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(the Winter 2023) edition:
Sunday 19th November



WOBURN SANDS COMMUNITY MARKET DATES

Woburn Sands very own Community Market is held on the
second Saturday of the month from 10am - 2pm,
at the Memorial Green on the High Street.
(*look out for signs confirming market days during the pandemic).

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

Wavendon Parish Council

For any issues that you would like to raise with
Wavendon Parish Council please contact, in the
first instance. Parish Clerk - [Alan Kemp](mailto:alan.kemp@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk)

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Looking to hire the Wavendon Community Centre?



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Reporting Issues to *Milton Keynes Council*

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



www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-aply/report-it



**Wavendon Volunteer
Army**, whose members
devote much of their
spare time help keeping
our community spic and
span, have installed a
permanent memorial to
the late **Peter George**
(see article in Wafas
March 2023 edition)
on the green opposite
Wavendon Parish Church

From the Chairman of Wavendon Parish Council

CAR CRUISING

Car Cruising on the A421 along with the predicted weekly car meets that take place in the entrances to Eagle Farm South and Glebe Farm are something that the Parish Council and Thames Valley Police are keen to stop, for the safety of the car users during the time of these extremely dangerous race meetings. In order to support the eradication of those from outside the area, coming here and driving in such a dangerous and reckless way, please do continue to send in all evidence to the police and phone as soon as you begin to see them meeting up and cruising on our busy roads. In order to stop this from happening and prosecuting, the police need all of the evidence that they can get. Following a recent meeting with Matthew Barber (Thames Valley Police, Police & Crime Commissioner) we have been re-assured of the tactical and strategic efforts being made in order to eradicate this issue within the Parish.



Parish Chairman David Hopkins and Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber prior to their meeting to discuss local crime and highways issues.

SPEEDING

There have been reports of speeding in the residential areas across Wavendon and in order to support the Parish Councils desire to have a simple speed limit scheme in all housing areas as well as

traffic calming measure, Milton Keynes Council Highways Department have asked us to gather a series of additional data via the Community Speed Watch Scheme. If you have an interest in reducing speeding in the residential areas of Wavendon and wish to volunteer and join the team, please contact the Parish Council directly for further details.

FLOODING ON THE REDWAYS

Thank you to those who have previously reported the blocked draining systems by the underpass. MKCC came out, carried out the repairs and then subsequently the area became blocked again due to the poor weather at the time. After further investigation from one of the MKCC sub contractors, there is a physical blockage and it should have since been repaired now. Please do continue to report these incidents to MKCC via their "report it page" and take any images along with making a note of the exact location of where the blockage is at the time.

LITTER

There have been concerns raised about the lack of rubbish bins and dog waste bins near to the new parks and pedestrian routes. Some have recently been installed, but as always please contact the Parish Council directly if you have any suggestions bins in Eagle or Glebe Farm.

ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council are working with the developers responsible for each of the allotment sites in Eagle and Glebe Farm so that they can be handed over in the best possible condition. If you are a resident in Eagle or Glebe Farm and have already shown an interest and are on the waiting list, The Parish Clerk will be in touch once each of the locations have been signed off.



AMENITIES AND HEALTH SERVICES

Residents in the newer areas of Wavendon have reported concerns with the lack of local convenience stores, since moving to the area. Sainsbury's have signed a 10 year lease from completion, for the site

continue... **From the Chairman**

on Eagle Farm. There are ongoing discussions with L&Q for the development of four units in Glebe Farm which would serve as the local shops and services for the residents, which would be extremely beneficial for residents. With regards to access to health services, there have been issues and delays for adults and children trying to access NHS Dental and General Practice services in the area. There is a search function that can be used to locate your nearest GP Surgery (<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp>) or Dental Surgery (<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist>). But if you require further advice and guidance please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Council who will be able to signpost you to Doctor and Dental Surgery options in the local vicinity.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

The cost of living crisis is both a national and local issue. Locally here in Wavendon, the food banks help to support families but there are often anonymous posts from people that need financial help with food or hygiene products. Glebe Farm School with the support of the Parish Council and many other local and national organisations, facilitate warm space coffee mornings and foodbank sessions which can be accessed in the School's Community Hub building. If you are ever in need of emergency help or support please contact the Parish Council directly who will be able to provide support, advice and guidance in the first instance.



