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The Parish Office has now been closed but will still be "open" for phone calls and emails and our staff will continue to work remotely. Whilst there will be some things that may take longer, we will endeavour to ensure that we continue to respond where we can and continue to support our community whilst maintaining the "social distancing" that has been encouraged. Our Advice Service can still be accessed via email and phone.

MEETINGS

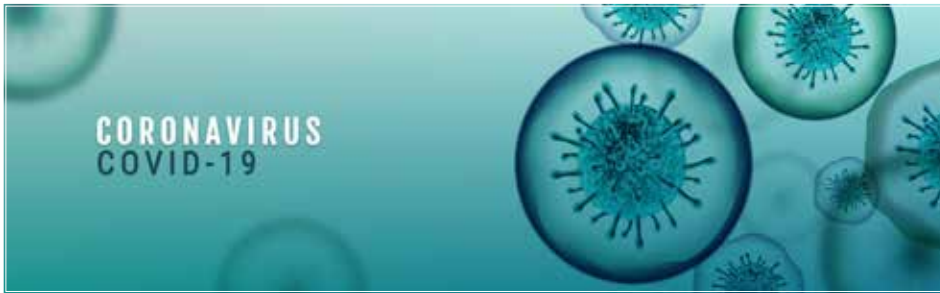
MEETINGS TEMPORARILY

SUSPENDED

see our website for any updates

The impact of the Coronavirus

Campbell Park Parish Council



As you read this, we are all trying to cope with the impact of the Coronavirus.

Very few of us have ever experienced the situation which we now find ourselves in – it has been compared to peoples' experiences in the last world war, but this time we are up against something we cannot see, feel or touch – a virus: such a small word but one that has completely turned our lives upside down.

It has brought fear into our daily lives, fear of losing our jobs, our homes or people we love.

But it has also brought out the best in the majority of people, neighbours are looking out for each other.

As a Parish Council we are continuing to work to support our residents but the way we carry out our work has changed.

For the safety of our residents, staff and councillors, the Parish Office is closed to the public and staff roles permitting, our staff are working from home. You can still contact the Parish Office by email admin@campbell-park.gov.uk or via our website at <https://www.campbell-park.gov.uk>

Our community centres at Oldbrook and Springfield have been closed and all Council and Committee meetings have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

A number of activities planned for the Easter and Summer holidays have had to be postponed but we will keep you informed about these events via our website and facebook.

Please continue on a regular basis, to follow the advice and guidelines from the government and keep safe.

CLLR TERRY BAINES

Chair Campbell Park Parish Council

Please see our website and facebook page for local updates

Coping with self isolation

We are naturally a social and family oriented species but we like to have the choice of when to meet with friends and spend quality time with our families. Unfortunately, this choice no longer applies.

More and more of us are having to work from home and with schools closed this adds pressure to family life and relationships. It is a difficult situation, if we found coping with Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays a challenge, we "aint" seen nothing yet!

Whether we live in a large house with a big garden or an apartment, if there is just two of us, a large family or living on our own, we all have to adapt and find ways to cope with the next few months; no matter how much we love each other and our children, we also need time to ourselves.

A Positive Approach

Trying to take a positive approach to being confined to our homes, although difficult, (and at some point we will all be pulling our hair out!) is vital for our wellbeing.

Children at home

As parents we know that children need structure to their day and they will be missing school and their friends. For young children it is important that their education continues, setting simple math problems, reading and practising their writing, doing craft activities, maybe baking (if you have managed to buy flour, eggs etc) are all ways of keeping them busy. You could do school work with them in the morning and craft activities, playing in the garden (lets hope the weather improves) in the afternoon and sitting them down in front of their favourite tv programme for an hour will give you some time for yourself. If it is possible you need to share the load with your partner, if you are on your own this is going to be so much harder – but who said parenting was easy!

Exercise

Exercise is important both for you and your children and is something that you can all do together. You can devise a simple programme of exercises, stretches, star jumps, sit ups ending with a few minutes of lying on the floor doing breathing exercises. If you are in self-isolation because you have symptoms and are feeling unwell, only exercise when you feel up to it.

You could set aside a few hours a week for a cinema trip, maybe set up your living space as a cinema, have drinks and snacks and all watch a film together.

Do a treasure hunt around your home, with the children having to write down or draw all items beginning with a specific letter. If you have access to a printer there are numerous web sites with ideas for crafts and activities.

These are difficult times and we have to and will get through them but we are going to need a lot of patience to do so.



