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*Welcome to the Summer edition of Wafas & Wallas -* still with a focus on the East West Rail (EWR) and SEMK development proposals, we are also starting to plan for the council year to come including the opening of the Community Library, work starting on the new Pavilion (Wavendon Hub) and the start of work on the Glebe Farm school campus. Lots of positive articles from many contributors this quarter – and we are especially keen to hear from new residents in Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm South in particular who are keen to start sporting, leisure and social clubs and who need a platform to publicise these ideas.



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# From the Chairman of the Parish Council

Annual Report for 2020/21

**What a year it has been. I must start by paying tribute to the residents who have done so much to help our community through the Covid 19 crisis offering practical help and support to neighbours be it through the Food Bank, collecting and delivering prescriptions to those isolating or simply being at the end of the phone for those who need support and reassurance.** I suspect we all know friends and neighbours who have not made it through this terrible pandemic and my thoughts and prayers go out every day to relatives and friends who have lost their lives.

**THANK YOU**

Can I also pay tribute to our fantastic staff at the **Asplands Heath Centre** and to our hard working and always cheery **High Street chemist** in Woburn Sands and his team for their helpful, timely and dependable support to our community. I was delighted to have been able to escort the Mayor of Milton Keynes on his visit to a number of high street premises during 2020 to add his thanks for their service to the community.

## THE NO EXPRESSWAY GROUP

On a positive note, many thanks and congratulations to the **success enjoyed by the No Expressway Group** (whose dynamic leadership was made up from Wavendon and Woburn Sands residents)



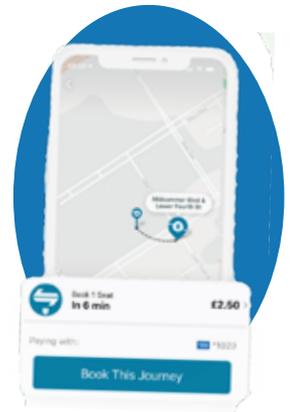
in convincing the government to first pause and then drop entirely its plans for a motorway style route from J13 and through the very heart of our communities that would have caused enormous environmental and social destruction. We must be wary however of those who advocate an Expressway by Stealth in the form of a Grid Road extension of the H10 all the way to junction 13. Let us be clear, a Grid Road is defined by MK Council as a reserved 80 metre wide corridor and I am certain you can imagine the destruction and blight that would cause to those living on or closest to such a high speed route. Remember as well, that

Newport Road was downgraded by MK Council from a trunk road (formally the A5130) to simply the Newport Road to reflect its design and capacity limitations, so I am sure you can visualise the idea of it linking a grid connection into the heavily residential Newport Road, a route already stretched to and frequently beyond its built capacity.

## DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT

(DRT - MK Connect)

Milton Keynes Council replaced scheduled bus services in April with what it describes as a Demand Responsive Transport solution which it now calls MK Connect. Let us be quite clear, it is financial pressures that have led to this alternative transport solution following the loss of the many millions of pounds of parking revenues the council would have achieved in Central MK in particular but which have been lost in the current pandemic led crisis. MK Connect works like a minibus that meets you wherever you are, allowing you to travel whenever you want. The service has not been without its teething challenges but, until there is a change of heart or policy at MK Council back to subsidising public transport routes, we must do all we can to make DRT work as effectively and efficiently as possible.



## THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF MK THROUGH THE SOUTH EAST MILTON KEYNES (SEMK) - STRATEGIC URBAN EXPANSION.

A considerable amount of information has been circulated by the Parish Council through its magazine, Wafas & Wallas and through the Hogsty End Handbook outlining the **Milton Keynes Councils proposals for the development of up to 3000 dwellings in line with the local Plan (PlanMK)**. The local Plan (a requirement of central government) was adopted by MK Council in March 2019 and the area (SEMK) - an area of around 198 hectares - was included. The proposal specified amongst other matters, that the development "should incorporate buffer areas ... within the site to avoid coalescence with Wavendon, Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill and that it should 'respect and reinforce the distinct character of those communities'. Approximately half the SEMK area lies within the parish of Woburn Sands the remainder being in Bow Brickhill and Wavendon parishes.

