

# Northby NorthEast



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*many hands ...*



*make light work*



*...community spirit*



*improving ...*

*Your environment*



*... sharing is caring*



*Volunteering...*

*gets things done*



*join in...*



*it can be fun!*

**Your pull-out and keep Summer of Fun guide is inside!**

BLAKELANDS	BOLBECK PARK	CONNIBURROW	DOWNHEAD PARK
DOWNS BARN	GIFFARD PARK	GREAT LINFORD	NEATH HILL
PENNYLAND	REDHOUSE PARK	TONGWELL	WILLEN PARK

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# summer 2017

## comment

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 8th May. This was supported by residents, Parish Councillors and Police.

The main theme was the changing face of the Parish Council and how over the last seven years the expenditure has changed as the Council has taken on more responsibilities. Looking forward we know there are more changes to come.

As mentioned in previous issues we know government cuts are impacting on the services that Milton Keynes Council can deliver. We are in a phase where they are asking how can we do things differently and what the parish council could take on. We are in turn asking residents what you think is essential, what you value and how would you like to see services continued?

This is the start of a challenging process, a time to reflect on what we really need to do and what we should prioritise? With limited resources and definite requirements like social care, highways and education, we have some tough decisions to make.

Residents asked many thought provoking questions and put forward clear indications of their concerns and priorities. One resident, Ian Halmonroyd, wrote a thought provoking piece on the social media platform Nextdoor. A piece that summarises some of the positive actions we can all do to help improve our environment. Turn to page 12 to read it.



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# IDLE WOMEN Float through the City

**2017** marks the 75th anniversary of The Idle Women, the nickname for the women who crewed working boats during WWII.

A double bill of theatre, poetry and music, performed by former Worcestershire poet laureate Heather Wastie and performer Kate Saffin, tell the stories of the young women who took on the challenge to manage a pair of boats and 55 tons of cargo. Performed at the local Lionhearts Cruising Club on Nicholas Mead on Saturday 13th July, local resident Nancy Warner enjoyed the production and commented; "In a perfect setting where we were aware of narrowboats passing in the background, Kate and Heather skilfully drew us into the lives of the far-from-idle women who worked on



the canals during the war. Less well known than the story of the Land Girls, it is important that their story should be recognised, and not before time."

Idle Women started as an audio piece (commissioned by the Canal & River Trust) based on the wartime memories of three women. During WWII the inland waterways were far more frequently utilised as boats became a popular means of moving cargo. However, whilst there were plenty of boats, there weren't enough good crews. The Women's Training Scheme began teaching young women the basics of boating over two three-week round trips.

These women then did their best to replace the men who had been called up. On completion of their training they received their national service badge imprinted with the letters IW - Inland Waterways. At some point, someone quipped that the IW stood for Idle Women and they have been known as such ever since.

Great Linford Parish Council supported the Sunday matinee with a small community grant of £250. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all ages, local residents Karen and Philip said; "We felt well looked after and were impressed with the clubs excellent organisation from the car parking to the catering to the marquee and seating. The performance was, of course, delightful and accomplished and we much enjoyed it but the setting and being looked after was also part of the experience."



Lionhearts Cruising Club will be 50 years old next year. Located at Nicholas Mead in Great Linford, The Club played host to the

touring production of Idle Women of the Waterways in the idyllic setting next to the Grand Union Canal.

Lionhearts Cruising Club would like to thank Great Linford Parish Council for funding towards the Sunday afternoon show. The Club is pleased to be part of the local community and will be planning other events in the future that they hope everyone will enjoy.

The Club is always on the lookout for new members who are willing to take an active part in The Club. Facilities include moorings for 40 boats, a slipway, paint dock facilities, and a small clubhouse. They provide excellent moorings (for craft up to 38') and places do become available from time to time.

Further information can be found on their website [www.lionheartscruisingclub.co.uk](http://www.lionheartscruisingclub.co.uk)

TOP LEFT AND FAR LEFT:  
Photos by Heather Wastie/Kate Saffin.  
TOP RIGHT: Photo by Lynda Holgate.

# Q&A

with Great Linford Parish Council Enforcement Officer David Barnes

The widespread problem of dog fouling and littering in the Parish is now being tackled by an innovative enforcement project.

It is primarily to educate the public to be more responsible and is not a money making scheme. Fines will only be issued where people refuse to cooperate. If it continues to be successful the scheme could possibly be expanded with other parishes becoming partners in creating a full-time role.

We caught up with David to find out more about his work.

**Q** Can you tell us a bit about your role as enforcement officer?

*My role as enforcement officer for the Parish is to help educate the public about the nuisance of dog fouling and littering and to report incidences of fly tipping to Milton Keynes Council (MKC). I work with Simon, the parish ranger, to assess 'hotspots' and highlight areas of concern. I am able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for any contraventions.*

**Q** What does a typical day look like for you?

*There isn't really a typical day. I move around the Parish a lot, responding to calls into the office and checking out problem areas. We spray circles round dog mess to highlight to people where it's happening. We've had people asking us why we do that and when we explain that part of our role is to educate the public they understand and start to realise what an unpleasant nuisance it is. I've seen people change their minds and become much more responsible just from talking to them about it. We also try to tackle the issue of people littering. Cigarette butts is a big issue in many areas. Often people just don't think about it but when it's pointed out to them they will find an appropriate bin and dispose of it that way.*

**Q** What's your favourite beauty spot in the Parish?

*I love the canal, particularly around Bolbeck Park. It's great to be out walking early in the morning and later in the evening, chatting to residents and getting to know people. We are lucky to have so much green space in the Parish.*

**Q** Do you work in partnership with other organisations?

*I work closely with MKC as they look after the legal side of enforcement. They also support us with checking people's details via their databases etc. I've worked quite closely with local schools who often experience a littering problem particularly around the school gates. They appreciate knowing I'm around and can help out. I've noticed a big improvement with the schools in Great Linford. I also work closely with our parish ranger, helping out on clean up days which is a great way to really blitz areas.*

**Q** What's the most challenging aspect of your role?

*Most people are understanding when confronted about their dog fouling or littering but one or two have been aggressive. It's challenging to see how disrespectful a minority of people are towards the environment but we are making a difference and most people do care so that keeps me going.*

**Q** How successful has the project been so far?

*The project has met its aims so far and achieved positive outcomes in a number of areas. In one, incidences of dog fouling have been reduced from 148 in 3 months to 33. I think this shows what a good deterrent enforcement can be. I've now been contracted to March 2018 so it's great I'll be able to continue making a difference.*

**Q** How can people contact you?

*People can either call into the Parish Council office or call me on 07909 520793. It's great when people say hello when I'm out patrolling too!*

## Many Hands Make Light Work



The Parish Council was recently lucky to receive support from Fossil UK employees who came out for a week of volunteering with Parish Ranger Simon Bates.

