

# Northby NorthEast



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Summer of Fun guide is inside!**

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# summer 2018

## comment

### Why do I have an allotment?

My involvement with the Parish Council didn't start last year when I became a councillor but six years ago when my wife and I took on an allotment. We did have one 15 years ago when our children were in primary school and thought it would be great sharing the growing of our food with the family. We soon found out that it was easier said than done and the children didn't particularly share our enthusiasm. Our children have their own interests now and we have an allotment again, it's a serious commitment.

In the growing season we have to be there at least twice a week watering, weeding, harvesting and generally looking after our plot. Over the winter it's still a significant commitment preparing our allotment for the coming season.

This may all sound like hard work and a serious commitment, so why do it?

Eating vegetables that you've grown is fantastic, the mental health benefits of spending time outside are great and you get to make friends with the other allotment holders. There will always be someone to help you if you don't know what you're doing and you soon start to find your feet. Be prepared to work hard. It is a workout, and in my opinion much better than a gym.

Would I recommend it to you? If you're looking for an activity to get you outside on a regular basis and you have spare time then yes. Lots of people start and then give up after a short period of time so be realistic but if you do give it a go and it works out for you, great, get your wellies on and I'll see you there.



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# Is planning NECESSARY?

By David Stabler, GLPC Lead Councillor for Planning

People instinctively think planning controls and policies interfere with their right to extend their home or build their land.

More and more families find it easier and cheaper to build an extension rather than move home and pay estate agents, solicitors, removal costs and stamp duty; never mind the stress and anxiety.

It is not surprising that Great Linford Parish Council (GLPC) considers scores of planning applications a year. Only two or three are for significant developments on regeneration land or on open areas; such as the Lidl proposals at The Walnuts. (More about this later.)

With applications made to create a House in Multiple Occupation, build a substantial extension, perhaps on the property boundary, restricting sunlight to the adjacent living rooms, or taking up a large part of the plot, maybe with a first floor terrace, overlooking next door or without enough parking spaces; people's attitude to planning change and they demand "do something to stop this affecting MY property".

GLPC can help, as it is consulted on every application including work on a tree with a Preservation Order, property in a Conservation Area, telecoms masts or external advertising on a commercial premise.

Plans reviewed by GLPC exclude; small



single storey extensions, garage and loft conversions, covered by Permitted Development Rights. GLPC makes no objection to 50% of the annual 110 applications to extend homes. The majority of the remainder, where GLPC makes a formal objection; based on national and local planning policy, are resolved by changes by the applicant, or the Planning Officer refusing the application for planning policy reasons. In only 5 cases annually is the application decided by MKC's Development Control Committee, where all parties can have their say. Only two or three of these are approved.

What is the GLPC response to the Lidl proposal to build a supermarket on The Walnuts paddocks, spoiling the rural scene? In law no one has the right to the view they currently enjoy and all land has a planning designation. In the Adopted Local Plan, The Walnuts land, between Redhouse Park housing and M1 embankment is classed as "Employment Land". It is not open countryside; it is a site for industrial units! GLPC objected to Lidl's development as "Employment Land" excludes retail use, apart from car showrooms!

However, GLPC recognises that MKC has a pressing need to find land for housing, especially affordable homes, and proposed that The Walnuts site should be reclassified for "Residential Employment/Retail". This was agreed and emerging Plan:MK incorporates this change.

GLPC would support the development if Lidl flip the layout to be adjacent to the M1 embankment, with the remaining land left for housing.

A decision to amend the scheme has yet to be made by Lidl.

TOP: The proposed site for Lidl supermarket.

LEFT: As Milton Keynes grows, more construction work is inevitable.

The population of Milton Keynes is set to significantly increase in the next three decades, and it is inevitable many more homes will be built in the borough.

Willen Park South Councillor Sam Crooks looks to the future, and explains how Great Linford Parish Council (GLPC) will react to planning applications.

"The Parish will be facing some very challenging times within the foreseeable future.

The Government has accepted the recommendation of its National Infrastructure Commission to build one million houses in the "knowledge arc" between Oxford and Cambridge. Some of these will be in Milton Keynes – they say our population is to double to 500,000 by 2050.

Milton Keynes' own Local Plan Plan:MK is less ambitious, suggesting a target of around 400,000 by 2050. The Plan is currently being reviewed by the Government but there is some concern that the city will be told to revise this figure upwards.

How does all this affect the Parish?

The National Infrastructure Commission recommends not only the expansion of Milton Keynes but also its "intensification" i.e. infilling within the borough as well as beyond it. We are already aware that there is green space in our parish that developers might have their eye on.

If a developer does make a planning application the final decision will be taken by Milton Keynes Council but the GLPC have the right to comment. We will apply key criteria such as:

- The views of our residents
- The quality of the design
- The loss of open space for recreation
- The impact on wild life
- The links between the proposed new development and existing communities
- Access to schools and health centres

GLPC is not against development provided that it is sensitively managed and adds to residents' quality of life.

But - we will vehemently oppose anything that is simply flung up to meet a housing target regardless of those who already live here."