HIGHWAYS ISSUES IN THE PARISH



The Chairman of the Parish Council and the Parish Council meet bi-monthly with senior highways officers at MK City Council to raise and receive updates on numerous highways related issues across

the parish. Below is a brief synopsis on each issue but do feel free to contact the Parish if you feel you have a highways issues local to you in Wavendon parish that is not currently included Wavendon Contact: Parish Council Clerk clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk

- **Speed Watch Scheme** – It was noted speed watch group has been established for the Parish of Wavendon.

- **Walton Road Traffic Scheme Refresh** – Residents continue to ask when a review will be undertaken.

- **Walton Road pavement repair** – The Parish Clerk met with MKCC Highways on the 14 December 2022 in Wavendon and it was agreed that an assessment would be conducted. Waiting for confirmation that this work will be completed in 2023/2024?

- **Walton Road double bend resurfacing** - Clerk met with MKCC Highways on the 14 December 2022 in Wavendon and it was agreed that an assessment would be conducted. Waiting for confirmation that this work will be completed in 2023/2024? MKCC has repaired some pot holes.

- **Cranfield Road / Lower End Road / Newport Road Speed Reduction.** – we understand a scheme has been devised but we are awaiting details.

- **Weight limit sign on Cranfield Road** - Legally there should be a sign on either side of the road at this point. This is the junction along Cranfield Road with Crabtree Lane (to the left) and Crow Lane (on the right).

One was hit by an HGV and has never been replaced. Will new signage form part of the new scheme for Cranfield Road please and will the weight limit be announced at points well in advance of this location to avoid HGV's reaching the signage then reversing in the lane(s) to go back from the direction they have come, as happens quite frequently.

- **Cross End Closure Scheme** – The road will not now be closed as a through road. 1st phase has been completed and we are waiting for signs to be installed. Phase 2 – 'left in, left out' scheme will be carried out in the new budget year 2023/2024.

- **Stockwell Lane 20mph traffic calming scheme.** - Project should be completed in August 2023.

- **Elmswell Gate and The Groveway**

Residents remain concerned regarding the road safety issues when turning out from the existing from the Towergate entrance.

- **Burney Drive (Eagle's Rest / Glebe Farm** – The Parish Council has already ensured that the road is a 30mph road with traffic calming features and a 20mph zone in

the vicinity of the schools. There is a weight restriction on the road so any vehicles rat-running will be limited to a maximum of 7.5 tonnes. Concerns remain over rat running potential when the road fully opens in 2024.

- **Kingston Roundabout Review** – A Highways England issue that we continue to highlight.

- **Pedestrian crossing at St Marys School at Eagle Farm South.**

Update provided by MKCC at the meeting held on the 14 December 2022 – Developer has provided a report stating that further pedestrian crossings are required. The report didn't specifically state that a light controlled 'zebra crossing' was needed, therefore MKCC has requested the Developer to consider a provision of a standard zebra crossing, which they have informally agreed to. MKCC are waiting for formal proposal to review.

Update provided by MKCC at the meeting held on the 8 March 2023 - Item still with developer BDW Trading Limited. The design, approval and construction of a crossing is a long process so will take some time, but MKCC will continue to chase BDW Trading Limited.

- **Kingston Underpass Waterlogging.**

- **New footpath from Cross End** (Newport Road junction) to the new Care Home at Woburn Sands Emporium. £50k 106 monies were agreed on the 27 April 2021 regarding planning application 20/02188/OUT.