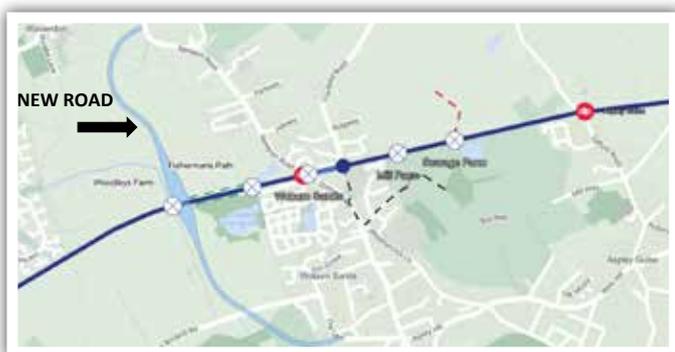
An initial proposal for a Gypsy and Traveller site close to 'the Groves' and in the eastern buffer zone in Woburn Sands was quickly removed following effective lobbying but a site close to the recreation ground in the centre of Wavendon remains in the proposals.

Milton Keynes Council is required to produce a Development Framework for SEMK which will become a Supplementary Planning Documents - SPD - (or local masterplan if you prefer) when adopted. This document will govern the development of the area and will have to be adhered to by developers of the site. New schools, leisure facilities, medical facilities and proposals for the site infrastructure are all set out in the draft SPD.

The SEMK development is of vital importance to the future of Wavendon; we must not allow the vibrancy and community spirit of the Parish to be destroyed by SEMK; we must find a way of working in harmony with SEMK to the benefit of both Milton Keynes and Wavendon/Woburn Sands.

The process of moving towards the Adoption of the SPD (Masterplan for SEMK) by MK Council will progress through the remainder of 2021. Much more at <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/south-east-milton-keynes-strategic-urban-extension>

## East West Rail - EWR



If SEMK were not enough, we have also been presented with a series of proposals by East West Rail in connection with its latest plans to operate train services from Oxford to Cambridge by 'the end of the decade'. The most significant proposal with potentially the greatest impact on our communities would be the suggestion that EWR would close the Newport Road/Station Road level crossing replacing it with a new route running from a point off Newport Road (close to the Wavendon Arms in Wavendon), crossing

the railway at Woodley's Farm and linking into Bow Brickhill Road and beyond to Hardwick Road via the allotments and Edgewick Farm! It does seem that at first glance EWR has concocted a series of proposals that greatly favour the yet unbuilt SEMK and are to the detriment of those living in both Woburn Sands and Wavendon. It is also very apparent that there has been virtually no coordination nor consultation between MK Council and EWR in advance of both sets of consultations going public.

There are many battles ahead. Much more at <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/>

## TRAFFIC & SPEEDING - 20 MPH ZONES

With the help of neighbourhood petitions and in line with residents wishes, the Parish Council has been following up a whole range of speed reduction and traffic management initiatives across the Parish. The Covid restrictions have meant many have been delayed but we will chase MK Council Highways team to implement agreed schemes as quickly as possible. Residents in the Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm South parts of the Parish have asked that a number of 20 MPH zones across the newer parts of Wavendon be considered.



## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022

On a more positive note we can look forward to the opening of the **new sports and community pavilion** off Stockwell Lane and Newport Road in the summer of 2022 and the Parish Council will be pursuing a new, updated Parish Priorities Plan for the coming years setting out the ways in which we can add to and enhance the environment in which we live. At MK Council I have been chairing a committee that looked at just how Milton Keynes can deliver on its **Climate Change Emergency responses** and I am working with residents groups in each of the communities in the Danesborough & Walton Ward (including Wavendon and Woburn Sands) examining practical ways in which we can make a difference locally.

A **new community nursery** opens in September 2021 at St Marys CoE Wavendon Primary School and we

hope to be in a position to adopt new allotments and new paly areas during the coming twelve months.

We shall finally be able to open our new extended **community facilities** on Walton Road, including our well stocked community Library and hopefully events such as the Annual Mrs Robinsons Outing will be able to proceed later in the summer.

We will of course also know more about the SEMK and East West Rail proposals – many battles ahead there I suspect and with the lifting of Covid restrictions residents and councillors will be able to hold the council to account in person rather than relying upon the unacceptable virtual meetings that we have had to ensure for the past 14 months.

## OUR SUPERB COUNCIL TEAM AND CLERK

Can I pay tribute to our superb, hard-working and dedicated Parish Clerk, Alan Kemp for his tireless efforts on behalf of us all. In addition, I would like to pay my personal thanks to the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Robert Hill for 'stepping in' where required and for his dedication to all things sport and community centre. Likewise, to the other members of the Parish Council who give of their time to serve us all – and to those Parish Councillors who have retired over the course of the past twelve months.



