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Garden ready to be loved
again – can you help?**

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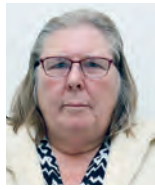
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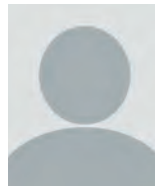
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COMMUNITY HUB PROGRESS UPDATE

Campbell Park Community Council



We're pleased to bring you the latest news on the progress of our much-anticipated Community Hub.

Things are really starting to take shape, and we're keen to share all the exciting developments.

We're not just building a hub – we're building a sustainable one.

The installation of new solar panels is progressing smoothly. Panels have been mounted on the roof and will be connected to a battery system.

The solar panels will significantly reduce the hub's energy reliance on traditional power sources. They could provide a substantial portion, or even all, of the hub's electricity needs, contributing to sustainability and lowering long-term operating costs.

What will be happening at the Hub?

It has been some time now since we featured details of what will be in the completed building and for some newer residents, this may be the first time you have read about our project. The new Community Hub will offer:

Community Hub Café is a welcoming and inclusive space to enjoy affordable drinks, snacks and meals. The Café operator will also be offering initiatives, in partnership with CPCC, that will serve the needs of the local community and the wider community of MK.

Community Larder is a dedicated space that will offer food available to anyone who needs it, at a very low cost. The idea is to reduce food waste by redistributing surplus or donated food from supermarkets, restaurants, local farms, or individuals, with the emphasis on sharing resources in a sustainable and supportive way.

Multi Use Space is available to the community free of charge for a range of activities. This could be training sessions, a meeting space for small community organisations or a place for a group to meet.

CPCC Council Chamber is where residents are welcome to attend meetings of the council and its committees and get involved in shaping the community.

Our reception area will be on the ground floor and the CPCC offices on the first floor.

Look out for regular updates on our website and all the socials as the building continues to take shape.

If you have any questions or concerns about the building works, please contact the CPCC office on 01908 608559 or email admin@campbell-park.gov.uk

COUNCIL MEETINGS

*Meetings held at the
Oldbrook Centre*

19 November, 7:30pm

10 December, 7:30pm

21 January, 7:30pm

Committees

*Meetings will be held at
either the Oldbrook Centre
or the Springfield Centre.*

*Please see the website
and noticeboards for more
information.*

Planning, Infrastructure & Transport

2 December, 6.30pm

6 January, 6.30pm

3 February, 6.30pm

Finance, Administration & Policy

3 December, 7pm

Estates

12 November, 6.30pm

10 December (TBC), 6.30pm

14 January, 6.30pm

Community & Communications

26 November, 6.30pm

28 January, 6.30pm

CHAIR'S REPORT



I am now into my second year as Chair of Campbell Park Community Council, and can honestly say the progress planned and currently being made is crucial for the growth of the Council.

After many years discussing the location, set-up and design of a

Community Hub for the future benefits of the residents of our 5 estates and industrial commercial areas, we are well into the building and will soon be opening this permanent place where everyone can enjoy and use facilities to relax and arrange meetings with fellow residents in Campbell Park Parish.

It is expected the building in Springfield will be completed in early 2025, and will host both a Community Café and Community Larder. I hope that most residents will enjoy the facilities on offer, and meet friends in a warm and welcoming environment.



Campbell Park Community Council have recently renewed their landscape contract, I am positive from the feedback received from many residents, that the quality and frequency of the work on the estates has greatly improved since we assumed responsibility. I know personally that if a problem occurs we are very well placed with the equipment and manpower to solve any issues very quickly.

During 2024, we have had council elections, losing two councillors, but also welcoming two new residents who have joined to help their neighbours. Following the elections we do from time to time still have vacancies, being a voluntary role we are always looking for residents from the 5 estates we cover to

come forward, anyone living in the area is more than welcome to come along to a Council Meeting and judge for themselves if they feel they can contribute to help the community.

One of my main duties is to Chair the Planning Committee. It is one committee that is never dull or able to relax. Unfortunately, there are still homeowners attempting developments of properties without accessing the proper and appropriate channels and permissions. Sadly it is only when neighbours are affected in their daily lives that these issues surface, and we as a Council can deal with them. We really do need, as councillors, the eyes and ears of the residents to let us know when incidents occur, both in housing situations, parking issues, and illegal fly tipping areas. All our councillors are available by email, with details published in Homeground, or are contactable by telephone. Furthermore, our Council staff are very experienced and care about Campbell Park Community Council being the best it can be.

To demonstrate our determination to look after the interest of all our residents, I can report that over the last 15 months our Planning Committee have diligently reviewed over 120 planning proposals and made submissions to Milton Keynes City Council which has resulted in 8 applications for inappropriate property development being refused.

Our recently relaunched website, social media channels and Homeground magazine, which is published 4 times a year, strives to let all residents know of the events we are hosting. We understand that times have been difficult lately, and the warm space sessions we held within the last year were well received, as are our weekly coffee mornings and seated exercise sessions. I am sure our new Community Hub will offer many opportunities in the future once the doors are open next spring.



With the winter months approaching, please remember we are here to help if needed.

Cllr Brian Greenwood – Chair of CPCC

CPCC GRANTS

Campbell Park Community Council

The Community Council is keen to support groups delivering services in the CPCC area.

Any group, society, playgroup, or charitable organisation in the CPCC area, or benefiting residents of the CPCC area, may apply for a grant from the Community Council. If you can show us that the grant will be put to good use, we are only too pleased to help.

