee. Cost per session is £180. (£540 for 3 x Sessions).**

3. Summer Football locations-See backing papers.

- **Locations-Agreed to recommend following locations to CP Committee:
-Land behind Roman Park Residents Club – subject to permission.
-Cleveland-Bradville
-Cawarden-Stantonbury**
- Also agreed (budget-permitting) to recommend to hold 4th session at Oakridge Park. KF to contact Parks Trust to ask if they have a suitable location.**

4. Summer Coach Trips

Group were asked to vote on below occasions:

- **Bournemouth – votes x 0.**
- **Brighton – all votes for. Agreed to recommend Brighton as summer trip to CP Cttee.**
- **Great Yarmouth – votes x 0.**

5. Meet Your Councillors – 25th April 2023

- **Date change confirmed as 25th April 2023.**
- **Location confirmed as Hub.**
- **Timings- confirmed as between-6-8pm**
AA-gave apologies for this meeting as will be away and wont return until 19th May 2023.
- **Refreshments-Tea/Coffee/Cake. No sandwiches.**
- **Attendees-Group asked for suggestions of attendees:-
-ABRA
-TVP PCSO unavailable-PCSO Bolt invitation sent.**

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- Dave Barnes
- MK College-LM suggested could come and talk apprentices.
- Church-SK to organise. KF invited suggestions for other denominations.
- MK Dons
- Ward Councillors
- Stephen Bryant/Andy Dewsberry/Janette Murphy – MKCC.
- Job Club
- Chair of Trustees-Stantonbury International School.

6. Elections 2023 - 4th May 2023-Printed nomination packs handed out to SK/PMcG/PK/CN. Packs also available on request to remaining Councillors. KF also reminded group of Teams meetings being held by MKCC and encouraged to attend.

Information circulated after meeting finished:

7. Clothing Bank – Arrival date confirmed for Thursday 9th March 2023.

Items deferred to later dates:

- Skips- defer to later meeting.
- Christmas Coach trip – Defer to summer/autumn meeting.
- Over 65's lunch/es – Defer to summer/autumn meeting.
- Hampers-Defer to summer/autumn meeting.

**Next Events & Activities Working Group Mtg agreed for
Wed 22nd March @ 10.30 am.**

Meeting closed 12.50pm.

The Community Hub Working Group 7th February 2023 at 1.30pm - Priority Action List **UPDATED 7/2/23**

Members: Cllrs: Linda Morgan, Ann Ronaldson, Judy Kite, Peter Kirkham, Carol Northwood, Sandra Kennedy, Sue Tozer, David Outram, Paul McGahan

	No of Quotes Required	Intermediate Action	Y/N	Allocated Cllrs/ Office	Agreed Action
Radiators (lack of heat)	3 quotes	Suggest that heat is left on low. Meter readings to be taken to work out costings.		PK	PK to obtain quote from son who works for Mears to flush out the pipes. Costs to include loss of daily bonus and materials.
Paving	3 quotes (1 already obtained £9,140 to replay slabs)	Decision to go ahead? Paving or tarmac?	Y	DO	Tarmac is preferable DO to obtain 2 further quotes. Awaiting for one to be submitted.
Acoustics	3 quotes (1 already obtained £14,280)	Do you wish to proceed to obtain 2 further quotes?	Y	PK/AR	PK to obtain 2 quotes AR to obtain 1 quote
Partitioning of library/quiet area	Parish Rangers to install	Do you wish to proceed?	N		
Cabinet for library books	Suggested roller cabinet or bookcase with castors fitted	Do you wish to purchase?	Y	ST	Agreed to purchase 2 trolleys for the books that could be stored in cupboard when not in use.
CCTV	3 quotes 2 received currently getting further quotes		Y	ST/DO	ST to liaise with Ed Seaborne to ask for input into the specifications required.
Cafe	3 quotes	Do you wish to proceed to obtain 2 further quotes?	N		Café to be put on hold for the time being. However agreed to go ahead with Dementia Cafés and similar bookings. SK to contact Parks Trust for further information as they currently run some.
Booking system	Currently looking at booking system TeamUp which is FOC for basic system		Y	Office	Office to put in place for renting out.
External notice board	To be placed either at the entrance to the Comm Hub or alongside the Defib	Do you wish to purchase?	Y	ST/DO	Office to purchase 2 – one for entrance to car park and the other on side of the building.

Community Fridge/Larder	Organisations to be contacted for donations of food etc.	Do you wish to go ahead and contact?	Y	LM LM	LM to contact local suppliers of fridges etc to check if they can supply FOC (e.g. Electrolux, AOL) LM to contact major supermarkets to confirm that they will supply food.
Pictures for Hub walls	Cllrs or nominated Cllr to take photos and office to arrange framing	Do you wish to go ahead?	Y	PK/JW	PK to liaise with John Warren. JW to provide details of costings of providing canvases.
Biffa Bin & wired cage			Y	ST/DO	ST/DO to revisit quote from Biffa previously received. ST/DP to source costings for a cage for the bin.
Cigarette Bin			Y	DO	DO to purchase from B&Q
Chairs & Tables			Y	ST/DO	ST to source a further 30 chairs check they can be stored in the cupboard. ST/DO to source additional tables. Number to be agreed ST/DO to source table trolley
Toilets				LM	LM to speak to SE re updating toilets.

Actions Achieved since Working Group meeting held on 11/1/23

Wi-fi installed
 Electric points installed
 Job Club to start operating at the Hub from 9th Feb 2023
 Blinds fitted
 T&C for Hire the Community Hub – sign off next MM
 Fire Policy – sign off next MM
 Cooker – repaired
 Doors frames painted
 Toilets currently being painted
 Clothes Bank should be installed this month, there is a backlog on delivery

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Find your nearest defibrillators



**Roman Park
Residents Club**

1 Constantine Way,
Bancroft Park,
MK13 0RA

**The Community
Hub**

Mercers Drive,
Bradville,
MK13 7AY

**Wood End Infant
& Pre-School**

Redbridge,
Stantonbury,
MK14 6BB

**Bancroft
Meeting Place**

29 Hadrians Drive,
Bancroft,
MK13 0QB

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Stantonbury Parish**

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Chair's Welcome

Welcome to the spring edition of our Parish newsletter and to all our residents. I hope you find it both entertaining and informative.

