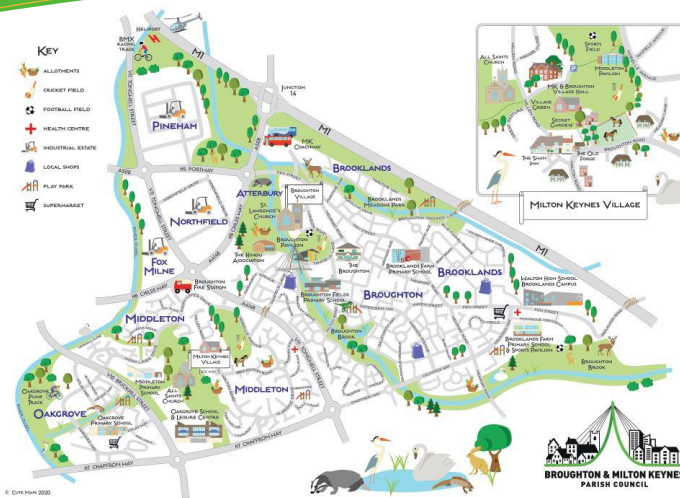


## This Community Cares

**Middleton & Milton Keynes Village Community Support Group** is still active. As we move into Autumn and Winter it's likely that more of us could do with a helping hand from our neighbours. If you live in Middleton and would like some help, or you'd like to volunteer, please contact us at [MiddletonCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:MiddletonCommunity@gmail.com) or (if you don't have email), text or call 07783 362838 but not too early or too late please.



**Broughton & Brooklands Community Connectors** Street Coordinator Scheme is also still active. If you need some support then contact their Coordinator Rhian on [rhiancamandben@gmail.com](mailto:rhiancamandben@gmail.com) Rhian will be able to try and connect you with your nearest Street Coordinator.



## New Parish Map!!

You may well have seen we have commissioned a new map of the Parish. I am sure you will agree that as well as showing the huge scale of the area it also demonstrates the many green spaces, and mix of old and new. We are aware, that we couldn't squeeze every landmark onto the map and although the map is accurate and functional it's also a piece of art, showcasing our beautiful area. Many thanks to Sheree at Cute Maps for designing it so thoughtfully for us.

## Beware Talking Penguins..... last seen in Broughton!!

Two talking penguins from our waddle of penguin bins have now happily moved in to their new homes at Broughton Fields & Oakgrove Primary Schools. These bins initially arrived just in time for the first lockdown and unfortunately had to stay in our Oakgrove office until we could arrange for a socially distant handover, when the schools had reopened.

At the Parish Council we believe young people are the key to conveying these important messages about reducing litter and we hope that they can help us to look forward to a future of less litter in and around our neighbourhoods.



The pupils who welcomed the bins are all very keen environmentalists, with a passion for keeping their neighbourhoods free from litter. They hope the penguin bins will encourage all of their classmates to use them to deposit the correct recycling rubbish into the penguin's mouth!

We are keen to hear from pupils of other schools in the Parish who think a talking Penguin bin may make a difference in their school. Please drop us an e-mail at [Info@broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Info@broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk) and tell us why your school needs a talking penguin bin! (200/300 words max)

## Allotment news >>>

We are now approaching the end of our allotment season, and our plots have had an amazing amount of delicious produce. Our tenants have grown a variety of fruit, veg, and flowers, including the popular raspberries, courgettes and sunflowers, and some have even attempted to grow an impressive selection of exotic Indian crops. We have certainly had our challenges this year, but the community spirit of all our plot tenants keep the allotments thriving. It has also been great to see all members of the family getting involved, and being able to use their produce for the more creative tasks, such as pumpkin carving or scarecrow making.



We are still at full capacity at all four of our allotment sites, and have a very long waiting list. All of our allotment sites are very different in their character and style. We have our two quiet village sites, which are smaller and more traditional. We also have a modern larger site at Cranmore Circle in Broughton which holds a diverse lively community. Our final site, Kemsley Crescent, is the largest of our sites and is tucked away in a corner of Broughton surrounded by nature-rich Parks Trust land.

Thank you to all our hard working plot tenants, and we look forward to seeing you all in the Spring!

## Middleton Allotment Project >>>

We are very pleased to announce that the development of the old Middleton Allotment site has now officially begun. To accomplish this project, we will be working in partnership with The Parks Trust who are aiming to enhance the surrounding green areas into a wildlife-rich wood meadow habitat. A wood meadow consists of pockets of trees planted amongst wildflower meadows, this will help to restore and renew pollinator habitats, whilst also providing them with areas of refuge amongst trees and shrubs.

The Middleton allotment site will be sandwiched in-between the wood meadow and be in-keeping with the overall habitat style. We also plan to incorporate a pond provided by the Newt Conservation Partnership, and a VE day tribute which will be displayed as a tree arboretum, benches and a poppy meadow. As another addition to this site, and to further increase pollination, we will also be working with local beekeepers to hopefully provide an area to keep their hives in the neighbouring orchard.

We would like to thank the local residents and organisations who have agreed to be involved in this project, and we will be sharing regular updates on the progression of the project through our social media pages.