- **Signage confusion** - visitors are confusing the Stables Theatre with the new Community Hub.

- **Road flooding at Cranfield Road** (Lower End) opposite properties that open out directly on to the highway. The road at this point is maintained by Central Beds Council but repeated attempts to engage with that council have proven challenging.

- **Newport Road** – Road safety issues connected with access to and from properties on bend opposite the entrance to Wavendon Fields, campaign for a speed reduction to 30 MPH along whole route from station to Kingston roundabout and a light controlled pedestrian crossing close to the entrance to the Woburn Emporium.

Cllr David Hopkins

Chairman – Wavendon Parish Council



Parish Councillor, Cllr Steve Thomas and Parish Chairman David Hopkins manned a stall at a MK Community Foundation organised event in the new Wavendon Hub in August aimed at introducing new residents to the many services the Foundation and its partners offer to people new to the area.



MK Can!



Overview

Join MK Food Bank and the Milton Keynes community to break the world record for the longest continuous line of cans of food. Together we can celebrate our City and fundraise and gather food donations for the Winter shortfall!

MILTON KEYNES' TARGET: 132,000 cans (10km)

Community Group Info

Date	Monday 16th October 2023, 09:00 – 17:00
Key Information	<p>Location: Campbell Park, Central Milton Keynes</p> <p>Cost: A 25 metre section is FREE for community groups (schools, churches, parish councils, not-for-profit groups)</p>
You need to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Collect 350 cans of food. You will bring these with you on the day.● Bring between 5 and 10 volunteers (16+) You can wear branded clothing.● Bring up to 5 branded signs to brand your section
You will get:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To give out promotional materials to the public who 'walk the line'● Your logo on our website and social media shout-outs from MK Food Bank channels● To be part of the official MK Can celebration and photo (one team member)● Local and national news coverage of the event● An MK Can prize for all participants and an official certificate for the office!
How to enter:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Complete the online entry form by 15th September. QR Code on your Can!● We'll send you an info pack to get you started! <p>If we meet our target of 132,000 cans, together we will have collected half the canned food MK Food Bank needs for an entire year.</p>



DAFS

DRUG & ALCOHOL FAMILY SUPPORT

EMPATHY HAS NO SCRIPT,
THERE IS NO RIGHT WAY
OR WRONG WAY TO DO IT.
IT'S SIMPLY LISTENING,
HOLDING SPACE,
WITHHOLDING JUDGEMENT,
EMOTIONALLY CONNECTING
& COMMUNICATING THAT
INCREDIBLY HEALING
MESSAGE:
"YOU ARE NOT ALONE"

Who are DAFS?

DAFS (Drug & Alcohol Family Support) are a grass roots not-for-profit voluntary service who focus on supporting and empowering families of addicted loved ones, without judgement or exclusion.

We offer:

- a SAFE SPACE to come together & share our lived experiences
- a fully confidential service
- compassion & understanding

We also aim to raise awareness of addiction in our communities & work to reduce stigma.

WE SUPPORT STRUGGLING FAMILIES

We motivate families to start to live their lives again & to practise self-care. We encourage them to laugh & to have HOPE for the future, no matter what choices their loved ones make.

To find out more please contact Lynn or Val:

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Join us on our private Facebook page!
www.facebook.com/groups/MKFamilysupportgroup

Instagram: [dafs.mk](https://www.instagram.com/dafs.mk)

Iain Stewart

I hope you have had a lovely summer. I am looking forward to returning to Parliament this month to continue working hard for the residents of Milton Keynes South.

It was brilliant to welcome the Prime Minister to the Milton Keynes University Hospital this month to showcase to him the plans for our new Women's and Children's Hospital and the plans for the future of the hospital estate. It was also announced that Milton Keynes University Hospital will be getting a brand new 22-bed ward this winter following the latest significant investment from the Conservative Government. This £3 million upgrade will mean patients can get seen faster whilst also freeing up hospital capacity. With better treatment, more capacity and faster treatments, it is only positive news for local NHS patients.