The past few months have proved an extra struggle to many with the rising costs of heating and food bills. Our RFO, Sarah Espey spent a great deal of time and effort working with the Councillors to agree a budget and precept submission to MKCC, we felt would be acceptable for our residents. This whilst still enabling us to achieve the projects and services we plan to or already provide. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Espey for all her efforts on this achievement. To see the final budget and precept, please turn to page 2.

Many changes have happened in the Parish since the last newsletter. We have now completed our full complement of 13 Councillors all working hard helping to bring positive changes to the parish. I am pleased to announce that Donna

Moore has now passed her CiLCA qualification and has been appointed the role of Clerk.

The election date is Thursday 4th May and some changes have been made to how you vote so we thought it important to feature this in more detail in an article provided by Milton Keynes City Council

Stantonbury Parish Council were one of many parishes and organisations that opened their doors to all comers with the offer of a warm place to sit, have a drink and something to eat in the company of others. We were fortunate enough to open four places including the parish office itself and you can read about it further on page 5.

Milton Keynes elects a third of its Councillors every four years and this year is the turn of Stantonbury Parish Council. The election date of Thursday 4th May and some changes have been made to how you vote so we thought it important to feature this in more detail

in an article provided by Milton Keynes City Council. See page 6 for further details.

With a strong team and full complement of Councillors, I look forward to the challenges 2023 will bring.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Easter.



Cllr Linda Morgan
Chair Stantonbury Parish Council

Stantonbury Parish Council Grants



Don't miss out!

Did you know that Stantonbury Parish Council offer grants of up to £500, or in exceptional circumstances even £1000 all year round?

The Parish Council want to support groups delivering services in the Parish. From September onwards we accept applications from outside the area, so we would urge local groups to get their application in as soon as possible.

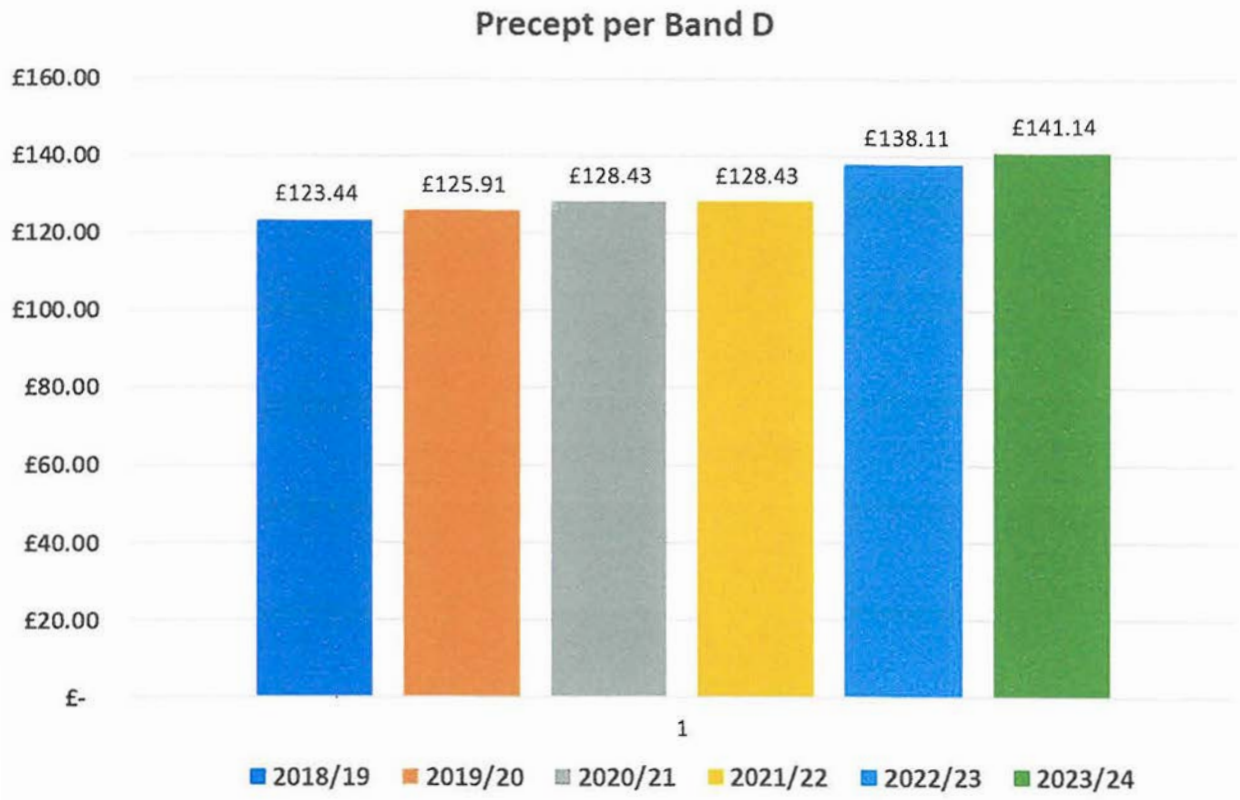
Grants are available to any group, society, play-group, or charitable organisation in the Parish, or benefiting residents of the Parish. Show how the grant will be put to good use and we will try and help.

SPC welcome requests for grants, so if you have a project you think might benefit from one, why not email us on info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk or telephone on **01908-227 201** to ask for an application. The parish is here to help and the process is easy, so why not give it a go?

Job club

Job Club will be moving from the Parish Office and its new location will be The Community Hub, Mercers Drive, Bradville. For more information, please contact the office

Budget 2023/24



In January Stantonbury Parish Council set the budget and precept for the financial year 2023/24 following a stringent budget setting process.

Council Tax Figure - The band D equivalent will increase marginally by £3.03 from £138.11 to £141.14 equating to a rise of less than 6p per week per household.

This 2.19% increase for 2023/24 is significantly lower than the previous year of 7.54%.

Council Tax Base - The number of band D equivalent properties has risen to 3264.47 from 3200.40, which is an increase of 64.07, principally due to additional commercial properties in Linford Wood being converted into residential apartments.

The cost-of-living crisis and the need to save is affecting everyone, including local government organisations. In order to ensure financial sustainability and resilience the budget for 2023/24 focuses on a mixture of savings and use of reserves. There are unavoidable increases within the budget due to the impact of extremely high and rapid inflation, energy costs and salaries.

