

YOUR COUNCILLORS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Working group meetings are held using zoom electronic meetings. Some Council meetings are in person, currently held at the Youth Club in Wolverton Road or other venue identified on the agenda. You can email the clerk to attend any meeting or to give us your comments

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council—8 pm at Youth Club

13th Dec., 17th Jan, 14th Feb, 14th March

Culture, Events and PR — 8 pm

19th Jan, 16th Feb, 16th March.

Policy and Finance

31st Jan 8pm, 28th Feb 7pm, 28th Mar. 7pm

Parks and Property Management—8 pm

10th Jan, 7th Feb, 7th March

Allotments— 2.00 pm

22nd Feb,

Town Planning Interim—7.30 pm

12th Jan, 9th Feb, 9th March

Town Planning Full—8.00 pm

26th Jan, 23rd Feb. 23rd March

Business Development—10.30 am

24th Jan, 21st March

Health and Safety— 2 pm

21st Feb

Health, Wellbeing and Sports —7 pm

31st Jan, (Stakeholders)

Neighbourhood Plan Steering— 11 am

27h Jan, 21st Feb

COUNCIL VACANCY

A new casual vacancy for a Town Councillor has arisen at the Town Council. If you would like to apply for this volunteer position, please contact Shar, our Town Clerk, on 01908 618756 or by email on town-clerk@newport-pagnell.org.uk

Shar will be able to give you full details about what it takes to become a councillor. No special skills are required, just a strong commitment to trying to do the best for your community.

EVENTS

Farmers' Market— 3rd Friday/month.

Winter Shopping Event— 3-4th December 2021

Learn to cycle (children) 15th Jan, 26th Feb at Horn-beam Park. Phone Town Council to book.

Gain confidence cycling(12—adult)29th Jan,12th Mar

Cycling lessons—girls & women 19th Feb, 26th Mar

All cycling classes are free to attend and start 9 am.

Spring Shopping Event—18-19th March 2022

Annual Town Meeting—28th April 2022

OTHER AGENCIES IN NEWPORT PAGNELL

RIVERS—Environment Agency for water quality, silt deposits, land owners for other blockages.

NATIONAL MOTORWAYS— All highways such as M1 and A5. Call 0300 123500

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—Police. Call 999 when it is happening or 101 after the event

SPEEDING—Police. Best to attend one of the Police Community Forum events.

FIRE—Buckinghamshire and MK Fire Authority—Ring 999 and ask for the fire service

WHO DOES WHAT IN NEWPORT PAGNELL?

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL 01908 691691

- BENEFITS
- EDUCATION—Some schools.
- ELECTIONS
- FLOODING (some responsibility)
- HIGHWAYS—Roads, footpaths, redways, pavements
- HOUSING
- LANDSCAPING
- PLANNING AUTHORITY
- RUBBISH COLLECTION & WASTE
- SOCIAL NEEDS— Especially children, older people & safeguarding
- STREET & TRAFFIC LIGHTS
- WASTE & RUBBISH COLLECTION

NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN COUNCIL

- ALLOTMENTS
- BURY FIELD COMMON
- CONSULTEE ON PLANNING
- COMMUNITY CENTRES
- EVENTS—Mini-music festival, vintage event, help to other events.
- GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGS.
- MIDDLETON LEISURE CENTRE & POOL
- NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
- MOST PARKS AND PLAY AREAS
- SPORTS and RECREATION
- TOWN FLOWERS AND FLAGS
- TOWN REJUVENATION—Ranger
- YOUTH CLUB & YOUTH SERVICES

NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN COUNCIL

Town talk

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A WINTER SHOPPING WONDERLAND 3-4th DEC



Following on from the first shopping event in Newport Pagnell, the Town Council is using further Government Funding obtained through Milton Keynes Council for a Winter Shopping event on 3rd and 4th December 2021.

Whilst retailers put on some of their best discounts and offers for you, the Town Council will be providing the wonderful Helen Pearson to sing in the Christmas spirit on 3rd December and dancing entertainment during 4th December—all centred around Boots. It will provide a pop-up shop experience, so you can get to know those home businesses operating in Newport Pagnell, and an arts and crafts exhibition at the URC.

Also look out for the food trucks on Friday night and for Father Christmas who will be paying the town a visit. For details see www.newport-pagnell.org.uk



A CHRISTMAS WISH!