**Congratulations to local resident Alex Harvey-Jones on winning the Broughton & Brooklands Residents Facebook page Autumn Photo Header Competition with this stunning shot of a beautiful Brooklands landscape!**



## Community Defibrillators >>>

We are very pleased to say, we are close to completing the installation of defibrillators into the two phone boxes in MK Village & Broughton Village. The unit in Broughton Village has been paid for by some amazing fundraising from local resident Angela Price, in memory of her son Alden, who sadly passed away from a sudden cardiac arrest in May 2017 aged just 18. They are fundraising continuously to enable more defib units to be installed in the local community to help save hearts. If you would like to make a donation head to <https://communityheartbeat.enthuse.com/cf/help-alden-help-a-heart>

The MK Village Phone Box has been ordered from Community Heartbeat Trust and we are waiting for an installation date – keep an eye on our social Media channels, where we will announce its arrival!



## A few words from one of our local Community Champions >>>

'This sounds like a grand title. Sadly, no cape or superpowers are involved!

This role has been created because so much confusion is arising as we listen to all the news of varying Covid-19 rules in different parts of the country. It's hard to be clear about what we should and shouldn't be doing.

This initiative by MK Council is aimed at creating an extra communication channel through the Covid-19 Community Champions. They receive weekly updates on the status of Covid-19 cases in Milton Keynes and the current do's and don'ts everyone here needs to follow. Their role is to communicate this information to as many people as possible.

There are a number of people who have signed up as Champions in the local area but we can all help with this, particularly where we have neighbours who are not in our local resident's Facebook groups or may not be digitally skilled. It's another example of "keeping the kindness" that has been so brilliant in our neighbourhood since the initial lockdown.'

**As an organisation Broughton & MK Parish Council have also signed up to be COVID-19 Community Champions. We will share the information we receive through our communication channels which can be found on our website:**

[www.broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk)

## COVID-19 Community Champions >>>

Milton Keynes Council are looking for 1,000 local people to become MK COVID-19 Community Champions, to protect themselves and care for others as we all work together to control COVID-19. Our Champions include individuals, schools, shops and businesses.

Champions get weekly communications from MK Council with the latest information, national and local guidance, analysis, research and advice. You just have to share that knowledge you get via the network with family, friends, colleagues and local community.

Throughout the pandemic, they have been keeping residents informed and up-to-date with local information and the latest government and health advice. In light of increasing infection rates and changing restrictions, keeping up-to-date with the latest advice is more important than ever.

But we know we won't reach everyone, which is why we're calling for people to sign up to become a MK COVID-19 Community Champion to help us reach more of the local community.

Many people have wanted to help others throughout the pandemic but were unsure as to how to go about it. Being a MK COVID-19 Community Champion is an easy way to make a massive difference, by sharing the latest information and advice with friends and families. This could be via local Facebook groups, WhatsApp groups, social organisations and clubs that people are part of.

MK COVID-19 Community Champions will be provided with the latest information to share at the click of a button – it's that simple. It won't take up a huge amount of time, but it could really help make a massive difference in helping to keep our families, friends and communities safe.

**For more information, contact:**

**[Covidchampions@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Covidchampions@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk)**

**Claire Griffin 07827 872986**



## Welcome to our new Parish Councillors >>>



We would like to welcome **Macsene Isles-Ahite** and **Ryan Gillies** who have now joined us to become Parish Councillors, they will be representing Milton Keynes Village Ward.



If you would like to make contact with your Parish Councillors, their full contact details and the area they represent can be found on our website on the Meet your Councillors page.

## Get in touch >>>

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us.

Although the office is closed we are all still working, when calling please leave a short message with your number so we can return the call.

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## Half Term Fun! >>>

Half Term week saw the Parish being very well served with activities provided by The Parish Council and also various other community groups.

Here at the Parish Council we provided Halloween themed family Craft Bags, packed with creative goodies for lots of spooky arts & crafts! These literally flew out of the door, apologies to those who missed out this time round – we are already planning for 2021 and hope to provide even more! Keep an eye on our social media & website for announcements of future activities & events.

Other free activities we provided during Half Term were Nocturnal Wildlife Walks with The Parks Trust Rangers and an outdoor play session in Middleton ran by our friends at MKPA – who also made up the craft bags for us!

Through surveys and data collected we know we reached around 100 families during Half Term week with our free activities and are looking to continue in a similar way over upcoming school holidays. If you have any ideas about what kind of activities your children would like to see over the coming 12 months then do please drop us an email at [Info@broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Info@broughtonandmkv-pc.gov.uk) with your ideas.

Elsewhere in the Parish, Broughton & Brooklands Community Connectors put on an amazing Harry Potter themed trail that proved to be very popular! Whilst over in Middleton there was another 'spooky' trail, this one based around the movie Coco! A massive thank you to all the residents who are continually involved in setting up these fabulous activities, an amazing group of volunteers, I'm sure you will agree!

If you enjoyed the craft packs then please consider joining MKPA, their Scrapstore at Kiln Farm has plenty of items for those of you that love to stick, glue and be creative! Membership starts from just £10 per year! Head over to their website to find out more [www.mkpa.co.uk](http://www.mkpa.co.uk)



### Images from top to bottom:

**A craft bag creation! Tile smashing, pumpkin bashing and toasting crumpets over a real fire with MKPA!**