The total budget for 2023/24 will stand at £680,650. The Parish Council holds a significant amount of funds in reserve, and by committing to use £185,602 from the reserves, the precept increase has been minimal and well below inflation.



Residents' E-newsletter

If you are interested in current news and events that are happening within the Parish, and want to know what new projects we are involved in, then please sign up on our website, or contact Jess Hardy on jess.hardy@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk or telephone **01908 227201**.



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Ready for hire

The Community Hub

Mercers Drive, Bradville MK13 7AY



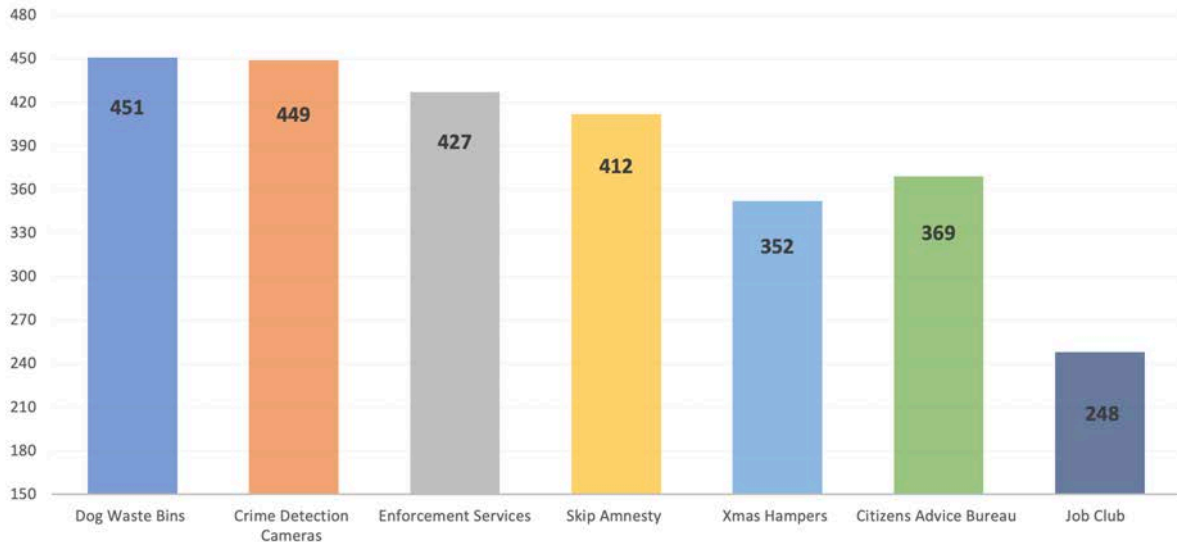
For all enquiries please contact Stantonbury Parish Council on 01908 227 201, alternatively you can send an email to info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk

	Hire Charge	Deposits
Charity Status Residents of the Parish (proof will be required on booking) Community Groups	£15 per hour	£100
Day Hire (8.00am-11.00pm)	£210	£100
Non-residents Commercial Hire	£25 per hour	£100
Day Hire (8.00am-11.00pm)	£350	£250



2022 Residents Survey Results

Services rated most important to least important



In the Spring 2022 Newsletter we featured a residents' survey and asked you all to consider what you would like SPC to do in your community, what activities you would like, and what services you want for adults. We had a great response, the most popular of which are featured in the graph above.

We also took note of your comments and are considering what, of the things we have control over, we can make happen so keep an eye out in future Newsletters for new upcoming events and services.

We would like to thank all of you that took the time and trouble to complete and send back your replies. Every response back helps us to consider and plan for the upcoming year.

If you would like to see the full response, please visit our website page on www.stantonbury-pc.org.uk/the-council/newsletters/

Alternatively, you can request a paper copy by either calling the office on **01908 227201** or by emailing us at info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk

Warm Spaces in the Parish

This winter Stantonbury Parish Council, along with other parishes recognised the vital need to provide 'warm spaces' for residents who might otherwise be sat in their homes, worrying about putting their heating on due to ever increasing energy costs.

With funding provided from Milton Keynes City Council, we have been able to open our own doors both here at the parish office and at the Community Hub, as well as teaming up with Hanover Court and Roman Park Residents Club.

Each location provided a warm snack and hot drink, as well as somewhere to read a book, play a game or take part in an activity.

SPC would like to thank all those volunteers and staff involved in making these spaces such a success.



The picture below is of one such session held in January at Hanover Court.





Parish Council Elections 2023

Thursday 4th May 2023 means it's time again for all 13 of Stantonbury Parish Council's Councillor spaces to come up for re-election. This is a chance for our current councillors to get nominations if they wish to re-stand. It is also an opportunity for residents to stand as candidates provided they qualify.

From Wednesday 22nd March 2023, there are regulations that restrict what our Councillors are able to do and what the parish office is able to carry out. These restrictions are in place until the day after the election – Friday 4th May 2023.

The elections themselves are run by Milton Keynes City Council and details of how to find nomination forms, along with the qualifications and disqualifications can be found below.

Submitting Nomination Forms Sections 2a and 2b www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england.

Qualifications for Standing as a Councillor

1. Be at least 18 years old.
2. Be a British citizen, eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union
3. Meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - a) You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.
 - b) You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
 - c) Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish area.
 - d) You have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Disqualification for Standing as a Councillor

You cannot be a candidate if at the time of your nomination and on polling day:

- a) You are employed by the parish council or hold a paid office under the parish council.
- b) You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- c) You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before polling day and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or applications in respect of the conviction has passed.
- d) You have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices).
- e) You are subject to the notification requirement of or under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or application in respect of the order or notification has passed.

Guidance on Qualifications and Disqualifications can be found here: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/local-elections-england>

After close of nominations

Where the Parish Ward is uncontested, those candidates who are validly nominated are elected. These councillors will officially take up office on Tuesday 9 May. Where the Parish Ward is contested, an election will be held on Thursday 4 May. Detail information will be circulated to those candidates following the close of nominations.