CLLR DAVID HOPKINS



## Reporting Issues to *Milton Keynes Council*

Issues that need to be reported to Milton Keynes Council can be done via the link noted below. This covers reporting items such as street lamps, waste and recycling, missed collections, defect on roads/potholes etc.

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-apply/report-it](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-apply/report-it)



## CALL FOR ARTICLES

**DO YOU LIVE IN THE NEW GLEBE FARM OR EAGLE FARM SOUTH PARTS OF WAVENDON?**

**Are you interested in getting more involved in community activities, sports clubs, the forthcoming allocation of new allotments or simply learning more about Wavendon and its history?**

**Do you have an article you would like to share with the rest of the Parish?**

**Then Wafas & Wallas (delivered to every door in the Parish) is the medium to get in touch with the whole community.**

Contact the editor, **David Hopkins** with any articles or information requests at: **david.hopkins@milton-keynes.gov.uk**

or at 80 Walton Road, Wavendon, MK17 8LW

These will be included in the September edition of Wafas & Wallas.



## WOBURN SANDS COMMUNITY MARKET DATES

A Community Market is held bi-monthly on the **second Saturday** from **10:00-14:00** - February, April, June, August, October and December around the Institute and Memorial Green (\*look out for signs confirming market days during the pandemic).

This is a market for locally produced food and crafts and is run by volunteers and some Councillors.



## NEW PATIENT REGISTRATION

If you would like to access the full range of benefits associated with becoming a registered patient, please pick up a Welcome Pack at reception or download a registration form from the above **"Registering Online"** tab. We take new registrations from 12 to 6pm every day of the week including Saturday and Sunday.

*The GP Led Health Centre is open 08:00 until 20:00, 7 days a week, every day of the year including Bank Holidays.*

## THE HEALTH CENTRE AREA

At Brooklands we are able to register patients from the anywhere in Milton Keynes area. However patients living far from the surgery will not be able to request home visits nor they will receive care from our local district nurse's etc. For more information please contact the reception team.

## GUIDE TO GP SERVICES

The Royal College of General Practitioners has produced a useful guide for patients about the services they offer at GP Surgeries and how to access them. You can download the guide;

[https://www.brooklandshealthcentre.nhs.uk/help/rcgp\\_iyp\\_full\\_booklet\\_web\\_version.pdf](https://www.brooklandshealthcentre.nhs.uk/help/rcgp_iyp_full_booklet_web_version.pdf)

## ONLINE 'PRE-REGISTRATION' WITH THE PRACTICE

### PREREGISTRATION

If you wish to pre-register click on the link below to open the form. When you have completed all of the details, click on the "Send" button to mail your form to us.

When you visit the surgery for the first time you will be asked to sign the form to confirm that the details are correct. You will be registered when all documents of proof have been seen by the practice should you decide to send the completed form to us via this service. We require 2 proof of Address -any of the following are acceptable: Bank Statement, Council Tax, Telephone Bill, Mobile Phone Contract etc. also

photographic evidence by producing

## Driving License or Passport

Pre-registration Form:

[https://www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/secure/pre\\_reg1.aspx?p=Y02900](https://www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/secure/pre_reg1.aspx?p=Y02900)

When you register you will also be asked to fill out a medical questionnaire. This is because it can take a considerable time for us to receive your medical records. There is an online version of this file too, which you may fill out and send to us. When you come to the surgery you will be asked to sign this form to confirm that the details are correct. <https://www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/secure/healthq.aspx?p=Y02900&>

Note that by sending the form you will be transmitting information about yourself across the Internet and although every effort is made to keep this information secure, no guarantee can be offered in this respect.

## HELP WITH HEATING BILLS

A long-established Charity in the Wavendon/Woburn Sands/Aspley Heath area (**The Three Parishes Charity**) provides a grant towards heating bills for the less well-off, for instance those on small fixed incomes, pensioners or people living with disability.

