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Little Brickhill Snippets – December 2023



Fatal Accident – Thursday 17 November

Two women died and another was seriously injured in a three-car crash.

Thames Valley Police said a Peugeot 2008, a Volkswagen (VW) Tiguan and an Audi A3 collided by the northbound exit of the A5 near Little Brickhill, Milton Keynes, at about 22:05 BST on 17/11/23.

The driver of the Peugeot, a woman in her 30s, died at the scene, and the passenger is in a critical condition.

The VW driver, in her 50s, died in hospital. The Audi driver was unhurt.

No arrests have been made and police are appealing for witnesses.

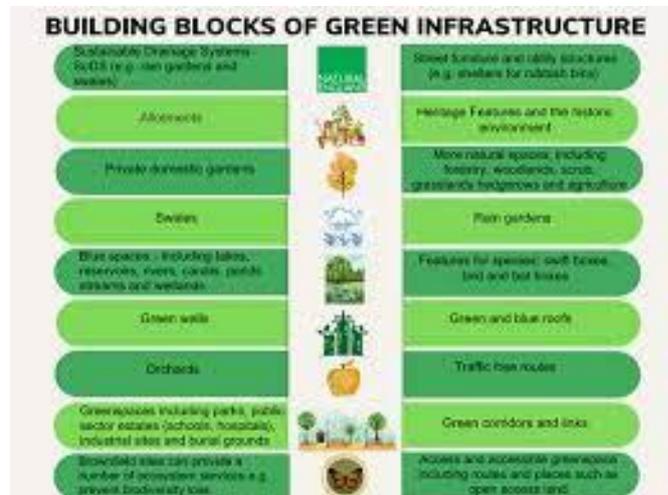
The road was reopened in the early hours of Friday morning.



Local Action on Climate Change

- The Greensand Champions 2023-2024 scheme is now open, so get nominating! Nomination takes 2 minutes and can be done online.

<https://www.greensandcountry.com/support/greensand-champions/>



Green Infrastructure Plan

From Jon Balam - Jon Balaam Jon.Balaam@greensandtrust.org What work is being done in partnership with Aspley Heath Parish Council?

..... It's a standard GI Plan – looking at existing situation and opportunities under access, landscape, biodiversity and historic environment headings. I'm still drafting, so don't have something shareable quite yet. It's not quite the 'norm' for a GI Plan, in that almost all of the entire parish is GI, so opportunities are needing to be looked at differently - at the moment it is a bit more 'inward looking' than others. We have engaged with WSTC – Cllr Peter Skelton came to our first workshop, and Cllr Sarah Mills the second – and I will be sending something through to Sarah about GI Plan methodology etc shortly.

I've attached a GI Plan from elsewhere for information on the type of product. (* attached)

In terms of climate change initiatives, Cllr Susan Clinch (who sits on the GC Board) would be a good person to ask, as she is also Ampthill Climate Change Group (susan.clinch@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) who have created wildflower meadows on verges and amenity land (and do a lot more).

Stephen Mooring (stephen.mooring@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) is the lead officer.

South Beds Friends of the Earth are the other active local group – contact is another CBC elected member (Victoria.harvey@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

I've also copied Daniel in as he may be aware of more from the GC climate change theme.

As for Bedford Borough, although I've done a fair bit of work with them on Local Plan Policy (including Environmental Net Gain) and Local Nature recovery. I would suggest Stephen Mooring would know of counterpart teams/activities.

From Daniel at Greensand Trust - I would agree with all of the leads that Jon has provided in terms of climate change initiatives. I would also add the community energy projects, of which five individual groups have been identified across Central Beds. The Ampthill based group is the most advanced, but not too far behind is a group based in Leighton Buzzard. Their central coordinator is Kelly Dibbert kelly.dibbert@communityenergysouth.org



Leaf Fall Collection - Currently, the Authority have been prioritising leaf fall using their management hierarchy. The first is clearing leaves in critical catchment areas - so these are areas known to the Authority that if leaves are not clear they may block some gullies which could lead to flooding both temporary flash flooding and longer-term residual water retention. These are now complete.

We are now moving onto CMK and the main high street areas. We are currently in CMK and working in these locations and then onto High Streets. From there we will work with locations identified through Parishes and other key locations.