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Make a Change

Parish Councils can and do make a difference in their local communities. If you would like to have a say in the future of the area you live or work in, then please think seriously about becoming a Parish Councillor.

We currently have 2 vacancies, one in our Fishermead Ward and one in our Woolstone Ward.

Campbell Park Parish Council comprises 19 elected members representing the residential wards of Willen, Woolstone, Springfield, Oldbrook and Fishermead. Primarily, the Members of each ward work for the betterment of their ward but as a whole, Council oversees the strategic aims and objectives of the Parish Council, with a view to improving the quality of life for all their residents. In the case of Campbell Park Parish Council this involves overseeing 6 full time and 6 part time staff, preparing and managing the budget funded by the money raised from the Precept, for delivering services and projects. If you have an interest/passion/skill in the environment, landscaping, social cohesion, improving facilities for the older generation, young people, communication, human resources, advertising, but most importantly a passion for your community, then why not think about becoming a Parish Councillor.



Councillors give residents a voice on the decisions the Council makes. Becoming a Councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the Council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

If you want to find out more, contact the Parish Council or come along to one of our Council/Committee meetings – when they return to normal

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Mitch retires

Mitch, our Environment Officer (Buildings) retired at the end of March this year. He has been a familiar and friendly face around the Parish for the last 13 years having joined us in July 2007 on a part time basis which quickly became a full time post.

He has been involved in a number of projects during this time. His role has covered a diverse range, from helping residents who have managed to lock themselves out of their home, unblocking drains, to project managing the refurbishment of the Springfield Centre. He has managed our community centres and overseen the maintenance of the other properties owned/leased by the Parish Council. Mitch has been a regular participant at school assemblies across our Parish and instrumental in ensuring our outdoor events go smoothly.

Mitch has been an invaluable asset to the Parish Council and will be missed by his colleagues, councillors and residents. We wish him a happy retirement, but knowing Mitch, he will not be sitting around with his feet up!

Meet Mitch – he aims to clean up

 Campbell Park Parish Warden Mitch Mitchener has been in the job 10 weeks.

Living in the parish, he is determined to help tidy it up – a lot.

Having retired after 30 years with the London fire service, he now works part-time and spends most of his days patrolling the area – noting anti-social behaviour, fly tipping, graffiti, faulty street lighting, vandalism, and problems with landscape

In the 'doghouse'

In July's edition of Home Ground I said that: "Unfortunately we can't put dog bins on Parks Trust land." I apologise to the Parks Trust as that could have lead readers to think that that is the Trust's policy when it is actually Campbell

and play areas, among other things.

He said: "I would like to encourage community spirit, and try to speak to as many people as possible whilst on my rounds.

"After working here for a few weeks, I quickly began to see and hear some of the parishioners concerns. Most people who approach me are concerned about the amount of rubbish and fly tipping blighting our streets and we continue to work on that problem.

"Errant shopping trolleys are one area I intend to target. They appear in play areas, redways, by and in the canal. All parishioners can help by contacting Trolleywise on 01633 892362, a company which will collect them.



"Working alongside the police and elected members and CPPC officers, we all hope to make this a safe and pleasant place to live.

"If you have concerns on such issues please do not hesitate to call me on 0781 701 0554 or contact the office on 01908 608559."

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE

Pirate Ship Park

You may have noticed that the first stage of the improvements at the Pirate Ship Park in Fishermead has been completed with a new trampoline and wooden climbing/slide unit being installed.

These have appeared to be very popular already!

Unfortunately, this work had to be completed at this time of the year to ensure we could secure the joint funding with Milton Keynes Council in this financial year. As a result of doing the installations during the winter weather, the area has become very muddy. However, we hope the ground will settle over the coming weeks and some further work will be undertaken to tidy this up and allow the grass to grow back.

We await a period of dry and warmer weather to enable the re-painting of the pirate ship in a new colour scheme.

The Parish Council have also funded the installation of 3 new lighting columns to the rear of the Pirate Ship Play Area. We had received feedback from some local residents that they felt unsafe walking through this area at night as the lighting was very poor.



These 3 new lighting columns are owned by the Parish Council so if you notice any faults with them, please report this to the Parish Office.





Facebook & Twitter
 @GirlPackMK
 Email Info@girlpack.org
 07845923654

Girl Pack is a community charity tackling period poverty for school aged girls & young women in Milton Keynes.

We provide sanitary packs to schools, public buildings and the food bank for women who just cannot afford sanitary products or have been caught off guard.