### To qualify for a grant, applicants need to:

- have lived in Wavendon Parish, Aspley Heath or the town of Woburn Sands for at least one year;
- have an annual income which the trustees feel would qualify for a grant;
- be prepared to provide, on the application form, details of their income and any additional financial support they receive. This information will be held in confidence and not disclosed to any other party:

**Note:** If approved, the award is paid directly to the applicant's energy supplier.  
**For an application form, please write or email, before 31st July 2021 to:**

Mrs Susan Hopkins | 80 Walton Road | Wavendon | MK17 8LW  
Email – sueanne.hopkins@gmail.com

**DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE  
YOU THINK MIGHT QUALIFY?  
IF SO, WE CAN FOLLOW UP!**

**PLEASE CALL  
PETER BALLARD  
ON 01908 585855**



## From Iain Stewart MP

MILTON KEYNES SOUTH

Many residents have shared with me their concerns about the South-East Milton Keynes (SEMK) development consultation, and I would like to take this opportunity to set out my own views.



I view the SEMK Development Framework as being premature at this point in time. I am strongly of the view that this work should be paused until further notice in order to resolve significant issues that will affect any development in this area. The reasons for this are as followed:

I am concerned that SEMK will be decided before decisions are made on the Marston Vale section of East West Rail. This consultation will be running until June 2021, but outcomes are unlikely to be determined until 2022. Given that significant issues such as the location of stations, crossing points and service patterns will have a significant impact on an SEMK development, it would be better to align these two projects more closely.

The immediate area is already experiencing significant new housing developments, including in Woburn Sands and Wavendon. The impacts on local services and infrastructure have only just started and I would contend that these need to be monitored in real time before another 3,000 houses are built in the area.

Also, there may be significant permanent changes to employment patterns post-Covid; we do not yet know what the permanent mix of home and office working will be and, consequently, the effects of that on transport issues and the styles of housing and open spaces that residents might require in the future. I am not convinced that the density of development which 3,000 homes in the area suggested would deliver is going to be what is required in the future.

For all these reasons and other unstated reasons, I have strongly urged the Milton Keynes Council to pause the SEMK process and allow proper consideration of how new developments can be built in a way which can command local support.

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# IF

Milton Keynes International Festival 2021  
10-30 July

**IF: Milton Keynes International Festival has announced its dates, extended to 21 days this year from Saturday 10 to Friday 30 July.**

Having had to cancel in 2020, the Festival has been adapted for the extraordinary times we are now living through, with a longer run to give more time and space to enjoy events in the city's green spaces and parks, public squares and larger indoor spaces, as well as online.

There's a focus on free and family events, performances and art installations, pop-ups and digital work including a series of 'virtually live' concerts.

Watch out for intriguing pop-up robotic woodpeckers, a 'breathing' walk-through sculpture, a sea of silk flags made in Milton Keynes, births and deaths commemorated in a public artwork, and monumental Earth and Moon sculptures exhibited together in a UK city for the very first time.

**For more information, go to the Festival's website:** [ifmiltonkeynes.org](http://ifmiltonkeynes.org)

**Social media:**

Twitter/Facebook: @IFMKfest  
Instagram: ifmkfest  
#IFMKfest

Are you interested in becoming a **SCHOOL GOVERNOR** at St Mary's Wavendon?



We are looking to recruit two co-opted governors following the upcoming retirement of our current governors.

If you are able to commit to attending up to 8 meetings a year, and visit the school at key points in the year then please contact

**Amanda Dicks, Headteacher** on:

[admissions@stmaryswavendon.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@stmaryswavendon.milton-keynes.sch.uk)

or access MK Council website for more information:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/leadership-and-governance/information-and-support-for-school-governors>



## Thank you, MK ... for helping MK control COVID-19

A huge thank you to everyone in Milton Keynes for following hands, face, space and all other COVID-19 precautions to reduce the spread of the virus locally.

Testing and vaccinations play a big part in controlling COVID-19.

• Around one in three people who are infected with COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the disease without knowing it. Regular testing is important to help find more of these cases, so people can isolate and break the chain of transmission.

• COVID-19 vaccines provide really good levels of protection. As well as reducing cases, if vaccinated people catch the virus they are less likely to be seriously ill or die. Please come forward for vaccination when it's your turn and tell your family and friends how important it is to be vaccinated.

### HOW DO I GET MY VACCINATION?

All adults in the UK should be offered their first dose by the end of July. When your age group is called, you'll receive a text from the national booking service inviting you to make an appointment at a vaccination centre. Pictured is the team at the Saxon Court vaccination centre in Central MK.



You may also receive an invitation from your GP. These don't cancel each other out. Please choose which is most convenient for you and book either through your GP or the national booking system by visiting [nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](https://nhs.uk/covid-vaccination) or ringing 119.