You may have seen the recent news that Bletchley Train Station has been included in the expansion of tap-in tap-out ticketing for rail passengers across the country. This means rail users will be able to use their phone or bank card to 'tap in' for journeys, rather than booking tickets in advance. I welcome this move, as I am sure many local residents will do too, because it will make rail journeys easier and more accessible for passengers. Hopefully, we will see other train stations in Milton Keynes join Bletchley in the near future.

More generally on ticket offices, I share the concerns that many residents have on the proposed closure of station ticket offices. While some changes are needed as fewer people buy their tickets over the counter, I am not satisfied that the current plans will meet the

needs of all passengers. As Chair of the Transport Select Committee in Parliament, I am scrutinising the proposals carefully.

Lastly, I am currently conducting an online survey to understand what local and national issues are important to you and your family. The feedback I receive from you will shape my priorities for the upcoming parliamentary term so I would encourage you to have your say. The survey only takes a minute to complete and can be found on my website here: www.iainstewart.org.uk/form/summer-2023-survey

As always, if my office or I can be of any assistance to address an issue, answer a query or to extend an invitation, please do get in touch by email at iain.stewart.mp@parliament or calling **01908 686830**.

Wavendon

Belles WI

We now have over 30 members and our monthly meetings are full of friendship, fun and learning about new things!

At our July meeting we welcomed Maria Greenhill who told us all about essential oils and the part they play in aromatherapy. She explained to us that there were many levels to becoming a fully qualified aromatherapy practitioner. She passed round little hearts soaked with different oils so that our ladies could smell them and explained that some oils were far more potent than others but all had to be treated with great respect.

Our groups are beginning to form: we have a Walking Group, Book Group and Theatre Group. These groups meet outside of our monthly meeting and provides another opportunity for our members to spend time together.

Our next monthly meeting is on Thursday, 14th September at 7.30pm at the Wavendon Community Centre when Analizia Jones will be telling us about the making of Philippine handwoven bags.

A warm welcome awaits you if you would like to come and visit us at our meeting!





Please see below a rundown of what has been happening within the neighbourhood team recently.

St Marys Church & St. Marys School coffee mornings:

This has been a regular event that we have been attending, this is an excellent time for us to engage with residents, some have come from further afield than Danesborough parish itself. During our visits we have had the chance to offer advice whether it be crime prevention or how to improve people's own situations. We have had the chance to help safeguard people as well and make referrals for them to get more support. This attended when our shift pattern allows and there is always a welcome response.

St Marys CofE School & Glebe Farm School engagement:

Over the academic year as a team there has been a great opportunity to engage with the schools in the local area including a visit to Bright Horizons day nursery. It is so important to have an impact at a young age to ensure that our young people don't fear the police, can ask questions and understand their rights that they have as an individual. We've been tackling subjects such as online safety, criminal responsibility, generic anti-social behaviour, and what the emergency services do and attend. With some visits around the police vehicles too. We would love to expand this also into youth groups as well, we already attend the Wavendon Gate Youth Café regularly. For the Glebe Farm secondary school there was a chance to have a careers day talk with question and answer session. They also recorded an interview for their own.

Eagle Farm expansion:

With the ever increasing expansion of the parish this has seen us having to learn the geography of the area, an exciting time for myself as a PCSO getting an area that is expanding, getting to watch it grow. Also challenging in having to remember even more street names and getting the fun of going down alleys and cut through to discover where they come out! The ability to cut across from Brooklands when doing foot or cycle patrols is invaluable for ease of access.

Ongoing Engagement:

We are regularly in attendance at the Walton Market just over in Walnut Tree, L&Q housing provider have a yearly community day, Broughton and West Ashland Fire stations open days have and are in the near future.

We Are

COMMUNITY ACTION: MK

Registered Charity: 1092047

Strengthening:

Communities



Groups



The Sector



We support the local Voluntary and Community Sector.