Grant applications will be considered on a quarterly basis (April, July, October and January).

Community Start-up grants are available to new groups within their first 12 months of operation and will also be considered quarterly.

We recently received feedback from YMCA Milton Keynes. Our grant to YMCA contributed towards the organisation being able to continue to provide emergency supported accommodation to young people aged 18-35 in Milton Keynes.



"We have supported young people on their employment journey in a number of ways including:

- Practical employment support sessions (becoming job-ready, CV writing, looking for employment)
- Meet the employer sessions.
- Practical support to get into work (clothing, travel, identification). In 2023/24 Young People were supported into 119 jobs (93 unique individuals). Young people were supported into 71 educational opportunities, 9 young people were supported into volunteering/work experience roles."



We also recently received feedback from Neighbourhood Watch (NW) Association Milton Keynes, following our grant to them in April 2023

"Our most important goal was to reinvigorate NW

that for many residents may have been seen as dead and buried! Key to this was visibility with a fresh, new image and consistent marketing and promotion.

In the 3 target areas, we organised:

- NW and Police partnership leafleting/door-knocking sessions and pop-up shops in Woolstone, Willen and Fishermead.
- Independent contact by MKNHWA to local organisations in all 3 areas to encourage the cascade of information on Neighbourhood Watch to their networks.
- Increase the number of sign-ups over the period to the all-important Police Alerts.
- Increase the number of local NW schemes.
- A further opportunity was a presentation at the CPCC Annual Parish Meeting, 28th May 2024."

We are pleased to report that **Frank Howe Court** are winners of the Housing21 InBloom gardening competition Best Transformation - Silver Merit award. Residents of Frank Howe Court lead by resident Rose Cox, a keen gardener, put her gardening skills to work and transformed our Main Entrance Area and back Patio Areas with beautiful, coloured flower baskets, and bright potted plants. It has made a notable difference to our Court with residents, friends and family members enticed outdoors to the Patio area to relax, eat, and entertain. They really love it!!



Frank Howe Court Social Club secured a grant from CPCC which funded the patio garden project, "a massive thank you to them for all their support" - Shereen Wilkinson, Local Housing Manager

For more information about our grant funding, please visit <https://www.campbell-park.gov.uk/services/grants/> or contact the Community Officer at the Council office on 01908 608559

FLOODING

Extreme weather is becoming more prevalent, and we have experienced flooding twice in 2024 alone in this area, so we have put together this advice to keep yourself, and your home safe.

If continuous rain is forecast, it is worth checking for flood warnings, which are on the governments website: check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk, you can sign up for flood alerts here too. The Met office website gives weather warnings, and you can sign up for weather alerts as well.

If flooding is forecast, and you live in an area that might be affected (or has previously), it might be worth taking a few precautions, like moving valuables off floors, or keeping some flood barrier products (sandbags or some of the commercial products) on hand, just in case. The environment agency has a handy guide for if you're about to be flooded on their website.

MKCC has a sandbag supply, their policy for distribution can be found on the website, CPCC also has some flood defence products, if you think you might need them get in touch with us.

Five steps for Flood safety

For anyone who may be involved in an incident and believe they may be in danger always telephone 999 to request the appropriate emergency assistance.

Step 1

Before flood water enters your home, close and lock downstairs windows and doors. Keep the keys safely to hand and move upstairs.

Step 2

Continue to listen to situation updates from your local radio station and Floodline on: 0345 988 1188.

Step 3

Stay in your property if safe to do so or until either the emergency services tell you otherwise or the floodwater has gone.

Step 4

Do not walk through floodwater. If it is necessary to walk through shallow water, take care for hidden holes, obstacles and other hazards.

Step 5

If you come into contact with floodwater, wash any exposed body parts with bottled or cool boiled water before handling food or looking after wounds.

If you experience internal flooding you should report it to MKCC through their website – they have a duty to investigate all incidents as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), you can also report blocked drains and gullies here, which helps prevent future flooding. The MKCC website also has useful information on flood and water management.

FLOODING

What to do if a flood alert is issued



FLOOD ALERT

FLOODING IS POSSIBLE SO STAY ALERT AND PREPARE

- Sign up for [Flood Alerts](#) if you live near a watercourse e.g. river or brook
- Call the national 24hr Floodline for advice and support on 0345 988 118
- Check and prepare your flood defences like aqua-sacs, door dams or sandbags
- Pack an overnight bag and include any home insurance documents you may need
- Move any vehicles to a safe place
- Alert any elderly or vulnerable neighbours of the flood risk.
- Update or create your own [Flood Plan](#).

24 hour Floodline
0345 988 1188



RISK TO PROPERTY

FLOODING IS EXPECTED SO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Carry out the actions in your [Flood Plan](#).
- Move valuables or sentimental items upstairs.
- Take immediate action to protect your property - deploy any flood prevention devices e.g. door dams or aqua-sacs
- Request sandbags from the Council ONLY if there is a severe and imminent risk of flooding to your property
- Sandbags will only be distributed an area where a Council officer has confirmed the risk level.
- If you don't have any flood prevention devices you can fill a bag or pillowcase with soil. Place them in the front of doorways.

MK City Council:
Highways 01908 252353
Out of Hours 01908 226699



RISK TO LIFE

FLOODING IS IMMINENT WITH RISK TO PROPERTY AND LIFE

- Evacuate your property
- Carry out the actions in your [Flood Plan](#)
- Lock doors and windows and turn off the mains electric and gas. Do not switch back on when you return until a qualified utility engineer has checked it.
- Take pets with you
- Cooperate with emergency services and make them aware of any vulnerable or elderly neighbours
- Do not return to the property until the risk level has decreased.