We understand how embarrassing it can be for young girls and women, so we have made Girl Packs discrete and small. Each pack contains a packet of sanitary towels, a small pack of feminine hygiene wipes, 2 pairs of new underwear and a small bottle of hand sanitizing gel, all in a small, plain brown paper bag so girls and women will never have to miss school or work again.

We have pick up points across MK and in schools. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you need a Girl Pack point near you!



Woolstone Community Centre

To hire the Woolstone community centre for parties why not book this outstanding venue for your next event.

This community Centre/Church can accommodate functions ranging from birthday and anniversary parties to wedding receptions and evening functions. Can also take bookings for the hire of the hall for user groups for week days & Saturdays

The perfect setting for your event photos Facilities include. Seating for approximately 70. Car park, fully equipped kitchen, free Wi-Fi, beautiful maple floor, disabled access and toilet with wheelchair access.

E-mail

woolstonecommunitycentre@outlook.com

Call

07840-924532

COMMUNITY CENTRES

**Our Community Centres at Oldbrook and Springfield are closed.
 We will not be taking any bookings until further notice.**

If you would like to offer help to your neighbours or vulnerable people please cut out the slip and place it in their letter boxes. Remember to stay safe and keep a safe distance if you do go out.

HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

I live locally at

My phone number is

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call | <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies |

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.

#ViralKindness



Landscaping Update

Campbell Park Parish Council



The Parish council are now underway in the maintenance of the landscape and we will be endeavouring to produce a higher standard of presentation for the residents. As we look to bring the Parish back to the standards which we would like. This process will take a while as we have to address the years of neglect.

We as a Parish are excited by the times ahead in where we are looking to fulfil the needs of the residents and achieve a better quality of landscaping.

Although there has been a lack of investment over a number of years and the quality of the landscape has been in decline we hope that we can buck that trend and start moving forward.

We are not going into this endeavour blindly and without direction. We have been working to gauge what is in front of us and where we are able to make gains. This process may not see overnight results as we are working to overcome 20 years of diminishing funding to the landscape. Looking at the needs and what we aim to achieve we have built the service around these needs while taking care not to make unnecessary moves which may not be required in the long term and making sure the team have been provided with facilities and equipment so they can meet most challenges they are confronted with.

After much preparation including recruitment of a new landscape team, obtaining the equipment required and completion of the new landscape depot and with our Landscape team in place who are now hard at work we look to the residents to help us to ensure the Parish has a better landscape to enjoy.

Through the summer months we will be getting a better understanding of the issues we may come across. This process will allow us to plan for the future and look to address the most urgent problems first and prioritise the work we undertake to ensure we provide the best possible service to the residents of the Parish. We have put together a summer programme of work for the grass cutting schedule which can be seen on the Landscape section of the website. This schedule is similar to that of what has been done previously. This is so we can see where we can look to make improvements to the service and we will be continuing to assess and identify the areas that are most in need of work for the winter programme.

The grass cutting will be done across the Parish on a 3-week cycle ensuring that all areas of the Parish are kept cut. So as part of this endeavour we ask the residents to be mindful of how they dispose of their garden waste and any other waste material.

There has been an increase in



waste from gardens and houses being put on land roundhouses. This is classed as fly tipping and can lead to residents being fined. Having to clear the waste and tidy up areas because of this can take up valuable time that we could otherwise be using to further improve the areas of the Parish. We wish to work with the residents to make the Parish a pleasant environment for all to live in.

For any issues relating to Landscaping please email us on Landscaping@campbell-park.gov.uk

Unfortunately the Covid 19 virus situation has impacted the Landscape Service, we will use the month ahead to catch up on a slow start.

Landscape Depot

The new Parish Landscape Depot has now been COMPLETED.

Work gathered pace during the winter months and the building is now fully operational.

The existing building gives CPCC a base for delivery of the Landscape service for residents. It provides facilities for staff including a WC, shower along with a reporting room.

A new equipment store provides secure and safe storage for all the equipment and machinery necessary to provide the landscape service, along with a compound area to enable staff to undertake essential maintenance on equipment and tools. Plus, a suitable area for washing down and storage for various materials required, this includes a parking area for landscape vehicles.

Information Drop-In Sessions

Campbell Park Parish Council

On Wednesday 5th February 2020 we held 2 information sessions that were open to everyone to drop-in at any time to access information and advice from a wide variety of organisations.

We had organisations in attendance able to offer help with home energy savings, waste and recycling, housing and housing maintenance, benefits, employment programmes and job search support, money advice, local charities and support groups.

