



## Chairmans Report – February 2026

**Parish Council Meeting – 16 February 2026 at 7.30 pm** - Public Question Time: The time allocated is at the discretion of the Council/Chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself. A Councillor with a prejudicial interest in a particular issue may address the Council on the issue during Public Question Time subject to the Councillor leaving the room in the event of an exchange of the issue between the public and the Council during this period. 3 minutes per person if public wish to speak, or at the Chair's discretion.

Enquiries to Wavendon Parish Council Clerk [clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

- I will be attending the Mayor of Milton Keynes Annual Civic Reception on 27th February in my capacity as Chairman of Wavendon Parish Council.
- The Parish Clerk and I met with Annlouise Taylor of Alzheimer's UK to find out how the parish council owned and operated halls and the businesses in Wavendon and Woburn Sands become more dementia friendly. A joint in person training session for parish and town councillors will be arranged shortly.
- I met with Community Action to discuss grant funding to be made available in Glebe Farm area of the Parish (details of how residents can apply provided at the end of this report)
- Along with parish council colleagues and other parish stakeholders we met with Inter Action MK to discuss the development of the Arts Project for Wavendon Parish funded by s106 planning gain funds.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> January a number of parish councillors together with MK City council officers walked much of the newer parts of the parish in Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm South and the observations of some of that walk are set out later in this report.
- On 29<sup>th</sup> January I attended an Age Friendly Towns and Parishes seminar setting out ways in which communities could focus more on the needs of its older residents

### Chairmans snippets - Opening of the Co-Op on Glebe Farm



As Chairman of the Parish Council, I attended the opening of the new Co-Op store on Glebe Farm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The formal ribbon cutting was undertaken by year 7 and Year 8 students from the Glebe Farm school.



I was greeted by Jake Braybrook, the Store Manager. The Co-Op are keen to be as much involved with the local community as is possible and donated a trolley full of goods for the Glebe Farm School Community Foodbank, seen here in the safe hands of Glebe Farm school staff member, Fiona Bevas.

### Community Foundation Vital Signs



As Chairman of Wavendon Parish Council, I attended the launch of the 2026 Community Foundations MK Vital Signs Report. This year, the community foundation offers a comprehensive look at all the city's Vital Signs areas. From poverty and disadvantage to housing, employment, the environment, and health and wellbeing, it highlights what's working well and where challenges remain.

The report reveals a city that continues to grow from strength to strength, not only in the physical but in all communities too. When interviewing organisations for case studies for this report, the community foundation asked them what they felt was unique about their work in the city, and for many the answer was: the strong sense of community and collaboration between different organisations.

A focus of the report, sponsored by the OU, were the issues raised by Eagle Farm South residents looking at social isolation and associated planning infrastructure 'failures' as well as the shortage of truly affordable housing, despite MK being the fastest growing (in terms of new dwellings) area in the UK. The BBC Coverage of the report can be viewed at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cq5y91enx5wo>



## East West Rail

Both myself and the Parish Council Vice Chairman (together with representatives of Woburn Sands Town Council) met with senior management representatives of East West Rail in Woburn Sands on 4th February.

### **EWR Representatives:**

- David Bray – Delivery Director
- Adam Lawless – Senior Political Relations Manager
- Tom Wood – Project Executive/ Sponsor - MVL

### **Feedback and Engagement**

- The East West Rail You Said, We Did report was successful, receiving over 4,000 responses and resulting in 80 changes. This feedback has directly influenced the strategic and economic plan for the line.

### **Stations and Alignment**

- The impact of Universal has highlighted the need for consolidated stations along the route.
- A new station for Woburn Sands is now confirmed as now being formally proposed located some 300 metres to the west of the existing station. The existing station building is a protected listed building and in the ownership on Network Rail. EWR are keen to preserve it and repurpose it as a community asset.

### **Operations and Level Crossing**

- Current proposals allow for a maximum of 5–6 coach trains due to line constraints.
- Planned service levels are five trains per hour in each direction. (i.e 10 per hour)
- Potentially, given current thinking, the existing level crossing could remain open.
- 10 trains per hour plus freight would require the crossing to be closed for approximately 30 minutes per hour, in addition to any freight movements.
- A new local traffic model would be introduced, with upgraded signage directing vehicles to use the 'bypass'.

