

Unitary Councillor Report

(Snippets) Report from Cllr David Hopkins, Cllr Victoria Hopkins & Cllr Alice Jenkins – Representing Wavendon at MK Council

Wavendon 2017



Operation Darknight launched to target winter burglaries –

Milton Keynes

Thames Valley Police in Milton Keynes started its three-month winter burglary operation on Tuesday 31 October to combat dwelling burglaries and target offenders during the darker winter months.

Operation Darknight has run four times in recent years in Milton Keynes and has helped to significantly reduce the numbers of dwelling burglaries over the winter period. During the operation the Milton Keynes Neighbourhood teams will be running crime prevention activities on estates offering general crime prevention advice and SmartWater; an international crime prevention company with a track record for deterring criminal activity.

Residents are advised that, with the clocks having gone back, now is an important time to check that your home is not vulnerable to burglary.

If you have any concerns, or just want some crime prevention advice and information, feel free to approach your local neighbourhood officers who will be able to assist you.

We would urge residents to get in touch with any information they may have in relation to criminal activity occurring in their neighbourhood. We require the help of the public and will treat any information with the strictest of confidentiality.”

Residents can follow the crime prevention tips below:

- keep front and back doors locked, even when you're at home
- install a burglar alarm with a visible alarm box
- fit a door chain and spyhole for extra security
- keep all valuables and keys out of sight and out of reach of doors and windows
- store high value items in a hidden safe
- mark your belongings and register them for free with Immobilise
- fit energy efficient security lighting

- don't leave spare keys in obvious places such as under doormats or plant pots
- keep items that could be used to break into your property such as ladders, tools and wheelie bins stored safely away
- lock side gates to prevent easy access to the rear of the property
- check fencing regularly to keep it in good repair
- use pea shingle on driveways or under windows, as it crunches loudly when stepped on
- trim overgrown hedges and plants to remove hiding places and improve surveillance
- use a timer switch to make your house look occupied, even when it isn't
- consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Residents in Milton Keynes can obtain localised information by following the Milton Keynes Twitter account @TVP_MK and looking out for #Op_Darknight.

For regular updates on crime and disorder in your area you can sign up to Thames Valley Alert, and you can call the non-emergency number 101 and ask to speak to a Crime Reduction Advisor.

Snippets

- Traveller Showpeople site Inspectors Report in Wavendon
- Meeting with Cllr Budge Wells and Danesborough Forum Meeting
- Possible Parish Boundary Review
- Waste Collection problems in Danesborough
- Boundary Hedge on Newport Road (Wavendon)



December 2017

Rural crime update from Assistant Chief Constable Nikki Ross

Reports of rural crime in the Thames Valley have increased by five percent between October 2016 and September 2017.

I would like to reassure members of our rural communities of my commitment to investigating reports of rural crime. We rely on information from our local communities and take such reports very seriously. Incidents are robustly investigated by our local policing

teams who have dedicated Rural Crime and Wildlife Officers based across the Thames Valley.

Rural crime can take many different forms including burglary, robbery, theft, criminal damage, fly tipping, poaching and hare coursing. We are continuing to work with local residents, businesses and partners to raise awareness of crime prevention techniques while developing problem solving solutions to tackle rural crime.

There are often fewer witnesses to rural crimes and greater opportunities for criminals to target isolated properties and businesses. The impact of these crimes can also be greater, with people feeling more vulnerable due to their remote location.

You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of rural crime by taking a few simple steps including:

- Keeping the boundaries of your land and property well-maintained and secure
- Fitting strong locks to sheds, garages and outbuildings
- Checking security equipment regularly to ensure it is working properly
- Locking equipment away in a secure building when it's not in use
- Security marking your tools and equipment

For more crime prevention advice, and to see details of your local Rural Crime Officers, visit the Rural Crime page on the Thames Valley Police website at:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/protecting-your-business/rural-crime/>

If you become a victim of rural crime or suspect that a crime has taken place, you should always report it to police by calling the non-emergency number, 101. If an incident is in progress, or there is an immediate threat to life, you should call 999.