Everyone in Wavendon would want to join the Parish Council in sending

**a massive  
THANK YOU**

to all the staff at Asplands Medical Centre and the army of volunteers who have helped them in the highly successful and smooth operation of the roll out of Covid 19 vaccines to all our communities.

We are blessed indeed to have such a dedicated team in charge of our health and well-being.

### HOW DO I GET TESTED?

We're offering **free rapid COVID-19 tests** to anyone over the age of 16 at Central MK Library on Silbury Boulevard. No need to book, show ID or register - just ask a member of staff.

You can also visit our Central MK Library for a free on-site test. No need to book. Results will be sent to you within around 45 minutes. The test centre is open weekdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm and stays open later on Thursdays until 7pm.

Search for other lateral flow test and collection sites at: [maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk](https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk) and <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>

Anyone with a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste shouldn't drop into a rapid test site. Instead, book a test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119.

You can find the current COVID-19 restrictions for England at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

ALL INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING

## Dear Residents

Would you like to bring your community closer together or do you have concerns about burglary, antisocial behaviour or the general environment in your street?



Through Neighbourhood Watch you can help the Police and your neighbours to strengthen your community. You can make your area a better place to live. **The scheme is free to join!**

### AIMS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

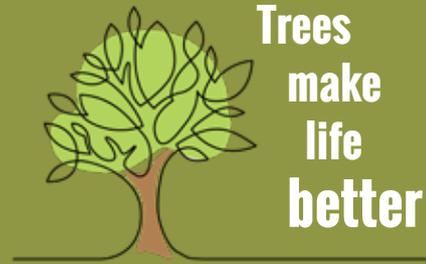
- To reduce opportunities for crime and make it more difficult for criminals to act
- To build community spirit so that neighbours can work together for everybody's benefit – to reduce the fear of crime. We encourage you to set up a Closed Group in Facebook for your members
- To report suspicious incidents in your neighbourhood to the Police and know how to report them
- To look at improving the neighbourhood, (fixing street lighting, potholes, overgrown bushes etc)

### BENEFITS

- NHW signage and stickers act as a deterrent
- Receipt of Thames Valley Alert messages informing you about burglaries and crime trends taking place in your area. These messages can also include Witness Appeals, information about/from our policing teams and Thames Valley Police press releases
- Most insurers offer a discount if you are a member of a NHW scheme
- Crime reduction and policing information given at the setup meeting including leaflets and street signs and roundel stickers for your windows.

### NEXT STEP

- Each scheme has a coordinator who acts as the key contact point for the scheme. They liaise with the police, scheme members
- The first step is to speak to your neighbours and find out if they are also interested.
- Not everyone in a street or Neighbourhood needs to join a scheme for it to work. It will work as long as there are enough residents to keep an eye out for each other's properties and to liaise with the police
- Check there is not a scheme already set up in your area by going onto the National Neighbourhood Watch website [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) and check your postcode.
- Contact MK Neighbourhood Watch Association - [enquiries@mknhwa.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@mknhwa.org.uk)



**Every minute, 36 football fields worth of trees are lost to deforestation ...**

**Habitat loss is the main threat to 85% of endangered species ...**

**The world is on course for a 3.7 - 4.8 degree C temperature rise by 2100 ...**

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our climate is in crisis, and we can see the damage all around us. Campaigners like Sir David Attenborough and activist Greta Thunberg have brought climate change to international attention and reminded us that as individuals and organisations we must act now to protect all our futures.

Trees make life better for all of us – for people, for wildlife and for the planet. They help to cool and clean our air, lock up carbon, reduce flooding, provide sustainable raw materials, and are our best hope in combatting climate change.

We have already planted over 2 million trees across the Marston Vale area, and plan to plant 5 million more to provide a local solution to the global climate emergency.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**Act NOW –** [marstonvale.org/make-a-difference](http://marstonvale.org/make-a-difference)  
**donate at:**

**Marstonvale.org**

**Mrs Robinson's  
Outing:**

Please note that every effort is being made to organise this year's outing on **Tuesday 14 September 2021**

(for residents over the age of 60 and living in the Ancient Parish of Wavendon), visiting Stratford-upon-Avon with meal included.

A quotation has been obtained for the coach and as current health emergency lockdown conditions are fully relaxed, arrangements will be sought for a suitable venue for the community meal.