HELP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE SLEEPING ON THE STREETS



Could your spare room be a safe place to sleep?

Depaul UK is looking for volunteer hosts in Newport Pagnell to help change the lives of young people at risk of homelessness.

Nightstop Milton Keynes aims to provide a safe place to sleep for vulnerable young people aged 16-25 in an innovative, community focussed initiative: placing the guests in homes of trained and vetted volunteer hosts.

Offering their spare room one night at a time, Nightstop is a safer and more welcoming alternative than traditional emergency accommodation.

Already successfully running around the country, the national youth homelessness prevention charity Depaul UK has been commissioned by Milton Keynes Council to launch Nightstop later this year. However, as the service relies on an army of volunteers, the team need your help!

Could you offer young people a bed for the night, a hot meal, a wash, and a listening ear?

At Nightstop, the safety and wellbeing of guests and hosts is of the upmost importance, with extensive support provided. Plus, volunteers can commit to as much or as little time as they are able – **just one night makes a difference.**

The main reason for homelessness in young people is because relationships break down at home. This is why Depaul MK also runs its Reconnect service, supporting young people and their families to overcome conflict.

To find out more, please contact Catherine or Lucy on 0330 555 0180, email nightstop.mk@depaulcharity.org.uk or follow @DepaulMiltonKeynes on Facebook.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The recent town memorial event (video still available online at <https://bit.ly/2Zuzd7i>) remembered those we've lost, reflected on the pandemic, and celebrated the way our town's community supported each other. The event also looked forward and challenged us all to consider life when we eventually come out of this situation.

The Christmas lights will be on this season and we're lucky to have such wonderful volunteers working hard to make that happen and similar groups planning the return of other major events, such as the Strawberry Fair,

Carnival and more. There will be lots to look forward, and I also want to mention that the Mead Centre, which was my Mayor's charity this year, should open in January, adding another great facility to our town.

In 2021/22 we want to see families and businesses prosper and the Town Council is doing what it can to support our population and our high street. I hope you too will do what you can to #ShopLocal and show your love for Newport Pagnell by keeping our town healthy. Seasons Greetings. Paul.



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The Town Council would like to wish its longstanding officers, Lesley and Patrick Donovan, great joy in their retirement.

DAY'S MUSICAL NIGHT

If you weren't at this choral event that took place on 7th October, where 5 choirs gave the most magical of performances, you missed a real treat. After so long being cooped up in lockdown, without the ability to sing in public, this event felt like the real return to life as we once knew it.

The picture below shows the Junction 14 ladies A Capella choir performing but all the choirs' voices were in fine fettle, and it was impossible to choose the best on the night. Make a date in your diary for the 6th October 2022, when we will again return with this musical event.



THE MEMORIAL EVENT—THE TOWN REMEMBERS



Lisa Stanhope receiving a Town Award as one of the volunteering team.

On the 26th October 2021, 19 months after Britain first went into lockdown for the Covid-19 virus, the Town Council put on an event to help people come to terms with everyone and everything they had lost during the pandemic.

A multi-faiths ceremony, led by Revd Wood and Cllr Paul Day, was held at the Baptist Church in Newport Pagnell. Many residents of Newport Pagnell lit candles to remember those lost.

The NP Volunteering Group, local retailers, pubs and others were awarded Town Awards for their work in helping so many people get their shopping, prescriptions and meals during the pandemic.

THE MK EAST DEVELOPMENT & THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Newport Pagnell Town Council has continued to represent its residents during the many meetings we have held with the developers of the newly planned MK East site, which will include some 5000 new homes. As you are aware, Milton Keynes Council received significant government funding for this site, in order to help provide the necessary infrastructure, including a new bridge across the M1. Whilst Newport Pagnell residents would benefit from the new bridge, the Town Council has a number of concerns regarding the plans, not least of which is the fact that neither of the two main roads going through the site will be wholly dualled. We're also deeply worried about planned pedestrian/cycle crossings across the A422/509 that are not underpass or over-bridges. Such Toucan or at-grade crossings are a large safety risk, and would also inhibit the flow of traffic coming out of Newport Pagnell in the mornings. We're very conscious of the fact that Newport Pagnell will provide many of the leisure facilities for this site, and are striving hard to ensure these meet the needs of residents.