You can receive the latest rural crime news from Thames Valley Police and their partners directly to your phone or inbox by signing up to CountryWatch at:

<http://www.thamesvalleycountrywatch.co.uk/>



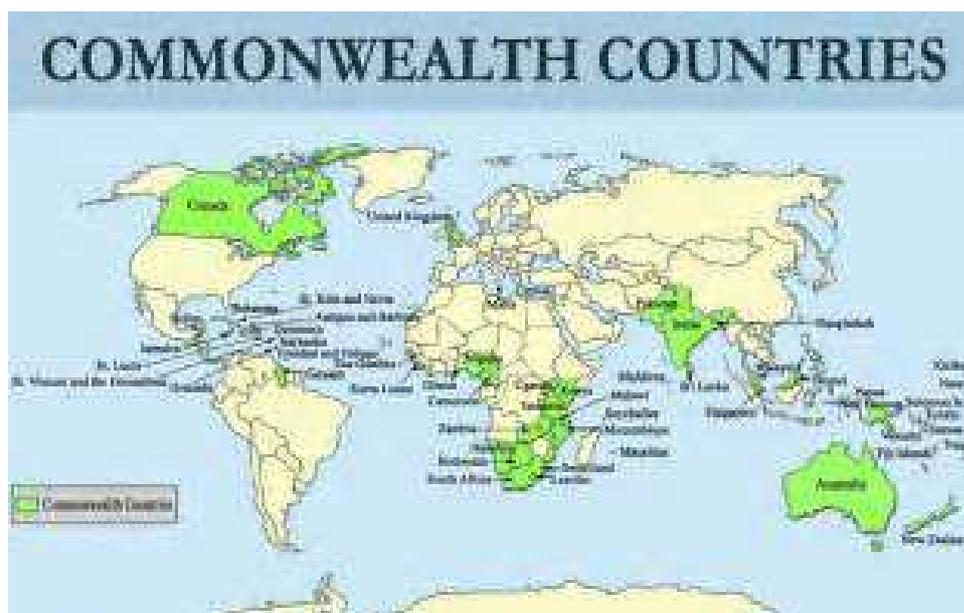
Christmas Waste Collection Days - Revised Waste Collections 2017

Normal Date - Christmas Week	Revised Date
Monday 25th December 2017	Wednesday 27th December 2017
Tuesday 26th September 2017	Thursday 28th December 2017
Wednesday 27th December 2017	Friday 29th December 2017
Thursday 28th December 2017	Saturday 30th December
Friday 29th December 2017	Tuesday 2nd January 2018

New Years Week	
Monday 1st January 2018	Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Tuesday 2nd January 2018	Thursday 4th January 2018
Wednesday 4th January 2018	Friday 5th January 2018
Thursday 4th January 2018	Saturday 6th January 2018
Friday 5th January 2018	Monday 8th January 2018

2nd Week of January	
Monday 8th January 2018	Tuesday 9th January 2018
Tuesday 9th January 2018	Wednesday 10th January 2018
Wednesday 10th January 2018	Thursday 11th January 2018
Thursday 11th January 2018	Friday 12th January 2018
Friday 12th January 2018	Saturday 13th January 2018

Normal collections resume on Monday 15th January



COMMONWEALTH RECEPTION AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE ON 14th FEBRUARY 2018

Any suggestions from people you know?

On behalf of Her Majesty’s Lord-Lieutenant I am seeking your urgent assistance in helping the Lieutenancy Office to identify suitable individuals who might be included in the guest list for a Reception that The Queen will be giving on 14th February 2018 for the Commonwealth Diaspora in the United Kingdom. The Reception forms part of the build-up to the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in London in April 2018.

The intention is that the Lord-Lieutenant nominates individuals who should be representative of the wide diversity of notable contributions made by the Commonwealth diaspora, either to their own, or the wider community. The numbers for the Reception are necessarily limited, but the aim is to invite individuals of Commonwealth descent representing every Commonwealth country. Buckinghamshire has been asked to nomination 20 individuals to attend the Reception – but there is no guarantee as to how many of our nominations will be selected to attend.