### **Construction and Closures**

- The line will need to close for a period to enable completion of the works.
- A Code of Construction Practice will be shared with local authorities by the summer.

### **Bridge at Woodleys Farm Design**

- Plans and designs for the bridge over the railway are not yet finalised.

- Network Rail, ONH, and MKCC will all be involved in the design process.
- The current proposal is for a single carriageway in each direction, with the bridge constructed to allow for future electrification.
- Final design will be confirmed through the local planning process.
- EWR are keen to address construction issues along the route to ensure minimal disruption to local people.

### **Community Engagement**

- Design update sessions are not yet ready.
- EWR is keen to increase engagement with local communities through events, route-wide consultations, and ongoing feedback to refine designs.
- Maintaining strong working relationships with communities is a priority.
- An invitation made by the mayor for representatives of the EWR consortium to attend and present to the Woburn Sands Annual Town Meeting in May and this invitation was accepted.

### **Programme and Timescales**

- There is pressure from Universal to complete the project by 2031.
- The line will open in phases; however, EWR is not currently able to commit to specific dates
- The Development Consent Order (DCO) is scheduled to be applied for in 2027 with a decision 12 months later (2028). The DCO is the legislation that gives authority to East West Railway Company (EWR Co) to build the new railway.

### **Other issues**

- Bow Brickhill Railway station is scheduled to close and a bridge constructed roughly in line with the current road layout.
- Freight Services and Impacts
- The works to reopen the Bicester-Bletchley line were completed on time and under budget in 2024. In 2025... Freight started to use the line in June 2025 with a daily Southampton - Northampton Gateway path. A second daily flow is also now operational, alongside freight diversions and charters

The EWR line has been built to accommodate freight as well as passenger movements. There is a requirement to provide capacity for one freight path per hour in each direction. Freight services commenced operation on the Oxford to Bletchley section of EWR in June 2025 between the Oxford Main Line and the West Coast Main Line, with two trains operating in each direction per day. This would later increase to 10 additional freight train movements a day when the line is extended to Cambridge.

### **Balderstone Road connectivity and Lower End Road parallel Redway**

Murray Woodburn (Transport Manager) has appointed team member Kevin Hyatt from to look at the Balderstone Road connection, and he is familiarising himself with the issue so not in a position to say much at this stage. Jonjo McBride is continuing to work with the developers on those other points of connection along Lower End Road.



## **Merger of local Multi Academy Trusts**

Our local Multi Academy Trust IFtL write ...

*We are delighted that you and your organisation are part of the community working with and within Inspiring Futures through Learning Multi-Academy Trust.*

*We want to be proactive and transparent in keeping you informed about significant developments across our Trust. Across the education sector, it's become crucial to look strategically at growth and potential mergers. Not as an end goal, but as a robust way to protect and enhance the educational quality for our children, and to ensure the long-term sustainability of our mission.*

*Our Board of Trustees has been deeply engaged in this strategic consideration. Over the past few months, the Trustees have thoroughly reviewed opportunities for local and regional growth. Further to extensive partnership working and a natural alliance on this, we are now exploring the option of a potential merger with another Multi-Academy Trust, Chiltern Learning Trust (CLT).*

*The synergy here is powerful: IFtL and CLT already share very close ties through our Teaching School and recent strong, impactful partnerships. Our two Trusts are highly complementary with shared values – combined they are well recognised and respected locally, regionally and nationally for their work including in early years, primary, secondary phases, initial teacher training, work with the DfE through school improvement programmes and regional hubs and digital literacy, both in AI and teaching and learning.*

*Also, crucially, we are geographically neighbouring: a merged trust would cover North Northants, Milton Keynes, Luton, Bedford, Central Beds and Buckinghamshire, meaning a formal merger would be logical and highly efficient in preserving local identity and our school development models based on this.*