Ruth Panther commented, "As a Parish Council we rely on community minded people to help maintain the environment. Their presence on the estates helps to provide a sense of security and drives away anti-social behaviour. As a volunteer new skills can be learnt, stress reduced, new friends found and mental and physical health improved."

Fossil employees enjoyed the week, feeding back that; "Simon was a great host, he really looked after us and was super friendly, taking time to explain why we were doing the things we were doing and giving us other interesting information about his job."

If your company is interested in volunteering in the Parish, please get in touch with GLPC via [office@great-linford.gov.uk](mailto:office@great-linford.gov.uk)

ABOVE & BELOW: Fossil employees get ready for action in Downs Barn, Giffard Park and Conniburrow. Photos by Simon Bates.



# ANYONE for Tennis?

The Great Linford Tennis Club (GLTC) is a club that caters for the active and also the more social and informal tennis players.

GLTC have won Division 6 of the mixed Medley held over the winter to add to their trophies from last summer of league 2 Bucks. Mens Knock Out Cup, winners of Division 1, with the C team top in Division 6. The mixed A team ended up top in Division 2. They also have 3 ladies teams.

Individuals enjoy their tennis game on club nights on Wednesdays and Thursdays, where all standards of player turn up between 7 – 8 pm and play a few sets of tennis in a relaxed atmosphere. The singles league gives the opportunity for the more competitive players to meet new opponents.

Every Sunday, GLTC have a well supported junior coaching team where word of mouth rather than advertising encourages juniors who want to come to the pay & play sessions. Other



ABOVE: GLTC, Winners of the mixed Medley. Photo by Steve Knight.

tennis courses for juniors are on a Wednesday afternoon and adult courses are run on a Monday evening. Tennis Tuesdays and Friday mornings cater for ladies only coaching.

Junior membership is just £13 for a whole year and seniors pay £31. There are also a number of fun competitions held throughout the year, and the opportunity to obtain Wimbledon Grand Slam tickets.

Visit [greatlinfordtennisclub.co.uk](http://greatlinfordtennisclub.co.uk)

## GRANT helps make trek possible

A recent grant made by Great Linford Parish Council to Great Linford Scouts will be used to purchase specialist equipment for Duke of Edinburgh expeditions that some young people would otherwise not be able to afford.

Matthew Evans, one of the young people looking forward to his Silver expedition later this year, explained how, "the expeditions are a fantastic experience, you get a qualification which is great for your CV. It's a good team building experience."

The group is planning the first practice expeditions of this year to take place either from Buckingham to Great Linford or the Windmill to Great Brickhill.

If you're interested in getting involved contact [joinus@greatlinfordscouts](mailto:joinus@greatlinfordscouts).



If your group would like to apply for a grant visit [www.great-linford.gov.uk](http://www.great-linford.gov.uk) or email [receptionist@great-linford.gov.uk](mailto:receptionist@great-linford.gov.uk)

### Grants made by GLPC in 2016/17

	£
The Food Bank	400.00
Carers MK	400.00
MK Food Fest	667.00
Friends of Linford Lakes	250.00
Cleanslate FC	400.00
Global Outreach Foundation	1,000.00
On the Verge CIC	450.00
Gt Linford Scouts	383.00
Lionhearts Cruising Club	250.00
CleanSlate FC	400.00

# “This is a HORRIBLE DEVELOPMENT!”

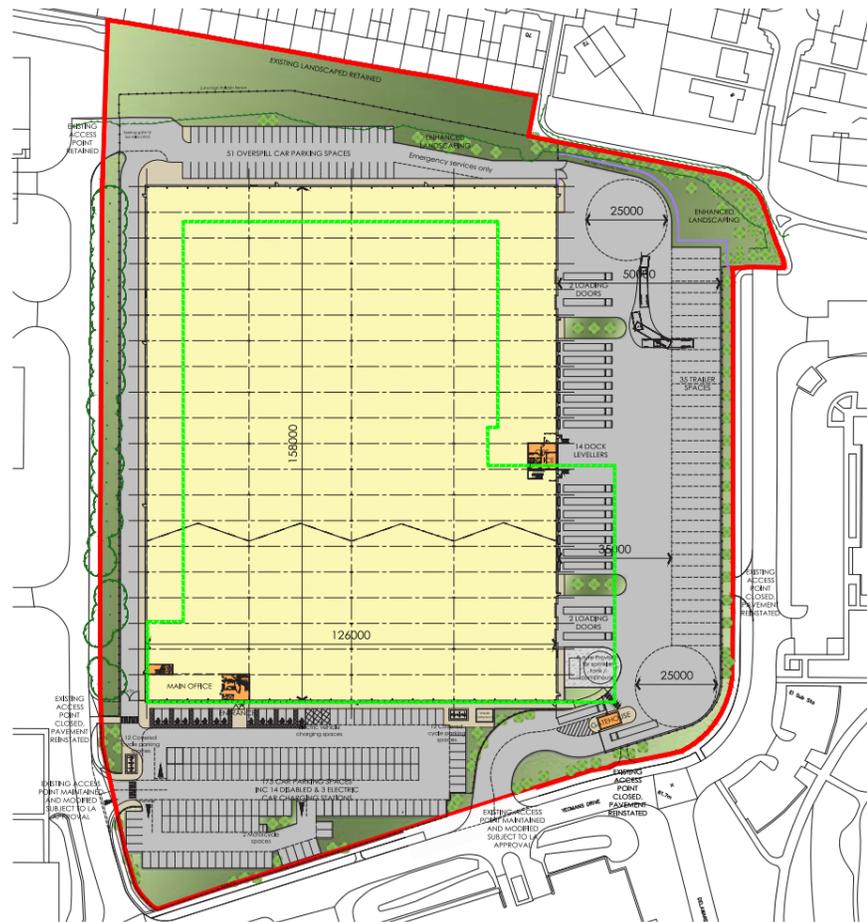
Blakelands Residents Association was formed to represent those fighting the new warehouse proposal on the site of the old John Lewis yard at Blakelands. This is a massive Magna Park-size warehouse at 18.4 metres high, and completely out of scale with anything locally. There is no local precedent for a development of this size, scale, and proposed use, a point even conceded by the developer.