Your Parish Councillors

Oakridge Park



Edward Seaborne
Councillor
Oakridge Park Ward



Derek Northwood
Councillor
Oakridge Park Ward

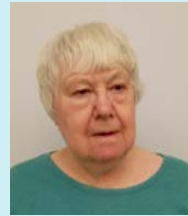
Stantonbury & Linford Wood



Graham Davison
Chair
Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward



Carol Northwood
Councillor
Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward



Sandra Kennedy
Councillor
Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward



Paul McGahan
Councillor
Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward

Bancroft

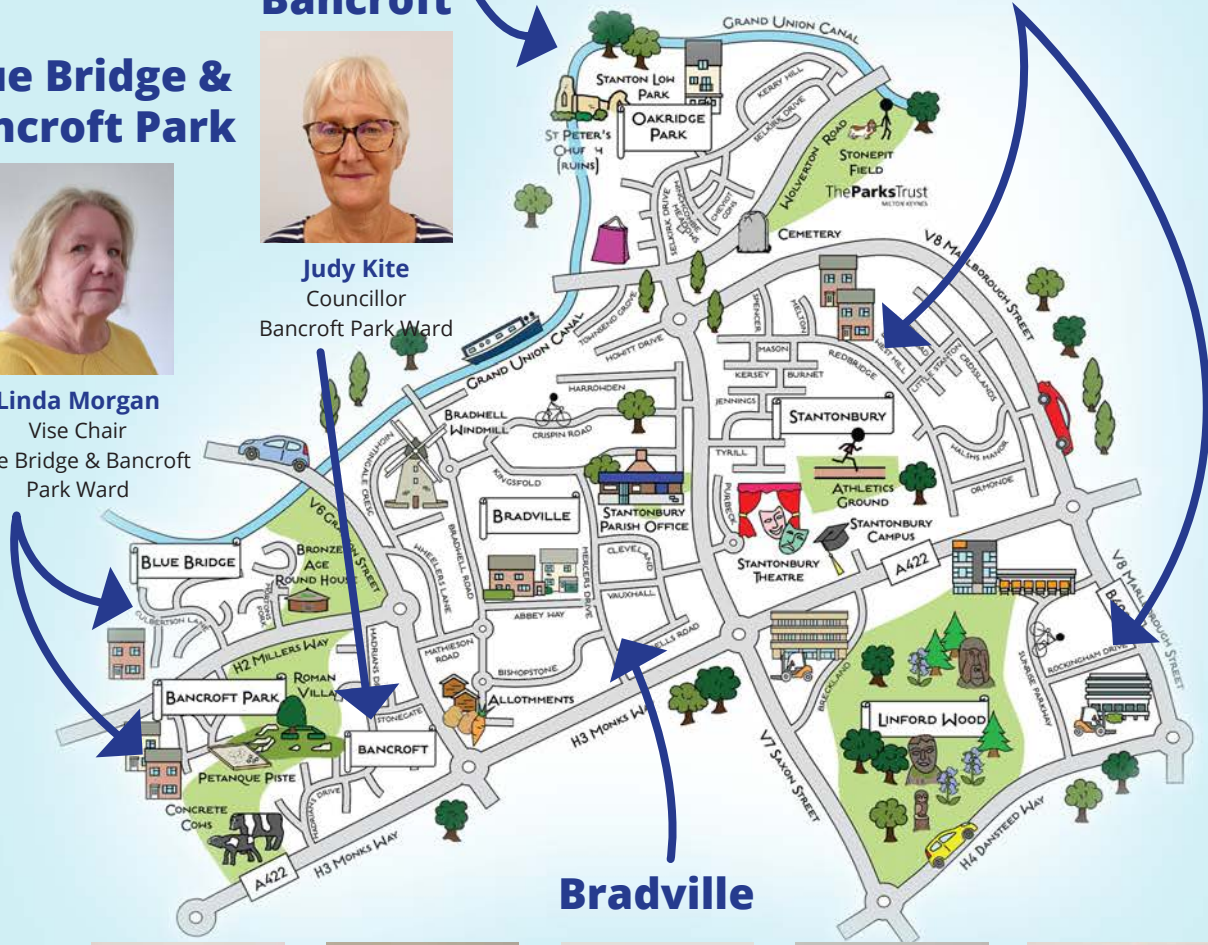


Judy Kite
Councillor
Bancroft Park Ward

Blue Bridge & Bancroft Park



Linda Morgan
Vise Chair
Blue Bridge & Bancroft Park Ward



Bradville



Ann Ronaldson
Councillor
Bradville Ward



Abid Anwar
Councillor
Bradville Ward



Peter Kirkham
Councillor
Bradville Ward



Sara Agintas
Councillor
Bradville Ward



John Warren
Councillor
Bradville Ward

If you have any concerns you can contact the Councillor for your area by email, or alternatively contact the parish office and we'll forward your email onto the appropriate Councillor.

All email addresses are as follows:
firstnamesurname@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Ranger Report

We have been out clearing some of the overgrown pathways throughout the Parish. Below are just a couple of examples of what we have done on Bradville.



Fly tipping is an issue throughout the Parish. CCTV has been put up in hot spot areas to catch people that are fly tipping and the Enforcement Team then use the evidence captured to issue fines. Below are a couple of examples of what we have come across.



Household Waste Recycling Centres

You will need to book and can book on the day slots. You can do this online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk or by phone **01908252811**.

Please make sure that you are putting your household waste and recycling out (in the appropriate bags/bins), after 5pm either on the day before collection or by 7am on the day of collection. This will help with bags not being ripped open by wildlife. Please also make sure that all cardboard boxes are broken down and placed into a recycling bag.

You may have seen lots of spray-painted marks on the grass verges this due to the amount of dog fouling. Please clean up after your dog and place the bag in one of the bins provided or take it home and place it in your black bag.

Bulb planting has been done throughout the Parish and at the Community hub.

Skip amnesties were held throughout the Parish on each estate and were a great success.

The Community Hub has now been decorated and had some electrical work done.



Would you like to become a Parish Guardian?

- The Parish Rangers carry out a litter picking group a couple of hours a month around the Parish.
- Contact the Rangers and let us know about the area you live in and we will do our best to see if we can help and pass on your concerns.

- Contact us about graffiti, fly tipping, drugs, anti social behaviour, abandoned vehicles.

We want to work for you and with you to improve the areas where you live.

We can supply litter pickers and bags so please contact the Parish Office to arrange on 01908 227201.



Supporting people with sight loss



People lose their sight for a wide variety of reasons, but at BucksVision we believe that losing your sight should not mean losing your independence, struggling alone, or losing contact with people.

We support people through all the stages of sight loss offering advice and information, social activities, equipment and technology support and befriending services. If you or someone you know could benefit from our services please get in touch with us today.