You will wish to be aware of the following additional criteria:

1. Proposed Guest must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Those guests who are invited will be unaccompanied.
3. The enclosed nomination form should be completed in full for anyone being nominated to attend the Reception.
4. Deadline date for submissions to arrive in the Lieutenancy Office is COP on Wednesday 14th December 2017.
5. Potential guests should NOT be made aware that they have been nominated – it would clearly be unfortunate if subsequently, for whatever reason, an invitation was not forthcoming

We have already received quite a few nominations – albeit most of the nominees were born in England! To enhance our chances of having anyone from Buckinghamshire attending this reception we are hoping to receive some completed forms from other Commonwealth countries as Buckingham Palace want all 54 countries to be represented at the Reception!

Contact: Joe Bradshaw - Executive Assistant to the Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council & Assistant Clerk to the Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy, Civic & Ceremonial Events Team, County Hall, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA

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Levante Gate – Little Brickhill – for interest

1. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015

Application no: 17/03233/OUT

Proposal: An outline proposal with all matters reserved for development of land to the south of the A5 and east of the A4146, Milton Keynes for up to 500 homes, including 40% affordable homes; a 1 Form Entry Primary School; a local Centre, open space and associated works

At: Land At Levante Gate Galley Lane Little Brickhill

2. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015

Application no: 17/03224/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 14 dwellinghouses, detached garages, associated parking and landscaping. Part change of use and part re-build of existing outbuilding at ground-floor from stables/garage to B1 office use.

At: Wavendon Lodge, Lower End Road Wavendon Milton Keynes MK17 8AU



October 2017 - Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017

Following its approval at the Milton Keynes Council meeting on 18 October, we are now consulting on the Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017.

The consultation period within which you may submit comments on the plan will be from 8 November until no later than 5.00pm on 20 December.

The consultation will focus on whether Plan:MK has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements and whether it meets the tests of soundness set out in national planning policy. The tests of soundness are whether Plan:MK is or has been:

- Positively prepared – Where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development; does the Proposed Submission Plan:MK seek to meet objectively assessed development needs in full, in addition to the unmet development needs of any neighbouring authority where this applies?

- Justified – When considered against the evidence and any reasonable alternatives, is the plan the most appropriate strategy to meet Milton Keynes' development needs?

- Effective – Will the Proposed Submission Plan:MK be deliverable over the intended period to 2031, and is it based on effective joint working on relevant cross-boundary strategic priorities?

- Consistent with national policy – Would the Proposed Submission Plan:MK enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework?

Formal notification of the consultation will be sent to everyone on our consultation database via letter or email on or shortly before 8 November. All comments which are submitted by 5pm on 20 December 2017 will be considered not by Milton Keynes Council but by the independent Planning Inspector appointed to examine the plan.

The Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017 document and other Proposed Submission documents which support the consultation will be made available for inspection throughout the duration of the consultation at MKC's Civic Offices (temporary reception area) and MKC's Saxon Court Offices as well the borough's libraries (Central Library, Kingston, Newport Pagnell, Olney, Stony Stratford, Westcroft, Woburn Sands, Wolverton). Further information is available within the Statement of Representations Procedure (PDF, 100KB).

As part of the consultation process, Officers of the Council will be staffing an exhibition on the Proposed Submission Plan:MK in the Central Library in Central Milton Keynes from 7 – 10 November.

To read and comment upon the Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017 please go to the Council's consultation portal <http://miltonkeynes.objective.co.uk/portal/>. Alongside the Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017 (PDF, 4.4MB) document, the following supporting documents are available in the 'Supporting Documents' tab within the consultation portal:

- Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017 Policies Map Schedule;

- Sustainability Appraisal Report;
- Sustainability Appraisal Report Non-Technical Summary;
- Habitats Regulations Assessment Report;
- Statement of Consultation;
- Statement of Representations Procedure;
- Guidance Note for Respondents;
- Equalities Impact Assessment of Proposed Submission Plan:MK
- Proposed Submission PlanMK Oct 2017 Consultation Response Form
- Proposed Submission PlanMK Oct 2017 Sustainability Appraisal/Habitat Regulations Assessment Response Form
- Exhibition Boards

You can also submit comments by downloading and completing the Proposed Submission Plan:MK Response Form) and/or Sustainability Appraisal/Habitats Regulation Assessment Response Form, and send it to Milton Keynes Council by 5pm on 20 December 2017 via email to planmk@milton-keynes.gov.uk or by post to:

Development Plans, Growth, Economy and Culture, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices,
1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ



Oxford – MK – Cambridge Expressway

Plans announced in the Budget for new homes and infrastructure in one of the most economically important parts of the country are an “important first step” to securing its future, Lord Adonis said today.

