

## Parish councillor vacancy

Being a Parish Councillor is a great way to get involved in looking after the needs of our community. It is entirely voluntary, requires a time commitment and can be demanding, but it can also be fun! There is lots to learn and it can feel very rewarding!

We currently have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor in the ward of Broughton & Atterbury (includes Brooklands, Broughton Gate). The Parish Council would like to fill this place by co-option as soon as possible. No special qualifications are required to be a councillor. It is important that all sorts of people serve as councillors to give good representation of the community. Ideally, to ensure that we have a diverse range of councillors, we are looking for more female councillors. Training for new councillors is available to help assist with understanding the responsibilities of the role.

For more info call the Parish Manager – Vicky for an informal chat on 01908 087499

## Hummingbirds Children Centre Coming to Oakgrove!



Hummingbird  
Children's Centre

Earlier in September we started a partnership with Hummingbirds Children's Centre to provide an outreach Song and Story time and a Baby session in Oakgrove.

These happen every Monday morning during term time from our Oakgrove meeting room at 27 Atlas Way, MK10 9SG. Please enter building via the side entrance by the red post box.

**The Song and Story Time** starts at 9:30am, so come along for a story, followed by interactive songs and rhymes. Suitable for pre-school children. The session finishes at 10:15am.

From 10:45am until 11:30am there will be a **baby session**. The baby group is for non-walkers, an opportunity to experience a wide range of age-appropriate activities, including sensory activities, this helps parent and baby, to support learning, development, and bonding.

These sessions **must** be booked - you can do this by:

- ✓ Calling Hummingbirds Children's Centre on 01908 609609.
- ✓ Pop into the children's Centre (Next to Broughton Fields School).
- ✓ Message the Children's Centre via their Facebook page.

Other sessions within the parish:

**Broughton** - Every Thursday from 10:00am till 11:00am there is a new Mums and Babies meet up at Broughton Rectory, London Rd, MK10 9AA.

This is an outside session so wrap up, it's a great opportunity to meet new families in a relaxed environment. Refreshments available to purchase from Really Awesome Coffee van.

Hummingbirds is the Children's Centre that covers our parish, their entire reach area covers Broughton, Broughton Gate, Brooklands, Eagle Farm South/Rest, Glebe Farm, Atterbury, Fox Milne, Middleton, MK Village, Newlands, Oakgrove, Woolstone, Northfields, Willen Lake. They are based in Shackerstone Close, Broughton MK10 9LS – right next to Broughton Fields School. If you are a family with children under 5 then please pop along and get registered or give them a call on 01908 609609 to chat to one of the team.

## Landscaping >>

This Summer has seen lots of growth, despite the lack of sunshine! The hedge bordering the Community Wildlife Garden (formally Middleton Allotment) has finally had its annual cut by RTM. Thank you to everyone who contacted us to let us know it was getting a bit unruly! Unfortunately, during bird nesting season (1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> August) our contractors are unable to carry out hedge cutting.

In the meantime, they have been busy keeping our allotment sites tidy and the grass in our green spaces kept under control!



## Crimewave Camera Update >>

In our Summer newsletter we announced the results of our Crime Prevention Consultation & mentioned we were looking at a one-year contract with Crimewave Security Consultancy, a mobile CCTV solution.

We are pleased to announce that this has now commenced, and we will be working with Crimewave and Thames Valley Police to target Hotspots in the area to assist TVP in tackling anti-social activities that have been occurring in the parish.

## Middleton Pavilion >>>

### Well done the Pav!

The Euros back in June and July may not have resulted in football 'coming home' to England, but the Middleton Pavilion team certainly brought it home in terms of the fans experience – big-screen TV, table service and Sticky Fingers fantastic menu.

Anyone who spoke to any of the team will know the pressure they were under – if COVID restrictions weren't enough, England's progress in the tournament meant the demand for the limited number of seats skyrocketed!

Shaun, Neil, and the team did an amazing job, creating a safe and secure environment for fans to enjoy the match experience. Another success in making Middleton Pavilion a vibrant part of our community – well done Team Pav!



## Fireworks >>>

The trustees at MK Village Hall have set the date for the annual fireworks display, so pop Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November in your diaries! Obviously, this date will always be subject to a degree of uncertainty due to potential Covid restrictions. However, keep your fingers crossed that this amazing community event happens this year.