It is located immediately adjacent to, and due south of, the bungalows in Bessemer Court, and is three times their height. It will impact local residents in a devastating way, leading to loss of sunlight and an increase in noise, pollution and traffic. We have spent many collective hours detailing this in reports and written representations, as well as speaking at the Development Control Meeting.

And yet we failed. The chair of the Development Control Meeting summed up by saying “This is a horrible development, and I wouldn’t want to live by it”, yet he moved to approve, and the planning was granted.

Such a potential loss of amenity is recognised in adopted policies of the Local Development Plan. This document is owned by Great Linford Parish Council on behalf of all parishioners, and is intended to represent localism, local democracy and our say in our local environment. Yet it seems to have had no influence, and local plans are apparently not considered over standard planning policies.

What then is the relevance of the Neighbourhood Development Plan? What is the point of the Localism Act of 2011? This is something for us all to contemplate, especially perhaps those serving on Parish Councils across England.



ABOVE: Plan by Fletcher Rae Architects.

In the meantime, we will continue to do everything in our power to oppose this development, and represent the interests of our community - including a number of elderly and vulnerable people, many of whom have been left

frightened and bewildered. If you feel strongly about this precedent, or if you think you might be able to lend some support, please email us at [blakelandsresidents@outlook.com](mailto:blakelandsresidents@outlook.com)

# Summer 2017 of Fun

## Something to do Every Day!



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## summer of fun events activities

activities will be held at different schools each week, except special activities **SA** – see activities timetable for details

### WEEK 1 WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 24 JULY

**Downs Barn Primary School**  
Downs Barn Boulevard MK14 7NA

### WEEK 2 WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 31 JULY

**Great Linford Primary School**  
St Leger Drive MK14 5BL

### WEEK 3 WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 7 AUGUST

**Downs Barn Primary School**  
Downs Barn Boulevard MK14 7NA

### WEEK 4 WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 14 AUGUST

**Great Linford Primary School**  
St Leger Drive MK14 5BL

### WEEK 5 WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 21 AUGUST

**Downs Barn Primary School**  
Downs Barn Boulevard MK14 7NA

### DRIVING 14-17 Years Mon SA

Kathleen's School of Motoring will teach you the basics of driving and road safety in a safe off – road environment.

**Dress code:** comfortable clothes, trainers/ shoes. No flip-flops or backless shoes.

*Mondays 10am – 12pm*  
Three students per car, per hour.

**Cost:** £5 per hour session

## Entry by ticket only\*

\*unless otherwise stated

### Purchase tickets from the Parish Office;

Mondays & Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.....9am - 4pm  
Wednesdays .....9am - 12pm  
Tuesday 11 & Thursday 13 July.....6pm - 8pm  
Tuesday 18 & Thursday 20 July.....6pm - 8pm

### NINJA WARRIOR TRAINING 7+ Years NEW EVENT Mon

**Paramount Parkour Academy's** very own Ninja from ITV's Ninja Warrior fame will teach you how to be a Ninja Warrior. Using Parkour skills and sheer strength to overcome obstacles in a safe environment. Expect lots of vaulting, rolling, stealth, balance drills and games.

**Dress code:** loose clothing – clean trainers or soft-soled shoes.

*Mondays 9am – 11am*

### DRAWING Family event Mon

The Drawing Machine – professional artist Sarah Watts will help you learn to draw confidently on your own whilst having fun doing it. Any ability welcome, Sarah will make you realise your drawing potential! If you have art materials you would like to use or an unfinished project at home, bring them along – one to one guidance will be provided.

**Dress code:** comfortable clothing.

*Mondays 12.30pm – 2pm*

### JUGGLING & CIRCUS SKILLS Family event Mon

The Great Gappo will bring you laughter and fun as you learn circus skills; from plate spinning to juggling, diabolos and much, much more.

**Dress code:** loose clothing – trainers or soft-soled shoes.

*Mondays 11.15am – 12.15pm*

*Mondays 2pm – 4pm*

### SELF DEFENCE Family event Mon

Kombat Principle – learn the fundamental principles of armed and unarmed combat. A realistic self – protection syllabus that covers techniques from Thai Kick Boxing, Filipino Kali Stick fighting, weapon management and situation management. Learn new and exciting skills which will aid confidence and personal safety in an increasingly challenging environment.

**Dress code:** comfortable sportswear.

*Mondays 6pm – 7.30pm*

### BIKEABILITY 9-12 Years FREE 3 days Tue-Thur

Bikeability is the National Standard for cycle training giving trainees real cycling experience on local estate roads, equipping them with the skills and confidence to deal with traffic on short local journeys. Trainees should be able to ride and have access to a bicycle.

**Dress code:** clothes suitable for cycling in, waterproof coat. Enclosed shoes, preferably trainers. Cycling helmet. Elbow/ knee pads/ gloves optional.

**FREE! Booking required.**

*Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am – 12pm.*

Trainees must complete all three consecutive days to obtain Level 2 qualification.

The course will only take place if all the spaces are filled.

### RESIDENTS booking opens Monday 10 July

### NON-RESIDENTS booking opens Monday 17 July

### CLAY MODELLING Family event Tues

Andrew Macdermott local potter will be on hand to help you create your own unique pieces of pottery. Over a five – week period you will learn the techniques and see your pottery creation turn from a piece of wet clay into a fully fired and glazed creation! At least 3 sessions required to create a glazed creation.

**Dress code:** old clothes, they will get clay on them.

*Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am*

### LASER TAG 8-14 Years Tues

Special Ops – the alternative to paint ball, without the mess and sting. It's totally harmless, with no shortage of Ammo either! Play at being soldiers and enjoy games such as 'Capture the Flag' and 'Hostage Rescue'.

**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothes (they may get dirty) to suit the weather – trainers or sturdy shoes. Please bring a drink & packed lunch.

*Tuesdays 10am – 3pm*

**Cost:** £9 per 5 hour session

### DR BIKE Family event Tues

Cycle Saviours – free safety checks and minor repairs to all cyclists.