Risk to Life call 999
Non emergency call 101

**WHEN FLOOD WATERS
RISE, WE COME
TOGETHER AS A
COMMUNITY.**



**Do you want a Community
Flood Plan for your area?**

By pinpointing locations in our area prone to flooding, we would like to work with residents to put a plan in place for the future

If you would like to be involved or are effected by flooding, please contact us on 01908 608559 or email admin@campbell-park.gov.uk



A Safer MK for Women



Join the Annual Vigil

Monday, 25th November | 5.30 pm at
MK Gallery | 6.45 pm at The MK Rose



IT STARTS WITH MEN 

<https://sites.google.com/view/mkrose-vigil/home>

GRIT BINS IN MK

MK City Council has 406 yellow and grey (CMK) grit bins in local areas to help residents keep the roads, redways and footways safe to use during cold, icy weather. In autumn, MKCC check these grit bins to make sure they are in good condition and to fill up any that are low on rock salt (grit). To fill up all these bins in one visit would need 190 tons of rock salt. If any of these grit bins are damaged, MKCC will remove them for safety but due to budget pressures, there will be no replacement bin. However, in severe weather additional salt bags may be delivered to any location that is consider high risk for residents to use on the public highway.

When to use the grit bin

If snow or icy conditions are forecast for MK, you can use the rock salt in the grit bin on public footways and roads. **Salt (grit) is not provided for use on private driveways or private pathways.** Be sparing with any application of salt. If you are hand salting an area, 2 teaspoons is enough to cover 1 square metre of road or footway.

How to find your nearest grit bin

You can check where your nearest grit bin is on the 'My MK Mapping' tool on the MK City Council's website, www.milton-keynes.gov.uk. A link to this is also on the 'Salt Bins' section on the Winter Services section of the Highways pages www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways. On the My MK Mapping tool, enter the street name and on the map, select 'Winter Maintenance'. Any MKCC grit bin will be shown with a G inside a yellow square.



SPRINGFIELD PICNIC REPORT

BY COUNCILLOR OPHELIA COLE



On 14th August, Campbell Park Community Council held the first of many community picnics in Springfield. The event was collaboratively organised by Cllrs Cole &

Adura, and local residents Sarah Payne & Lavern Robb. The idea was brought to life following a conversation between Ophelia and Sarah, just before the general election. Plans were underway, and the picnic was arranged for the summer.

It was an exciting day with some young people from East Timor Community showcasing their cultural dance which was amazing to watch and the highlight of the day. Also in attendance was Chinwe Osaghae, Community Artist from WE ARE THE IROKO C.I.C, she ended the amazing day with an interactive story about communities helping each other. Earlier in the day, she engaged residents in the game of 'ayo' which is traditionally played in the villages of some West African countries and very popular in Nigeria. An 'Ayo' game championship event was held on 13th October as part of this year's Black History Month exhibition and Celebrations in Middleton Hall, Central Milton Keynes.



The picnic was packed with interesting activities for all the family, including fun races such as egg and spoon and sack race. The event was declared opened by Brian Greenwood, Chair of CPCC, who welcomed residents and gave a brief overview of the role of councillors, pointing that this is a voluntary role.



We had some wonderful showcase of talent, with special mention going to the 'Fairy Trio', from Leanne Hughes Theatre School, these young ladies put together an excellent dance routine, a performance that blew us all away. In addition, we had singing and poetry reading from three other lovely young ladies who showcased an amazing talent in acting and singing. Their families deserve praise for sacrificing their time and being committed to nurturing such young talents.

We had some canvas out for residents to display their artistic talents, and we were not disappointed. A big thank you to Joe, a local artist, who led the session.

The event was graced by the presence of officers from Thames Valley Police who were seen engaging very well with residents. It was pleasing to see parents and children trying on police vests and hats, and taking an interest in learning / gaining an understanding of the role of the police whilst having fun doing so.



City Councillors Paul Trendall and Graham Eaton were also in attendance and engaged with residents, along with CPCC councillors who were also present.

I must express thanks and appreciation to Cllrs Chrispina Odunewu, Lois Adura & Val Dixon for their active roles in bringing forth a successful event. Local residents Sarah Payne and Lavern Robb were absolute stars who were present from setting up to taking down – please accept my sincere appreciation.

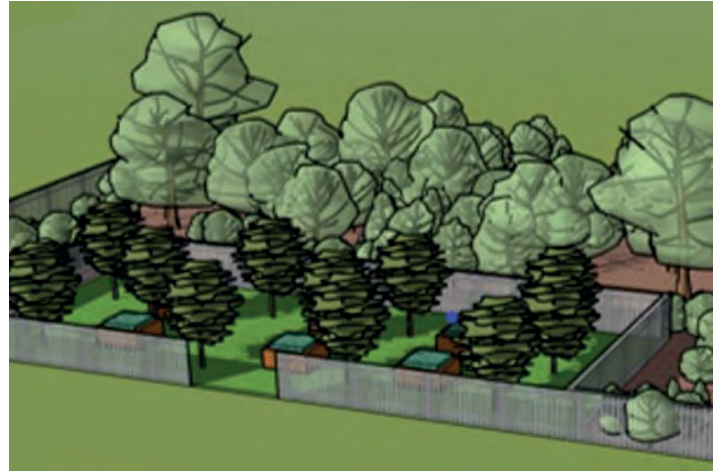
To close the event, participants in the games and talent shows were presented with certificates or medals. Participants in all other activities were given stickers, with children visibly excited about receiving their stickers.