# THAMES VALLEY POLICE INTERVIEW

**NorthbyNorthEast** spoke with Neighbourhood Sergeant Lucy Boddington who explained the challenges of modern day policing and how the community can provide support. Lucy heads up a team of five police officers and 15 police community support officers, six of which cover the Great Linford Parish.

**"N**eighbourhood policing has been streamlined in the recent months but we work more efficiently than before," she said. "Officers used to get called away from their neighbourhood patrols to respond to emergency calls. Although this may still happen sometimes, we are much more ring-fenced than before. The role of the neighbourhood team is to be visible, engage with our communities, and to problem solve and build community resilience."

Residents have voiced their concerns at police response times on occasion, which Lucy acknowledges.

"I am aware that some residents are frustrated with police response times and people have said we don't care. This is not the case. Most officers live in the communities they serve and have a vested interest in protecting their communities. However, we do have to look at the threat, harm, opportunity and risk when we are prioritising our response. This may mean we take longer to attend the calls with a low risk level as we prioritise threat and harm. Responding to harm to the public will always take precedence.

"The police are often the first port of call for the community. However, there are other agencies which can assist with community issues. It is rare that a problem can be solved purely by the police alone and we often work closely with partner agencies."

The community forums held in the Parish are an ideal way to help identify priorities in the area. Lucy said: "It is important for residents of Great Linford Parish to attend the community forum and engage with their local policing teams. We want the community to decide which issues they wish to prioritise in the area and we want them to help resolve the issues with us, this is done at the forum."

Solving issues in the locality is something all parishioners can assist with. "I would encourage the community to become involved in problem solving," she said. "This can be in the form of Speedwatch, Neighbourhood Watch, Environmental Audits and ensuring they sign up for Thames Valley Alerts, the list of opportunities to get involved with is endless. Any member of the Neighbourhood Team can provide further information."

"Residents should be reassured that Great Linford Parish has a low crime rate and is a safe area to live in," Lucy added.

If you need to contact the Great Linford Neighbourhood Team you can do so by calling 101 or by emailing [MKNorthCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:MKNorthCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

*'I would encourage the community to become involved in problem solving.'*

ABOVE: Lucy Boddington

# Summer 2018 of Fun

Something to do Every Day!



Great Locality Proud Community



Great Linford Parish Council see our website... [www.great-linford.gov.uk](http://www.great-linford.gov.uk)



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

**WEEK 1** **WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 23 JULY**

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

**WEEK 2** **WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 30 JULY**

**St Monica's Catholic Primary School**  
Currier Drive, Neath Hill, MK14 6HB

**WEEK 3** **WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 6 AUGUST**

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

**WEEK 4** **WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 13 AUGUST**

**St Monica's Primary School**  
Currier Drive, Neath Hill, MK14 6HB

**WEEK 5** **WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 20 AUGUST**

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

**MESSY PLAY** **3-6 Years** **NEW EVENT** **Mon**

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.  
**Hands on with Hannah** – finger painting, footprint pictures, experimenting with different objects and textures to make prints. Messy, fun – and best of all, not in your home!

**Dress code:** the little people will get dirty, clothes to suit.  
*Monday 9.30am - 10.30am, 23 July, 6 & 20 August only*

**Entry by ticket only\***

**Purchase tickets from the Parish Office;**  
Mondays & Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.....9am - 4pm  
Wednesdays.....9am - 12pm  
Wednesday 11 July.....6pm - 8pm  
Wednesday 18 July.....6pm - 8pm

**NINJA WARRIOR TRAINING** **7+ Years** **Mon**

**Paramount Parkour Academy's** very own Ninja from ITV's Ninja Warrior fame will teach you how to be a Ninja Warrior (in a safe environment)! Learn to run on walls, vault over obstacles and do flips in this highly energetic but fun class.

**Dress code:** loose clothing – clean trainers or soft-soled shoes. Bring a drink.  
*Mondays 9am - 11am*

**COOKERY** **6-14 Years** **Mon**

**Smart Raspberry** brings you fun cooking sessions, where you can make exciting healthy recipes. Instilling students with an understanding of nutrition and basic skills, but most importantly fostering an ongoing curiosity about the food they eat.

**Dress code:** comfortable clothing.  
*Mondays 11.00am - 12.00pm*  
**Cost:** £5 per 1 hour session

**CREATIVE ARTS** **8-11 Years** **NEW EVENT** **Mon**

**Anastasia** brings you Unique Creative Arts – a different session each week, involving still life drawing, hot crayon pictures, decorating bird boxes, card making or quilling. An exciting opportunity to work with a fine arts artist!  
**Dress code:** comfortable clothes, they could get messy.  
*Mondays 1pm - 3pm*

**Purchase tickets from the Parish Office;**  
Mondays & Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.....9am - 4pm  
Wednesdays.....9am - 12pm  
Wednesday 11 July.....6pm - 8pm  
Wednesday 18 July.....6pm - 8pm

**JUGGLING & CIRCUS SKILLS** **6+ Years** **Mon**

**The Great Gappo** – “Roll up, Roll up!!! Come join the Circus! The Great Gappo will bring you laughter and fun as you learn circus skills; from plate spinning to juggling, diabolos, hula hoops, Fun Wheels and much, much more.