We anticipate getting to this location within the next 10 – 12 working days.

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Yellow Lines

From 1 January 2024 we will changing how we accept requests for double yellow lines.

Each year the highways team receive a large number of requests for double yellow lines for various areas of Milton Keynes, mostly to sort out parking issues.

Before double yellow lines may be installed, a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) must be in place so that any enforcement may take place. A TRO can only be created and implemented after a legal process has been completed. The legal process to create a TRO can take several months including formal and informal consultation periods.

This takes up a lot of resource including cost and staff time, and some proposals do not move past the informal consultation stage due to a lack of community support for a scheme.

This is why we are changing the process and to give local parishes and ward councillors more involvement with these requests.

The guidance and new process are attached.

This will be circulated to town, parish and community councils in early December.

Any existing requests will be dealt with through this new process.

Information about parking enforcement including obstructive parking, double yellow lines and commercial vehicles parked in a residential area, can be found on the MKCC website here, Parking information | Milton Keynes City Council (milton-keynes.gov.uk) <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/parking/parking-information>

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New ways of working to deliver street cleansing and empty public bins

The chemical spraying is provided by the landscape sub-contractor Glendale. The list provided as part of the street cleansing briefing was not exhaustive and included activities up to a certain date. I highlighted areas (but perhaps not all) in Danesborough & Walton ward and the following feedback has been provided.

Below are the treatment dates for the areas you listed. I have checked with the spraying teams and they have confirmed Eagle Farm, Glebe farm and Walton were not treated as they did not appear on our programme. When these areas are adopted they will need to be added to the mapping and weed spraying programme. I inspected some of the areas yesterday and can see that the chemical has started taking effect on the weeds but has not yet died off. This could be due to the current weather conditions (cold temperatures and fewer daylight hours slows the

translocation of the chem from the leaves to the roots) and these sites were completed at the end of the programme in mid Oct to early Nov.

Map	District	START DATE	FINISH DATE	OPERATIVE
14	Tilbrook	10/10/2023	10/10/2023	RP
15	Caldecotte	10/10/2023	10/10/2023	RP
17	Browns Wood	10/10/2023	12/10/2023	RP
19	Old Farm Park	12/10/2023	17/10/2023	RP
20	Wavendon Gate	16/10/2023	17/10/2023	RP
1	Wavendon	16/10/2023	16/10/2023	RP
2	Bow Brickhill	03/11/2023	03/11/2023	RP
3	Little Brickhill	03/11/2023	03/11/2023	RP
5	Woburn Sands	06/11/2023	06/11/2023	RP

A second spray is due in the spring (we only benefited from a single annual spray under the previous contract terms) and the warmer weather and longer light conditions should increase the efficacy of the chemical and speed up the process of the weed dying back. It will no doubt take a few cycles coupled with better mechanical sweeping to see the improvements expected across the city.

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Changes to Cabinet

After 10 years as Cabinet member for Resources, Councillor Rob Middleton is taking a step back from Cabinet. From today, Councillor Lauren Townsend will move to the Resources portfolio, Councillor Jenni Wilson-Marklew to the Public Realm portfolio, and Councillor Shanika Mahendran will join Cabinet to take up the Climate, Sustainability and Innovation portfolio. There are also some minor changes to portfolio details – more detail here. <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/councillors-and-committees/cabinet-portfolios>

Full list of Committee and Cabinet appointments are available here.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKMK/2023/12/01/file_attachments/2701835/Committee%20Appointment%20with%20Cab%20%28Dec%202023%29.pdf



Funding Free Activities and Meals

As part of the cost-of-living support set out in the Winter Plan, the Council is funding a programme of free activity sessions and meals for local families in receipt of benefit related free school meals during the Christmas school holidays. Supporting people through the cost-of-living crisis and helping children out of poverty are key priorities in the Council Plan.

8,000 individual play sessions from theatre trips to gymnastics will be running across the city in the first week of January. More information about what's on is available here. <https://eequ.org/hafmiltonkeynes> Families of children who are entitled to free school meals will also be given £30 of supermarket credit per child to use over the Christmas holiday.

Supply of the Revised Electoral Register

The revised Electoral Register was published today, 1 December 2023, following the conclusion of the annual canvass.