To all residents, (and guests) who attended, I say 'thank you', please know this is the beginning of things to come. I recall a senior citizen thanking me for putting on the event, and she promised to join us next year, all being well – I look forward to seeing you all in other events throughout the year. It takes more than once a year picnic to build a community. I would therefore take this opportunity to encourage all residents to engage in the community events organised for them, and if you have any ideas of events or activities you would like to see in your community, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may not be a Springfield Councillor, but there is no restriction about who we support.

Once again, I say, THANK YOU!

Cllr Ophelia Cole

FOREST GARDEN TO BE DEVELOPED IN FISHERMEAD WITH FUNDING SECURED TO PLANT 6,000 TREES IN MK



Milton Keynes City Council has pipped other councils in securing Government funding to plant 6,000 trees around the city.

Milton Keynes City Council successfully bid for £325,000 from the Forestry Commission's 'Treescapes Fund' which it will use to plant natives such as oak, hawthorn and birch trees as well as to develop 'forest gardens' in several areas.

Forest gardens are where fruit trees are planted alongside vegetables and herbs in raised beds that communities can care for and benefit from. The city council will involve local people in designing their forest garden and how it will be looked after, with workshops to be announced shortly.

The proposed locations for additional tree planting are Bletchley, Bradville, Coffee Hall, **Fishermead**, Fullers Slade, Grange Farm, Netherfield, New Bradwell, Stacey Bushes and West Bletchley as these areas have less tree canopy cover than elsewhere in Milton Keynes.

"Trees can give so much to communities and to the environment, and in the last year we've planted more than 2,000 trees as part of our commitment to keep Milton Keynes a green, sustainable, and healthy city."

– Cabinet Member for Sustainability, Cllr Shanika Mahendran

"Winter is our peak tree planting period, and we'll act quickly to plant all the trees supported by this funding in time for spring. We'll also be out and about to involve local residents in designing a forest garden that they can help grow and enjoy for years to come."

– Cabinet Member for the Public Realm, Cllr Jennifer Wilson-Marklew

What should you put in your blue lid wheelie bin, blue recycling sack or pink communal bin?:

Please note, recyclable items should be placed into the blue lid bin loose.

Please do not overfill your bin – make sure that the lid closes

If you are not sure, there is a full list of items on MKCC website - <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/what-goes-each-binsack>

Plastic allowed:

- bottles – drinks and milk bottles. Wash, squash and lid back on
- cleaning product bottles, including those with pumps and triggers
- plastic pots, tubs and trays, including black plastic and ready meal containers
- lids – loose plastic lids from bottles and jars
- Tetrapak such as juice or milk cartons

Plastic not allowed:

- bubble wrap
- wet wipes
- crisp, biscuit, sweet packets or wrappers
- fruit nets
- hard plastics e.g. toys
- pet food pouches
- soft plastics e.g. plastic bags and cling film
- polystyrene
- items with food or drink still inside them

Metal allowed:

- empty aerosol spray cans
- food and drink cans
- pet food tins
- sweet and biscuit tins
- clean tin foil or foil food trays
- lids – loose metal lids from bottles and jars

Metal not allowed:

- metal pans or tools
- coffee capsules/pods

Glass allowed:

- glass bottles
- wine bottles
- glass jars

Glass not allowed:

- drinking glasses or Pyrex (this melts at a different temperature to glass bottles and jars so can't be recycled by our plant)
- any other glass item such as perfume bottles, light bulbs or mirror

Please note that broken glass can be placed in the blue lid wheelie bin and pink communal bin, however if you are on a sack collection, broken glass should be wrapped to avoid injury and placed in the black sack.



RECYCLING

Edition 2 - What to do with Foil

If the foil or foil tray is clean it should go in your blue wheelie bin.

If it is dirty, you can either clean it before placing in your blue wheelie bin or it is not cleanable, it should be put in your black general waste bin.



WILLEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The newly formed Willen Residents Association will be holding their next open meeting on Monday 25th November 2024, at The Ship Ashore, Willen, at 7pm.

Get involved in community projects, have your say on local issues, give Willen a voice in Milton Keynes.

Come and join your fellow Willen residents to help make your home the best place to live.

*Follow us on our Facebook page
All Willen Residents are welcome*

SPOTLIGHT ON FISHERMEAD

Fishermead is named after a field called Fishers Mead. The fishing theme is continued in the street naming. All of the streets are named after Cornish fishing terminology.

The estate celebrated its 50th Birthday in 2023.

The original housing was grouped around squares. A particularly striking area is Kernow Crescent built in 1981 which encloses the local park. The area takes on the grid design like many others in the city, with a central boulevard with the services running off it.

Fishermead has recently welcomed a number of new residents, with the opening of the Pencarrow Mews development, which offers emergency accommodation for families.

At the centre of the estate there is the Co-op and the Trinity Centre (church and community centre). The Trinity Centre has a wide variety of activities taking place and is a popular place for residents to meet. You can also access the Community Larder here every Monday morning. The regular sessions and activities include; community breakfast clubs on Monday and Wednesdays, community cafe and activity sessions on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:30am plus a range of other activities throughout the week.

Fishermead also has a doctor's surgery, dentist surgery and a pharmacy. It also has a wide variety of food shops and takeaways.

The estate has two schools - Jubilee Wood Primary School and The Willows School, as well as Pebbles Children's Centre all of which are located on Fishermead Boulevard.