**Dress code:** loose clothing – trainers or soft-soled shoes.  
*Mondays 1.15pm - 3.15pm not 6th August*

**YOGA HEALING** **16+ Years** **NEW EVENT** **Mon** **SA**

**Trevor Heale** is a qualified instructor in Patanjali Yoga which involves gentle stretches (Asana), breathing exercises (Pranayama) and a short meditation. There is no floorwork. This is a fun introduction to Yoga in a healing class – be prepared to laugh.

**Dress code:** casual and comfortable.  
**Location:** High Street Pavilion, Great Linford MK14 5AX  
*Mondays 6pm - 7.30pm*

**Purchase Tickets at the Parish Office:**  
**PARISH RESIDENTS** from Monday 9 July  
**NON-PARISH RESIDENTS** from Monday 16 July

**Purchase tickets from the Parish Office;**  
Mondays & Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.....9am - 4pm  
Wednesdays.....9am - 12pm  
Wednesday 11 July.....6pm - 8pm  
Wednesday 18 July.....6pm - 8pm

**BIKEABILITY** **9-12 Years** **3 days Tue-Thur**

**Bikeability** – real cycling experience on local estate roads, learn skills and gain 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. Trainers. Cycling helmet. Optional – gloves, elbow/knee pads.

*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.  
**Cost:** £10 per 3 day course

**SURVIVAL SKILLS & LASER TAG** **8-14 Years** **Tues**

**Special Ops Sgt Mack** – MK's very own Bear Grylls teaches survival skills in the morning and laser tag in the afternoon. Sgt Mack fills the day with educational fun and games.  
**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothes (they may get dirty) to suit the weather, trainers or sturdy shoes. Bring a drink & packed lunch.  
*Tuesdays 9.30am - 3.30pm not 31st July*  
**Cost:** £10 per 6 hour session

**CLAY MODELLING** **5+ Years** **Tues**

**Andrew Macdermott** brings a series of fun and social family pottery workshops, learn a new skill and meet new people. Minimum two sessions required for full participation. Parents must accompany children at all times.  
**Dress code:** old clothes, they will get clay on them.  
*Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm not 31st July*  
*Tuesday 31st July – MKPA Play Festival - 10am - 4pm at Marsh Drive, Great Linford*

**Dress code:** old clothes, they will get clay on them.  
*Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am not 7th August*

**MUSICAL THEATRE** **6-10 Years** **NEW EVENT** **Tues**

**CentreStage Theatre School MK** – Ever wanted to try out Musical Theatre? Why not give Performing Arts classes a go. Specially designed for 6-10 year olds that love to sing, dance and act. Classes taught by ex-West End performer. Bring a drink.

**Dress code:** wear something comfy that you can dance in. No sandals or flip flops!  
*Tuesday 2pm - 4pm (two sessions will be run by Premier Sport)*

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

**MILTON KEYNES PLAY ASSOCIATION** **Family event** **FREE** **Tues**

All sessions are open-access, children remain the responsibility of parents at all times.  
**MKPA** – get 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.

**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.  
*Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm not 31st July*  
*Tuesday 31st July – MKPA Play Festival - 10am - 4pm at Marsh Drive, Great Linford*

**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothes. Safety equipment provided.  
*9.30am - 5.30pm*

**FREE!** No booking required.

**DR BIKE** **Family event** **FREE** **Tues**

**Cycle Savours** will be providing on-site checks on cycles, carrying out minor repairs and adjustments, for parents and children who bring their cycles along on the day. Recommendations on necessary additional work will also be given.

**Dress code:** old clothes, bikes get messy!  
*Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm*  
*Tuesday 31st July – MKPA Play Festival – 2pm - 4pm at Marsh Drive, Great Linford*

**FREE!** No booking required.

**TENNIS** **4-10 Years** **Tues & Thurs** **SA**

**GetCoaching MK** at Great Linford Tennis Club bring you tennis taster sessions with lots of games and physical activity. Could you be the next Serena Williams or Roger Federer?

**Dress code:** clothes to run around in. MUST wear trainers. Bring a drink.  
**Location:** Marsh Drive Sports Ground, MK14 5HH  
*Tuesdays 2.15pm - 3.45pm - 8 - 10yrs.*  
*Thursdays 2.15pm - 3.15pm - 4 - 7yrs*

**SEGWAY** **12+ Years** **NEW EVENT** **Weds**

Events Incorporated fully qualified instructor - Segway experience – tricky to master, fun to use. You must be over 7ft, 134cm and 12 years old to ride on a Segway.  
**Dress Code:** trainers, comfortable clothing (nothing flowing).  
**Cost:** £3.60 per 30 minute group session.  
*Wednesday 22nd August 9.30am - 5.30pm*

**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothes. Safety equipment provided.  
*Wednesday 25th July, 1st, 8th & 15th August and Friday 24th August, 10am - 2pm*

**FREE!** No booking required.

**DISCOVERING NATURE!** **Family event** **NEW EVENT** **Weds** **SA**

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Exploring the nature reserve including: pond dipping, grasshopper hunting and making a place for wildlife. Various activities, plus time for lunch (bring a picnic but homemade cakes & refreshments on sale too).