*There is an engagement website set up with links to letters and information:*

*<https://www.iftl.co.uk/about/engagement/>*

CLT Schools locally include

- Aspley Guise Village School
- Cedars Upper School

IFtL schools locally include

- St Mary's Wavendon CofE Primary
- Glebe Farm Combined School

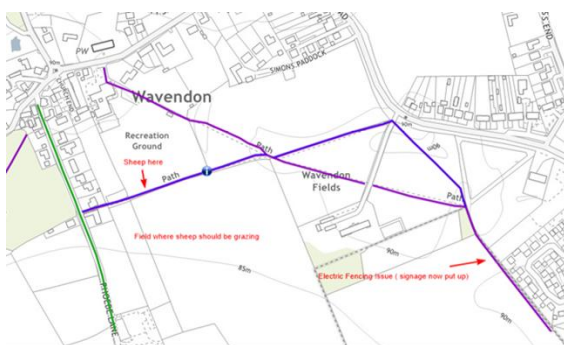
## Play Area Elmswell Gate



MKCC has met with the appointed contractor and walked the site. The contractors are anticipating commencing these works on Monday the 16th of February 2026 with a hope that most of the works can be completed by the early summer 2026. There will be seeding, some tree and shrub planting remaining for the next appropriate time to undertake these works in Autumn 2026.

We (Wavendon PC) have agreed in principle to allow the contractor (PVR Contracting Ltd) permissions to park their clean transport vehicles in the car park of Wavendon Heights Community Hub. This would prevent any mud getting on the roads and access into the stables. We all want this construction to be as smooth as possible and as clean as possible. The only vehicles entering the site are what is necessary to assist in the construction of the works and a size we can mitigate or prevent the impact of. The other request is relating to the junction of the temporary road access off Stockwell Lane opposite the Stables access. MKCC would like the permission of the parish council to use this space for the delivery and initial storage such as when the play equipment arrives. These will arrive on a very heavy vehicle which would not be appropriate to access the site given its size and load.

## Sheep, electric fence between Bellway and land forming part of SEMK



A farmer has rented the O&H owned land to the north of the railway (behind Frosts) and is grazing sheep. He also installed an electric fence which when run into or touched by dogs running off the leash caused harm and distress.

MKCC Rights of Way were contacted and responded as follows ....'We have undertaken a site visit into this issue and would agree that the provided width available for the footpath adjacent to the electric fencing is not sufficient. As you suggest some form of warning signs should have also been provided.

We are currently in the process of contacting O&H to flag this issue up to them so it can be resolved'.

To add to this issue sheep grazing on these fields escaped both into the Recreation Ground on Walton Road and onto the new Redrow estate on the other side of the field close to Woburn Sands Station.

### **Marston Vale Railway**



I am pleased to inform you Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre is reopening after a winter break on 18th February thanks to the Friends of Ridgmont Station. Winter opening hours are Wednesday – Friday 11:00 – 3:00. Please see <https://ridgmontheritage.org.uk> .

Visitors can purchase tea & coffee, homemade cakes & scones to enjoy in the Heritage Centre.

The Heritage Centre is available to book for meetings on Mondays & Tuesdays.

As you may be aware, West Midlands Trains (operator of the London Northwestern Railway brand) has recently formally completed its transfer to public ownership

### **Community Governance Review by MK City Council**

## **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE**

Develop your career, support your council and strengthen your community

Given the challenging financial landscape and the growth of the city, there is a view that Parish and Town Councils are well positioned to support and deliver more services, and this is a position that MKCC has taken for several years. MK City Council Scrutiny is exploring with Parish and Town Councils their view of where they believe they could work more effectively and /or to a higher standard than the Council and also to understand their capacity for taking on further services and assets in future years.

### **Community & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee**

#### **Response from MKALC to the future relationship of city and parish Councils**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils (MKALC) a voluntary organisation representing Parish and Town Councils in Milton Keynes.

MKALC met yesterday (Tuesday 3rd February 2026) to firm up a submission to the meeting of the Community & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 10th February 2026, to discuss the future likely role of Parish & Town Councils in the Milton Keynes of 2050!

Parish and Town Councils expressed a desire to be given powers to administer directly S106 monies in their area for community projects for say up to £30,000, with an agreement drawn up with Milton Keynes City Council. Castlethorpe Parish Council has already undertaken such a scheme which was warmly received by their residents.

Highways was another service that Parish and Town Councils would like to be devolved and to be given more powers. So that Parish and Town Councils can undertake works directly. Such as repair of street signs and verge works including the installation of polls to install SID devices. There were numerous examples at the meeting where charges were more expensive to undertake works, which would have been cheaper with better response times. Had the works been undertaken directly by Parish and Town Councils.