**Dress code:** old clothes, bikes get messy!

*Tuesdays 2pm – 4pm*

### MILTON KEYNES PLAY ASSOCIATION Family event FREE Tues

All sessions are open – access, children remain the responsibility of parents at all times. MKPA – this year gets messy, wet sponge throwing at homemade targets, foot & handprint artwork, crafts. Back to old fashioned play – use

your imagination to build something from what's around you. Go WILD! Do not expect the usual MKPA session. There will be one session with inflatables.

**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothing to suit the weather with shoes for running around in. Arts & crafts activities will involve paint and other messy materials.

**FREE! No booking required.**

*Tuesdays 2pm – 4pm*

### RUGBY 7+ Years FREE Tues

GET SET for Legacy (through MK Dons Sport and Education Trust) bring TAG Rugby sessions for you to get involved in rugby and develop new skills. Whether it is running to score a try or kicking the winning penalty, this is a great way to get involved in rugby! Open for all abilities to develop new skills, whether it is running to score a try or kicking the winning penalty.

**Dress code:** Suitable sports clothing and shoes. Bring a drink.

**FREE! No booking required.**

*Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm*

### HOOPFIT 18+ Years Tues

Extress Fitness-Hoopfit is fitness with a twist. Using a weighted hoop, learn how to spin your hoop with the correct technique to sculpt, tone and strengthen your body. Lean to dance, skip and play a game all whilst hooping, the possibilities are endless.

Please note this activity is not suitable if you have back problems or are pregnant. Bring a drink of water.

**Dress code:** clothes suitable for hula hooping! Wear Trainers.

*Tuesdays 6pm – 6.45pm*

### ZUMBA Family event Weds

Zumba for the whole family – an easy to follow version of zumba which really gets everyone moving!

**Dress code:** clothes suitable for sport. Plimsolls/ trainers essential.

*Wednesdays 9.30am – 10.30am (not 26 July)*

### SURVIVAL SKILLS 8-14 Years Weds

Special Ops Sgt Mack – MK's very own Bear Grylls will help you develop professional survival skills, problem – solving techniques and team building skills when learning how to build an all – weather shelter, start a fire safely and find wild food. Discover the importance of a positive outlook, self – confidence and responsibility.

**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothes (they may get dirty) to suit the weather – trainers or sturdy shoes. Please bring a drink & packed lunch.

*Wednesdays 10am – 3pm*

**Cost:** £9 per 5 hour session

### MAKE, HUNT & DIP! Family event NEW EVENT Weds SA

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Pond dipping, grasshopper hunting and making a place for wildlife. Three different activities taking an hour over each, plus time for lunch (bring a picnic but homemade cakes & refreshments on sale too).

**Dress code:** clothes suitable for the weather and messy play.

*Wednesday 26 July only 10.30am – 2pm*

### ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL ACTIVITIES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

### COOKERY 6+ Years Weds

Smart Raspberry will teach you how to cook healthy, nutritious food from scratch, enabling you to experiment with different ingredients and learn a valuable life skill.

**Dress code:** bring a container and an apron!

*Wednesday 10.45am – 11.45am*

**Cost:** £3.60 per 1 hour session

### DANCE Family event Weds

CentreStage Theatre School MK – fun & friendly jazzy dance classes. Ever wanted to dance in the West End or be a backing dancer for your favourite pop start? This is how you get started! Warm – up, stretch and learn a different dance routine each week. All abilities welcome!

**Dress code:** loose clothing – jazz or soft soled shoes or trainers. No flip-flops or sandals.

*Wednesdays 2pm – 3pm (not 26 July)*

### BALLET Family event Weds

CentreStage Theatre School MK – for all budding ballet dancers, big and small. No previous knowledge required. Come along, stay calm and ballet on!

**Dress code:** loose, comfortable clothing, ballet or jazz shoes or bare feet. (Tutu optional!)

*Wednesdays (not 26 July) 3.15pm – 4.15pm*

### ADULT GUITAR 18+ Years Weds

Learn Guitar MK professional musicians will teach you your first chords or help you progress at the level you are at, learning to play with other musicians to help you become the best guitarist you can be.

**Dress code:** comfortable clothes. You will need a guitar.

*Wednesdays 6 – 8pm*

### SAUSAGE MAKING 7-14 Years Weds SA

Coldsmoking – Sausage making is a hands-on activity using fresh ingredients in a fun and educational way. The session starts by learning the basics of what makes a great sausage. Then measuring the seasoning blends and mixing the ingredients. Then comes the hands-on stuff of sausage making! You get to sample the sausage mix to check it tastes great before actually making the sausages. There will also be a demonstration on how to link sausages like they do in the butcher's shop. You will end the day by taking home the sausages for tea!

**Dress code:** Casual, apron provided.

*Wednesdays 26 July only, 1.30pm – 3.30pm*

### ROLLER SKATING Family event Thurs

Zoom Roller Skating- roller disco with DJ, lights and games.

**Dress code:** comfortable clothes, helmet optional. Wrist guards and roller skates included (skate size required in advance) or bring your own.

*Thursdays 10am – 11.30am*

### RUNNING 16+ Years FREE Weds

Redway Runners – a fun introduction to running. Suitable for anyone thinking about taking up running but who hasn't yet taken the plunge. Depending on weather conditions you may want to bring a drink.

**Dress code:** comfortable sportswear, trainers.

*Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm*  
**FREE! Booking required.**

### BOW TAG ARCHERY 8+ Years Thur

OnTargett Events – Hunger Games meets dodgeball with one of the fastest growing recreational activities in the UK - Bow Tag. Players are equipped with hi-power bows and foam tipped arrows and have one goal - to tag their opponents and remove them from the game.

**Dress code:** Outdoor activity clothes. Safety equipment provided.

*Thursdays 6.30pm – 8.30pm*

### KAYAKING 8-16 Years NEW EVENT Thurs SA

Special Ops – imagine the Grand Union Canal is the Amazon, you the adventurer navigating alligator infested waters. Now take out the mosquitos and the risk element and you've got the perfect day out, paddling for a couple of hours, finding a suitable spot for lunch before coming back.

**Dress code:** dress for outdoor activity, appropriate for the weather conditions on the day. Waterproof trousers recommended. Life jackets supplied.

*Thursdays 9am – 3pm*

**Cost:** £10 per 6 hour session

### ROLLER SKATING Family event Thurs

Zoom Roller Skating- roller disco with DJ, lights and games. Great exercise and fun for the whole family

**Dress code:** comfortable clothes, helmet optional. Wrist guards and roller skates included (skate size required in advance) or bring your own.