For qualifying residents this is a **free outing** that takes place every year because of the generous bequest made in 1965 to the Parish Council by Mrs E L Robinson (a former resident). However, should you wish to bring a friend with you there will be a charge of £10.00 per guest.

For details and to reserve a place please contact the Parish Clerk on **01509 844241** or via email – [clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk)

## Welcome back to the MK Gallery

MK Gallery reopened its galleries, cinema, and café on Tuesday 18 May. As we all look to reconnect with each other, the gallery has much to offer in the coming months. For families, there are fun and creative activities related to the eye-popping exhibition, Memphis: Plastic Field.

**Film-goers** can relax with family films, popular blockbusters, and the best of independent cinema alongside live streaming of theatre, dance and opera from around the world.

Or pop into the **Gallery's café**. Join us for lunch, a pot of tea and a sticky bun, or maybe a glass of something cooler. There's a new menu, new pricing and plenty of space inside and outside.

**'We can't wait to welcome regular and new visitors to the gallery,'** Anthony Spira, the gallery director, said. 'It's been such a difficult time and I'm hoping that people can enjoy themselves in this creative space. The colourful and fun Memphis exhibition is just the tonic to lift our spirits.'

We've all had to rethink our plans during the lockdowns. If you're one of those couples whose **wedding plans** have been knocked sideways, how about saying 'I do' in the gallery's impressive Sky Room, overlooking the lush green of Campbell Park? Our in-house chef can take care of your catering needs, while your guests admire the venue. Or maybe you need a conference venue or team building event? Check out the rooms at the gallery – they are bright, spacious and fully serviced by welcoming staff. The gallery has taken all the precautions to ensure visitors' safety. This includes an online booking system for exhibitions and the cinema; limited capacity and social distancing measures throughout.

**The doors opened on 18 May, why not step inside and see what's in it for you?**

**Memphis:** Plastic Field until 12 September 2021  
**Laura Knight,** A Panoramic View 9 Oct – 20 Feb 2022  
**Ingrid Pollard,** 11 March – 29 May 2022  
**Vivian Maier,** 11 June – 25 September 2022

For more information about what's on go to  
[www.mkgallery.org](http://www.mkgallery.org)

Follow Instagram, Twitter, Facebook.  
Email [info@mkgallery.org](mailto:info@mkgallery.org)

Telephone **01908 676 900**  
900 Midsummer Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 3QA  
Open Tuesday – Sunday



## Dear Residents

**Welcome to Milton Keynes, your local Police force is Thames Valley Police and the Police Station is located at 302 North Row, Witan Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 2DS.**

**To contact Thames Valley Police please call.**

**101** for non-emergency enquiries,

**999** only call if

- A serious offence is in progress or has just been committed
- Someone is in immediate danger or harm
- Property is in danger of being damaged
- A serious disruption to the public is likely.

You can also report a crime online by going to **www.thamesvalley.police.uk** and click the link, to report a crime.

### Thames Valley Alert – Free Messaging Service

Thames Valley Police are committed to involving the community in the policing of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes. We believe that by improving the flow of information between the community and its police we can all make a greater impact in the prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour.

This site provides an invitation for you to participate in the exchange of information with Thames Valley Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other community groups. As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also learn about those in your community subject of anti-social behaviour orders, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area.

It is free to register to become a registered recipient of messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work by email, text or telephone.

Register online at **www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk**

You can also follow Thames Valley Police Milton Keynes on the following social media apps

Facebook	-	TVP Milton Keynes
Twitter	-	@tvp_mk
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# The Joys And Hazards Of The Great Outdoors

As summer approaches and we keep our fingers crossed for some good weather, many people will be hoping to make the most of the great outdoors.

Whether you are camping, exploring or having a barbecue, Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service has put together some top tips to help make sure you have a safe and enjoyable time.

Community safety manager Joanne Cook said: "It's natural to want to go outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather with family and friends.

Many people wait to get the barbecue lit, and we all know how tempting it can be to give stubborn coals a helping hand - but please be patient and make sure you use the right tools for the job.

Never use petrol or other flammable liquids to get the barbecue going. Prepare well in advance and light the charcoal early.

"And if you've planned a barbecue and the weather lets you down, don't take the barbecue indoors or into a tent. Nationally, in recent years, a number of people have sadly succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning as a result, so we are urging everyone to stay safe this summer."