**Dress code:** clothes suitable for the weather and messy play.  
**Location:** Linford Lakes Nature Reserve, MK9 4AD  
*Wednesday 10.30am - 2pm 26th July only*

**IRISH DANCING** **12+ Years** **NEW EVENT** **Weds**

Taster sessions for beginners, any child under 6 must be accompanied by an adult (join in!).

You don't have to be Irish and it's not just for girls. Anyone who has an interest in dance, enjoys rhythm and movement, and likes to have fun can do it. It's distinctive and artistic, requiring athleticism and flexibility.

**Dress code:** trainers, something comfy you can dance in. Bring a drink.  
*Wednesday 22nd August 10am - 10.45am - 2 - 5yrs, 11am - 12pm - 6 - 10yrs*

**COWBOY SKILLS** **10+ Years** **NEW EVENT** **Weds & Fri**

**Mark Bond** – Howdy partner! No-one will be calling ya'll a greenhorn after these roping, whip cracking and cowboy skills sessions, so pony up and mosey on down for Wild West fun.

**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothes. Safety equipment provided.  
*Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm*  
**FREE!** Booking required.

*Thursdays 10am - 11.30am not 26th July*

**ARCHERY** **10+ Years** **Weds & Fri**

**Mark Bond** - Fancy yourself as the next Robin Hood? Well, make a start with these sessions and you could be propelling an arrow towards a target with unerring accuracy. Archery doesn't require a lot of mobility making it accessible to a huge range of people. Lookout for the cowboys with their new skills, you can't shoot an arrow with your arms lassoed to your side!

**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothes. Safety equipment provided.  
*Wednesday 25th July, 1st, 8th & 15th August and Friday 24th August, 1pm - 2.30pm*

**AXE THROWING** **10+ Years** **NEW EVENT** **Weds & Fri**

**Mark Bond** – a fully trained instructor in this ancient sport will teach you to safely throw axes at a target, as lumberjacks do in competitions across the Globe. This sport is trending across the World, fun and safe, give it a throw!

**Dress code:** outdoor activity clothes. Safety equipment provided.  
*Wednesday 25th July, 1st, 8th & 15th August and Friday 24th August, 2.30pm - 4pm*

**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.

*Thursdays 10am - 11.30am not 26th July*

**SELF DEFENCE** **Family event** **Weds** **SA**

**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.  
**Location:** *Wednesday 1st & 15th August only – GLPC Office, Great Linford MK14 5HA*  
*Wednesdays 6pm - 7.30pm*

**WATER FUN DAY** **8-16 Years** **NEW EVENT** **Thurs**

**Special Ops** – water slides, tug-o-kayak, super soakers (bring your own if you have one), fun & games. Water - you won't be able to get away from it! Bring a drink and a snack.

**Dress code:** clothes you don't mind getting wet. Bring a towel and change of clothing for the end of the session.  
*Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 4pm, not 2 August*

**ROLLER SKATING** **Family event** **Thurs**

**Jet 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 not 26th July*

**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.

**UKULELE** **8+ Years** **Thurs**

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

**Improvers** - participants MUST have their own ukuleles and be able to play chords in the keys of C & D.  
**Dress code:** casual, comfortable clothing.  
*Thursdays 1pm - 2pm – Beginners 6pm - 7.30pm – Improvers (location GLPC office)*

**SEWING** **8+ Years** **Thurs**

**Jackie Spalding** brings her creative skills to teach you how to sew. Materials and ideas supplied.

**Dress code:** whatever you like!  
*Thursdays 1pm - 3pm*

**DODGEBALL** **8-12 Years** **Thurs**

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

**Dress code:** sports clothes, trainers.  
*Thursdays 2.15pm - 3.15pm*

**ROCK-IT BALL** **8-12 Years** **NEW EVENT** **Thurs**

**Premier Sport** – also known as VX, this is one of the fastest growing sports nationwide. It's fast, furious and honourable! A mix of different sports including lacrosse, dodgeball and hockey.

**Dress code:** sports clothes, trainers.  
*Thursday 3.15pm - 4.15pm*

**MOTORCYCLE RIDING** **14-17 Years** **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.  
**Location:** Marsh Drive Sports Ground, MK14 5HH  
*Fridays 10am - 12pm*  
**Cost:** £5 per hour session

**FENCING** **5-10 Years** **Fri**

**Premier Sport** – develop good coordination, balance and flexibility whilst learning the skills of attacking and defending.

**Dress code:** comfortable clothes, long sleeved top.  
*Fridays 10am - 11am*

**ARCHERY** **5-10 Years** **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 11am - 12pm*

**SCIENCE** **3-100+ Years** **Fri**

**James Boffin**, Secret Science Agent UU7 – these sessions of mind-blowing science are top secret, but be prepared to be entertained, educated and amused. Audience participation essential, explosions a must!