*Thursdays 10am – 11.30am*

### UKULELE 8+ Years NEW EVENT Thurs

Ukulele – it's quick and easy to learn, you'll be strumming away in no time. No experience required, no music talented asked for, no music reading skills requested. Just you and your fingers. Ukuleles provided - or bring your own.

**Dress code:** casual, comfortable clothing.

*Thursdays 1pm – 3pm*

### FOOTBALL 8-12 Years NEW EVENT Thurs

Premier Sport – learn new skills and work as a team, it's not all about scoring goals! And great fun too.

**Dress code:** sports clothes, trainers.

*Thursdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm*

### DODGEBALL 8-12 Years Thurs SA

Premier Sport – fast moving game that keeps you on the toes, dodging balls, catching balls, chasing balls, you can't stand still! A sport for the energetic, that encourages teamwork and develops skills.

**Dress code:** sports clothes, trainers.

*Thursdays 4.15pm – 5.15pm*

### SEWING Family event Thurs

Jackie Spalding brings her creative skills to teach you how to sew. Make felt teddy bears, pictures (using felt, ribbon, beads and buttons) and embroidery.

**Dress code:** whatever you like!

*Fridays 2pm – 4pm*

### MAD SCIENCE 5-11 Years NEW EVENT Fri

Mad Science – fun-filled camp day including Slime, Watts – Up, Walloping Weather, Science of Toys, Planets & Moons, Living in Space, Lights – Colour – Action, Optical Illusions, Kitchen Chemistry and Harnessing Heat. The selection of activities will make your head spin!!!

**Dress code:** casual, comfortable clothing.

*Fridays 9.30am – 12pm*

### MOTORCYCLE RIDING 14-17 Years NEW EVENT Fri SA

90-One Rider Education – no scooter or motorcycle riding experience necessary to try riding without any pressures, in a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere, in a safe, off – highway environment. This basic introduction to riding will give you a taste of what motorcycle or scooter riding is all about.

**Dress code:** trainers or closed-toe shoes, long trousers. Helmets, gloves and bike supplied.

*Fridays 10am – 12pm*

**Cost:** £5 per hour sessions

### GYMNASTICS 5-10 Years NEW EVENT Fri

Premier Sport – learn a new skill, improve co-ordination, strength and confidence. You will learn balance, grace and self – control – whilst having fun!

**Dress code:** sports clothes, trainers.

*Fridays 1pm – 2pm*

### FENCING 5-10 Years NEW EVENT Fri

Premier Sport – develop good co-ordination, balance and flexibility whilst learning the skills of attacking and defending.

**Dress code:** comfortable clothes, long sleeved top.

*Fridays 2pm – 3pm*

### ARCHERY 5-10 Years NEW EVENT Fri

Premier Sport introduce you to the basics of archery, a precision sport firing arrows at targets. Equipment provided.

**Dress code:** comfortable clothes, long sleeved top.

*Fridays 3pm – 4pm*

### HOCKEY 5-10 Years NEW EVENT Fri

Premier Sport – working as a team, use a hockey stick to manoeuvre a puck into the opponent's goal. This is a fast, exciting game of team work and skill. And great fun too.

**Dress code:** sports clothes, trainers.

*Fridays 4pm – 5pm*

#### THE SMALL PRINT

Guardians will need to provide contact details and sign a disclaimer for each child taking part in any paid activity. For some events small children must be accompanied by an adult. All instructors and staff at events are fully insured and CRB checked. First Aid trained staff are on-hand at every event.

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**WEEK 1** DOWNS BARN PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>MONDAY 24 JULY</b>	
Ninja Warrior	9.00-11.00
Pilates	11.15-12.15
Drawing	12.30-2.00
Juggling	2.00-4.00
Self Defence	6.00-7.30

<b>TUESDAY 25 JULY</b>	
Pottery	9.30-11.30
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Laser Tag	10.00-3.00
MKPA	2.00-4.00
Rugby	2.00-4.00
Dr Bike	2.00-4.00
TVP Bike Marking	2.00-4.00
Powerhoops	6.00-6.45

<b>WEDNESDAY 26 JULY</b>	
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Cookery	10.45-11.45
Survival	10.00-3.00
Guitar	6.00-8.00
Running	6.00-7.00

<b>THURSDAY 27 JULY</b>	
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Rollerskating	10.00-11.30
Ukelele	1.00-3.00
Sewing	1.00-3.00
Football	3.15-4.15
Dodgeball	4.15-5.15
Bow Tag Archery	6.30-8.30

<b>FRIDAY 28 JULY</b>	
Mad Science	9.30-12.00
Motorbike Riding	10.00-12.00
Gymnastics	1.00-2.00
Fencing	2.00-3.00
Archery	3.00-4.00
Hockey	4.00-5.00

find us on facebook

**What will it cost?**

£1.80 per hour or part hour per session each adult or child eg: first hour £1.80, 1-2 hrs £3.60, 2-3 hrs £5.40, etc., unless otherwise stated.  
**Booking required for all activities** except MKPA & Rugby.  
**Special Activities:** See activity details for locations.  
 MKPA, Rugby, Running & Bikeability: Entry to these events is free.

**WEEK 2** GREAT LINFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>MONDAY 14 AUGUST</b>	
Ninja Warrior	9.00-11.00
Pilates	11.15-12.15
Drawing	12.30-2.00
Juggling	2.00-4.00
Self Defence	6.00-7.30

<b>TUESDAY 15 AUGUST</b>	
Pottery	9.30-11.30
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Laser Tag	10.00-3.00
MKPA	2.00-4.00
Rugby	2.00-4.00
Dr Bike	2.00-4.00
TVP Bike Marking	2.00-4.00
Powerhoops	6.00-6.45

<b>WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST</b>	
Zumba	9.30-10.30
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Cookery	10.45-11.45
Survival	10.00-3.00
Dance	2.00-3.00
Ballet	3.15-4.15
Guitar	6.00-8.00
Running	6.00-7.00

<b>THURSDAY 17 AUGUST</b>	
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Rollerskating	10.00-11.30
Ukelele	1.00-3.00
Sewing	1.00-3.00
Football	3.15-4.15
Dodgeball	4.15-5.15
Bow Tag Archery	6.30-8.30