As we move forward on our Neighbourhood Plan Version 3, we are seeking solutions that will protect and enhance our green spaces. Despite the Government putting a hold on some of the radical changes they proposed to the planning system, there remains an onslaught of pressure to keep building new homes, including converting ground floor retail space. Creative solutions using brownfield sites are needed, and a firm plan that considers all options will do that but not if it means losing important shops. We've asked Milton Keynes Council to request an Article 4 direction to protect the High Street, but so far no action has been taken. Please help reinforce this message by contacting MKC planning or your MKC Ward Councillor.

RANGER ACTIVITIES

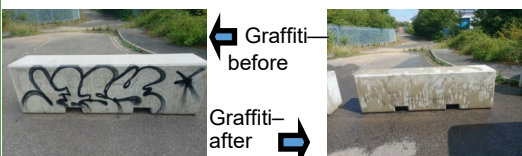


Street bench —before

Bench —after oiling



Encroachment—on crossing Encroachment—removed



Graffiti—before

Graffiti—after

What to do in a flood emergency

Flood Emergency?

In a flooding emergency you should focus on the safety of yourself and your family. Dial 999 or 112 if it is an emergency and you or someone else is in danger.

Bucks Fire and Rescue main duty is saving lives, but they may be able to help after the flood is over with pumping floodwater from your property.

Important Contacts

Anglian Water

To report flooding and flood risk from public sewers and water mains call **03457145 145**

Bedford Group of Internal Drainage Boards

To report water levels in adopted water-courses within their district including Broughton Brook and Loughton Brook call **01234 767 995**

Environment Agency

Contact the Environment Agency if you are having a flooding issue from a main river or reservoir by calling Floodline on **0345 988 1188**

Highways

To report flooding related to a highway such as a blocked gully and drains, or flooding on a road call **01908 252353** or report it on the MKC website: **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk**
Out of hours call: 01908 226699

Highways England

To contact Highways England to report flooding on the M1, (between Junction 13 and 15) or on the A5 call **0300 123 5000** (say "Report")

MKC Lead Local Flood Authority

To report internal property flooding from surface water, groundwater or ordinary water-course flooding, call **01908 252353** or **01908 226699 (out of hours)** or report it on the MKC website: **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk**

What should I do?

Five steps

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 via 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.

CYCLING ACTIVITIES



If you've ever wanted to learn to cycle but been too afraid of going on the road to learn, now is your chance. The

new cycling facility at Hornbeam Park offers a learner's track, and a more advanced speed track—catering for all levels, starting from beginners. Details of classes pg. 4.

ALLOTMENTS: BURGESS GARDENS AND LONDON ROAD

After long debate between councillors, and consultation with those affected, it has been decided that a new allotment site will be erected at Burgess Gardens Park, primarily because there are so many allotment holders from the Green Park area already occupying allotment plots on other estates and because this area was always planned for allotments. The Town Council is striving to develop a green vision where services are supplied closest to home.

As our London Road Allotment site has never been fully occupied, and its soil is water-logged, a no-cost lease has been offered to the Aston Martin Heritage Trust to build an Aston Martin Heritage Centre here. This will benefit the town in many ways, bringing tourists to support our retail trade, education opportunities for many and a link to the past that we are all so proud of.



Lid on or lid off? And other recycling conundrums

We all try to do our bit to get recycling right, but some items can be a bit problematic. Check out the list below to find the answers

Animal waste, cat litter, dog waste, hamster bedding ➡ black bag

Old clothes. Take to charity shop, do not place in clear sack. ➡ charity

Black plastic. Can recycle. ➡ clear sack

Broken wine glass, wrap for safety. Cannot recycle. ➡ black bag

Biscuit wrappers/crisp packets/sweet wrappers ➡ black bag

Disposable nappies used or unused ➡ black bag

Plastic bottles with triggers or pumps ➡ clear sack

Pet food pouches ➡ black bag

Pill packets with remaining tablets ➡ pharmacy

Plastic bottle lids: wash and put lid back on, squash bottle to take up less space ➡ clear sack

Tissues: Paper can be recycled up to 5/6 times. Its last life is as tissues, so tissues cannot be recycled. ➡ black bag

Window envelopes ➡ clear sack