Within the Milton Keynes area our local activities are delivered by a fantastic network of volunteers and include social clubs, befriending services, a pub lunch club, a reading group, an arts & crafts group, Tai Chi, walking groups, a tandem group, and a Resource Centre.

Volunteers are a crucial part of our work, we rely on them to help our members access all our services. We are particularly looking for **Volunteer Drivers** who pick up our members from their home and drive them to their local activity or social club, where they can continue to enjoy their hobbies and interests. When you drive for us, you provide the reassurance that a person with sight loss can get safely from A to B, which is a right not a privilege, ensuring that people are able to participate in leisure and social life.

You don't need any experience to volunteer with us, to be a driver you just need your own car, a clean driving licence, and enthusiasm to get involved! We have a range of training opportunities, including your Induction where you'll learn the practical parts of your role and how to confidently guide blind and partially sighted people.

If you are interested in finding out more about BucksVision services or about volunteering with us please do get in touch.

01296 487 556

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volunteering@bucksvision.co.uk

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Dates for your Diaries

Coach Trips

Easter Events

Two Guinea Pigs

Janet Warren

I love the solar light,
said one guinea pig to the other,
it is lovely and bright
so we can see one another.

We spend so much time together,
I am glad that we get on,
I like it when you purr
then burst into song.

The accommodation is great,
I just love the spacious cage,
other guinea pigs would be jealous,
apparently they are all the rage.

I think our owners are very kind,
they'll soon be here with food,
they know lots of nourishment
keep us in a good mood.

I've heard them mention a cat
but it must be locked away,
although I thought I heard it
shrieking downstairs the other day.

Is good to have a a cuddle
when they come to clean us out,
maybe one day they will
let us go on a walkabout.

So all in all life is good
Don't you agree?
oh..... you have gone to sleep,
I thought you were listening to me!

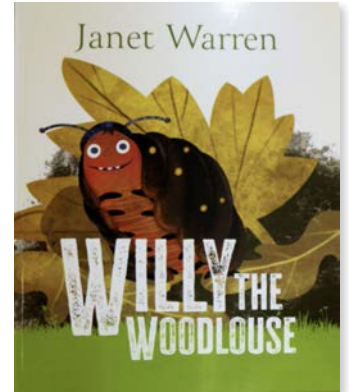


Janet Warren

I am a poet, first and foremost, however I had a short story in my collection which I have been lucky enough to have published.

It has been turned into a children's book entitled Willy the Woodlouse. It is about a woodlouse and the friends he makes whilst living in a tumbledown greenhouse.

It is available to buy on Amazon by searching Janet Warren Willy the Woodlouse.



For the past four years I have been running a poetry group which meets once a month.

Any enquiries about the group or my book to Janet Warren email janetwarren541@gmail.com or telephone **01908312707**

Defibrillators

Stantonbury Parish Council have recently installed a total of 4 life-saving Defibrillators across the Parish, the purchase of these defibrillators were enabled through jointly working with Milton Keynes City Council and a contribution from Developer S106 funds received as part of the development of Stantonbury Park.

As of the 25th January 2023, our defibrillators are fully live and registered on the National Defibrillator Network. Access is available via the Emergency Ambulance Service by calling 999 or 112. The locations for the defibrillators have been chosen by the councillors and to find the nearest one go to <https://www.defibfinder.uk/> and enter your postcode. We'd like to include a special mention to local resident John Evans who wrote to us with the original request for a defibrillator to be sited in Bancroft. This was then brought to the attention of the council. Going forward our Parish Rangers will be monitoring and maintaining the defibrillators on a monthly basis.

IMPORTANT: In the event of an emergency dial 999 or 112 and ask for an ambulance before you do anything else. The operator will confirm the location of the nearest defibrillator and give you the number code to unlock the door of the defibrillator cabinet and access the equipment.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE TRAINED TO USE THIS EQUIPMENT - THE DEVICE WILL TALK YOU THROUGH WHAT YOU NEED TO DO. REMEMBER TO DIAL 999 or 112 FIRST.

To use a defibrillator, follow these simple steps:

Step 1: Turn the defibrillator on by pressing the green button and follow its instructions.

Step 2: Peel off the sticky pads and attach them to the patient's skin, one on each side of the chest, as shown in the picture on the defibrillator.

Step 3: Once the pads have been attached, stop CPR and don't touch the patient. The defibrillator will then check the patient's heart rhythm.

Step 4: The defibrillator will decide whether a shock is needed and if so, it will tell you to press the shock button. An automatic defibrillator will shock the patient without prompt. Don't touch the patient while they are being shocked.

Step 5: The defibrillator will tell you when the shock has been delivered and whether you need to continue CPR.

Step 6: Continue with chest compressions until the patient shows signs of life or the defibrillator tells you to stop so it can analyse the heartbeat again.

The device checks the heart rhythm and will only tell you to shock if it's needed. You can't shock someone accidentally.- <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators>

New Regulations for Voting at the May Elections



For the first time, electors in England will need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's local elections. The requirement for voter ID was introduced in the UK's Government Elections Act last year and we are now urging residents to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID.

ACCEPTED FORMS OF ID INCLUDE:

- A passport (UK, European Economic Area, or Commonwealth)
- A drivers' licence (UK, European Economic Area, or Commonwealth)
- A concessionary travel pass, such as an older person's bus pass
- Milton Keynes All in One Card

Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo. A full list of accepted ID along with more information about the change can be found at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID. Residents who do not have one of the accepted forms of ID can apply online for free ID called the 'Voter Authority Certificate' on a new website, which was launched on Monday 16 January, at: voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/. Applicants will need to provide a photo and their full name, date of birth, National Insurance number, and the address at which they are registered to vote.

Registering to vote only takes five minutes at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Anyone unable to use the online form can request a paper version by calling Milton Keynes City Council on 01908 254706 or by emailing elections@milton-keynes.gov.uk (you will still need to be registered to vote beforehand but the City Council can help to register people unable to do this online themselves).

Postal voters will not be affected by the introduction of photo ID, and you will continue to receive your postal vote pack through the post.

If you choose to vote by proxy, where you appoint someone you trust to vote on your behalf, your proxy will need to take their own photo ID to be issued with a ballot paper. However, if you decide to cast your own vote, you will need to have photo ID with you when you go to the polling station.