The issue was raised about double taxation when Parish and Town Councils have taken on the maintenance of playparks, using their precept but residents are still paying through their council tax for other areas where the same service is not devolved. Concern was expressed about the lack of consultation when play equipment has been removed by Milton Keynes City Council, a better process needs to be put in place, and again to be given more powers.

Any devolved service must also come with the appropriate funding package in place. Smaller Parish and Town Councils that do not have the resources, must not feel pressured into taking on services, especially if that service has been threatened to be withdrawn by Milton Keynes City Council.

There should be more support to encourage possible cross working between Parish and Town Councils if willing to do so, to ensure a better quality of service, a good example of this would be undertaking the landscaping service.

Consideration needs to be given as to a size of a Parish Council and the governance issues that comes with that. For example, in Milton Keynes East with the amount of new build properties proposed, based on the average size of Parish Councils in Milton Keynes, could result in up to 100 extra Parish Councils. Which would cause consultation difficulties, and the voice of existing Parish and Town Councils being drowned out, though larger Parish Councils could like Dunstable Town Council provide more services due to economies of scale. Although residents like to have smaller Parish Councils as they identify with their local community, so there is a challenging balance to be made.

Reference has been made by the Scrutiny Committee to neighbouring communities and governance. So is the committee proposing something like community boards which would be another layer between Parish and Town Councils and Milton Keynes City Council, which was not supported at the meeting.

It is important that Milton Keynes City Council realises that it is up to Parish and Town Councils what services they provide as laid down in statute, and not Milton Keynes City Council doing things to Parish and Town Councils, and therefore Milton Keynes City Council needs to consult and engage more widely and extensively than is the case at present. Although the Parish Liaison directorate has tried to ensure all departments in the past are aware of the Parish and Town Council sector and tried to consult whenever possible, but the team has been somewhat diminished over the years, and more resources need to be provided to ensure more comprehensive support and consultation to the Parish and Town Council.

### The Royal Mail's universal service obligation



To deliver letters **6 days a week** (not Sundays)  
To deliver parcels **5 days a week** (not weekends)



Two delivery speeds:  
**1st Class** (next day) and **2nd Class** (within three days)



This legal obligation has not changed since **2011**

Source: Ofcom



### Royal Mail Deliveries – Following

numerous reports made to me regarding the intermittent and unreliable local royal mail delivery services in recent weeks during which time hospital appointments and other critical NHS correspondence, invoices and accounts and legal documents were often delayed by days or often weeks. I contacted the local Royal Mail management who have responded as follows:

*They apologise stating that the Brinklow sorting office in MK is experiencing severe staff shortages which they are attempting to address by recruiting 13 new postal delivery staff.*

*Royal Mail declined an invitation to meet with the town council or representatives of the town council basically stating they did not meet with town and parish councils.*

The problems do seem to be city wide but not consistent. For example, Little Brickhill residents report that they have experienced no such problems.

I was pleased to be able to raise the matter on local television via the BBC Look East local news magazine programme and via BBC Three Counties Radio.

### Local Issues



*Join the  
Youth Council*

### Wavendon (Proposed) Youth Club / Possible Youth Parish Council

Responses have now been received to the tender for the provision of youth services in the parish. The Parish Council will discuss the options at its February meeting.

### Thames Valley Police Have your Say meetings



Thames Valley Police *Have your Say* meetings

The Woburn Sands Town Clerk in liaison with PC Paige Grady of TVP have arranged forthcoming visits to Woburn Sands by our local police team. Paige has booked in to attend the following market days in Woburn Sands:

- 14th Feb
- 14th March
- 11th April
- 9th May
- 12th September
- 10th October

**The local TVP Danesborough team are also going to hold their 'Have your Say' event in the Memorial Hall in Woburn Sands to be held on 31st March - 7pm - 8pm and the parish council will extensively publicise that event well in advance.**

Officers reported that 109 crimes were reported in the Danesborough & Walton ward in December 2025

Crime type	Instances
Violence and sexual offences	67
Anti-social behaviour	18
Public order & Vehicle crime	14
All other crime/theft	10

## E Bikes and Scooters



### Mandatory Parking Zones for E-Bike and E-Scooter Hire

**CLlr Penfound & CLlr Burges and I are meeting with Edel Langan [Edel.Langan@Milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Edel.Langan@Milton-keynes.gov.uk) on 19th March to discuss MKCC position in relation to these issues.**

From 29 January, the rollout of Mandatory Parking Zones (MPZs) for e-bike and e-scooter hire schemes began across Milton Keynes. MPZs are locations where users can go to pick up or leave their e-bikes and e-scooters. Users will know where these locations are from the Lime or Dott app they are using.

