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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 3.

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 achieved her Certificate in Local Council Administration Qualification and has been appointed the role of Clerk. A qualified Clerk can lead to a boost in confidence and competence

within the Parish, the qualification is vital about it further on page 5. criteria for a Council wishing to achieve the Local Council Award Scheme status and for the Council to claim General Power of Competence

The election date is Thursday 4th May 2023 and some changes have been made to how you vote so we thought it important to feature this in more detail (see page 7) in an article provided by Milton Keynes City Council.

After long deliberation, Council voted not to go ahead with Devolved Services at this time. It was felt we would not have sufficient infrastructure in place to provide the levels of service required before the due date. We will however continue to monitor the situation and keep our residents updated. The view not to go ahead at this time was one held not just by us but many other parish and town councils.

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

Milton Keynes elects a third of its Councillors every four years and this year is the turn of Stantonbury Parish Council. 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. See page 6 for further

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

Cllr Linda Morgan Chair Stantonbury Parish Council

### **Stantonbury Parish Council Grants**

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.

Heron Lodge (Residential Home) received funding in May last year for their Jubilee Party which helped to provide a musician and catering for the residents

**The YMCA** – received funding in October to help support their activities programme for Vulnerable Residents



Don't miss out!

Roman Park Residents Club - received funding for their annual fireworks display last November

Electra: Milton Keynes Community Boat received funding in December to put towards an office base so they could continue to operate and provide an enjoyable experience for all residents of Milton Keynes

**Wood End School** received a grant for waterproof jackets that will be used for their Forest School Programme

**Discovery Centre** received a grant for a family day at Easter.

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?

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### **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 which equates to a modest 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, increased energy costs and salaries.

The total budget for 2023/24 will stand at £680,650. The Parish Council is committing to use a significant contribution of £185,602 from the reserves so that the precept increase has been minimal and well below inflation.

From September to December 2022, we conducted a resident's survey, and your feedback assisted the budget setting process helping us to prioritise the services and events that were most valued by our residents.

The Parish Council has taken great care to ensure the continuation of important existing services such as the running of the allotments, emptying of dog waste bins, enforcement services supporting our parish rangers, closed circuit cameras, litter picking events, regular newsletters, and the well-received rubbish amnesty. We have added a much-needed food bank provision which will open at some point during the year and our Community Hub will be a focal point for everyone to get together throughout the year with a range of activities and events for all ages.

A detailed copy of the 2023/24 budget can be found on our website from April 2023.

https://stantonbury-pc.org.uk/finance/parish-council-budget/

or alternatively send an email to our Responsible Financial Officer finance@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk



### THE COMMUNITY HUB

MERCERS DRIVE, BRADVILLE, MK13 7AY

# READY FOR HIRE

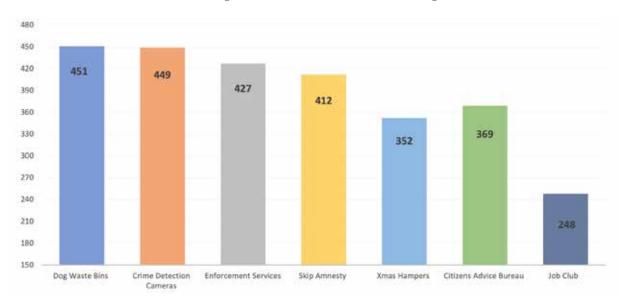


All Details on how to hire the Community Hub are available on our website: https://stantonbury-pc-org-uk/community-hub/

### **2022 Residents Survey Results**



### Services rated most important to least important



In our Newsletter which we published in Spring of 2022 we featured a residents' survey and asked you to consider what you would like SPC to do in your community. We had a great response to this survey and the most popular answers are featured in the graph above.

One area that the residents of the parish were very responsive to was CCTV cameras which are located within the parish. We have taken note of your comments and we can confirm that we have signed up for another 3 years for the Crime Detection Cameras.

Whilst all feedback is appreciated and really helps the parish council with future planning, we must point out that it is

Milton Keynes City Council who maintain responsibility for the following and not the parish council:

- · Roads and paths
- Schools
- Bus shelters
- Off street parking
- Grass cutting or hedges
- Litter

The Parish Rangers and the Enforcement Officer will continue to support and report concerns and defects to Milton Keynes City Council.

If you would like to see the full response to the survey, please visit our website page on <a href="https://stantonbury-pc.org.uk/the-council/newsletters/">https://stantonbury-pc.org.uk/the-council/newsletters/</a>

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.





### **How to become a Parish Councillor**

#### **THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2023**

All 13 of Stantonbury Parish Council's Councillor spaces are 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 a candidates provided they qualify!

#### WHAT IS A PARISH COUNCIL?

We work to promote community values, help look after the neighbourhood environment and build partnerships with other agencies to solve problems and improve the community for all.