Christmas Hampers

On 19th December 2022 staff and Councillors once again helped to make up and deliver 15 hampers to local residents.

A donation for the food was kindly received from Morrisons Supermarket in Central Milton Keynes. The recipients of the hampers were all nominated by people from our parish as people who are either disabled, elderly, vulnerable or need support.

SPC would like to send a huge thank you to all those involved in helping with the hampers.



Halloween Drawing Competition Winners

In our Autumn 2022 Newsletter we featured a colouring competition of a not so spooky haunted house for our younger residents.

The competition was split into 3 categories-under 5's, 5-8's and 8-11's with the councillors having the unenviable task of deciding the winners who were Jessica, Harry and Ella who each received a £10 voucher for their winning pictures. Congratulations to them all! To be in with a chance to win a voucher, look out for competitions in our future issues.



Harry



Jessica



Ella

Christmas Drawing Competition Winners

In October 2022 we had the opportunity give out free Halloween craft packs (one per household) for parish residents to have the opportunity to make their own spooky creations.

These packs proved so popular they flew out the door so when the opportunity came round for us to be able offer Christmas packs, we jumped on it, deciding to turn it into a competition of the best Christmas creation, with the winner receiving a £10 voucher.

I am pleased to announce the winners of the Christmas craft competition were brother and sister team of Alexander and Olivia who both agreed to share the voucher.



Congratulations to them both!

To be in with a chance to win a voucher, look out for competitions in our future issues.

Motorbike Awareness

Due to the increase of motorbikes and dirt bikes being used on the Redways parks and roads in Milton Keynes area including Bradville and Stantonbury . Thames Valley Police would like to make you aware of the consequences which could lead to fines and the bikes being confiscated when caught.

- If you ride on the pavement – whether on a motorbike, moped or bicycle – you are breaking the law. Under Section 72 of the Highway Act 1835, it states that it is an offence to ride a vehicle on the pavement.
- Driving on a public road without a valid licence is considered to be an offence and you may be penalised for this. You may receive a penalty of three to six points on your licence, which will be endorsed on your official licence once you have acquired the correct one.
- You can only ride a motorcycle without a licence on private property with the owner's permission, or if you are part of a licenced motorcycles training program. This type of program is one where you are given your licence after you have successfully passed the course.

- What happens if you get caught riding a dirt bike on the road?

This could lead to prosecution and your bike being taken off you, along with your driving licence and a large fine. If you don't have a licence it could affect you getting one in the future. You may also commit other offences for causing harassment, alarm or distress under the Public Order Act 1994.

- What happens if you get caught riding a motorcycle without licence? This offence carries fines up to £1000, 3-6 penalty points and discretionary disqualification from driving.

We don't have to tell you how dangerous this is to you and also innocent members of the public.

Stop and think!



Redway Code

To 'outsiders' Milton Keynes is made up of Roundabouts and concrete cows but we know much better about our lovely parks and the Redways which connect them. In order to enjoy the Redways safely there are some simple rules

<https://getaroundmk.org.uk/cycling/where-to-ride/redways>

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).
- 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 – glass, potholes, lighting and vegetation to MK Highways.

Redways and the law

Electric cycles which meet the EAPC (Electronically Assisted Pedal Cycles) Regulations 2015 are permitted to use Redways.

As Public Highway, all legal requirements and the Highway Code are applicable to the Redways: cycles should be road worthy and able to stop in an emergency; cycle lights are required at night. (H.C. Rules for cyclists 59-82)

All motor-powered vehicles including mopeds, mini-motos and motorcycles are prohibited from using Redways with the exception of authorised vehicles e.g. emergency vehicles and maintenance vehicles.

Away from the Redways; pavements and footways are for pedestrians only. Cycling on the pavement is an offence which carries a fine of £500.





Find us at
1B Roman Park Residents Club
Constantine Way
Bancroft Park
Milton Keynes
MK13 0RA

Call either Leanne on **07894 457274**
or Toni on **07894 394158**

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Save Your Spectacles! Recycle them with us.

Milton Keynes (Stony Stratford) Lions Club

Milton Keynes (Stony Stratford) serves all the areas of North Milton Keynes

In 1925, Lions Clubs International promised Helen Keller to become 'Knights of the Blind'. This has led to the international adoption of the 'white stick' as a symbol of the user's skills and talents, mobility and independence. It also allows the sighted person to recognize that the user is visually impaired.

Today, across the world Lions are working towards the day when no one should suffer unnecessarily from vision problems. Through eye centres and hospitals, medicines and surgeries, eye glasses and eye banks, Lions are working to end preventable blindness and aid the visually impaired.

How can YOU help? Have you any spectacles you no longer use?

In 1967 Chichester Lions Club began collecting old glasses for recycling. The initiative really took off in 1980 with a delivery of 700 sorted specs to the Missionary Optical Society (MOS) in Devon for use in their clinics in Kenya and India. Gradually other Lions Clubs started feeding their recycled spectacles through Chichester. So, in 1985, a link was

established with Le Havre Lions and Medico France. Over the following five years some 100,000 specs, 43,000 lenses, and 10,000 frames were sent to Medico France while still delivering to MOS in Devon as many pairs of sorted specs as needed.

In the first half of 1990, a national campaign with Boots the Chemist and Help The Aged produced 460,000 pairs of specs in six months. Once sorted they went to places such as Cameroon, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Sri Lanka, India, Zanzibar, Jamaica, Bolivia, and Brazil. Spectacle donations arrive in Chichester in boxes and bags of all shapes and sizes. They are expertly sorted by Lions members and volunteers. Those sent onto Medico France are then cleaned and graded for use in eye camps in Africa, India, and Eastern Europe.

Every year over 300,000 pairs of spectacles are sent to Medico France. Indeed, donations by UK Lions Clubs, recycled through Chichester, account for more than half of the total number of spectacles processed by Medico France. Your local Lions Club send over 500 pairs of spectacles every month which they collect from local opticians including Stony Optical in Cofferridge Close, Stony Stratford. We are hoping to have a collecting box in the Community Hub, soon.

www.stonylions.org.uk



Would you like to advertise in our Parish Newsletter?

Full page £130 + VAT
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w 96mm x h 138 mm

Please email: info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk or Tel: 01908 227201

We encourage local groups and businesses within the parish to advertise in this newsletter free of charge



The Grooming Garage is a one-to-one grooming salon, based in Edwards Croft, Bradville.