We also had Parish Councillors and Parish Council staff on hand to answer any questions and also information packs for anyone expressing an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.

Despite local advertising in this magazine, posters and advertising on our Social Media, we only had a few people attend the event, which was disappointing.

If you have any feedback about this event and particularly if you think there were any improvements we could make to encourage more people to attend, we welcome your feedback.



Community task Force

Would you like to help out with occasional community events?

Would you like to help improve the area in which you live?

If yes – we would love to hear from you!

We would like to bring together like-minded people and form a Community Task Force for the Parish!

We would call upon members of the Community Task Force when help is needed with things such as;

The setting up and running of activities & events for local people - such as Easter, Halloween & Christmas children's Parties, Sports Days etc

Organised Litter Picking around the area

Landscape projects such as bulb planting

We would also really like to hear your ideas of what the Community Task Force could do to make a difference in your area – but we need your help to make this happen! Together we can make a real difference.

We would still like to hear from you while our normal events are suspended – we want to make a running start as things return to normal!

**Together we can
make a real
difference**



funds half term Film Camp

During the February Half term a film camp for young people was funded by Campbell Park Parish Council on the theme of VE Day.

The camp was run by Junior Filmmakers, a film training organisation based in Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes.

On Day One of the camp, the young people were introduced to the subject of VE Day.

Councillor Val Dixon from Campbell Park Parish Council talked to the young people about the Second World War, the rationing of food during the war, the evacuation of children from London to the country and VE Day itself and the parties that took place due to it. She showed the young people news headlines around the war and VE Day and recipes at the time.



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Priority Services Register

Help us to support others during a power cut

Priority Service Register:
0800 032 8302

Power failure:
0800 917 7953

Western Power Distribution (WPD) is the company which carries the electricity, your power supplier sends you. They are responsible for the cables that get it to you and they are the people you would, in a power failure telephone for information.

WPD operate and maintain a **Priority Service Register**.

This helps them to collect details about customers who may experience extra difficulty in a power cut. The service is **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL**. Customer information is only shared, as agreed by them, with relevant utilities and trusted partners/parties, so that they can offer free additional services to those who need it most.

Customer details are never used for marketing or shared with agencies other than those specified above and emergency responders in situations such as flooding.

BENEFITS OF BEING ON THE REGISTER

There are a lot of things that WPD can do to help and support customers who are registered with them. They can provide tailored, practical and emotional support during a power cut. This might include proactively calling registered customers to check they are alright and provide up to date information about the reason for the power cut and restoration time. In more prolonged power cuts this can also involve then

linking in with other services and local partnerships such as the British Red Cross.

The other key benefits are:

- A direct number to call in the event of a power cut, so customers can get straight through to them;
- The ability to agree a password before they visit, for enhanced safety;
- Practical and emotional support, if needed, through the British Red Cross;
- A call or visit to inform customers about planned interruptions to the electricity supply;

• Proactive calls and information in the event of an unplanned power cut.

We urge anyone in these categories to register, and ask all our residents to please be good neighbours to check on any elderly or vulnerable residents living around them and help them register.

The number to register for the Priority Service Register is 0800 032 8302

The General Enquiry number to ring in the event of a power failure is 0800 917 7953

Who can register?



Medical needs

- Anyone who relies on electricity for medical reasons (e.g. a customer on kidney dialysis);



Disability

- Anyone who may find an unexpected power cut particularly difficult to cope with or distressing (e.g. a person with a disability, or someone with dementia);



Communication needs

- Anyone who has a specific communication need when getting in touch with us (e.g. because they are blind or partially sighted, deaf or hearing impaired, or don't have English as their first language);



Temporarily vulnerable

- People who may be temporarily vulnerable (e.g. hospital leavers or parents with new-born babies).

Parish Grant to YMCA Milton Keynes

Campbell Park Parish Council

A Parish Council grant has been awarded to Milton Keynes YMCA to fully furnish a bedroom in their new, bespoke building. This independent, local youth service opened their exciting new campus in the centre of Milton Keynes in March 2020.

The new campus has 199 rooms, 53 more than previously. This ambitious project will allow the organisation to revolutionise the way it works, creating a positive environment with a particular emphasis on employment. The organisation provides accommodation and support to young people aged 18-35 who are either already homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Each resident will stay for an average of three years, during which they will follow a pathway of support, leaving as a confident, independent young adult with a home, a job and the skills to sustain both.