We work with local partners, organisations and volunteers to ensure Milton Keynes is a thriving city.

We believe in strong, sustainable communities with volunteering at their heart.

www.communityactionmk.org

 support@communityactionmk.org  01908 661623  @ComActMK

Public Art – Funding for Arts Project(s) in Wavendon Parish

Culture was as important to our city's founders as the roads – it was an intrinsic part of the original city 'Masterplan' and was seen as a tool for community development, social cohesion, building aspiration and successful place-making.

People worked hand-in-hand with artists, creating artworks that would define the city's identity – including our most famous bovine ambassadors – the Concrete Cows, who now reside at MK Museum. Public art and creativity brought people together, encouraging participation and ownership of the city's public realm.

This tradition continues, Milton Keynes has an excellent reputation for commissioning public art and the city now boasts over 220 artworks within the public realm.

What is public art?

In Milton Keynes we define public art very broadly, it could be creative signage, sculpture, bespoke outdoor furniture, landscape art, an artist in residence or one of many more creative outputs. Overall, we see public art as inviting the vision, creativity and skills of artists, to engage people with place, in a well-considered way.

What does this mean?

Through working with artists, we seek to bring people together to consider place, how it is used, what it is like now and potentially how it can be improved or changed by creativity. Through this process we hope communities can share ideas and feel ownership of their area and the resulting artworks.

Milton Keynes City Council secures funding for public art through the planning process, this funding is ringfenced for projects in the area where development has taken place. This is where we need your help. In the Wavendon Parish we have some funding for public art, if you are interested in helping develop a project and inform how this funding can benefit your area, please get in touch by emailing clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk

Louise Izod – Public Art Specialist
Louise.izod@milton-keynes.gov.uk
MK City Council



Please help to recycle unwanted Walking Aids

We've been asked by our partners at Milton Keynes University Hospital to pass on details of a new scheme to reuse, refurbish or recycle unwanted walking aids such as elbow crutches, metal walking sticks and other items. As well as being better for the environment, by reusing a hospital walking aid you are helping to save the NHS an estimated £46,000 per year.

If you have an item to drop off, you can do so at any of these designated collection points:

- **New Bradwell Recycling Centre Newport Road, MK13 0AH.** Open: Monday to Sunday (April to September 7am - 7pm. October to March 8am - 5pm)
- **Age UK MK - The Peartree Centre 1 Chadds Lane, Peartree, MK6 3EB.** Open: Monday to Thursday 9am - 4pm
- **Age UK MK - Home & Furniture Store 6 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, MK11 3HA.** Open: Monday to Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 11am - 4pm

Free parking is available at each point, and there will be signage showing where to leave items.

If you have a piece of equipment provided by Millbrook that you no longer use, please find out how to return it at:

www.millbrookhealthcare.co.uk/pages/equipment-return

Thank you

on behalf of
Milton Keynes
University Hospital.



Reaching New Footballing Heights in Wavendon

The start of any football season is always eagerly anticipated by everyone involved in the game. The start of the 2023/24 football season is even more exciting in Wavendon as new facilities begin to come online.

Hot on the heels of last season's opening of the new floodlit 3g surface at Glebe Farm School for Community Access comes one of the most significant and exciting new football facilities for local grassroots football. After a decade of planning, developing and finally constructing the playing surfaces, Wavendon Heights Playing Fields will eventually deliver one adult pitch, one 11v11 youth pitch, one 9v9 pitch and up to two 5v5 pitches. Delivered by Milton Keynes Council (working closely with Wavendon Parish Council) as part of the Strategic Land Allocation development at Glebe Farm, Eagle Farm and Church Farm developments, the grass pitches have been installed to the highest standards, incorporating the best practise in soil preparation, drainage and seeding. This will enable maximum participation with minimal postponements. Along with superb Sport England standard changing rooms and associated facilities at Wavendon Community Hub, it is hoped that the new facility will enable and encourage considerable community engagement and integration for all ages, abilities and backgrounds.