Fishermead is served by a number of places of worship.

The local park on Kernow Crescent is the responsibility of CPCC. It is ideally positioned in the centre of the estate and offers a wide variety of play equipment for local children. There are a number of other play areas within Fishermead which are the responsibility of MK City Council. There has been some recent works to remove some of the small play areas in poor condition with a programme of improvements expected to commence soon.

At the far end of the Boulevard, adjacent to The Willows School, you will find Fishermead Sports Ground. The Sports Ground is the responsibility of CPCC. The Sports Ground is home to MK Gallacticos FC, who play their league matches here at the weekend. Many of their young players live in Fishermead and surrounding estates. The Sports Ground is also used for informal play and recreation.

There are also bridges which safely take pedestrians across the grid roads to Springfield, Oldbrook, Eaglestone and the City Centre.



CAMPBELL PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st March 2024

31st March 2023		31st March 2024
	Operating Income	
827,249	Central Costs	923,345
204	Parish Hub Development	0
30,478	Oldbrook Centre	37,582
141,281	Landscape Contract	157,126
30,450	Springfield Meeting Place	26,927
3,374	No longer used	0
0	Willen Allotments	1,713
0	Woolstone Allotments	1,916
1,000	Grants	814
14,150	Community	11,400
1,048,187	Total Income	1,160,824
	Running Costs	
332,676	Employment Costs	344,728
11,970	Democratic Costs	12,823
64,086	Central Costs	58,684
65,358	Parish Hub Development	147,154
17,127	Parish Office	18,660
13,066	Communications	11,896
12,090	Oldbrook Centre	11,645
1,515	Oldbrook Pavilion	3,970
153	Oldbrook Green	265
217,534	Landscape Contract	286,148
15,438	Springfield Meeting Place	17,494
400	Woolstone Pond	450
8,085	Dog/Waste Bin Provision	8,774
175	Kernow Crescent	12,264
1,050	Open Spaces	1,213
2,212	No longer used	0
750	Fishermead Sports Ground	0
0	Willen Allotments	823
0	Woolstone Allotments	1,132
250	Woolstone Sports Ground	0
18,541	Grants	8,580
40,746	Community	21,683
823,222	Total Expenditure	968,384
	General Fund Analysis	
31,613	Opening Balance	259,365
1,048,187	Plus : Income for Year	1,160,824
1,079,800		1,420,189
823,222	Less : Expenditure for Year	968,384
256,578		451,805
(2,788)	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	(120,938)
259,365	Closing Balance	572,743



DAFS (Drug & Alcohol Family Support) is a grass-roots voluntary service dedicated to providing support and empowerment to families dealing with loved ones suffering from substance or alcohol misuse disorder.

Families can come together in a safe space to share their lived experiences & to feel heard. There is no judgement & we ensure confidentiality throughout. Support is provided through face to face meetings & an online community. It is a FREE service.

- We aim to help families connect, establish trust, eliminate feelings of isolation, feel more empowered & have HOPE for the future.
- We raise awareness about addiction in our communities to reduce the stigma & we embrace all affected families (18+).
- We believe that families impacted by addiction also deserve a path to recovery.

To find out more please contact

Karen: 07900 229137 (if you live in the Milton Keynes or Leighton Buzzard area)

Nikki: 07876 105647 (if you live in the Bedford area)

Email: info@dafsmk.co.uk

Website: www.dafsmk.co.uk

Facebook: DAFS-Drug & Alcohol Family Support

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

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Registered Charity no 1209751



MULTI-SENSORY WORSHIP for people living with dementia and their carers

First Thursday of each month - 11am

At Milton Keynes House of Prayer
Manor Farm Cottage, 2 Linford Lane, Woolstone
MK15 0AG

Led by Ian Pearce and Charmaine Howard

Free of charge. A warm welcome awaits you.

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LANDSCAPING AUTUMN REPORT

Campbell Park Community Council

SEASONAL CHANGES

As we move out of August into September we have begun the transition onto our Winter schedule. There will be one last mow in November (weather permitting) before our mowers go off for their service.

Some lighter hedge work has taken place across the parish as we move out of the nesting season, but we still have to look out for any late season nests. The late start to summer can shift nature's nesting cycle into the Autumn months, especially if warmer weather continues.

The heavier coppicing and shrub reduction will commence in October.

The tractor will be cutting back the bigger hedge lines towards the end of October, it is currently working through the reduction of the "wild areas" with the mower deck, this is necessary to regenerate the growth for next year.

Any landscape issues you wish to report please email landscape@campbell-park.gov.uk

BIODIVERSITY AND A GREENER WAY OF WORKING

The wet Spring and Summer have meant that we are seeing some of the lowest numbers on record for fluttering insects including bees, butterfly and wasps. The wet weather significantly impacts on their chances of mating, records from the big butterfly count have revealed this year showing the lowest numbers since records begun.

We continue to leave large areas of wild grass across all of our estates to provide an abundance of food and shelter for insects that are in decline. You may notice that in some of our areas of large reduction we will leave the dead wood lying in the ground, stack piles of logs or even leave tall pieces of trunk (dead or alive) standing. This is to increase areas of shelter and food for insects, bugs and small animals. Doing what we can to increase biodiversity in our areas.

We have increased our use of battery-operated tools transitioning onto battery powered blowers and hedge cutters and other power tools.

We occasionally have to swap onto petrol hedge cutters if we have a thicker shrub as the battery tools still have some limitations on their power. Although with most of our shrubs getting at least one cut a year this is rarely essential.