Previously the e-scooter and e-bikes could be picked up and left after journeys using a 'free-floating' system which means they could be left at any place within the operational area, causing some complaints about obstructions, especially if the e-bike or e-scooter had accidentally fallen over.

The new practice will be monitored by the two operators and users will continue to be required to leave the vehicles upright and take a photo before they can 'End Ride'. Users who park obstructively will be warned and may be fined. Patrollers will also visit locations to tidy vehicles. These new locations will be monitored over the next two-three months to make sure that they are the right spots for both users and residents.

After this initial phase, we'll look at putting some permanent markings to show the MPZ locations such as racks or painted markings, depending on usage, budget and available space.

For access to an embargoed copy of the map of all the MPZ locations, or to provide feedback on the suitability of sites / suggesting alternative sites, please contact the team at [cycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:cycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk).

<https://www.miltonkeynes.co.uk/news/people/strict-new-rules-aim-to-prevent-abandoned-lime-e-scooters-and-bikes-from-cluttering-the-pathways-of-milton-keynes-5464748>

Rigid new parking rules mean Lime customers will be punished for dumping their e-scooters and bikes irresponsibly in 2026.

From this month, Lime e-bikes and e-scooters users must end their rides in special marked Mandatory Parking Zones (MPZs).

And if they don't comply, they risk a fine or a ban for improper parking.

To report issues with the Lime or Dott e-bike or e-scooter equipment, please report it directly using the details below.

Lime: [help-miltonkeynes@li.me](mailto:help-miltonkeynes@li.me) | Dott: [mk-ops@ridedott.com](mailto:mk-ops@ridedott.com) for direct contact (Councillors / Clerks): [del.osullivan@ridedott.com](mailto:del.osullivan@ridedott.com)



**New Local Plan – MK2050 (Reg 19 Consultation Extended)**

**Where to Find More Info:** <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city-plan-2050/mk-city-plan-2050>

### **Community Issues Audit**

Cllr Thomas, Burgess and I together with the Parish Clerk and retiring clerk walked much of the newer parts of the parish in January. Amongst the issues we considered were

1. The redway path to nowhere running dangerously parallel to Lower End Road



**2. Accumulated and persistent rubbish problems close to the John Lewis warehouse.**



**3. Parks Trust upgraded pathway at Wildwood Play Area**



- Parish Councillors on the walk also examined the safety issues relating to the road crossing on Burney Drive and Keightly Gate, with parents and students attending Glebe Farm school in mind. We also considered the lack of road signing at this point.

**CrimeWave**

In answer to a question raised recently by residents at the January TVP Have Your Say event regarding tackling crime locally I can report that Woburn Sands Town Council contracts with Crimewave (who are also MKCC approved) as Security CCTV suppliers

Contact: Luke Denton - Senior Consultant [Luke.Denton@cwsolutions.co.uk](mailto:Luke.Denton@cwsolutions.co.uk)

Office: (01908) 511965 Mobile: 07875 320702

[www.crimewaveltd.co.uk](http://www.crimewaveltd.co.uk)

<https://www.crimewaveltd.co.uk/local-authorities.html>

Crimewave offer Local Authorities & Parish Councils the following service support for sector products – Crimewave claim to ‘provide an expert, impartial, fully managed and comprehensive fixed cost service including’:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Fly tipping and littering
- Dog fouling
- Illegal parking (for example at schools)
- Dangerous driving
- Protection of school crossing patrols and pedestrians



