

And Charlie makes 4!

New Community Partnership officer completes the team

My name is Charlie Davies, I've worked within the community for 3 years now, focusing on community groups and resident led projects. I was born and raised in Milton Keynes, I think it's a fascinating 'City' and I've very excited to be joining the Regeneration team.

My areas of focus will now be with Netherfield and the Lakes Estate. I look forward to working with you and your groups to accomplish amazing things for your communities and MK's future.

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Housing Services Forum

Thursday 4th February, 7:30pm, Bronte Suite

- **What does the Housing Service do?**

Come along and hear from different Housing teams about what they do and how they work with you, from ASB to Moving Home. Ask questions, talk to other residents, take away useful contacts.

Resident Involvement Review Group

Wednesday 17th February, 10:30am, Room 2

- Looking at changes to this group in 2016 – working more smartly and effectively

RESIDENT ASSOCIATION NETWORK

Thursday 31st March, 7pm, Room 2

Running a successful Residents Association

- Examining the key roles and responsibilities of committee members and exploring some of the key challenges/issues RA's may face and positive ways to overcome these.

This session will be led by Community Action : MK

PLEASE NOTE : Resident Association representation is requested at the majority of Housing Services Forums and Residents Association Networks in 2016. Attendance will be measured as part of the Healthcheck accreditation process.

Useful Information in MK



You may have seen this logo on signs in windows and on lampposts within MK. Neighbourhood Watch is based on the idea of an active community working in partnership with the police and having a shared value focused on bringing local people together. At its simplest, it's about like-minded neighbours getting together to make their community safer – by reporting crime, anti-social and suspicious behaviour, for example – but just as importantly looking out for each other.

There are over 500 schemes in the Milton Keynes area, some as small as a cluster of six houses in a road, others as big as a whole village. Membership is free. Each scheme needs a Coordinator who is the prime link between the members, police and the Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Watch Association, the latter being a committee linking with Thames Valley Police and providing support to members.

Members receive window stickers and access to a variety of safety and crime prevention equipment at reduced prices. There is no need for formal meetings but many schemes find it beneficial to forge links with their Police Community Support team and their Parish council.

Interested? Check the Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Watch website or email mknhw.org@gmail.com. We'd be more than happy to talk with you about the schemes and help you to set one up.

Safer Internet

Monday 8th February 2016

1 – 2pm, Galley Hill Centre

Tuesday 9th February 2016

6 – 7pm, Galley Hill Centre

Online Safety Training for Parents or Carers

A one-hour briefing to raise awareness amongst parents in Milton Keynes of some of the key and emerging risks facing children and young people, as well as providing relevant safety advice to improve their safety online.

Please call 01908 254003 or email mkscb@milton-keynes.gov.uk for information

FOCUS ON..... COFFEE HALL

Coffee Hall Residents Association arranged a coach trip for its residents to Belgium via the Eurotunnel on November 28th 2015. The Eurotunnel was a new experience for many of our residents and they were amazed that it only took 30 minutes to get from England to France. We then travelled to the trenches at Hill 62 where there was a fantastic museum with all sorts of memorabilia including horse bones!

We walked along the trenches which soldiers stood in, and saw the large holes where shells had fallen nearby. There were tunnels between the trenches and some of the children went through these. After a break in the café, our second visit was to Tyne Cot Cemetery, where we laid a wreath, which was very emotional for some people. One of our residents collects memorabilia and he had some war medals and a certificate with the large penny that every soldier got given and he managed to find that soldier on the memorial war at Tyne Cot.

We then travelled to Ypres where some of us went down to The Menin Gates to lay a wreath on behalf of the residents. .After that, we ambled around the Christmas market. and then went onto the hypermarket and saw where they made chocolate in the factory. Lots of different chocolate was on sale and much was bought! On the coach, we had a quiz and on the way home we marked the quiz - the winners won a large tin of chocolates. There were also prizes for 2nd & 3rd place. The ages of the residents ranged from 7 to 80 years. The whole experience was an eye opener for some people and made them realise how lucky we all are to be here because of the sacrifice of so many.