**Dress code:** casual, comfortable clothing.  
*Fridays 12.30pm - 4.30pm*

**WEEK 1** GREAT LINFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>MONDAY 23 JULY</b>	
Ninja Warrior Training	9.00-11.00
Messy Play	9.30-10.30
Cookery	11.00-12.00
Creative Arts	1.00-3.00
Juggling & Circus Skills	2.00-4.00
<b>TUESDAY 24 JULY</b>	
Clay Modelling	9.30-11.30
Survival Skills/Laser Tag	9.30-3.30
Musical Theatre	2.00-4.00
MKPA	2.00-4.00
Dr Bike	2.00-4.00
TVP Bike Marking	2.00-4.00
<b>WEDNESDAY 25 JULY</b>	
Cowboy Skills	10.00-12.00
Archery	1.00-2.30
Axe Throwing	2.30-4.00
Self Defence	6.00-7.30
Running	6.00-7.00
<b>THURSDAY 26 JULY</b>	
Water Fun	9.30-12.30
Water Fun	1.00-4.00
Ukulele	1.00-2.00
Sewing	1.00-3.00
Dodgeball	2.15-3.15
Rock-it ball	3.15-4.15
<b>FRIDAY 27 JULY</b>	
Fencing	10.00-11.00
Archery	11.00-12.00
Science	12.30-3.30

**WEEK 2** ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>MONDAY 30 JULY</b>	
Ninja Warrior Training	9.00-11.00
Cookery	11.00-12.00
Creative Arts	1.00-3.00
Juggling & Circus Skills	2.00-4.00
<b>TUESDAY 31 JULY</b>	
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Clay Modelling	9.30-11.30
Musical Theatre	2.00-4.00
<b>WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST</b>	
Cowboy Skills	10.00-12.00
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Archery	1.00-2.30
Axe Throwing	2.30-4.00
Running	6.00-7.00
<b>THURSDAY 2 AUGUST</b>	
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Rollerskating	10.00-11.30
Ukulele	1.00-2.00
Sewing	1.00-3.00
Dodgeball	2.15-3.15
Rock-it ball	3.15-4.15
<b>FRIDAY 3 AUGUST</b>	
Fencing	10.00-11.00
Archery	11.00-12.00
Science	12.30-3.30

**WEEK 3** GREAT LINFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>MONDAY 6 AUGUST</b>	
Ninja Warrior Training	9.00-11.00
Messy Play	9.30-10.30
Cookery	11.00-12.00
Creative Arts	1.00-3.00
<b>TUESDAY 7 AUGUST</b>	
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Survival Skills/Laser Tag	9.30-3.30
Musical Theatre	2.00-4.00
MKPA	2.00-4.00
Dr Bike	2.00-4.00
TVP Bike Marking	2.00-4.00
<b>WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST</b>	
Cowboy Skills	10.00-12.00
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Archery	1.00-2.30
Axe Throwing	2.30-4.00
Running	6.00-7.00
<b>THURSDAY 9 AUGUST</b>	
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Rollerskating	10.00-11.30
Ukulele	1.00-2.00
Sewing	1.00-3.00
Dodgeball	2.15-3.15
Rock-it ball	3.15-4.15
<b>FRIDAY 10 AUGUST</b>	
Fencing	10.00-11.00
Archery	11.00-12.00
Science	12.30-3.30

**WEEK 4** ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>MONDAY 13 AUGUST</b>	
Ninja Warrior Training	9.00-11.00
Cookery	11.00-12.00
Creative Arts	1.00-3.00
Juggling & Circus Skills	2.0-4.00
<b>TUESDAY 14 AUGUST</b>	
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Clay Modelling	9.30-11.30
Musical Theatre	2.00-4.00
MKPA	2.00-4.00
Dr Bike	2.00-4.00
TVP Bike Marking	2.00-4.00
<b>WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST</b>	
Cowboy Skills	10.00-12.00
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Archery	1.00-2.30
Axe Throwing	2.30-4.00
Running	6.00-7.00
<b>THURSDAY 16 AUGUST</b>	
Bikeability	9.00-12.00
Rollerskating	10.00-11.30
Ukulele	1.00-2.00
Sewing	1.00-3.00
Dodgeball	2.15-3.15
Rock-it ball	3.15-4.15
<b>FRIDAY 17 AUGUST</b>	
Fencing	10.00-11.00
Archery	11.00-12.00
Science	12.30-3.30

**Purchase Tickets at the Parish Office:**  
**PARISH RESIDENTS** from Monday 9 July  
**NON-PARISH RESIDENTS** from Monday 16 July

**WEEK 5** GREAT LINFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>MONDAY 20 AUGUST</b>	
Ninja Warrior Training	9.00-11.00
Messy Play	9.30-10.30
Cookery	11.00-12.00
Creative Arts	1.00-3.00
Juggling & Circus Skills	2.00-4.00
<b>TUESDAY 21 AUGUST</b>	
Clay Modelling	9.30-11.30
Survival Skills/Laser Tag	9.30-3.30
Musical Theatre	2.00-4.00
MKPA	2.00-4.00
Dr Bike	2.00-4.00
TVP Bike Marking	2.00-4.00
<b>WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST</b>	
Segway	9.30-5.30
Irish Dancing	10.00-10.45
Irish Dancing	11.00-12.00
Self Defence	6.00-7.30
Running	6.00-7.00
<b>THURSDAY 23 AUGUST</b>	
Water Fun	9.30-12.30
Water Fun	1.00-4.00
Rollerskating	10.00-11.30
Ukulele	1.00-2.00
Sewing	1.00-3.00
Dodgeball	2.15-3.15
Rock-it ball	3.15-4.15
<b>FRIDAY 24 AUGUST</b>	
Cowboy Skills	10.00-12.00
Fencing	10.00-11.00
Archery	11.00-12.00
Science	12.30-3.30
Archery	1.00-2.30
Axe Throwing	2.30-4.00