## Community Safety Survey 2026.

**Give us your thoughts about crime and safety**



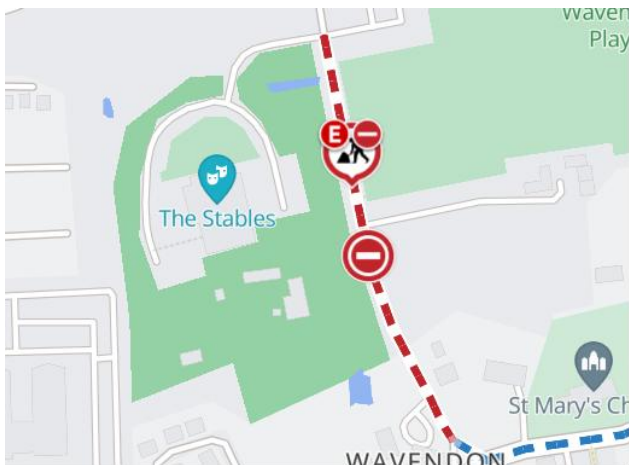
We are gathering feedback from residents, employees, and visitors about anti-social behaviour and crime concerns across Milton Keynes to inform future community safety priorities.

To take part in the survey, visit [MK Together Safeguarding Partnership - Community Safety Survey 2026 – Fill in form](#) or scan the QR code above.

**The survey closes on 13 March 2026.** To request a paper copy of the survey for completion, please contact the Community Safety Team on [safermk@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:safermk@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or 01908 691 691.



## Road Works and Repairs



MKCC undertook emergency pothole repairs on

**Stockwell Lane** on 10 February, but the lane remains in a very poor state of repair. However, some may argue this keeps traffic moving slowly, with the safety benefits that brings.



**MK City Council Transport Strategy**

In response to some comments received about it not being easy to view or discuss the whole strategy on the online platform, or to respond if you have no internet access, MKCC has produced an updated version of the summary for consultation, which will be downloadable from the Commonplace engagement website, but will also be available in paper format at council buildings and libraries.

It has some slightly updated text and some photos added to make it more readable, but obviously there are no changes to the schemes and policies considered by Scrutiny and that were approved by Delegated Decision last year.

The LTP5 consultation is now live on the Commonplace website here

<https://mktransportconversation.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/v3/the-local-transport-plan?step=step1>



**Alzheimer Society** - The Parish Clerk and I met with Annlouise Taylor of Alzheimer's UK to find out how the parish council owned and operated halls and the businesses in Wavendon and Woburn Sands become more dementia friendly. An in-person training session for councillors from both

communities will be arranged in the near future. This to ensure we are doing all we can to make buildings in both communities dementia / Alzheimer 'friendly'.

**PLN/2025/2267 – Resident Awareness and Request for a Review. Land off Lower End Road, Wavendon.**



Proposed erection of 36 dwellings

with associated car and bicycle parking, landscaping, construction of new vehicular access and internal access roads, and other associated works on land south of Lower End Road, Wavendon.

This application was discussed at the January meeting of the Parish Council. However, it since transpires that residents living adjacent to the site (6 – 28 Lower End Road and 2 Cranfield Road) **have not received notification** of the application as is required. I have asked for the application to come before MKC Planning committee and not be subject simply to an officer delegated decision and for the consultation period to be extended and letters formally written to neighbours allowing them time to respond in detail.

However, MKCC Planning report .... *Whilst it may have been prudent for the case officer to issue neighbour notifications, in line with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) there was no requirement to do so, instead site notices and a press notice were published. Having now looked at this with Paul, as no site notice was placed in Lower End Road and given the confusion this has caused amongst residents, to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the application we will now be sending notifications letters out today. New site notices will also be put up in the coming days, with comments to be received by 5th March. We will still accept comments made after this date ahead of determination, (providing they are received within a reasonable timeframe ). As you know any interested party can comment on the application by accessing our online planning register.*

*MKCC report that they are aware of the call in request.*

## NEWS REPORT

Repos of an increase in car crime in the parish (and neighbouring area)



## Vehicle Crime Crime Prevention Advice

Whether you depend on your van for work or use your car for commuting, a break-in can be costly in terms of time, money and peace of mind. Protect your vehicles and their contents by following these steps:

- **Always lock doors and windows:** It seems obvious but it's the first line of defence.
- **Park in well-lit areas:** Thieves are less likely to target vehicles in visible, well-lit or busy locations.
- **Remove valuables from sight:** Keep items like laptops, bags, and tools out of view or take them with you.
- **Install an alarm system:** A good alarm can deter thieves and alert you to any break-ins.
- **Use steering wheel locks:** These add an extra layer of security and can discourage potential thieves.
- **Consider GPS tracking devices:** In case of theft, these devices can help locate your vehicle quickly.
- **Keep your keys out of sight at home:** Ensure that your keys are not visible or accessible from the outside to prevent opportunistic theft.
- **Store your keys in a metal tin or a Faraday pouch:** These block the signal that allow a thief to unlock your vehicle without a key.
- **Install a smart doorbell or CCTV system:** These security measures can deter thieves and provide valuable evidence.