The Chairman of the National Infrastructure Commission welcomed confirmation by the Chancellor that the Government would be accepting the Commission’s recommendations for supporting the crucial Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford Arc, with the overall ambition to build one million new homes in the area by 2050.

In particular, he said that today's new deal between Ministers and Oxfordshire to deliver 100,000 new homes in the county by 2031 would pave the way towards providing what the area needs – especially as the Government will consider the development of new towns as part of this.

The Budget also included:

- Funding to accelerate delivery of East West Rail, helping to open the connection between Oxford and Bedford, and from Aylesbury to Milton Keynes by 2024;
- The formation of a new company to explore how to speed up progress with the East West Rail connection between Bedford and Cambridge, with the aim of opening the link in the mid-2020s;
- A programme of work to develop plans for a new Cambridge South train station;
- A commitment to deliver the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway by 2030, with key elements funded through the next round of the Roads Investment Strategy; and
- The establishment of Cambridge as one of eight new Tech Nation hubs, as part of an expansion of the existing scheme

Chairman of the National Infrastructure Commission Lord Adonis said:

“The arc spanning Cambridge, Milton Keynes and Oxford is one of the most economically-important parts of the country, contributing some £90billion a year to the national economy – with investment in homes and infrastructure, our work suggests this could increase to as much as £250billion.

“I’m therefore pleased that the Chancellor today accepted our recommendations to accelerate new infrastructure, support the delivery of new homes, and begin to put in place the new deal necessary to secure this arc’s continued success.

“The deal with Oxfordshire will pave the way towards delivering the homes the area needs and the funding to accelerate delivery of the East West Rail line, combined with the commitment to the new Expressway, will also provide much-needed improvements to the local transport network.

“Our recommendations have support from leaders across the area – this is a unique opportunity to secure the future of this economically-important part of the country, and the Budget measures announced today are an important first step towards making them happen.”

**Capital of Culture Bid**

Statement from the 5 cities bidding to be European Capital of Culture 2023

On Tuesday we met with representatives of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport including John Glen MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Arts, Heritage and Tourism. We met to discuss the letter sent last week to the UK Government by the European Commission stating that the participation of the UK in the European Capital of Culture in 2023 will not be possible.

Firstly we want to acknowledge the huge and passionate support we have all received locally, nationally and internationally since the receipt of this letter. In particular we appreciate the support from previous and future European Capitals of Culture, and from members of the independent judging panel which itself had expected to be interviewing our teams this week as part of the formal shortlisting process.

It is further evidence of the power of arts and culture to bring the peoples of Europe closer together. The five cities were united in their desire to find solutions which will enable them to realise their cultural ambitions and further develop their cultural integration with people across Europe.

The meeting with DCMS was positive and we were encouraged by their commitment to try and resolve this issue with the European Commission and agree a clear way forward for the cities involved.

We urged the Department to continue its negotiations with the European Commission on the legitimacy of its latest decision. In particular we wish to highlight that the announcement by the European Commission counters a very recent decision of the European Parliament in June 2017 and of the Council in September 2017 which includes a calendar confirming the UK as the host country in 2023. In addition we are seeking clarity given that the United Kingdom has not yet left the EU and the terms of that departure are not yet agreed.

We have collectively therefore requested that DCMS takes further advice on the legal status of the announcement as a matter of urgency.

The meeting also allowed us to consider jointly how we ensure the local energy, enthusiasm and work done by our cities and partners to date can be positively harnessed and recognised even if the Commission maintains its position. This sudden change of heart has the potential to disrupt well

over 100 cultural collaborations across the continent which bidding cities have been developing in good faith.

We all recognise the urgent need to reach a conclusion in a timescale that allows us to harness the momentum in our cities. Therefore intensive and constructive discussions will continue over the coming weeks.

Councillor Deirdre Hargey, chairperson, Belfast City Council Strategic Policy & Resources Commt.