Residents moved into the new building in mid-March and are absolutely thankful and delighted with the new accommodation, pictured.

“Our new campus will enable us to provide local young people with a safe and affordable place to call home,” said Simon Green, CEO of YMCA Milton Keynes.

“Our accommodation, alongside our dedicated support services will help ensure the most disadvantaged in our community have access to the right support, training and employment opportunities to help them reach their full potential,” he added.

The new building includes social enterprises including an exciting independent café, HomeGround, and a five room conference centre.

The campus also offers affordable accommodation types: a.. studio and one-bedroom flats which are available for rent.

Anyone interested should contact Elevation Lettings at

<https://www.onthemarket.com/details/8304690/>



Furnished Stage 2 Room on our new campus



Study desk with soft close drawers and poof seat



Armchair with easy clean finish



Double bed with end and storage



Robust wardrobe with shelf and large storage drawer



Ensuite shower room

Grants

Campbell Park Parish Council have awarded the following grants:

£1000 to Girl Pack to help support them with the purchase of sanitary product supplies for the distribution of Girl Packs in and around the Parish.





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Recycling Centre Visit

Campbell Park Parish Council



On Tuesday 11th February, Kevin Locke, Gary Jones, Priscilla Hogan and myself, Tracey Waistnedge attended a visit tour of the Recycling Centre at New Bradwell, Wolverton.

Having never been before I wasn't sure what to expect, only knowing that it is quite interesting as both my daughters had been on school visits.

I was more than surprised at the facility itself, and how informative the talk and videos were.

Also finding out exactly what happens to our rubbish when

it gets to the centre, how much rubbish we generate and what we do and do not recycle as residents.

What I found really interesting was what can be made out of old rubbish!! Some very clever ideas both practical and decorative.

Since the visit, I have made more of an effort with disposing of my rubbish, often hovering over the bin having a think as to which one to put it in.

If you haven't been on a visit to the Recycling Centre, I would suggest you go, and then maybe you would think twice before you discard something that could actually be reused!!

TRACEY WAISTNEDGE
Administration Receptionist

wheelie bin trial

Milton Keynes Council are trialling a pilot scheme including the use of wheelie bins in 10 estates throughout Milton Keynes. The scheme will commence in June/July and will run for six months.

More information on the scheme can be found at www.Milton-keynes.gov.uk/wheeliebinpilot



clear sacks

The annual delivery of clear sacks will take place between April and June this year. The roll of sacks are usually delivered on the same day as your normal collection day.



What goes where?

Only these items for recycling....

- Paper, newspaper & envelopes, including window envelopes
- Cardboard
- Food & drink cartons
- Drinks cans
- Food tins
- Foil trays
- Empty aerosol spray cans
- Plastic bottles and lids
- Plastic food trays and pots

BATTERIES

- Household batteries - AA, AAA, B, C, D, button batteries,
- Laptop batteries
- Mobile phone batteries

GREEN BIN

- Fruit & vegetables
- Any leftover food
- Teabags, tea leaves & coffee granules
- Small branches (less than 15cm diameter)
- Cheese & other dairy products
- Meat, bones, fish – cooked or raw
- Grass clippings
- Weeds
- Bread & pastries

BLUE BOX

Glass bottles & jars

BLACK SACKS

All other rubbish including...

- Disposable coffee cups
- Wet wipes & sanitising wipes
- Cling film
- All tissues & kitchen towel
- Plastic carrier bags
- Broken glass
- Dirty nappies & sanitary products
- Pet food pouches
- Clothes, bedding & other textiles
- Pet poo & bedding
- Crisp packet, sweet & biscuit wrappers

CLEAR SACKS

KID'S CORNER



Hello Children,

Gosh it has been very windy and very wet! Lets hope better weather is on the way now that the lighter evenings are here at last. It has been a long winter!

The Fishermead children have been very lucky this year because at the **Pirate Park** they have had some new play equipment to play on. The trampoline is very popular, so if you have not been yet, go and take a look. It is lots of fun.

Now I have a very easy **competition** for you, but it has a very big prize. **A £25 gift card**. "Wow!" So I hope I have lots of entries, so get your thinking caps on and have a go!

Sadly some sad news. Our good friend Mitch is leaving us to retire. It is time for Mitch to have a rest!!! However, if you do see Mitch out and about, he will be happy that you remember him, and you can still say hello. So let us say bye bye Mitch and thank you for all your good work in our Parish.

John will still be with us and he really likes to talk.