<b>FRIDAY 18 AUGUST</b>	
Mad Science	9.30-12.00
Motorbike Riding	10.00-12.00
Gymnastics	1.00-2.00
Fencing	2.00-3.00
Archery	3.00-4.00
Hockey	4.00-5.00

Purchase tickets from the Parish Office: **RESIDENTS** booking opens Monday 10 July **NON-RESIDENTS** booking opens Monday 17 July



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 Great Linford House, 1 St Leger Court, Great Linford MK14 5HA  
 For further information tel **01908 606613** visit our website [www.great-linford.gov.uk](http://www.great-linford.gov.uk)

Fencing	2.00-3.00
Archery	3.00-4.00
Hockey	4.00-5.00

**WEEK 3** DOWNS BARN PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>MONDAY 21 AUGUST</b>	
Ninja Warrior	9.00-11.00
Pilates	11.15-12.15
Drawing	12.30-2.00
Juggling	2.00-4.00
Self Defence	6.00-7.30

<b>TUESDAY 22 AUGUST</b>	
Pottery	9.30-11.30
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Laser Tag	10.00-3.00
MKPA	2.00-4.00
Rugby	2.00-4.00
Dr Bike	2.00-4.00
TVP Bike Marking	2.00-4.00
Powerhoops	6.00-6.45

<b>WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST</b>	
Zumba	9.30-10.30
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Cookery	10.45-11.45
Survival	10.00-3.00
Dance	2.00-3.00
Ballet	3.15-4.15
Guitar	6.00-8.00
Running	6.00-7.00

<b>THURSDAY 24 AUGUST</b>	
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Rollerskating	10.00-11.30
Ukelele	1.00-3.00
Sewing	1.00-3.00
Football	3.15-4.15
Dodgeball	4.15-5.15
Bow Tag Archery	6.30-8.30

<b>FRIDAY 25 AUGUST</b>	
Mad Science	9.30-12.00
Motorbike Riding	10.00-12.00
Gymnastics	1.00-2.00
Fencing	2.00-3.00
Archery	3.00-4.00
Hockey	4.00-5.00

**SA** SPECIAL ACTIVIES AT OTHER LOCATIONS

<b>MONDAY 24 &amp; 31 JULY, 7 &amp; 14 AUGUST</b>	
Driving	10.00-12.00 MD

<b>FRIDAY 28 JULY, 3, 10, 17 &amp; 24 AUGUST</b>	
Motorcycle Riding	10.00-12.00 MD

<b>WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST</b>	
Make, Hunt & Dip	10.30-2.00 LL
Sausage Making	1.30-3.30 NP

<b>THURSDAY 27 JULY, 03, 10, 17, 24 AUGUST</b>	
Kayaking	9.00-3.00 GL

Key to Locations

- MD** Marsh Drive Sports Ground  
Great Linford MK14 5HH
- LL** Linford Lakes Nature Reserve  
Wolverton Road  
Great Linford MK14 5AH
- NP** North Pavilion  
Parklands, Great Linford  
MK14 5DZ
- GL** Great Linford Primary School  
St Leger Drive MK14 5BL



Revealing, Reviving and Restoring the heritage of

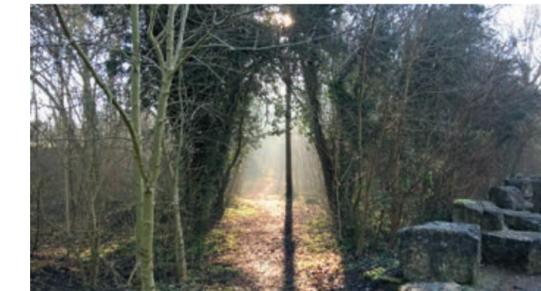
**GREAT LINFORD MANOR PARK**

The stunning 16.4 hectare Great Linford Manor Park is unique in Milton Keynes, providing a concentration of heritage features and the remnants of an 18th Century landscaped garden. Whilst these historic features remain, unfortunately overtime they have become degraded, lost or misinterpreted, and many visitors pass through the park unaware of the rich heritage that surrounds them.

Thanks to National Lottery players, The Parks Trust have secured a Parks for People grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Big Lottery Fund (BLF) for the development phase of a project to Reveal, Revive and Restore the heritage at Great Linford Manor Park.

Over the next year, they will be undertaking a programme of surveys, research and community engagement to help better

Photos courtesy of The Parks Trust.



understand the history and archaeology of the park, and develop the proposals. Once the development phase is complete the intention is to apply for a grant to implement the delivery phase which would run from 2018-2022.

Some of the suggestions for the restoration include -

- Creating new paths ensuring access for all around the heritage park
- Plant appropriate species creating a wonderful sensory and ornamental garden representing the 18th Century design
- Restoring the ornamental ponds as a centrepiece of the park
- Enhancing the park as a place for relaxing and learning and more

Your views on the proposal matter! Get involved and share your ideas during a series of fun events and talks and why not become part of a new Friends Group who will help to maintain, promote and improve the park for years to come?

Membership of this group will be a fantastic way to meet new people, get involved in the outdoors and help your local community. There will be numerous volunteering opportunities to get out in the park with others and make a difference.

To find out more and sign up to take part visit [www.theparkstrust.com/action](http://www.theparkstrust.com/action) or call Mark Purmann-Charles on 01908 233600.



# MK FOOD FEST

returns for a delicious day out

Everyone loves food and drink and it is even better when it is local.

Once again the picturesque Linford Manor Park in Great Linford will come alive with the exciting atmosphere of the local food and drink scene on Saturday 16th September from 11am to 5pm. The event is free to enter and family friendly.

With all the stallholders coming from within a 20 mile radius of the area, the festival will showcase the best of local food and drink and will bring together street food vendors, artisan producers, farmers market stallholders and chefs for a one day, one location, not-to-be-missed food and drink shopping experience.

Come along and enjoy a variety of hot food, afternoon teas, ice-cream, a diverse farmers' market, a marquee of craft food businesses, locally brewed beer and cider, chefs' demonstrations, live music and children's activities.

With Milton Keynes celebrating its 50th birthday this year, the MK FoodFest 2017 is proud to be an MK50 event. There will be an emphasis on food and drink past, present and future, with exhibits looking at the history of food and drink in the area as well as some of the latest food innovations.