Councillors and Parishes are entitled to a free copy of the register and its monthly updates for their area. If you would like to receive a copy, please complete the relevant register request/disclaimer form below and return it to the Electoral Services team Elections@Milton-keynes.gov.uk. You will need to still complete the register request/disclaimer form even if you have previously received a copy of the register and monthly updates. The register file will be provided by email in data format to you unless a PDF or paper copy is explicitly requested.

Parish & Parish Councillors request/disclaimer Form

https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Fattachments%2FUKMK%2F2023%2F11%2F17%2Ffile_attachments%2F2687568%2FRequest%2520for%2520Electoral%2520Register%2520-%2520Parish%25201%2520December%25202023.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK



Autumn Statement 2023

EWR are pleased to see that the Chancellor continues to back East West Rail as a driver of growth in the Autumn Statement.

East West Rail is a once in a generation opportunity to connect people and businesses between Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford and Cambridge. It will ease congestion on local roads, cut travel times and open up new journeys, unlocking economic growth in the region that will bring benefits to the whole of the country.

In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to engage locally to ensure that we are working closely together with communities to deliver a railway that meets local needs and improves daily lives, in line with the Government's plans.

The 2023 Autumn Statement is available to view here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/autumn-statement-2023>



Recycling is up by 35%

We introduced wheelie bins in September and started asking people to separate their paper and card recycling from their plastic, metal and glass into two bins. This is how the world's biggest recycling nations do it. It's more environmentally friendly and it also keeps our costs down as there's less waste to process in another way.

In the first two months of the new contract, MK households have been recycling around 35% more than before. That's a great result. A big thanks to the waste and recycling team, and to you if you're a local recycler.



Support for the Open University's Campus 2030 Project

Milton Keynes City Council is set to formally support the Open University's Campus 2030 project, through which it is exploring the opportunity to relocate to Central Milton Keynes, alongside the potential for providing in-person courses for students.

The city council's Cabinet will consider its support for the project when it meets on 7 November.

Creating a large city centre undergraduate university has been a long-held ambition for Milton Keynes, giving local school leavers an opportunity for higher education close to home, as well as attracting other talented young people to the city. Opening a university typically brings significant economic benefits, as well as enhancing an area's leisure and culture.

Earlier this year, the Open University began developing a business case that considers, among other options, a move of the OU's campus to Central Milton Keynes from its current base in Walton Hall. This business case will be put to its University Council in July 2024.

Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP), the company owned by the city council to develop MKDP land assets, is working closely with the Open University to facilitate the business case development.

To consider supporting the Open University's Campus 2030 project and the benefits it would bring to the City and Milton Keynes Development Partnership's continued role in the project.

Lead director: Director of Planning and Placemaking

Contact: Fiona Robinson, MK Futures Programme Manager Email: fiona.robinson@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

Size of Danesborough & Walton – MK wide Ward Review

Void = no one registered to vote (but not necessarily empty)

Danesborough & Walton	Properties	% of Total	Void Properties	Void % of Props
HA - Bow Brickhill	285	3%	34	12%
HB - Little Brickhill	198	2%	13	7%
HC - Wavendon	2,955	36%	1049	35%
HD - Woburn Sands South	735	9%	69	9%
HE - Woburn Sands North	944	12%	95	10%
HF - Wavendon Gate	1,066	13%	137	13%
HG - Browns Wood and Old Farm Park	1,402	17%	94	7%
HH - Caldecotte	595	7%	50	8%
D&W	8,180		1,541	

Council Size Survey

The Council is in the first stage of a Ward Boundary Review with the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (the Commission) which will conclude with all out elections to new wards in May 2026.

The first stage of this work is to agree how many Councillors MKCC will need in 10-15 year's time and LBPC will be consulted.

Basic questions will be;

1. Do you favour single member of multi member wards?
2. Do you favour MKCC elections by thirds or all out every four years?
3. Should the parish of Walton be one ward and not split?
4. Do you favour links with, say, Wavendon, or Fenny Stratford or Bow Brickhill or Bletchley?
5. How many members (councillors) should MKCC have - currently its 57



Most inclusive International Festival yet

MKCC support IF: the MK International Festival, which happens every other July, to help keep events free or low cost for local people. It's part of the objectives for the city to have an inclusive economy and be a centre of creativity.