Daniel is also out and about, so next time I am going to talk to you about our new members on the Landscape team. They will also be safe strangers that you can talk to about your play area.

Time to go, remember have a go at the competition. Good luck everyone, and keep safe.

REMEMBER STRANGER DANGER

Until next time
Cllr Penny.

P.S: If you send anything into Kid's Corner we need to know your name, address, your age, and what school you go to, or we cannot send you your prize.

Hello from John and Daniel

If you see them when you are out, say hello, they will be happy to talk to you.



AMAZING COMPETITION

Win a £25 gift card

This is out new tractor

All you have to do is give it a name and send it into the Parish Office before the last day in May 2020. (Address on page 2)

Good luck!

Entries up to the age of 16yrs.

Photo will appear in the next Homeground edition.



SPRING WATCH 2020 AT THE Parish

Take a photo of wildlife, the sky sunset, the canal or anything nature wise. The best photo winner will receive a **£10 book token** and appear in the next Homeground magazine.

Entries to be in before the end of May 2020. Just send in a letter, poem or drawing to Kid's Corner. (address on page 2) If your entry goes into the next Homeground magazine you will win a prize, so get your felt pens out!

We also have Nature Watch. This is fun. Send a photo of something you have seen when you are out playing or walking with Mum and Dad. It could be a rainbow, a mushroom, a bird, it is endless. This could win you a prize too. So there are lots and lots of ways to get into our magazine.

THE BADGER BOYS ADVENTURES



John and Dan are busy on Oldbrook Green. They are building an extension on the Pavilion. It will look very tidy when it is finished. Of course, Cilla Comfy Cat and the Bunny Cleaners are there picking up all the rubble. Building work makes lots of mess so the Bunnies are busy, busy, busy. Cilla makes sure every bit of rubbish is in the black bags. She likes everything to be "Spot on", that means very tidy!

After work Cilla will have a cream tea ready for John, Dan and the Bunnies. Comfy Cats love tea parties. Lots of sandwiches, cakes and buns. Washed down with a nice cup of tea. The only thing is, they will have to do it all again tomorrow!

A unique crackdown on parking

by students at Shepherdswell Academy

Pupils lay down their UNIFORMS in the street to stop parents parking badly on school run in Milton Keynes.

Young pupils in Milton Keynes have launched a unique crackdown to put the brakes on their parents parking badly outside their school.

The children from Shepherdswell Academy have been laying items of school uniform on the yellow zig zag lines to encourage the adults to drive more responsibly.

They say each uniform item represents a child - and this should shock the parents into taking more care.

The initiative was organised by members of the school council who conducted an experiment to discover how many cars were speeding past the Springfield school and how many were flouting the law by parking on the zig zag lines.

Year 2 pupil Robin Ridgwell said: *"We are putting clothes out on the pavement to show parents that they shouldn't be parking there and they need to slow down."*

The children have also been issuing 'parking tickets' to people who park on the kerb or the zig zag lines, and have a banner designed by the pupils themselves outside the school to reiterate the message. Elaine Noctor, family liaison officer at Shepherdswell Academy, said: *"Members of our school council went out to conduct an experiment and to feedback on their findings about the speed in which cars were driving past the*



school, and parking on the zigzag lines.

They placed a few items of school clothing on the zig zag lines and the kerb to represent a child. They then stood back and monitored the reactions of drivers. Several parents walking past asked the children what they were doing.

We have noticed an improvement since we started this last week. It's something we'll need to do every few weeks to keep reminding parents of the importance of parking responsibly."

Hollie-Rose Charters, who is also in Year 2, said: *"When we put the clothes down the cars did slow down, so it really worked."*



Councillor Elaine Dicerbo becomes a Mentor

Campbell Park Parish Council



Councillor Elaine Dicerbo is a mentor for a young person under the 'Grandmentor' programme run by Volunteering Matters.

It's a new programme in Milton Keynes in partnership with the Local Authority Social Services. There is an ambition to recruit a Mentor for every young person between the ages of 16 - 25. Sophie and Cllr Dicerbo have been working together since June 2019 and since August 2019 Sophie has been working in the Parish Office to learn Excel and gain office administrative work experience.

We are all pleased to announce that Sophie has been successful in gaining a Civil Service Internship as an Administrative Officer in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. We are proud of Cllr Dicerbo who has been mentoring Sophie and all the other Councillors and staff at Campbell Park Parish Council for supporting Sophie's growth.

We are also proud of Sophie for taking all the learning on board and working so hard.

We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

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