We would also like to take the opportunity to give a shout out for volunteers for this event, this event can only happen if supported by a hearty team of volunteers, so if you have some spare time to help this amazing event go off with a bang then please send an email with your contact details to: [mkvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:mkvillagehall@gmail.com)

## Updates >>>

### Middleton Land Access - U70

To date we have had no further update regarding this matter. We will keep residents informed as and when we have any news.

### Far Holme Pond - Middleton

Following on from the OPEN LETTER (04/08/21) sent by the Parish Council to Crest Nicholson, and all parties involved in this long-standing issue over the past 8-years.

We received a letter from Milton Keynes Council (MKC) on 07/09/21 confirming that, having had no meaningful response with the developer, they had issued a planning enforcement letter to Crest Nicholson on 01/09/21, giving them 21 days to respond. MKC has confirmed that should they not receive any response; they will have no alternative than to take formal action.

Full details of the OPEN LETTER can be found on our website.

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

## Spotlight on charities >>>

**Foodbank** are continuing to operate from our Oakgrove Offices twice a week on a Tuesday and Thursday from 2.30pm until 4:00pm.



If you or anyone you know is struggling to put food on the table then please give the foodbank helpline a call on **0300 303 4933** or text **HELP to 07874 964505** to discuss your situation in confidence with experienced staff. The Helpline is open between 10:00am – 3:00pm, Monday – Friday. Outside of these times, please leave a message and someone will call you back.

## Could your spare room be a safe place to sleep?

**Depaul UK** is looking for volunteer hosts in Broughton and Milton Keynes Parish to help change the lives of young people at risk of homelessness.

Nightstop Milton Keynes aims to provide a safe place to sleep for vulnerable young people aged 16-25 in an innovative, community focused initiative: placing the guests in homes of trained and vetted volunteer hosts.

Offering their spare room one night at a time, Nightstop is a safer and more welcoming alternative than traditional emergency accommodation.

Already successfully running around the country, the national youth homelessness prevention charity Depaul UK has been commissioned by the Milton Keynes Council to launch Nightstop later this year. However, as the service relies on an army of volunteers, the team need your help!

**Could you offer young people a bed for the night, a hot meal, a wash, and a listening ear?**

At Nightstop, the safety and wellbeing of guests and hosts is of the utmost importance, with extensive support provided. Plus, volunteers can commit to as much or as little time as they are able – **just one night makes a difference.**

The main reason for homeless in young people is because of relationship breakdown at home. This is why Depaul MK also runs its Reconnect service, supporting young people and their families to overcome conflict.

To find out more, please contact Catherine or Lucy on 0330 555 0180, email [nightstop.mk@depaulcharity.org.uk](mailto:nightstop.mk@depaulcharity.org.uk) or follow @DepaulMiltonKeynes on Facebook.



## Allotment News >

It only seems like yesterday that the growing season started and here we are now reaping the rewards. No two years are ever alike and this year's sweet corn and tomato crops amongst others have proved a little more challenging for many of us than last years. Throughout the year there is always something to tend to on an allotment, turning the compost heap, harvesting the crops, weeding and soil preparation for next year, not to mention crop rotation planning.

Thank you to all the allotment tenants whose hard work has provided some delightful plots to inspect.



**Please note:** The waiting list is temporarily closed for all sites as we have over 80 people now waiting for an allotment.

## Get in touch >>>

There are many ways to get in touch and stay connected with the Parish Council.

- ✓ Give us a call.
- ✓ E-mail the staff or councilors – details below and on website.
- ✓ Head over to our website and use the contact us button.
- ✓ Come along to one of our meetings, most meetings are open to the public and all details of upcoming ones can be found on our website.
- ✓ Find us on social media: We are on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
- ✓ Stop and read the info on one of our 8 notice boards across the parish.
- ✓ Write to us – we still like to receive post 😊
- ✓ Finally, chat to us face to face! We know, its weird, after months of social distancing, getting back out there can seem daunting but slowly but surely, we are gradually spending more time at the offices and are planning more events where we will be visible and available to chat. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels of where you'll be able to catch up with us.

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To contact any of our other 9 councillors please head over to our website where you will find all their contact details.

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Wherever you are and whatever you are doing, you can keep up to date with what **WE** are doing on social media!

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