## Joanne's other top BARBECUE tips are:



- Never leave a lit barbecue unattended.
- Follow the safety instructions provided with disposable barbecues.
- Never use a barbecue indoors.
- Make sure your barbecue is well away from sheds, fences, trees, shrubs or garden waste.
- Keep children, pets and garden games away from the cooking area.
- After cooking, make sure the barbecue is cool before moving it.
- Use enough charcoal to cover the base of the barbecue, but not more.
- Empty ashes on to bare garden soil, not into dustbins or wheelie bins. If they're hot, they can melt the plastic and cause a fire.
- Enjoy yourself, but don't drink too much alcohol if you are in charge of the barbecue.
- Always keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies.



Never throw cigarette ends out of car windows - they could start a fire and ruin the surrounding countryside.	Avoid open fires in the countryside, and don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands - they can catch the sunlight and start a fire.	Don't smoke or use candles inside a tent. Don't take a barbecue into your tent - the carbon monoxide could kill you.	Make sure your barbecue is away from trees, shrubs, sheds, fences or garden waste. Never leave it unattended.
Never use a barbecue indoors. Empty the ashes on to bare garden soil, not into dustbins or wheelie bins.	Never store gas cylinders under the stairs. If there is a fire, they might explode and block your escape route.	Store gas cylinders outside, away from direct sunlight and frost. Change them outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.	Turn off gas canisters when not in use. Make sure all joints are tightened, safe and secure.



## CAMPING:



- Allow at least six metres between tents and caravans and ensure they are away from parked cars to reduce the risk of fire spreading.
- Don't smoke inside tents.
- Never use candles in or near a tent - torches are safer.
- Keep cooking appliances away from the tent walls, and never cook inside a small tent or near flammable materials or long grass.
- Make sure you know how to escape by cutting your way out of the tent if there's a fire.
- Make sure everyone knows how to put out clothing that's on fire - **STOP, DROP AND ROLL.**



### OPEN FIRES:



#### IF YOU MUST HAVE AN OPEN FIRE OUTDOORS:

- It should be downwind, at least 10m from the tent.
- Clear dry vegetation, such as leaves and twigs and form a circle of earth around the fire.
- Build a stack that will collapse inwards while burning.
- Do not leave fires unattended.
- Make sure that fires are fully extinguished after use.
- Make sure you have the land-owner's permission.



### CARAVANS:



- Fit and test a smoke alarm in your caravan.
- Take special care when cooking - don't leave pans unattended.
- Turn off all appliances before you go out or to bed.
- Make sure ashtrays are made of a material that can't burn or and position them securely so they can't topple over - never smoke in bed.
- Don't dry clothes over the stove.
- Remove any litter and rubbish near the caravan to reduce the risk of fire spreading.
- Make sure the caravan is ventilated, and never block air vents, to avoid a build-up of carbon monoxide.



### GENERAL OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY:



- Grass and forest fires spread rapidly, so please don't drop cigarette ends on the ground or throw them out of a car window - they could start a fire and ruin surrounding countryside.
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands as sunlight shining through glass can start a fire. Take them home or put them in a waste or recycling bin.
- If a fire should break out, call **999** and give the exact location. If necessary, give a map reference. If this is not possible, a landmark such as a farm or pub will help the emergency services locate you.
- If you discover a fire, don't be tempted to investigate. Leave the area as quickly as possible and call **999**. Do not return unless firefighters tell you it is safe to do so.

# Explore Greensand Country

As residents of Greensand Country there is a wealth of beautiful countryside for you to explore. Start your exploration by visiting the recently launched Greensand Country website [www.greensandcountry.com](http://www.greensandcountry.com), where you will find lots of new local walking, running and cycling routes. There is sure to be one for your village or town. A free interactive map will lead you on your way, it will show you lots of points of interest and is easily downloaded to your phone ready for your adventure. The walks on the website are just the start. Over the next six months we'll be widening your possibilities with more walks, cycle routes and horse riding routes to keep you finding new things to explore by visiting our website.

## WALKING

The Greensand Country Landscape Partnership has developed new walks to help you explore. The Flit Valley is a rare gem and a self-guided walk follows the River Flit through its quiet valley rich in history and wildlife. This route introduces you to some of the wonder to be found along the Flit, from peat bogs and ancient woodland to the stories told by historic buildings and archaeological finds.



You will soon be able to experience the extended and improved 40-mile-long Greensand Ridge walk with new leaflets and signage. Gateway features designed with the help of the community, will soon appear in Leighton Buzzard and in Gamlingay and mark the new beginning and end of this well-known trail.