We cater for big and small breeds, whether it's for a bath and brush out to remove all dead undercoat or a full groom to have your dog looking their best!

Call or text Jess on **07951 831919** to book in or visit www.thegroominggaragemk.com to drop me an email.

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FIRST PILATES CLASS FREE
Bespoke Group Sessions

Monday 545pm / 645pm Bancroft Meeting Place
Promote wellbeing, mental health & fitness

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Do you know about your local children and family centre?

Our centres are hubs of activities and services for families and the local community.

Our children and family centres are open to everyone, from expectant mums and young children to adults with or without children. They provide a wide range of sessions and activities to support you and your family.

Scan the QR code to find your local centre.



www.milton-keynes.gov.uk

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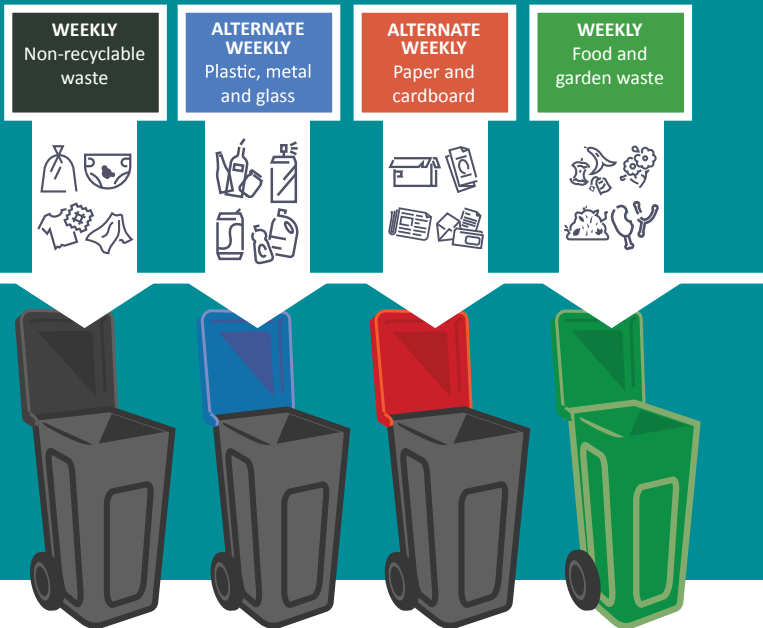
KEEP IT CLEAN KEEP IT GREEN

New collection service starts in September 2023

What's changing?

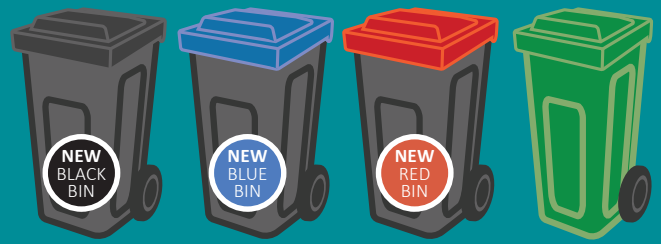
In a recent consultation, 76% of MK residents told us they want to move from sacks to wheelie bins.

In 2023 three new bins will be introduced:



There are separate bins for paper/card and for plastic/metal/glass as this will help us recycle more items, which is better for the environment.

Most properties in MK will have wheelie bins. A small number will remain on sack collection service.



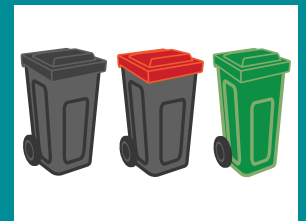
When will my bins be emptied?

Weekly collections will continue for the black and green bin, with red and blue bins collected on alternate weeks.

WEEK 1



WEEK 2



Greener

Making it easier for MK to recycle more items.

Fewer sacks = less plastic waste, protecting the environment.

Separating the recycling waste improves the quality.

Safer

For residents and collection crews to handle.

Cleaner

Less split bags and cleaner streets.

What will go in each bin?

- The black bin is for rubbish you'd usually put in your black sack
- The red lid bin is for clean and dry cardboard and paper
- The blue lid bin is for plastic, metal and glass
- The green bin is for food and garden waste

Assisted collections

You may be eligible for help with your waste collection

If you have a disability or medical condition and there is nobody else in your household who can put your waste out, you may be eligible for an assisted collection.*

We can arrange for our collection crew to collect your bins from just outside your front door instead of the boundary.

How do I apply?

Please contact our Customer Services team by email: customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk or telephone to request an application form.

*We may ask for a proof of disability, such as an allowance, pension, or your disabled registration number.



Bins on tour

MKCC are holding information events and roadshows in the coming months across MK, to talk with residents about the changes to the waste collection service in 2023. Come along and find out more.



We will be writing to every household in the summer to tell you about any changes that may affect you.

If you need extra help, please call our Customer Service team on **01908 252570** (British Sign Language options are available)

Coming soon to our website... a postcode checker so you can find out how your waste and recycling will be collected.

How can I find out more?

Scan the QR code to sign up for important news and information sent to your email.

Visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-recycling



For more information on what goes in each bin visit: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/wheelie-bins



Have you ever visited Bancroft Roman Villa?

Fields in Bancroft were excavated by archaeologists to reveal a Roman villa. The site is marked by stones so you can see what it would have looked like. If you take a photo of the floor plan on the information boards on site, you can work out what the rooms were used for – including the Roman bath suite.

Originally a farm, by the stage this stone villa was built in 340 AD it was probably owned by a wealthy native Briton who had adopted the Roman way of life. The villa building was decorated with mosaics and frescos, many of which you will be able to see at Milton Keynes Museum when the new galleries open. In the meantime, you can see one of the mosaics at Centre:MK, conveniently situated outside the toilets!

The villa is situated in North Loughton Valley Park, Bancroft. You can walk or cycle to the site via the redways, or get there by car and park in The Parks Trust car park off Constantine Way. It's north of the concrete cows and south-east of Wolverton.

If you feel like a short loop walk, you can walk under the underpass to the site of the Roman mausoleum (burial chamber) that was found in Blue Bridge. Just off the redway, you can go onto the green and there is a stone pillar that marks the spot. Look out for the house nearby that was designed to represent the building (you can see what it is thought to have looked like on The Parks Trust website).

Nearby this site archaeologist found a late Bronze Age-Early Iron Age roundhouse – the biggest found in the UK with a diameter of just under 20 meters!