**If you witness a crime in progress, please call 999 immediately**

Non-emergency incidents can be reported by calling 101 or online at the Thames Valley Police website. Scan the QR code below for more information and advice on vehicle crime prevention.



MK TOGETHER  
**Safeguarding  
Partnership**

MK City Council Budget Papers						
Project Schemes in the parish included in the MK City Council draft Budget						
Scheme	Tariff Programme 2026/27 £'000	2027/28 £'000	2028/29 £'000	2029/30 £'000	2030/31 £'000	Total £'000
Kingston Roundabout Improvements	500	1,420	10,000	4,833	0	16,753
H10 connection to Church Farm	6,945	5,805	0	0	0	12,750

Citizen Advice Sessions Locally



## Citizens Advice Sessions

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WOBURN SANDS  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Friday 27th February**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**At the library 10.30am – 1.30pm**

# COMMUNITY ACTION: MK

## *Funding Available*

### **Area Based Budget for Activities Criteria - Area Based grants are available to support:**

- New and innovative projects within the area
- Extending established activities
- Voluntary Groups working across MK to deliver support, benefiting residents of Wavendon Parish Council - The area of focus is Towergate, Glebe Farm

This area is across both parish/community councils. There are no available community facilities in this specific area. Which is why community cohesion is so important.

**What is intended to be achieved by this funding....**Social Connectedness - generate activity and social - neighbourliness.

The projects must benefit the local communities; promote voluntary effort; encourage community involvement; be led by the community.

Grants can be awarded for costs associated with the project.

Only one application per project can be made to this fund, and total applications will not exceed £500.

### **Who can apply:**

Individuals or groups (for the benefit of the local community) which are Milton Keynes based, run on a voluntary basis, and show leadership in starting community activities which need resources to enable them to do so.

### **Examples of funding:**

Listed below are some examples of the type of things that can be funded through this grant programme.

The list is split into example categories; however, these are not the only categories that can be funded. You may have an eligible project idea that is outside of these areas.

Projects/ activities might include:

- Funding a community festival, street party or fun day
- Printing a community newsletter
- Paying for venue hire for a new group to hold a first meeting or an established group to extend outreach into the area.
- Paying for promotion and publicity for new groups or activities
- Public liability insurance

- Refreshments for a community activity
- Outings

This list is not exhaustive and many other ideas/ activities that are of benefit to the local community may be eligible for funding.

**Additional Information:**

Community Action: MK are working closely with Wavendon Parish Council to deliver a range of Community Development

Support in the Wavendon, Wavendon Gate, Walnut Tree and Towergate area of MK. In particular our work will enable new residents to feel more connected to the community and provide some funds for social activities.

**Projects or schemes must not be duplicating existing services**

There is a simplified process for area-based grants of up to £500. New or existing groups that do not yet have a bank account are eligible to apply for up to £500. This will require the applicant to sign terms and conditions.

**For area-based grants there need to be evidence that the activity is needed.**

Quotes or estimates for any potential purchases will be required, and there will be an expectation that you are working with the Community Action: MK team and you can demonstrate this in your application.

Applications for up to £500 can be submitted at any time and you are notified of a decision within 28 days of receiving the application.

**Exclusions:**

The following exclusions apply:

- Projects/ activities that are outside Walton Community Council & Wavendon Parish Council areas
- Individuals are not eligible to apply if the project benefits themselves financially – i.e. must not be for personal gain
- Projects must not include party political activities
- The grant cannot be used where the project/ activity meets the needs of one specific religious group only
- Campaigning

PLEASE MAKE or RETURN APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING by email to: [Josan@communityactionmk.org](mailto:Josan@communityactionmk.org)

***Cllr David Hopkins***

***February 2026***

***Chairman of Wavendon Parish Council 2025/26***