Three new routes, the Ouzel Valley Meander, Weneslawe and Katherine Walks, will start from new housing estates, leading people from their new homes to take in the views, soak up the landscape and enjoy the physical health and mental wellbeing benefits associated with exploring the great outdoors.

These walks lead to local cafes and will help new residents explore the history, heritage and rich culture of Greensand Country.

## CYCLING

Cycling is popular in Greensand Country, where quiet lanes and ever-changing scenery make for great days out by bike. There are plenty of level stretches for leisurely



rides, as well as challenging climbs for seasoned cyclists and a network of off-road routes that remain passable year-round, thanks to the area's sandy soil.



In partnership with Sustrans and Central Bedfordshire Council, seven new circular cycling routes have been created to help you to explore more of Greensand Country by bike. Some of these are for families. The Greensand cycle ride will now extend for more than 40 miles from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay and has new signage and downloadable leaflets to help you find your way and learn about the natural and cultural heritage of the landscape.

## HORSE RIDING

Horse riding in Greensand Country is a fun way to explore the landscape and the sandy soil of Greensand Country makes it the perfect place for hacking along greenways and bridleways – many of which are dry and mud-free even in winter.



Getting out and about in Greensand Country has never been easier, with 5 new circular horse riding routes promoted by the British Horse Society and the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership for all abilities which are available from our website.

There are parking places for your horse box and places for you and your horse to stay too. Riders wishing to venture 'off the beaten track' of public bridleways can purchase a Greensand Horse Riding Pass.

## TRAIN AND BUS

If you prefer to explore via public transport rather than on foot, there is a train and bus network at your service!

Mainline train stations at Leighton Buzzard, Flitwick

and Sandy provide frequent and fast links to Greensand Country from London and the North. As well as inter-city services, the Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership (<https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/>) offers an hourly train service to the North of Greensand Country, through the beautiful countryside between Bedford and Bletchley.

Regular public and community bus services run throughout Greensand Country, including Door to Door (<https://bedsrcc.org.uk/what-we-do/community-transport/road/door-to-door/>), Wheels in Motion and Greensand Country Transport (<https://bedsrcc.org.uk/what-we-do/community-transport/road/greensand-country-community-transport/>).

### BE INSPIRED

Greensand Country is a great place to get outdoors and discover some fascinating history and amazing views.

Plan a great day out that everybody can enjoy, with idyllic villages to explore, home cooked food to eat, adventures to be had, unique handmade crafts to buy and history to discover.

From stately homes to farm shops, and from lakeside views to mountain biking – **Greensand Country can offer it all.**



## HAVE YOUR SAY

**Inspiring Futures through Learning is planning to open a brand new all-through school (from nursery to year 11) at Glebe Farm, Wavendon in September 2022**



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**Consultation dates  
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# Welcome!



We are pleased to invite you to join us **in person** for Sunday 9.30 am worship. We follow current guidelines, so **please see our website for what to expect**. We continue to offer **online** services and support, open to everyone, and available at any time. Our website shows news of further re-opening; **please also check** in case of any urgent changes. **Revd Matt Trendall** is glad to answer your enquiries at **01908 582839**

## Watch at any time

**crafty church for kids** New activities recorded fortnightly  
**daily inspiration** A nugget of hope to uplift you every day  
**worship** Our weekly 30-minute service, recorded for you to watch...  
Log on at 9.30am Sunday for a collective experience - or at any time.

**Links available at any time through our website:**

**<https://www.stmaryswavendon.co.uk>**

## Join a group by live link (Zoom call)

**weekly: adult bible study - youth (15+) - children's (5-8, 9-14)**  
**monthly: quiz night** 7.30pm on 3rd Tuesday of every month  
Fun for all ages. Join a team (6) on the night or make up your own

**For more info on any of these activities, email Revd Matt:**

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**Prayerchain** For confidential support in prayer, whether urgent or ongoing, you can reach this dedicated group by emailing us at any time: **[prayerchain.wavendon@gmail.com](mailto:prayerchain.wavendon@gmail.com)**

Would you be interested in getting together over a virtual cup of coffee? We'd like to offer you the chance to keep in contact with others, especially if you're new to the area or are otherwise finding it hard to get to know people/stay in touch. We'd love to hear from you!

**Please email Alise [alisetrendall@gmail.com](mailto:alisetrendall@gmail.com) if you're interested**

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