**SA** SPECIAL ACTIVIES AT OTHER LOCATIONS

<b>MONDAYS</b>	
Driving	10.00-12.00 MD
Yoga Healing	6.00-7.00 HS
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	
Tennis	2.15-3.45 MD
<b>TUESDAY 14 JULY</b>	
Survival Skills/Laser Tag	9.30-3.30 GP
<b>TUESDAY 31 JULY</b>	
MKPA Festival of Play	10.00-4.00 MD
Bikeability	2.00-4.00 MD
TVP Bike Marking	2.00-4.00 MD
<b>WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST</b>	
Discovering Nature	10.30-2.00 LL
Self Defence	6.00-7.30 PO
<b>WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST</b>	
Self Defence	6.00-7.30 PO
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	
Tennis	2.15-3.15 MD
Ukelele (Improvers)	6.00-7.30 PO
<b>THURSDAY 16 AUGUST</b>	
Water Fun	9.30-12.30 GP
Water Fun	1.00-4.00 GP
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	
Motorcycle Riding	10.00-12.00 MD

- KEY TO LOCATIONS**
- GP** Great Linford Primary School  
St Leger Drive  
Great Linford MK14 5BL
  - HS** High Street Pavilion  
Great Linford MK14 5AX
  - LL** Linford Lakes Nature Reserve  
Wolverton Road  
Great Linford MK14 5AH
  - MD** Marsh Drive Sports Ground  
Great Linford MK14 5HH
  - PO** GLPC Parish Office  
Great Linford House, 1 St Leger Court, Great Linford MK14 5HA

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**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 activies** except MKPA & Bikeability.  
**Special Activities:** See activity details for locations.  
**MKPA, Dr Bike & Running:** Entry to these events is free.

**www.great-linford.gov.uk**

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Get yourself *Connected*

**Giffard Park Pond Association**

The Giffard Park Pond Association was set up with the aim of cleaning the area, supporting wildlife and making a better environment for residents to enjoy. Four years on and they are going from strength to strength. Volunteers meet on the first Saturday of every month (10am-midday) to keep the vegetation in check and manage the reeds.

"We have achieved a lot, both in terms of renovating the pond and the surrounding grass areas," said secretary Sue Chopping. "We have also planted bulbs and involved Giffard Park School in creating small tiles which have been installed around the edge of the seating area."

There is a nice social element to the work too: "We would like more people to be involved or just come and say hello. And we always stop for coffee and cake!" Sue said.

The Association hosts an annual Picnic by the Pond, when everyone is invited to bring family and friends and picnic on the grass. Last year the event included a duck race, MK50 quiz and a plant swap. This year's picnic is on Sunday August 19, at 1pm.

**Find the group on Facebook @ Giffard Pond or email Sue sue.chopping@btinternet.com**

**Milton Keynes Pensioners Association**

Milton Keynes Pensioners Association (MKPA) is well established in the area. The association began at a meeting in Conniburrow back in 2002. Then, it had just seven members and a £100 grant to get it up and running, courtesy of Help The Aged. Today MKPA boasts 130 members.

The campaigning organisation works by lobbying councillors and MPs for improvement in the quality of life of pensioners in the area. They have representatives on older people's organisations including MK Age UK, MK HealthWatch, Bus Users Group and many others.

People can volunteer their services and an executive committee is elected at the annual general meeting, held every September. The group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, between 2pm and 4pm in Fulwell Court, Great Linford. Membership is £5 per year. To request a membership form contact Josie Woodhouse, 30 Whichford, Giffard Park, Milton Keynes, MK14 5JH.

**To make contact with Milton Keynes Pensioners Association call 01908 612211.**

**Carers MK**

Carers MK was established in 2006 and is a commissioned service by Milton Keynes Council dedicated to supporting unpaid carers. They also receive joint funding from MK University Hospital and MK Clinical Commissioning Group to fund a part time post to support carers within the hospital setting.

If you are looking after someone who could not manage without your support, then that makes you a carer. Not everyone sees themselves as a carer as it is something that we do, because the person you love needs that extra support. You may be a parent looking after a child with additional needs, you may be looking after a husband or wife, mother or father, child, friend or a neighbour. You may be caring for a couple of hours a week or have a full time caring role.

Carers MK provides emotional support, workshops and training, therapies, counselling, support groups, information and guidance, carers discount card, and events. All services provided by Carers MK are free to anyone registered with the service.