SHELTERED HOUSING AND FLATS

MKCC are re-distributing responsibility for landscaping at some of the blocked flats and sheltered housing. Previously under our responsibility, these have now become the responsibility of Housing. We know for definite most areas in Fishermead are now under MKC Housing and sheltered housing including Dexter House, Oldbrook and Springfield Court.

If you wish to make an enquiry but unsure where to send it, we can advise or re direct the enquiry for you landscape@campbell-park.gov.uk

COMMUNITY GARDEN READY TO BE LOVED AGAIN!



A huge thank you to Scania and the members of their IT department who spent their 'volunteering day' with us in July. They worked hard all day clearing over 2 tonnes of waste from the overgrown community garden in Fishermead, which made a massive difference. Now this area is clear,

community volunteers are excited about getting this important space up and running again – but they need help!

If you are interested in getting involved with the ongoing upkeep and development of the community garden, please get in contact with us. Without input from keen local residents, the garden will become overgrown again, and this opportunity will be lost.

This space has lots of potential to be a hive of activity, a place to grow food to eat and to plant flowers for us to enjoy and an environment where insects can thrive.

There are many reasons to be part of a community garden project with known benefits including; improved health & wellbeing, making connections with your community, improving the place where you live, preserving green

spaces, creating opportunities for learning for all ages.

**Can you help?
Please contact us at
admin@campbell-park.gov.uk**





Hello from everyone at Shepherdswell Academy

We are thrilled to share the wonderful experiences and achievements of our students at Shepherdswell Academy. It has been a busy and exciting term filled with learning, growth, and exploration.

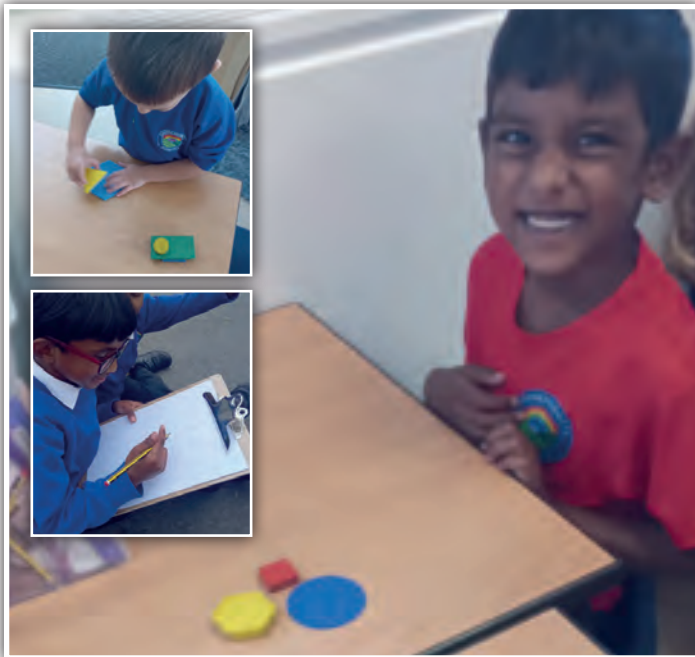
Our children have been deeply engaged in a variety of learning activities that have sparked their curiosity and enthusiasm. From hands-on science experiments to creative art projects, every classroom has been buzzing with energy and excitement. The dedication and hard work of our students are truly commendable.

Throughout this term, our students have been exploring and embodying the core values of Shepherdswell Academy. Community, Curiosity, Courage, Creativity and Collaboration. These values have been woven into every aspect of their learning. Whether working collaboratively on group projects or showing kindness in the playground, our students have embraced these values wholeheartedly.

If you have a child starting school in September 2025 and would like to find out more about us or organise a tour, please contact the school office on 01908735865 or Parents@shepherdswell.emat.uk



Hedgehogs have been improving their fine and gross motor skills with through cutting, sticking, mark making and painting.



Year 1 have been learning all about shapes in Maths and went around the school to find different shapes.



In Year 2 the children have been to Forest Schools to find and explore all the different animals, plants and insects living there and writing about them.



Our children in Nursery have enjoyed learning about the seasons.



FREE NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE NOW

- For ages 3 and 4
- 15 or 30 hours
- Wrap around care available

Come and meet the team and have a look around!

Contact Us: 01908 735865 parents@shepherdswell.emat.uk

Oldbrook First School & Nursery Autumn News



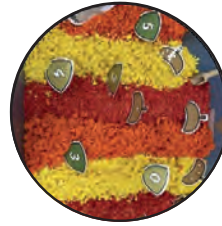
Respect



Responsibility



Teamwork



Kindness



Friendship

Honesty

Autumn we welcomed our new Reception and Nursery children into our school family to start the next phase in their learning. We are excited to announce that we are now offering places for 2 year olds in our purpose built Nursery. The children have been enjoying the wonderful range of learning experiences and play on offer in our well-resourced learning spaces, both inside and out. They have been learning about our first school value, Friendship.

Our amazing staff team continue to work hard to provide the very best education and care for the children of Oldbrook. In Year 1 the children have been learning about our local environment as well as materials. They particularly enjoyed exploring Oldbrook park, MK library and the surrounding areas.

Children in Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London. Lots of fun was had designing and creating Tudor houses, which were set alight to demonstrate to the children how quickly fire can spread and the importance of fire safety.

The children across the school and nursery have enjoyed a range of other visits and first-hand learning experiences to support their learning as well as further developing their understanding of our school community values. These are at the heart of everything we do and promote our motto, Together we make the difference!