The pitches will be used by Woburn & Wavendon FC, who will also be responsible for the groundcare. The oldest and largest grassroots football club in the area, WWFC has been desperate for additional pitches for some years in order to cope with a massive growth in demand. Fuelled by increasing urbanisation as well as the growth in girls' football, Wavendon Heights will play a significant role in developing social cohesion and responsibility.



With the potential to also utilise new pitches at Glebe Farm School, Wavendon Heights will compliment facilities already in use at Wavendon Recreation Ground and St Mary's Primary School at Eagle Farm. It all makes for a very exciting time for community football in Wavendon.

If you'd like to get involved with your local grassroots football club, then there are opportunities for players of all ages and abilities. The Club is one of the largest and oldest in the area, with boys' teams, girls' teams and adult teams, as well as our award winning "GoalAbility" pan disability sessions every Sunday in Wavendon.

We're also keen to hear from volunteers for a host of roles including coaching, admin and groundcare.

You can find out more on the website:-
www-fc.co.uk

Alternatively email:-
getinvolved@ww-fc.co.uk





Marston Vale Line News

Marston Vale Line Services

The three Class 150 (two carriage trains) which will serve the Marston Vale Line arrived at Bletchley Station from Newton Heath on 24th July. Each unit has an accessible toilet and can accommodate wheelchairs, buggies and cycles.

Technician training has started. Driver training will commence once this has been completed. Unlike driving a car, train drivers require specific training for every different type of train, and also need to refresh their training for each line at regular intervals.

Train services are due to resume in the Autumn. Updates will be posted on the Marston Vale CRP website and social media platforms.

A full rail replacement bus service (all stations and limited stop) will continue to be provided in the meantime. All vehicles are accessible.

A new rail replacement bus timetable was introduced on 22nd May in response to passenger feedback. The timetable is available at <https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/#times>. Alternatively please contact Stephen for a copy to be sent to you.

Refunds for delayed journeys of 15 minutes or more can be claimed from the London Northwestern Railway Delay Repay Scheme. Please visit <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/about-us/delay-repay> for train journeys and e-mail contact.lnr@wmtrains.co.uk for Rail Replacement Bus journeys.

Please purchase rail tickets from a staffed station, the Ticket Vending Machine (TVM) at unstaffed stations or via <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/tickets-discounts/ticket-types>. Tickets purchased online can be collected at any TVM.



Please note the bus drivers are unable to issue rail tickets.

Please report any problems with Rail Replacement Buses to LNR via <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/contact-us/customer-relations>

Problems with non-arrival or delayed buses can also be reported to LNR via [Twitter – @LNRRailway](https://twitter.com/LNRRailway). The Twitter Team are available 24 hours per day.

Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre is open **Wednesday to Sunday 10:00 – 4:00**. The Tea Room is open at the same times. Please call **01525 287120** to book. Please see the new Heritage Centre website for full details of the building - <https://ridgmontheritage.org.uk>.

The Heritage Centre won Gold for the Hospitality Business of the Year at the SME Awards on 29th June. The Hospitality Business of the Year category is new to the SME Awards, so to be the first ever winners is an extra special achievement. The category celebrates local businesses that exceed customers' expectations, build long-term customer relationships and provide a service that is consistently outstanding.

The Heritage Centre will now go through to the National Finals at Wembley in December.

Meeting room space for up to 15 people is available. The delegate rate of £15 per head includes refillable tea/coffee and a sandwich platter lunch plus use of a

projector and screen. Wi-fi available. Please contact Stephen for further details.

Rails to Roots

Have you ever wondered how to grow your own food? Dreamed of green fingers? Or just want to be part of your wider community? Or know someone who does?

A wellbeing garden at Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre has been set up. All welcome! The group meets on **Wednesdays** from **11:00 – 2:00**.