Councillor, John Alexander Leader of the Administration, Dundee City Council

Stewart Murdoch, Chair of the Dundee bid team

Councillor Judith Blake CBE, Leader of Leeds City Council

Sharon Watson, Chair, Leeds2023 Independent Steering Group

Councillor Peter Marland, Leader of Milton Keynes Council

Councillor Jon Collins, Leader of Nottingham City Council

Paul Russ, Chair Nottingham 2023



A new consultation is now live online to gather the opinions of residents on the draft Health and Wellbeing strategy.

The strategy is split in to 3 separate sections and has been devised by the Milton Keynes Health and Wellbeing board*, made up of representatives from across different health based organisations.

The sections of the strategy are:

1. Starting well – This area focuses on what happens from pregnancy up to the age of 2 and then into young adulthood. The aim is to strengthen our children's social and emotional skills and encourage a healthy lifestyle
2. Living well - We want to do all that we can to make our city a great place to live and work - research shows that all these things can affect physical and mental health.
3. Ageing well - The population aged 85 and over in MK is predicted to increase by 86% from 4,300 in 2017 to 8,000 in 2030. With this in mind, we need to do all that we can to adapt and meet the needs

of this increasing section of our city. We must use all the resources and technologies available to take care of both the physical and mental aspects of their health.

Residents, organisations and communities across Milton Keynes are being asked to consider the content of the strategy and to help shape its priorities via a short questionnaire.

Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), Councillor Peter Marland, is keen to involve everyone: "A happy and healthy start can make such a difference to everyone throughout their lives. I am also glad that there is a focus on mental health in the strategy as well as physical health. I would encourage everyone that can, to comment on the strategy for the good of the whole community."

Dr Nicola Smith, Vice Chair of the HWB added: "We have worked with professionals across all areas of health and wellbeing to come up with our strategy. It is now crucial that we have input from our residents in all areas of the city, to help make this a living document that can help to change lives now and in the future."

The consultation is online at: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/HWS2017>

The consultation is open for comment until February 2017



The consultation on MKC's draft budget proposals for 2018/19 is now open.

You can find the proposals and some background on our overall budget challenge at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/budget

Your feedback as ever is very welcome, either by:

- Leaving a comment on our consultation page
- Emailing us at budget@milton-keynes.gov.uk
- Attending a short presentation and Q&A session about the proposals at Christ the Cornerstone Church, Central MK at 6pm on 10 January 2018 and repeated at 6pm on 24 January 2018

The consultation closes at 5pm on 31 January 2018

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RIDE HIGH
EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Mayors Charity - Ride High Equestrian Centre

Ride High was founded by Rachel Medill MBE in 2008 working with just six children. Today Ride High has helped to change the lives and prospects of nearly 1000 children and young people. With the help of dedicated members of staff and volunteers we have done this from a portacabin and three small rooms at a riding school on the outskirts of Milton Keynes. For some time we have been at full capacity with a waiting list of over 90 children and now it's time to expand.

Ride High has therefore just acquired a 30 year lease on what was Loughton Manor Equestrian Centre but will now be called The Ride High Equestrian Centre.



This 37 acre riding school site, right in the heart of Milton Keynes, will be the permanent home for the charity but will also be a riding school open to the public offering riding lessons, liverys, pony parties and hacking. All the profits from the riding school will support the charitable work of Ride High.

It will be the first public riding school in the UK which exists to change the lives of disadvantaged children so everyone who rides will be helping to change a child's life.

For more information about the Ride High Equestrian Centre please visit the website or contact them at E: info@ridehigh.org or T: 01908 666434.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the Ride High children move to the Ride High Equestrian Centre?

It will take some months to renovate the house on site to make it suitable for the children. Ride High's charitable operations will move to the new site over the Christmas period and all activities will start from January 2018. In the meantime there will be no change to the current operations.

What are the advantages to Ride High moving to the new site?

The new site will allow us to:

- provide more space for the charity's children and staff
- increase the number of children we work with
- teach more stable management skills
- offer high standards of riding tuition
- provide opportunities for children to volunteer and undertake work experience
- lessen the distance many of our children have to travel on our minibus to and from Ride High.

If you have any questions please contact Sam Ball, Centre Manager, Ride High. T: 07507 308943 or E: centremanager@ridehigh.org

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