This September we opened our new wraparound club, Night Owls, which provides before and after school care for our children from 8am until 6pm to support working parents. Places can be booked daily and the children are enjoying doing a wide range of activities.

We are always looking to make links with local businesses to support our pupils' learning and understanding of the world or work around us. This year we partnered with the Personal Group in MK who enabled the school to have a brand new sensory room installed over the summer. It is an amazing space!

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2025 or require a nursery place for a 2 or 3 year old, then please contact the school office to arrange a meeting or tour to find out more about our amazing community school and nursery. Your child's first educational experiences can set the tone for their future academic career and happiness. Our nurturing school will enable your child to reach their full potential in a happy and caring learning environment.

Mr Hopkins
Headteacher

01908 604689
office@oldbrookschool.co.uk
www.oldbrookschool.co.uk

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2025?



School Tour Available on
Tuesday 12th November at 9.00am
Stay and Play Session
Wednesday 20th November 3.30pm until 4.30pm
Please contact us to arrange a tour or book onto the stay and play session.
01908 604689 | office@oldbrookschool.co.uk
www.oldbrookschool.co.uk
Apply for a school place using the following web address:
www.mk.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/



Together we make the difference

EXCITING NEWS!

Our school based nursery now offers places for 2 and 3 year olds.
Enquire now as spaces are filling fast.

Do you have a child who is due to start Nursery ?



15 and 30 hour spaces available
for 2 and 3 year olds
Please contact us to arrange a tour or for further information
01908 604689 | office@oldbrookschool.co.uk www.oldbrookschool.co.uk



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The Willows and Early Years Centre Autumn News



Welcome to Autumn at The Willows. We have had a busy time already this term welcoming new families and staff to our school. We have met and welcomed 178 children to the school. Some who have returned and some who are new to us and this area of Milton Keynes.

The start of term went very smoothly here at The Willows. The children started the year by completing their transition topics which were based on the school core books to help them settle into their new classrooms.

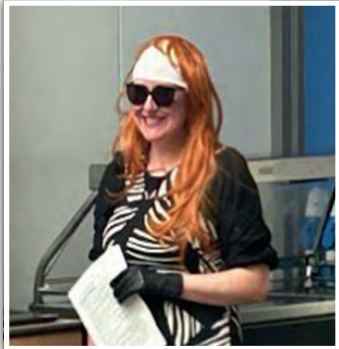
The children have already become immersed in so many learning opportunities and their classrooms look fabulous.

We will shortly be collecting donations at our Harvest festival for the local food bank, showing and inspiring our children to support their local community. Our very own Miss Kent will be at it again this year running the New York marathon in November to support the Autistic Society.

If you are looking for a nursery place or a 2 or 3 year old please pop into the school office or email: office@thewillowseyc.org.uk phone: 01908528803. If you would like a tour of the school as you consider your child's school place for next September please also get in touch.



Willen Primary School Autumn Report



Ms Little - The Grand High Witch!

Here at Willen Primary School, English is celebrated through special events and creative opportunities to nurture a love for language and literature. English is not only a core academic subject but also as a gateway to imagination, expression, and critical thinking. Events such as book weeks, author visits, and storytelling sessions offer students immersive

experiences that bring language to life beyond the classroom. These occasions spark curiosity and encourage children to explore different genres, from poetry to fiction, in fun and engaging ways.

On 13th September, we celebrated Roald Dahl Day, which marks the birthday of the beloved British author. Across the school, we enjoyed creative writing opportunities, art activities and drama inspired by his wonderful work. We even had an assembly hosted by The Grand High Witch herself (Ms Little in a swimming hat and

wig!). Fortunately, two plucky children were on hand to save the day and reveal her true identity in true Roald Dahl fashion!

Looking ahead to National Poetry Day, we are excited to be coming together through our love of poetry. We will be reaching for the stars and beyond with our space theme to correlate with our new class names. Each year group will be learning a poem by heart to perform in a special assembly. Early Years children are sure to melt hearts with their video performance of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. After this, we will also be writing our own poetry inspired by our performance poems.

By intertwining creativity with the celebration of English, Willen Primary School aims to inspire a lifelong passion for reading and writing, equipping students with essential skills for their future.





Orchard Academy Autumn News

What a fantastic start to term we have had at Orchard Academy!

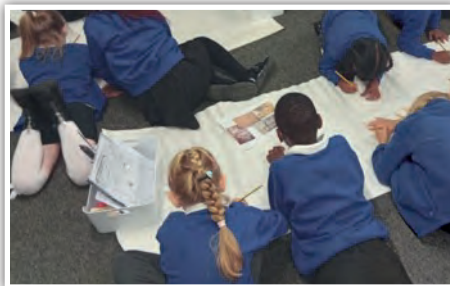
Our children have returned Ready, Respectful and Safe and have jumped right back into their learning with energy and focus. We have enjoyed welcoming all of our new Year 3 children and families, and said a sad farewell to our Year 6's who are now all at local secondary schools.

We started our term with our Values Assembly that centred on the core image of a seed.

A seed requires nurture to grow, sunlight, water, warm soil. With all of these elements, and constant nurture and care, a seed can grow into the mightiest oak tree and withstand the battering winds and storms. We relayed this to our own growth and compared all of our children to that small seed.

We share a PTA with Shepherdswell and they are holding their annual fayre at Orchard Academy on Friday 6th December – everyone is welcome. Look on their Facebook page for more information.