The organisers have just announced that around 56,000 people went to this year's IF performances, with around 180,000 more experiencing free public events as they passed by.

83% of the programme was free to attend, which is really positive compared to major festivals in other cities.



A campaign which aims to help women and girls feel safe in Milton Keynes, is being promoted by the city council.

The White Ribbon campaign encourages people, especially men and boys, to challenge behaviour and change the culture that leads to abuse and violence against women.

To support the move, the council, which became White Ribbon Accredited last year, offers a range of supportive domestic and sexual abuse policies, guidance and training for colleagues, along with housing and support services for women and children who need to flee violence and abuse.

It also has a range of measures to improve safety on the streets and in schools for women and girls, and is setting up a network of male 'ambassadors' and female 'champions' among employees and councillors, to promote the message and raise awareness.

Using £750k of Home Office funding secured by the city council and its Safer MK partners, upgrades have been made to the city centre to give women more confidence they can be safe at night, including lighting and reflective paint in underpasses along popular pedestrian routes to increase visibility, CCTV, and cutting back bushes and shrubs at entry and exit routes.



Update on Marston Vale Line

A partial service is currently in operation on the Marston Vale Line. The full timetable, including a Saturday service, is expected to resume in early 2024. Latest updates are available here.

<https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/travel-information/service-disruptions/marston-vale-line-limited-timetable-running-until-early-2024>



MILTON KEYNES RESIDENTS REMINDED TO STAY SAFE AROUND FROZEN WATER THIS WINTER



As colder weather begins to set in, city residents are reminded to stay safe in Milton Keynes' parks this winter.

Glistening frosts and the occasional dusting of snow may look beautiful, but it's vital to stay vigilant around cold or frozen water.

When ice forms on open water, it can put people and pets at risk, so The Parks Trust is reminding residents to take care near lakes, canals, ponds and rivers.

The Parks Trust has issued its top tips for staying safe:

Keep away from the water's edge and under no circumstances go onto the ice or enter the water. Be extra watchful with young children close to the water's edge. If you see someone in trouble in the water or on the ice, call 999 straight away. Never attempt to go out on to the ice yourself.

Be cautious after heavy rainfall and don't enter areas that are flooded.

Keep your dog under control near frozen water and NEVER follow it onto the ice. Do not attempt to rescue any pets yourself – call the emergency services for help.

If you see a wild animal you believe to be in distress on the ice, report it to the RSPCA on 0300 123 4999.

To help young minds become aware of the potential dangers, The Parks Trust, the charity caring for over 6,000 acres of Milton Keynes' parkland, are providing free Water Safety Assemblies for MK schools.

More information can be found on The Parks Trust website. "Stay safe, don't dice with ice."

Remember its December

<p>Week commencing</p> 	<p>4th December Black, red and green</p>	<p>11th Black, blue and green</p>	<p>18th Black, red and green</p>	<p>25th Black, blue and green</p>
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As you may be aware, The Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF) have announced industrial action involving a ban on overtime on the following dates:

- Monday 4th – Friday 8th December 2023

Unfortunately, there will be no train service on the Marston Vale Line during the period of industrial action. A full Rail Replacement Bus Service (all stations & limited stop) will be operation.

Please see <https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/aslef-industrial-action-in-december>

Closure of YiS (Young Peoples Mental Health)

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the closure of YiS effective from 31 December 2023. This follows a Resolution agreed upon at an All Members Meeting.

The decision comes from significant funding challenges that have placed an unprecedented strain on the Charity.

Despite our best efforts, the current financial landscape has proven challenging, leading us to the difficult realisation that we can no longer sustain our mission. We understand this decision's impact on individuals who have relied on our services.

YiS has been a beacon of hope and support for countless young people and those who have supported them for over 42 years, thanks to the dedication of staff and volunteers and the unwavering loyalty of our supporters. Together, we have positively impacted the lives of many, providing vital resources, guidance and information.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has been a part of YiS. Positively, we are pleased to share that with the support of the Milton Keynes Community Foundation, the YiS Legacy grants will be available for local charities in Milton Keynes.

More information will be sent out ASAP.