Enjoy being in a green space, make new friends, grow your own food, and help redevelop the garden into a beautiful space. To find out more or express your interest please e-mail greenwellbeing@bedsrcc.org.uk or contact Stephen.

Bedfordshire Brickworks Exhibition – Saturday 16th September 2023 – 10:00 – 4:00 & Heritage Open Days – 8th – 17th September 2023

The popular one-day Exhibition at Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre is returning in September as part of Heritage Open Days.

Andrew Mortlock, London Brick Archivist, will be bringing an extensive collection of archives, photographs and ephemera connected with the brickworks that used to dominate the landscape along the section of the Marston Vale Line between Bedford and Ridgmont and other areas of Bedfordshire. The Heritage Centre and Tea Room will be open as usual.

There are over 220 free events taking place across Milton Keynes. Check out the brochure at <https://www.mkheritage.org.uk/hodmk> or collect a copy from participating venues, libraries and Get Smart leaflet stands across Milton Keynes.

For further information on any aspect of Marston Vale CRP or the Marston Vale Line please contact **Stephen Sleight**, MVCRP Officer, on **01234 832645**, e-mail stephens@bedsrcc.org.uk.

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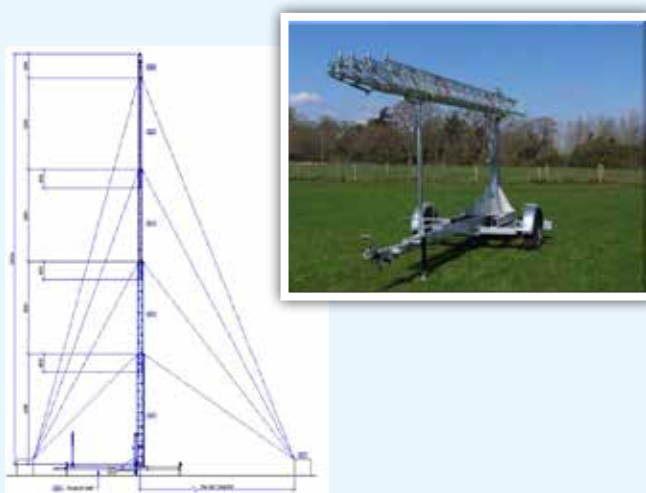
What do you think?

Wavendon PC has been approached by a company operating a drone network with a view to housing a control tower on the raised ground close to the new Community Hub off Stockwell Lane.

The rental income from the installation would be welcome to support parish funding but the council will not proceed if local residents feel strongly against such a proposal.

The pictures below show a view on how the antenna might look.

Let the Parish Clerk know your views please at Wavendon Parish Council Clerk
clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk



Adding your Pieces to the Big Picture

Are you interested in the history of our parks, historic buildings, and ancient monuments? We are looking for volunteers to take part in a project that records our favourite historic sites by adding pictures and stories to the National Heritage List.

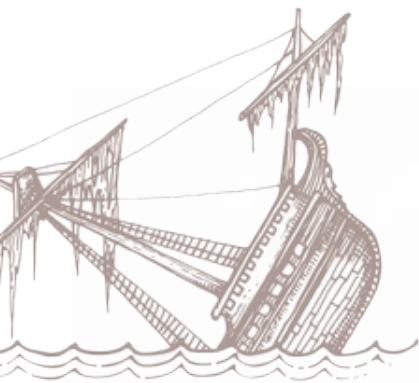


The project forms part of Historic England's '**Missing Pieces**' project, to add the public's views of historic places all across the country, everything from battlefields and shipwrecks to pubs, parks and farm buildings.

Our project will help record the unique heritage of the local area and preserve what historic sites mean to you. Whether it's our unique sandstone or our impressive parkland, adding your pictures stories will give us a well-rounded understanding of our parks, buildings and monuments, helping to protect, preserve, and enhance them.