SEN and Disability Information Day

The Special Education Needs and Disability Information and Advice Service (MK SENDIAS) and the Parent and Carers Alliance MK (PACA) are holding an information and support event for parents and carers of children and young people with a special educational need or disability on **Saturday 6 February from 9.15am – 3.30pm at The Ridgeway Centre in MK.**

A free crèche, lunch and refreshments will be available. Please contact PACA on 01908 257828 – places will be limited. For more information, please visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mksendias or call 01908 254518.

Consultations

Proposed changes to home to school travel policy

Closes 9/2/16 01908 253935 marie.denny@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Draft Milton Keynes Intelligent Transport Systems Strategy

Closes 22/2/16 01908 252510 transport.policy@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Site Allocations Plan : Emerging Preferred Options Consultation

Closes 10/2/16 01908 252358 siteallocations@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Consultation to update Milton Keynes Council's Sex Establishment Policy

Closes 17/3/16 01908 252801 licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Plan: MK Strategic Development Directions

Closes 6/4/16 01908 252801 development.plans@milton-keynes.gov.uk

TPAS (Tenant Participation Advisory Service) Annual Networking Event - 13th-14th July 2016

The Community Partnership team are pleased to offer an opportunity for up to 8 residents to attend this year's annual TPAS (Tenant Participation Advisory Service) conference in Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

The Conference takes place over 2 days in July and the costs of travel, food and accommodation will be covered by MK Council. The residents who attend must be nominated by any active member of your local Residents Association. The TPAS Conference is a great opportunity to meet with tenants and staff from around the country, share experiences and learn about the best ways tenants can impact where they live. There will be practical workshops and debates for you to attend. The residents who attend will be expected to share their experience and learning with their community on their return, by feeding back to any groups that might benefit.

You don't have to be a Milton Keynes Council tenant to attend, as long as you actively engage tenants in the work you do in your community.

If you think this is a great opportunity for someone in your area who has spent lots of their own time making it a better place then please contact Anne Bircham for a nomination form on anne.bircham@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Important dates for Residents Associations in February*

<u>Date and time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Residents Association</u>	<u>Location</u>
	Monthly meeting	All Bradville <i>Facebook: ABRA All Bradville</i>	Bradville Hall Community Centre
Friday 12 th February, 6pm	Monthly meeting	Beanhill <i>Facebook: Beanhill AG2</i>	Moorland Centre
	Monthly meeting	Central Milton Keynes <i>Facebook: Central Housing Residents Association</i>	Centrecom
Friday 26 th February, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Coffee Hall <i>Facebook: Coffee Hall RA</i>	Coffee Hall Community Centre
Monday 8 th February, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Fenny Stratford <i>Facebook: Fenny Stratford Residents Association</i>	George St Community Centre
Monday 15 th February, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Fishermead <i>Facebook: Fishermead Residents Association</i>	Trinity Centre
Monday 8 th February, 6pm	Monthly meeting	Fullers Slade <i>Facebook : Fullers Slade Community Links</i>	The Rowans Childrens Centre, Moorfoot
Wednesday 10 th February, 7pm	Monthly meeting	Lakes	Lakes Estate Community Centre
Monday 29 th February, 6pm	Monthly meeting	Leon	Duncombe St Community House
Thursday 4 th February, 7:30pm	Meeting	Loughton <i>Facebook: Loughton Residents Association</i> www.loughtonmk.org.uk	All Saints Church Hall, Church Lane

		Moor Park	Windmill Hill Golf Club
Wednesday 24 th February, 7:30pm	AGM	Netherfield	Woughton Community Council offices
Tuesday 16 th February, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Oldbrook	The Cricketers
Thursday 25 th February, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Tinkers Bridge <i>Facebook:</i>	Tinkers Drop in
	Monthly meeting	Water Eaton www.bfstc.co.uk	The Rest Centre next to Bletchley Library

*Information drawn from 2015 Healthchecks or given via email response. If your RA is not included here and you would like it to be, please contact me on katherine.geddes@milton-keynes.gov.uk

**Information and updates from the
Tenants Scrutiny Panel can be found
here: www.mkhtenantscrutiny.co.uk**

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