If you have a child due to start in Year 3 in September 2025 and would like to find out more about us or organise a tour, please contact the school office on 01908 735882



Jubilee Wood Primary School Autumn News



This year at Jubilee Wood, we are making our music offer even better for our children so that they can fully enjoy the many benefits singing and learning an instrument can bring to our wellbeing. This year, our Specialist Music Teacher

and classteachers will teach whole class lessons using the following instruments: keyboards, guitar, ukulele, recorder, and ocarina. Meanwhile, many of our children will continue to have 1:1 music lessons in violin and guitar. Our junior choir is very enthusiastically attended in huge numbers at the moment too, as they prepare to be part of the Birmingham Young Voices concert later in the year with thousands of other children across the country. So, all in all, we are very much looking forward to getting very musical this year at Jubilee Wood, and are very pleased to be able to add this to our already exciting curriculum!



Jubilee Wood's first participation in a sporting competition came from Year 4 last this week, putting their very best netball moves and throws into practice. With our new full-time Sports Coach, there'll be an enormous number of after-school sporting competitions we will take part in this year at Jubilee Wood, but our fabulous netballers have got us off to a great start!

Jubilee Wood now has a new set of 'Digital Leaders' which will help the children develop confidence in using computers and grow their leadership skills. This term, five children from each of the classes in the juniors were chosen to be Digital Leaders for their classes. Digital Leaders receive additional time in the computing room and will have opportunities to participate in exciting activities with other schools across our trust.

JUBILEE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Days 2024
Does your child start Reception or Y3 in Sep 2025? Visit us to see what OFSTED said was Jubilee Wood's "Outstanding" Personal Development.

Our Open Days are on the following dates:

- Wed 9th Oct @ 9.15am
- Fri 18th Oct @ 9.15am
- Thu 24th Oct @ 2.30pm
- Wed 6th Nov @ 9.15am
- Tue 12th Nov @ 2.30pm
- Mon 25th Nov @ 9.15am

To book a place, please contact office@jubileewood.milburyschools.co.uk or call 01908 257810.

FREE ACTIVITY PACKS FOR CHILDREN

We will have activity packs available for the Christmas Holiday available from Tuesday 3rd December.

The packs will contain a variety of paper-based activities and colouring sheets.

To ensure as many families as possible can benefit from this, please only take one pack per child. The packs will be limited in number and only available while stock lasts.

We would also love to see any photos of the children enjoying the packs or the completed activities that we can share. Most of all – we hope that the children enjoy them.

The activity packs can be collected from the Council Office in Fishermead:

CPCC, 1 Pencarrow Place
(behind the Trinity Centre) MK6 2AS
Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

If you have any queries, please contact admin@campbell-park.gov.uk or 01908 608559

Summer Fun!

Thank you to everyone who came along to join in with our summer activities.

We had play sessions with the MK Play Association in Oldbrook and Fishermead and also a programme of Kids Clean Up Crew sessions which resulted in lots of litter being collected around our area. Some Children used these sessions as an opportunity to work towards their badges at Rainbows. Well done!



Meet friends & neighbours at our
Coffee Morning



CPCC
Campbell Park Community Council

Join us for a drink & good company every Thursday 10am – 12 noon at the Springfield Centre (next to One-Stop)

We look forward to welcoming you!

Kid's Corner



Hello Children,

Hello Autumn!!

Have you noticed how the trees and leaves are changing colours?

How was your Summer Holidays?

August's weather was not too bad in the end. In fact, some days were quite hot.

The play areas where you live were very busy at weekends, which is lovely to see Mums and Dads playing alongside their children.

I have been trying to take photos of bees and other insects.

Taking pictures of spiders is not as easy as you may think. They always seem to know when the lens is on their head. So that is why I have not put a spider photo in....I am going to keep trying though!!

So now it is time to collect horse chestnuts (conkers), acorns and other Winter fruits for the birds. Also, you can play conkers with your friends, do you remember last year and what you have to do..... make a hole right the way through your conker, then thread string through the hole, make a big knot at the bottom and then you try to hit each other's conker until it breaks. Now you can cheat by soaking them in vinegar for about a week, then when they have dried out they should be very hard. So it takes longer to break your friends conker. Have fun!!!!

I hope you were able to come along to our fancy dress tea party in October. We had lots of fun but there will be more on this and photos in the next edition of Homeground.

First is Pets Club....

Here is Archiebelle falling asleep off the sofa!!



Nature Watch....

This is a photo of my garden in twilight with all my fairy lights.



Autumn Word search

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Conkers
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Autumn
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Christmas Party.....

Don't forget our Children's Christmas Party on **Saturday 7th December at the Springfield Centre. 2pm - 4pm.**

We will have lots of fun and delicious things to eat - **and maybe even a visit from Santa!!!!**

Hope to see you there!!

So, all the usual things to remember:

Stranger Danger. Green Tick Code.

Water Beware: Respect The Water



Send in a Poem:

If you send in a poem and it goes into the next Homeground you will win a prize.

Jokes:

Do you have any jokes?

If so, send them in and you could also win a prize if we put them into the magazine.

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. The address is: 1 Pencarrow Place, Fishermead, Milton Keynes, MK6 2AS.

Until next time. Have fun!!!!

Cllr Penny.

The logo for Campbell Park Community Council (CPCC) features the letters 'CPCC' in a bold, teal, sans-serif font. The 'C's are slightly larger and more prominent than the 'P' and 'C's.

Campbell Park Community Council

You are invited to our

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

AT THE SPRINGFIELD CENTRE

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024

2 - 4PM

Entry is **free** of charge.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times

For more information please visit our website

www.campbell-park.gov.uk