If you would like to get involved, the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership is looking for volunteers to come together and add their stories and pictures. Volunteers will have the opportunity to work together or individually, choosing the areas that most interest them.

To register your interest or to find out more, please contact daniel@greensandcountry.com



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We warmly welcome you to St Mary's Church: for worship, for friendship, and for any time you need a little local know-how or extra support. Our friendly, loving church offers a helping hand to you and to all who pass through south-east Milton Keynes on their life's path.

Look online for news of our latest courses and special events, and updates on regular activities. As well as details of our C13th building and community history you'll find links to sources of further support and local resources:

<https://stmaryswavendon.co.uk>

For more information, or for any questions you may have, **Revd Matt Trendall** will gladly help:

matt.trendall.mk@gmail.com

01908 582839

Facebook: [St Mary's Church Wavendon Village](#)



Prayer group: Revive!

Meet in church at 9.15 on Mondays to catch up on pastoral needs and pray for the earthly challenges we all face.

Groups for everyone:

Adults: Bible Study led by a local host

Youth: 'Relax Teens' for ages 12 to 18

Children: 'Zoom Kids' for ages 5 to 11

Details on website - or for more help ask Revd Matt 01908 582839

Daily Inspiration

Online nuggets of hope and encouragement, helping to refresh you each day!

Online Art Exhibition

Enjoy creative writing and artwork from members of St Mary's and other local churches, curated online.

With a special theme that changes every few weeks, why not submit your own work via the website link?

Look on our website for WALTON ARTS AND CRAFTS to view current and earlier displays and to find news of future exhibition themes!

Virtual Choir

Our group of Zoom singers who get together online... To join, contact Revd Matt, who'll pass on your details.

Worship at St Mary's

Our Simple Sunday Service at 9.30 is a chance to enjoy meeting in church. A pre-recorded version (to watch at any time) keeps you in touch from home. Details of links on website.

Children's Church

Our services are suitable for all. For younger visitors, we offer optional age-appropriate craft activities, for 1st (Family Communion Service) and 2nd (Simple Sunday Service) Sundays

Community Coffee Mornings

All welcome!

Wednesdays
8.45 - 10.30

St Mary's Primary School
Eagle Farm
(during school term)

Thursdays
10.00 - 12.00
St Mary's Church
Wavendon Village

LANGUAGE CAFE for adults

Learn English the friendly way
...in the community!

Drop In to find out more:

Thursdays 10.00 am

Saturdays 10.30 am

St Mary's Church, Walton Rd,
Wavendon, MK17 8LY

or contact

Revd Matt Trendall 01908 582839
matt.trendall.mk@gmail.co.uk

For confidential support in prayer over any concern, whether urgent or ongoing, contact our dedicated prayer team at any time: prayerchain@wavendon.gmail.com



Harvest
Join us at St Mary's Church
Sunday 1st October
9.30am
Everyone's welcome

Remembrance Sunday

November 12th

Meet in church 9.30am

Act of Remembrance 10.00am



Alpha Course

For adults wishing to explore the big questions of life and faith,
our new 'Alpha' course starts at St Mary's Church on
Wednesday evenings from **20th September** at 7pm
If you'd like to know more, please see our website
<https://stmaryswavendon.co.uk>

Alpha Course



We'll meet at 3pm outside St. Mary's Church, Wavendon.

Dates for your diary:
3rd September 2023
1st October 2023

Check our website for
further updates!

As a growing church community, we're already seeing the fruits of our prayer walks which took place between 2016 and 2020. Please join us to continue our ministry of prayer for our newly established communities as well as the well-established ones.

St Mary's Church

QUIZ NIGHTS

Meet and make friends
Join a team of up to six in
a variety of intriguing rounds
Bring your own snacks and drinks

7.30

Tuesdays

19th Sept 17th Oct
21st Nov

£2 pp on the door
Everyone's welcome - just turn up!