If you are feeling like you want more heritage, you can walk to Bradwell Abbey from here, go to MK Museum or into Wolverton and do the heritage trail there. All of these sites can be reached on foot via the redways.

The Parks Trust care for this site and many more across the city's parks. For more information, visit their website:

Parking: Constantine Way, off Millers Way (H2).



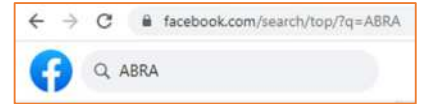
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If you enjoyed this article and have an area/something of interest within the parish you would like to know more about in a future issue.

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ALL BRADVILLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



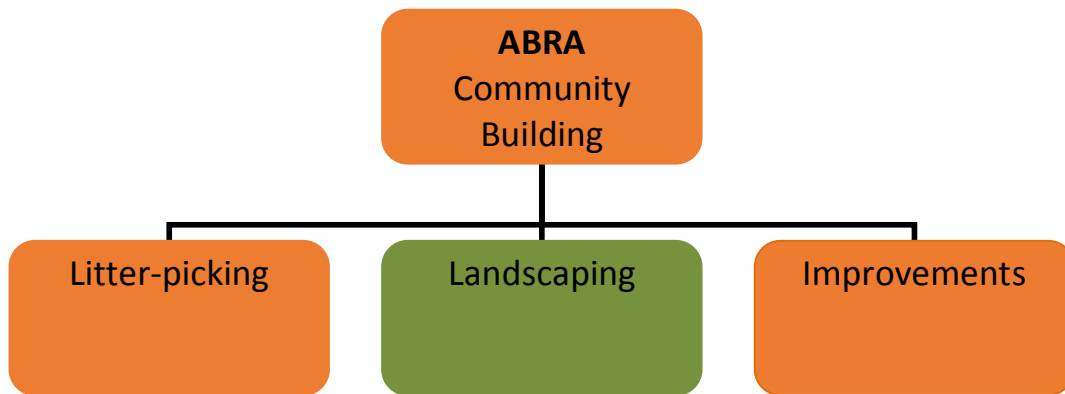
Do you live in Bradville? Do you know about ABRA?



The All Bradville Residents Association (ABRA) is made up of local people who want to “Put pride back in Bradville”.

To do this, we need volunteers, we need your ideas, your energy and a little bit of your time.

Come and join our growing family! We need you to take part in our social, healthy and rewarding activities. We can achieve more together!



Two dates for your diary:

<p>ABRA GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL</p> <p>19:00 - 20:30</p> <p>The Community Hub</p> <p>Mercers Drive</p>	<p>AFTERNOON TEA DANCE</p> <p>SATURDAY 20TH MAY</p> <p>14:00 - 16:30</p> <p>The Community Hub</p> <p>Mercers Drive</p>
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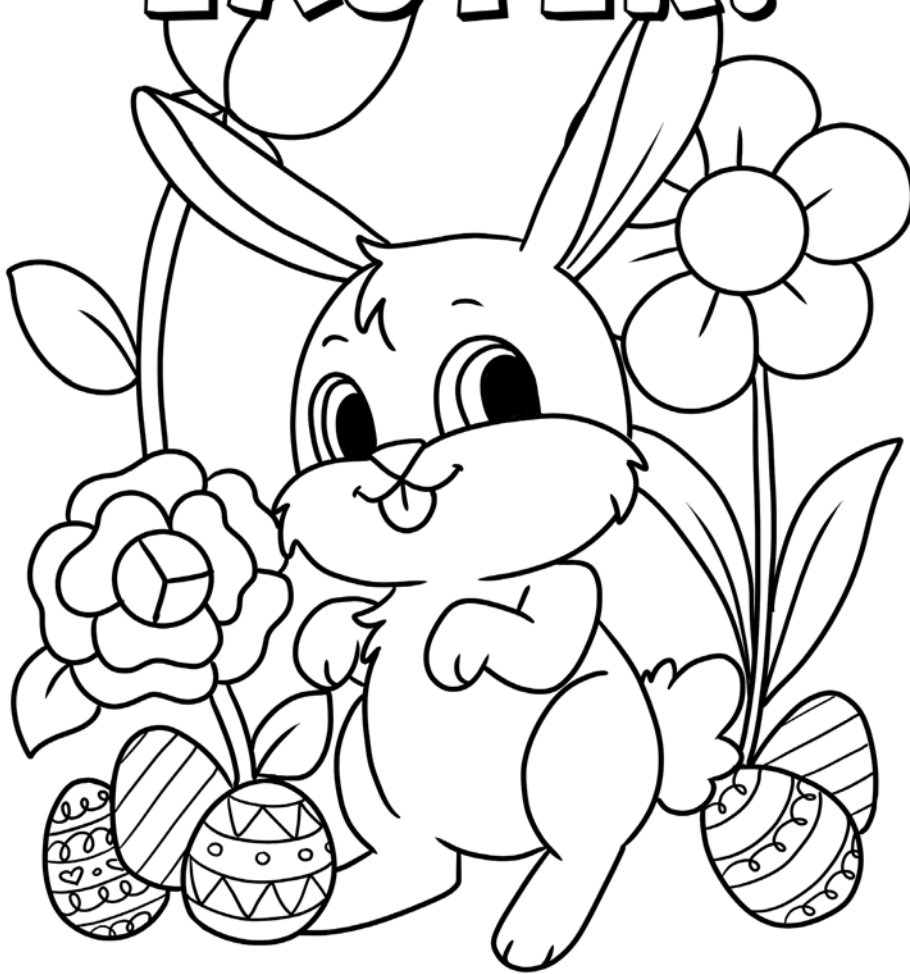
You can get in touch with us via email abra.information@gmail.com or Facebook or simply pop along to our next General Meeting.

JOIN US - WE NEED YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN BRADVILLE

WISHING ALL OUR READERS A VERY



**HAPPY
EASTER!**



EASTER BUNNY COLOURING COMPETITION

Stantonbury Parish Council would like to invite all young people of the Parish to enter an Easter colouring competition.

Winners of each category will receive a £10 Amazon gift voucher.

Age ranges are: Under 5's, 5-8 and 9-11.

Entries should include your name, age and contact number.

Please submit your entry by Friday 27th April 2023. Winners will be notified by Friday 26th May 2023.