**Contact Carers MK on 01908 231703, email mail@carersmiltonkeynes.org or visit the website www.carersmiltonkeynes.org**

TOP AND TOP LEFT: Giffard Park pond looking beautiful in the sun and some of the pond's inhabitants.  
 LEFT: MK Pensioners Association

# Helping make sure the road ahead is a **SMOOTH ONE**

**P**otholes are a regular source of irritation for motorists, but troublesome road surfaces are just one of many issues that MK Highways is responsible for. Aside from road maintenance, the collaborative partnership between MK Council Highways team and Ringway Infrastructure Services oversee road safety, traffic management and highways adoptions. They also take responsibility for the maintenance of bridges, footways, carriageways, street lights and the delivery of the winter maintenance service.

Highways client service manager Andrew Dickinson explained the correct procedure for reporting issues, and the system for dealing with them. He told **NorthbyNorthEast**, "We inspect all roads on a cycle, some are inspected every month, some quarterly or annually, and any defects identified are prioritised and actioned. We also carry out ad-hoc inspections following enquiries from the general public."

Residents should report problems to Milton Keynes Council via the 'Report It' section on the council website. The issue is then logged onto the customer care system, which has a mapping network allowing the pothole to be pinpointed accurately. "We undertake repairs in two hours, 24 hours or 28 days, depending on priority."

The same principle is in place for the reporting of faulty lighting. "It is vitally important to report the column number too, as our assets are identified using the unique reference number," Andrew explained. "If the fault is down to the power supply, we have to liaise with the electricity board to carry out a repair to the cable, which can add an extra 28 days to the repair date. It's worth noting that the number of faults vary during the year - in winter, lights are on longer, work harder and are more likely to fail. We increase resources at these times."

"We are converting our street lighting to low energy LED which will last for 25 years, and need little maintenance which will improve the overall service. Another 10,000 units are being converted this year."

Andrew's job does mean he sometimes finds things in unusual places, "We have found suitcases and bags of clothing in manholes" and has witnessed some unsavoury and obscure sights: "We attended one incident where the lighting had failed, and found a large dead rat fused to the electrical circuits after trying to gnaw through the cables. Another investigation of failed lighting led us to a microwave oven wired into our control board that had blown all the circuits!"

To report a fault visit <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-apply/report-it>  
Those reporting issues will be kept up to date on developments.

For more detailed information on the schemes visit [www.mkhighways.co.uk](http://www.mkhighways.co.uk)



If you notice a problem pothole, use the 'Report It' section on the council website to register it.

## news&views

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### TRANSPARENT SACKS WILL HELP PREVENT MISUSE

Clear sacks are replacing pink sacks for recycling purposes. Every week, sacks are collected which include items that should not be present – such as food waste, glass and dirty nappies. They contaminate other items making them unfit for recycling. Clear sacks allow items unfit for recycling to be spotted before they are collected by bin crews.



Pink sacks can still be used while you still have them. Anyone needing extra supplies of sacks can pick them up from the Parish Office and the following outlets:

Co-op (Great Linford), Co-op (Neath Hill), One Stop (Giffard Park), B&K News (Conniburrow), Butt and Sons (Conniburrow), Budgens (Downs Barn) and Big Local Hub (Conniburrow).

### PEOPLE POWER MAKES FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Thirty years ago, the Great Linford local centre was under threat. The pond was to be filled in, and, aside from the Co-op store, the area had little else.

But people power made for positive change.

"We saved the pond and went on to improve it with a fountain, landscaping planting, benches and bird boxes," said

Alan Senior, chairman with the Peartree Pond Association (PPA).

"We then focused on the local centre, with help from the landlord and Great Linford Parish Council (GLPC). Ping Square was created, signage improved, bike planters installed and a litter picking regime started."

The centre now has a refurbished Co-op and Post Office, Barnardos, GLPC offices, Changes hairdressers, Enrich Beauty, Fryer Freemans, a convenience store, barbers and takeaway.

But the Little Bookshop, which opened in 2012 offering a wide range of interesting and collectable used books, did shut up shop in 2016, marking the end of a chapter. Until now.

"Volunteer effort, crowdfunding and generous support from Evolution builders have helped us reshape the unit. We have a list of helpers and some great plans," Alan said.

"The PPA have negotiated a three-year lease to operate the bookshop as a community drop-in centre, low-cost meeting room, coffee and cake counter and, we hope, a Community Fridge to



supplement household food budgets and avoid massive food waste."

Alan added: "MK local centres are a great concept, but left to wither on the vine, they can become sad, desolate places. Great Linford has done something about ours and we have a lot to be proud of. "Drop in, any time!"

### BIG LOCAL CONNIBURROW HUB 'IMPROVES COMMUNITY ACCESSIBILITY'

Mark Lancaster MP was on hand to open the Big Local Conniburrow hub earlier this year. The community space is found on the corner of 34 Bramble Avenue and Marjoram Place.

"It has finally given us a permanent home and improved our accessibility to the community," said a Big Local representative.

In addition to being a meeting place for the Big Local Conniburrow partnership board, the community space is available for hire by parishioners.

It already hosts arts-based Creative Conniburrow sessions every month with community artist Sarah Watts (which inspires drawing, painting and writing), and Hanover Oomph, chair-based exercise opportunities for more mature residents. It also acts as a base for activities that support the community orchard.

A Big Local seaside trip is set



for July 21, and this year's fun day is taking place on August 4.