#### YOUR ROLE AS A PARISH COUNCILLOR

YOUR ROLE WILL VARY DEPENDING ON YOUR ASPIRATIONS & AVAILABILITY; THE ROLE CONSISTS OF:

- Attending Full Council meetings once a month, (these are held at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month).
- Join a variety of committees such as: Finance, HR, Allotments & Community Projects.
- Challenging policies that affect our residents.
- · Balancing needs with financial limits.
- Helping to contribute and vote on decisions that improve the parish and support residents.

#### **DO YOU QUALIFY?**

- 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.

#### **HOW DO YOU APPLY?**

Go to our Website: stantonbury-pc.org.uk/2023-elections-information/

Here you will find your:

- Nomination Form for Parish Council Candidates.
- Guidance for Candidates and agents Overview document.
- A full list of Parishes and Parish Wards up for election.

Call the office on **01908 227201** or email **info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk** to discuss your application in more detail.







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: voterauthority-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@miltonkeynes.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.



### **Your Parish Councillors**

### **Oakridge Park**



**Edward Seaborne** Councillor Oakridge Park Ward



**Derek Northwood** Councillor Oakridge Park Ward



**Graham Davison** Councillor Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward



**Stantonbury & Linford Wood** 

Carol Northwood Sandra Kennedy Vice Chair Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward



Councillor Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward



**Paul McGahan** Councillor Stantonbury & Linford Wood Ward

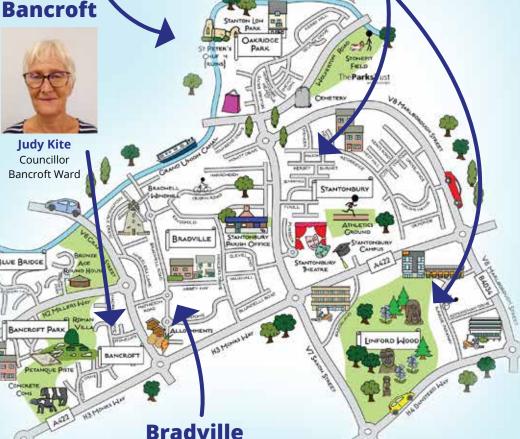
### **Blue Bridge & Bancroft Park**



**Linda Morgan** Chair Blue Bridge & Bancroft Park Ward



**Judy Kite** Councillor Bancroft Ward





**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:

#### STANTONBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### **Annual Parish Meeting (Meet Your Councillors)**

To be held at: The Community Hub, Mercers Drive, Bradville, MK13 7AY

### TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 6pm until 8pm

#### What is an Annual Parish Meeting?

There is often confusion between the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting. All Town and Parish Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting.

#### What is the purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting?

To give the Parish Council, and other local organisations an opportunity to let local residents know what they have been doing over the past year. The meeting is also an opportunity for electors to have a say on anything they consider valuable to the people of the Parish.

#### Will Parish Councillors be at the meeting?

All Parish Councillors will be invited to attend. Councillors will have an opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish. However, the purpose of the meeting is to enable the electors to find out what is going on in their parish and to have their say.

#### Will I be able to ask questions and make suggestions?

Any registered elector may ask a question of the Council which will usually be answered by the Chair, the Clerk or the Council.

An elector may also make a suggestion and comment on anything pertinent to the residents of the Parish.

This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting!

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **UPCOMING COACH TRIPS**

Over 50's Trip to Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water

on Wednesday 14th June 2023

Summer Coach Trip to Great Yarmouth on Thursday 10th August 2023



Tickets go on sale at the Parish Office from 10am on Wednesday 10th May 2023.



# FREE SUMMER PLAY SESSIONS

MKPA & The Great Gappo at the Hub

on Monday 7th August 2023 between 10am and 12.30pm. Including Bouncy Castle, Wikidizer, and 2 zorb balls.

### MKPA & The Great Gappo at Cawarden

Stantonbury on Monday 14th August 2023 between 10am and 12.30pm.
Including Bouncy Castle, Wikidizer, and 2 zorb balls.



#### **MKPA & The Great Gappo at Winchcombe Meadows**

Oakridge Park on Monday 24th July 2023 between 10am and 12.30pm. Including Bouncy Castle, Wikidizer and 2 zorb balls.



to Celebrate the Coronation of

### KING CHARLES III



Sunday 7th May 2023

llam until 3pm

PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES FOR ALL INCLUDING:

\*CIRCUS SKILLS\*

\*BOUNCY CASTLE\* \*FACE PAINTING\*

THE COMMUNITY HUB,

MERCERS DRIVE, BRADVILLE, MK13 7AY





### **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.

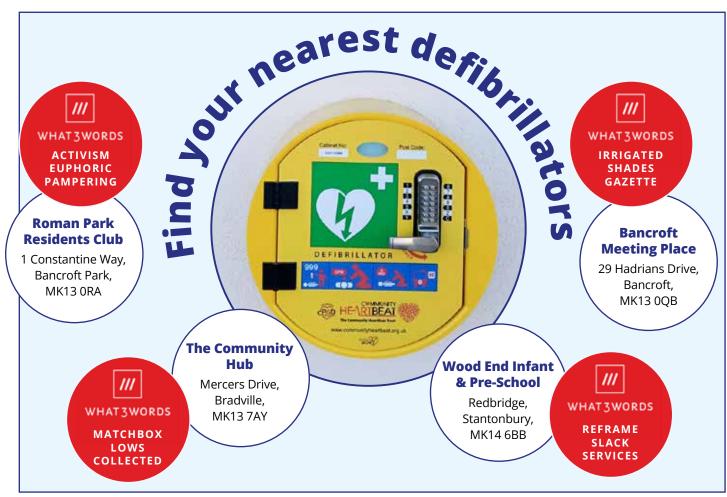
As of the 25th January 2023, our defibrillators are fully live and registered on the National Defibrillator Network. Access is available via the Emergency Ambulance Service by calling 999 or 112. The locations for the defibrillators have been chosen by the councillors and to find the nearest one go to https://www.defibfinder.uk/ you will then be asked to 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.







### **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.

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 and carries a £500 fine.
- 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!



### 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.



#### **NEW LOCATION**

THE COMMUNITY HUB,
MERCERS DRIVE, BRADVILLE, MK13 7AY
1PM until 3PM

- Computer and internet access
- ✓ Independent job search facilities
  - Support from advisors.



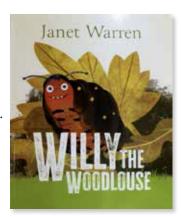


### **Janet Warren**

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 **01908 312707** 



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 **07984 394158** 

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### Vacancy Maternity Cover



### **Document Controller/Social Media Administrator**

**Job Title:** Document Controller/Social Media Administrator

**Location:** Bradville, Milton Keynes, MK13 7DX

**Salary:** SCP10 £23,946 pa (£12.28 per hour)

**Hours of Work:** Full-time 37.50 hours per week. Maternity cover (may last up to 12 months)

**Role:** (In general but not limited to the following)

Maintain the Parish Council's filing system electronic and hard copy

To maintain social media communications such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

Updating and maintaining the Parish Council website

Accurate typing and attention to detail

To provide administrative support as would be expected in a small office

The successful candidate will undertake relevant training in order to fulfil the role.

A full job description is available on our website, www.stantonbury-pc.org.uk.

Application forms can be obtained by emailing **donna.moore@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk** or by telephoning **01908 227201** 

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 5th April 2023

### Would you like to advertise in our Parish Newsletter?

Full page £130 + VAT

Half page £65 + VAT

Quarter page £33 + 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 drop me an email:

thegroominggaragemk@outlook.com.









## Latest data from our Temporary Speed Indicator Device (TSID)



Please see below latest data collected from our TSID device which is placed in various locations around our parish.

**TABLE 1** Speed indicator results - peak time results

| Speed limit 30 MPH | Oakridge Park | Bancroft | Redbridge,<br>Stantonbury | Mercers Drive,<br>Bradville | Abbey Way,<br>Bradville |  |
|--------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Number of          |               |          |                           |                             |                         |  |
| Time               |               |          |                           |                             |                         |  |
| 8:00 - 10:00       | 43            | 134      | 10                        | 75                          | 208                     |  |
| 16:00 - 17:00      | 23            | 114      | 7                         | 81                          | 194                     |  |
| 18:00 - 23:00      | 53            | 180      | 10                        | 110                         | 269                     |  |
| Total              | 119           | 428      | 27                        | 266                         | 671                     |  |
| Max Speed recorded | 45            | 45       | 45                        | 55                          | 65                      |  |

TABLE 2 Number of vehicles driving at over 30 mph per day

| Number of vehicles tracked | Count of vehicles Over speed limit by day |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |       |  |  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|-------|--|--|
|                            | Location                                  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Total |  |  |
| 19940                      | Oakridge Park                             | 28     | 36      | 34        | 16       | 37     | 23       | 25     | 199   |  |  |
| 19860                      | Bancroft                                  | 88     | 110     | 76        | 116      | 158    | 104      | 88     | 740   |  |  |
| 5419                       | Redbridge                                 | 13     | 8       | 8         | 6        | 8      | 2        | 5      | 50    |  |  |
| 6480                       | Mercers Drive                             | 84     | 64      | 71        | 78       | 75     | 54       | 51     | 477   |  |  |
| 18671                      | Abbey Way                                 | 220    | 207     | 227       | 77       | 180    | 210      | 135    | 1256  |  |  |

### **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.

#### **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 01908 252811.

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.



# 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!

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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).

This information is supplied by The Parks Trust



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, please let us know by emailing us on info@stantonburyparishcouncil.org.uk or telephoning us on: 01908 227201

### **ABRA**



#### 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:

#### ABRA GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 19:00 - 20:30 The Community Hub Mercers Drive

#### AFTERNOON TEA DANCE

SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 14:00 - 16:30 The Community Hub Mercers Drive













You can get in touch with us via email <a href="mailto:abra.information@gmail.com">abra.information@gmail.com</a> 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





#### **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.