Michelle Smyth
Chair, YiS Trustee Board

Launch of MK New City Plan Online Engagement



Please tell us about your neighbourhood

Your thoughts will help shape a New City Plan for Milton Keynes



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We have just published a new consultation for our New City Plan and as always, we'd be grateful if you could help us share the message with local people.

Here's a copy of the media release that will be issued later today as well as a poster we've prepared that could be used on local noticeboards, on websites or shared with local communities by email, as well as a social graphic to share. If you'd like any of these in a different format, please let me know.

Tell us about your neighbourhood, asks city council

Milton Keynes City Council is asking local people to share their thoughts and experiences of how they use their local neighbourhood to help shape its New City Plan.

The New City Plan is an important planning document which will describe the environment needed to deliver the city council's 'Strategy for 2050'. The Strategy, which was finalised two years ago following extensive public consultation, sets out a bold and ambitious vision for Milton Keynes including equal opportunities, new jobs, affordable and 'lifelong' homes that suit people at all stages of their life, and a pioneering mass rapid transit system.

To help develop the New City Plan, Milton Keynes City Council will be holding a series of specialist workshops and groups over the next year, as well as running surveys around specific themes. This week, the city council has published a survey asking people about how they use their local neighbourhood, such as whether they find it easy to shop, take children to school, and enjoy green space; what changes would improve their mental and physical health; and what would make them more likely to use local facilities. It runs until 23 February next year. Click to take part.

It's also asking for feedback on an early draft of what's called a 'design code' for Milton Keynes. Design codes are used by planners to set standards for how communities should be designed, thinking about what makes a place attractive, distinctive, and high quality. This consultation closes on 19 January next year. Click to take part.

A previous survey asking for views on how Milton Keynes may be impacted by climate change, and how the city council could address this, closes shortly on 28 November. Click to take part.

Leader of Milton Keynes City Council, Cllr Pete Marland said: “Our ambitious Strategy for 2050 is a vision for high-quality sustainable growth, genuinely affordable housing, and new job opportunities for the next generation. Creating a New City Plan is an important step in making these ambitions a reality. We’re asking local people to share their thoughts and experiences to make sure the plan is grounded in what people love or would like to change about Milton Keynes, so we can work with experts to best determine what will be needed by tomorrow’s residents, businesses, and visitors.”

Thank you in advance for helping us to share this important message.

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‘A New Design Code for Milton Keynes’: MK Design Code Scoping Consultation

Milton Keynes City Council wants to work with local people, businesses, and organisations on the MK Design Code, which will be an important tool to help achieve the ambitions of the New City Plan, through setting out clear design standards. This is the first opportunity to get involved and shape the scope and direction of the MK Design Code from the very beginning.

We are making available the MK Design Code Scoping Consultation document and inviting comments from members of the public, organisations, and other stakeholders commencing **Friday 17 November 2023, and comments must be received no later than 5pm on Friday 19 January 2024.**

The following documents are being consulted on and further information is provided below.

‘A NEW DESIGN CODE FOR MILTON KEYNES: MK DESIGN CODE SCOPING CONSULTATION’

The MK Design Code will be produced alongside the New City Plan. The New City Plan intends to be ambitious and innovative with a focus on high-quality healthy and sustainable growth, affordable housing, and new job opportunities. The MK Design Code will be an important tool to help achieve these ambitions. It is an opportunity to identify the key design challenges we face when trying to achieve the ambition and objectives for the New City Plan and address these through clear design standards.

The consultation portal can be accessed here: Have Your Say Today - Milton Keynes New City Plan - Commonplace Here you will find more information on what design codes are and why we need them, and be able to have your say on our preferred approach to the MK Design Code.

The preferred method for submitting comments is via the online consultation portal which is available by following the links above. We have also published an online PDF of the consultation document so that you can prepare your responses in advance.

Alternatively, paper copies of the consultation document will be available at all public libraries in the Borough and at the Council’s main Civic Office. Please return your comments to us via:

Email:

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<https://mknewcityplan.commonplace.is/>

Or post: Milton Keynes Council, Development Plans, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ

You have received this email because you are registered on the Council’s planning policy consultation database. If you no longer wish to receive notifications of planning policy documents, please let us know by emailing development.plans@milton-keynes.gov.uk or calling 01908 691691.

We look forward to hearing any comments that you may have as part of this consultation.

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1 December 2023