For more information about the activities and events, or anything to do with Big Local Conniburrow follow them on Twitter @biglocalconni, on Facebook or visit the website: [www.biglocalconniburrow.org](http://www.biglocalconniburrow.org) or email [info@biglocalconniburrow.org](mailto:info@biglocalconniburrow.org)

### CONNIBURROW INITIATIVE DELIVERS FOOTBALL FOR ALL

Conniburrow Community Association is running 'girls only' footballing sessions at its sports pavilion.

"Football is a sport everyone can enjoy, but it is dominated by boys and men," said Joy Cowell, one of three lead coaches involved with the project to engage young people in the community. "In collaboration with the FA, we want to promote girls playing football. It is one of my visions to have a girls team, having a successful application to become an SSE FA Girls Football Centre is a great achievement."

The sessions cost £2 each and cater for girls aged five to 11-years-old. Sessions began in April and will run through to the end of July.

So far, in the region of 50 youngsters are signed up and working towards new goals – and it's not too late for new players to get involved.

"The sessions build confidence, and youngsters learn skills which may lead to a bright future in football," Joy added.

Meantime, the boys are doing well too. Joy set up the Conniburrow Utd FC Hares in 2015. The three teams, U9, U11 and U12's, are all achieving great results.

We welcome your views. Please send your letters to:

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and finally...

# SAFE & SOUND & SECURE



Neighbourhood Watch schemes are a fantastic way to make homes and property less attractive to would-be burglars as Neighbourhood Sergeant Lucy Boddington explained (see page 4).

But home security is imperative too, as Nick Williams, managing director of Newport Pagnell based Brinnick Locksmiths And Security Ltd told **NorthbyNorthEast**.

"Protecting your home and property from thieves is a case of putting some basic measures in place to make it more difficult for opportunist thieves to steal your property," Nick said. "Your home contents insurance policy will certainly ask if you have the basic door and window locks. Make sure your doors are fitted with

good quality insurance approved locks and windows should be fitted with key operated window locks."

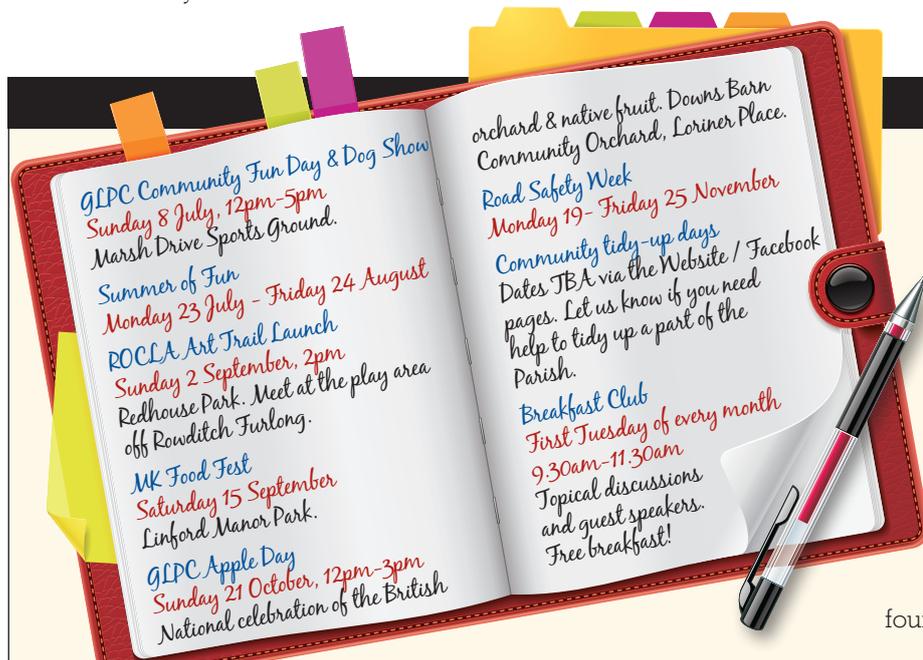
And security should start where your property begins.

Nick advises: "Secure the rear garden gate with a good quality padbolt and padlock, and fit additional bolts or hasps and padlocks to garages and sheds. Tools and ladders can be attractive aids to would-be thieves, so make sure they are locked away. Sliding patio doors should be fitted with a good quality lock and additional patio door bolts are a very good idea."

All of the aforementioned are home security essentials and you can then add extra layers of security."

He advises homeowners to have a good quality Grade 2 intruder alarm installed.

"New systems are Wifi and App based and are very easy to use. If you already have an alarm system, make sure it is serviced regularly, and fit App based CCTV such as Y-cam cameras which store recorded video in the cloud so you can view it from your smartphone anytime. Also install external security lighting or fit internal sensors to turn on lights when you are not at home."



Local events to look out for

## Join Rangers Wendy and Steve, for a neighbourly Tidy-Up Day.

**Spotted an area that needs a tidy?**  
**Let us know!** Help us support the community with a tidy-up. We supply equipment and refreshments, just wear suitable clothes.

Perhaps your company supports community action days and would want to work with us to help 'love where you live'.

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

Summer of Fun event runs throughout the summer - see guide

**starts Monday 23 July**



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