Additionally, having raised £500 for the MK Food Bank last year, the not-for-profit MK Food Fest will once again be supporting the Food Bank so don't forget to bring a can or two along for the collection boxes. There will be other food-related local charities and community groups exhibiting on the day too.

[www.mkfoodfest.org](http://www.mkfoodfest.org)



## Annual Allotment Produce Show

Sunday 20th August

The annual Great Linford Allotment Association Produce Show will take place on Sunday 20th August 2017 at Great Linford Memorial Hall.

If you have an allotment perhaps you would like to take part and put some of the produce you have grown on your allotment into the show. If you don't have allotment pop in and be inspired. Come along, meet other allotment holders, chat and exchange ideas and advice.

There will be refreshments in the afternoon and timings will be posted nearer the date.

The allotments will be judged at some point before the show and trophies for best kept allotment, best new allotment, best in show overall and best baking will be awarded.

The procedure is you drop off your produce in the morning, the hall is then closed for judging, then re-opened in the afternoon to reveal the results.

To give you some idea the main sections are:

**Vegetables • Salad • Fruit and soft fruit • Preserves Baking • Flowers and Herbs • Drink • Children's Section (under 11) • Photography**

The allotment association website will have full details of the categories in each section and recipes for the baking.

[www.great-linford-allotment-association.co.uk](http://www.great-linford-allotment-association.co.uk)

Come and have a go if you have an allotment, or have a look and see what you could grow if you had one!



# REDHOUSE PARK'S own collection of lasting art

A project to kick start public art at Redhouse Park has been given a boost with the donation of sculptor Philip Pauley's Tree of Life. It is hoped that Milton Keynes Council will give permission for this to be placed on the roundabout at the Rowditch Furlong entrance off the V10. The Tree had to be moved from the Theatre District last year for the building of a hotel.

Resident of RHP Beverley Calverley asked Great Linford Parish Council if they would manage the Section 106 monies from the developer. A project board was created to oversee work to involve the local community in deciding what they would like to see for the area. The Board appointed artist and director Helen Parlor to co-ordinate the programme, drawing together ideas and advising on the commissioning of works. Helen has been immersing herself in the site and meeting residents to be able to design the overarching themes, design and curation of this project.

Beverley, Chair of the Project Board commented: "This is a wonderful opportunity for Redhouse Park residents to benefit and enjoy art. ROCLA Pipes UK headquarters was once based on the site that is now Redhouse Park so as an acronym ROCLA has become Redhouse Park's Own Collection of Lasting Art. Having seen Milton Keynes grow and the wonderful art around the city we'd like to leave that legacy here too".

If you have any ideas or suggestions for art at Redhouse Park please email [beverleycalverley@outlook.co.uk](mailto:beverleycalverley@outlook.co.uk)



ABOVE: Redhouse Park's beautiful landscaping. RIGHT: Sculptor Philip Pauley's Tree of Life. BELOW: Parkour at the recent Community Fun Day, by Helen Parlor.



why not send us your news & views?

We welcome your views. Please send your letters to:

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**EMAIL**

parish.manager@  
great-linford.gov.uk

## REPLACEMENT BOARDWALK AT WILLEN PARK

As we were going to press, Great Linford Parish Council (GLPC) became aware that work was due to begin shortly on the replacement of the boardwalk at Willen Park.

GLPC had discussed the works with The Parks Trust and Linda Johns, the creator of 'Arachne Weaves', and the route was modified so that it will still be possible to see the sculpture high up in the trees as you walk along the path.

Residents may have noticed that some trees and natural shrubbery have been cut down. The Parks Trust have said that the pollarded willows and ground cover will grow back in time.

GLPC will monitor the area to make sure that it remains attractive.

## HOUSING PLANS FOR LINFORD LAKES REFUSED

By David Stabler

On the 30th of March a packed public gallery at the Development Control Committee were delighted to hear MK Councillors unanimously endorse the recommendation of the Planning Officer and reject the application to build up to 250 houses on 15 hectares of the roughly 70 hectares of land off Wolverton Road.

The reasons for refusal were that the site was outside

the settlement boundary of Milton Keynes and the plans would represent an intrusive form of development in the open countryside, which has been identified as an Area of Attractive Landscape in the Milton Keynes Local Plan.

The proposal would result in the loss of a substantial area of varied habitat and would urbanise and harm the special landscape character of the area and be an inappropriate form of development in a rural area.

However, GLPC must caution that it is possible an appeal against the decision could be launched by Templeview Developments Ltd.

## CONNIBURROW COUNCIL HOUSING

By David Stabler

Milton Keynes, like many other towns and cities across the UK, has a severe housing shortage, and many more homes are needed. Milton Keynes Council (MKC) has asked YourMK to develop council-owned sites across Milton Keynes and build as many new homes as Milton Keynes Council can afford.

One of the sites allocated for new council homes is Coltsfoot Place, in Conniburrow. Over the last 6 months, YourMK has been developing a plan for this site with local residents and stakeholders. YourMK has met with residents at a Big Local Conniburrow celebration, met with Great Linford Parish and

Milton Keynes Councillors and has written to those living in the streets directly opposite the site. Using this insight, YourMK now has a plan that has responded to the feedback received.

The next step is for YourMK to submit this plan to MKC for planning permission. Once this has been submitted, MKC will open a 6 week consultation process, inviting residents to comment on the proposal.

GLPC, Big Local and ward councillors support the proposals for building more council housing to meet the needs of the many families without affordable accommodation in the city.

Mindful of residents reactions to the proposals to build on open space in Conniburrow and Downs Barn, we have made it clear, and Your MK have agreed, that the existing Coltsfoot play area must not form part of the plans for 16 2 bedroom 3 storey flats or the parking area. Whilst not entirely satisfied with the plans, GLPC and resident will have the chance to formally comment when a planning application is submitted.

## £3,200 RAISED FOR SNAP

Impressive to finish the London Marathon, even more so to raise £3,200 for MK Special Needs Advancement Project (SNAP). Congratulations to Kaye Dwight, parish resident, on a monumental achievement.



Everyone is welcome to join in with the fun at the Community Fun Day.

## COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Sunday 6th August, 10am-5pm

Entertainment and fun for the whole family! Children's Corner with inflatables, MKPA, face painting, games and crafts.

Floating Market including The Cheeseboat, All Things Spanish, The Real Ice Cream Boat, Flavours Afloat, Bags by Jane and more. Live music from Freight Train Riders,

The Neil Eynon Band and Indecise as well as the Sloop Groggy Dogs!

This event is not to be missed!

## HYPNOTHERAPY FOR HEROES & VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

Homecoming heroes are just that... HEROES! They should be celebrated, appreciated and thanked for their service. But what happens when they

return to their homes?

When settling back into their civilian lives, unfortunately many returning servicemen and women suffer high stress levels, PTSD, anxiety and depression.

The challenges of coping with life after the stresses of warfare are often overlooked.

The National Council for Hypnotherapy pioneered a programme allowing homecoming servicemen and women free hypnotherapy consultations/sessions from its members. One of these members is Milton Keynes-based Linda Wardlaw who studied Hypnotherapy, Psychotherapy, NLP and Stress Management with the Academy of Clinical & Medical Hypnosis, to gain her DipHPsych and HPD.

The free sessions she offers focus on relaxation,

removing anxiety, dealing with depression, processing traumatic events by using the 'rewind technique' and dealing with loss.

This effective treatment is also offered free of charge to those affected by terrorism. To find out more visit [www.hypnotherapymiltonkeynes.co.uk](http://www.hypnotherapymiltonkeynes.co.uk) or call Linda on 07590 613691

## APPLE DAY

Sunday 22nd October, 12pm-3pm

Celebrate the British orchard and its native fruits by joining us for an afternoon in the fresh air at the Community Orchard, Loriner Place, Downs Barn.

Bring the family to this free event, have a go at using the press to make delicious fresh juice and learn about nature.

The Community Herb Garden is now well-established and herbs are available for picking to accompany your apple dishes!

## Local events to look out for

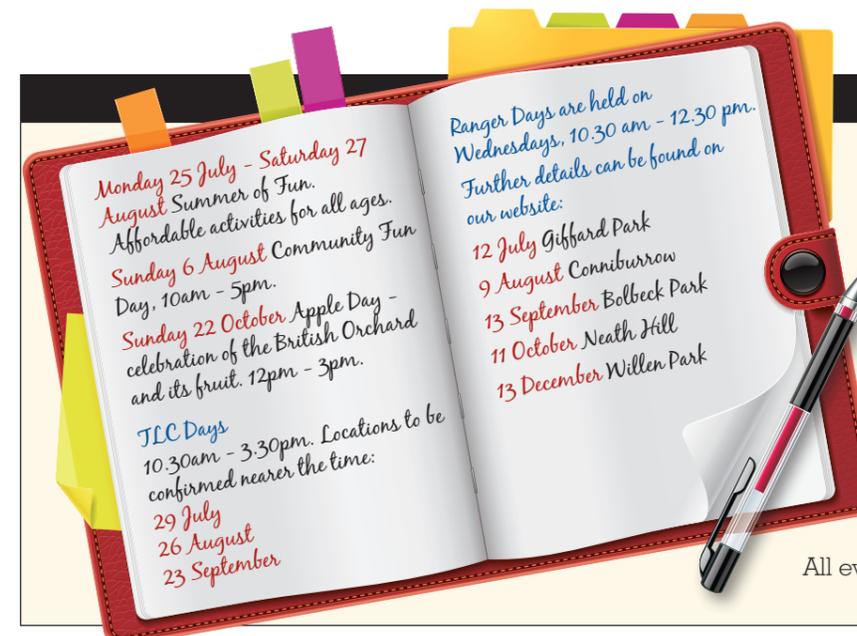
### Join Simon, our friendly Parish Ranger, for a neighbourly Tidy Up day.

We supply equipment and cups of tea! Just wear suitable clothes.

Ranger Days are held on a different estate each month and are always on a Wednesday 10.30 – 12.30

TLC Days target specific areas of concern and are held on different days of the week

All event details can be found on our website [www.great-linford.gov.uk](http://www.great-linford.gov.uk)



Kaye Dwight, marathon fundraiser!



**and finally...**

## Our neighbourhood. Our community.

# OUR ENVIRONMENT

by Ian Halmonroyd,  
Downhead Park

I'm certain that we all care about our community and our environment. Recent Nextdoor messages from various local neighbourhoods demonstrate this. Nextdoor is an online private social network for where you live and is a great way to connect with your neighbours. Have a look at [www.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk)

Great Linford Parish Council organises a programme of activities each year to tackle untidy areas and neglected corners of the Parish. Other groups organise themselves locally for specific projects (e.g. the Peartree Pond Association in Great Linford, Big Local Conniburrow, plus many others). These groups are always looking for new volunteers to help. Many hands make light work and it's good to meet new people outside your usual circle of acquaintances. Even if you're not up to the physical effort, your presence would be most welcome to provide moral support and to say 'thank you'.

### But what can we do as individuals?

Here are some ideas:

- Collect litter as you're out walking. It's really easy to do and takes so little extra effort - just take a carrier bag with you when you go and fill it with litter. If you sort it or are careful about what you collect, you can even put it in the recycling.



- You don't even need to venture from home: just take responsibility for any litter on the paths and road by your home in addition to that on your property.
- If you come across broken glass, discarded needles or other hazards, it's best not to take a risk. Some parish councils have parish rangers who are equipped to deal with these items and will prioritise their removal. In this case, contact your parish council for advice.
- Adopt and look after your local street signage. Does it need a clean? For some reason, Neighbourhood Watch signs, in particular, seem to get very dirty. Is any signage obscured by vegetation?
- Do the hedges and shrubs on your property pose a nuisance to others walking or driving by? They just need a trim every now and again to keep them under control.
- Do you have rubbish visible on your property? If the council waste collection will not take it then take it to a council tip at New Bradwell or Newport Pagnell. If you have no transport then ask a friend or neighbour for help.
- Larger issues such as fly-tipping, fallen trees, vandalism, graffiti, faulty street lights and damage to public property can be easily reported to the council online via [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-apply/report-it](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-apply/report-it)

If this doesn't provide results then report the problem to your parish council or ward councillor.

- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch group. If there isn't one, why not start one with your neighbours? Visit [mknhwa.org.uk](http://mknhwa.org.uk)
- If you see any suspicious activity then call the Police - dial 101.
- Finally, since our housing estates were built, car ownership has increased significantly and is now far beyond what our properties and streets were designed to accommodate. It costs nothing to drive and park with consideration for your neighbours. Remember that pushchairs and wheelchairs may need to get past on the footpath and that the emergency services may need to get past urgently at any time of the day or night.



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