Fullers Slade Estate Renewal Forum Autumn 2023 Newsletter



The Fullers Slade Estate Renewal Forum, Fullers Slade Resident Association and Stony Stratford Town Council formed a working party to celebrate Fullers Slade turning 50 years old!

The event was held on Saturday 19 August outside the Rowans Centre with over 300 residents attending. To see what happened on the day see pages 4 & 5



Introducing the Chair of the Fullers Slade Estate Renewal Forum

Hi, I've been chair of Fullers Slade ERF for over two years now and joined to help make Fullers Slade a better place to bring up my grandchildren. Although redevelopment has been put on hold there is still a lot to be done with the proposed Social Housing Decarbonisation project. Since lockdown ended, we have been able to provide a range of social and educational opportunities on our estate and it's amazing to see them being used by residents, of course there's still loads more we could be doing, and it would be great to see new members on the ERF and get some fresh ideas for the future.

Dave Meadows, ERF Chair

Are you missing out? There is so much going on in Fullers Slade, and it's all fun and free!

• **Curry Club** – 4pm Thursday at the Rowans Centre.

Enjoy a Curry with family members and make new friends. You will need to book your place. Term time only. Please contact Stephen on 07557 318 900



 Bingo — 5pm Thursday at the Rowans Centre Have a laugh and maybe win a prize. No need to book.

Multisport Club - 3.30pm-5pm on Tuesday at the Rowans Centre Great way for kids to burn off that extra energy after school. Contact the Rowans Centre to book. Term time only

• **Brunch Club**- Every Wednesday from 10am-11.30am at the Community Hub on Spider Park. A relaxed and social club. No need to book.



• Women's Football- Any ability, any age! Every Tuesday from 9am-10am, no need to book. Term time only Please contact Stephen on 0755 7318 900 for more information

• **Youth Club-** Welcoming and friendly sessions. Age 13-18 Tuesday 6.30pm-8.30pm at the Community Hub, Spider Park

- **Udoit Dance-** Wednesday 6pm-7pm for ages 11-14 years old at the Rowans Centre learn new skills with your peers.
 - **Gardening** Every Thursday afternoon 1.30pm-3pm at the Rowans Centre. For all ages and abilities, no need to book.

For More information Contact Stephen the Community Engagement Officer on 07557 318 900



Consultation

New measures to potentially reduce Anti-Social Behaviour

Representatives from the Estate Renewal Forum, Milton Keynes City Council, Stony Stratford Town Council and Resident Association carried out an estate inspection to see places where they could potentially reduce Anti-Social Behaviour in Fullers Slade. Milton Keynes City Council would like your views on proposed solutions to reduce Anti-Social behaviour in Fullers Slade. To view the suggested improvements to the estate please visit the Community Hub on Spider Park from 20 October until 13 November .

You will be able to view the proposals put forward to potentially reduce Anti-Social Behaviour in the area. You can view the boards and take part in online survey by visiting:

www.milton-Keynes.gov.uk/node/16278/latest or scan the QR code.

The Community Hub is open during the day from Monday to Friday, if you would like to view the proposals outside these days, please contact Stephen the Community Engagement Officer 07557 318 900 to arrange a viewing.

Proposed new Spider Park equipment

Milton Keynes City Council is holding a consultation on proposed new equipment for Spider Park starting from 20 October until 13 November. To see the suggested play equipment please visit the Community Hub on Spider Park to view the boards and give your feedback

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Fullers Slade Residents Trip to Clacton

Following feedback from residents the Estate Renewal Forum successfully applied for funding from Fullers Club for a day trip for residents to Clactonon-Sea on the 25 August 2023.







Fish and Chips by the seaside

Residents of all age ranges attend the trip. On the coach residents were kept amused with a fun quiz about Fullers Slade and Milton Keynes and a 'scavenger hunt' for the younger residents.

All the children who attended the trip had a lovely surprise when they got on the coach. The Estate Renewal Forum gave them all a bucket and spade, activity book and refreshments.

Happy faces at the end of the day

During the day residents had the opportunity to watch an air display, they got to see many different aircrafts and a parachute display.

This trip was a great success, with 100 residents enjoying a fun day out in Clacton. Residents enjoyed the sandy beaches, ice creams, making some great memories with their family and made new friends.



Fun on the Coaches





Saturday 19 August the residents of Fullers Slade came together to celebrate its 50th Birthday.



The sun shined on the residents as we had wonderful weather the whole day. During the day there was live music by two local bands Ukie tunes and Frost bite, plus DJ Luke.

The Milton Keynes Play Association attended bringing their very popular 'Wikidizer' and body zorbs. There were displays from the ambulance service on CPR, with all age ranges having the chance to practice lifesaving skills on dummies. Families had a chance to learn circus skills with the Great Gappo. Young people loved playing computer games on big outdoor screens with the Games Van



The Estate Renewal Forum, Fullers Slade Resident Association, Stony Stratford Town Council and Milton Keynes City Council formed a working group to plan and deliver an amazing birthday for Fullers Slade. The working group were able to give the residents of Fullers Slade a memorable day, with activities and free refreshments.



In the evening there was a game of Bingo and the raffle draw where residents had the chance to win some amazing prizes, including MKDons tickets, Ice skating tickets and family trips out. These were all free for residents to enter. During the day the working group ran a tombola where residents had other chances to win some fun prizes.

The working group were able to provide attendees with free refreshments including a BBQ from a local church, icecream, cakes, sandwiches and cold and hot drinks.

The working group would like to thank everyone who attended the celebration for Fullers Slade, making the day very special, and everyone who volunteered their time to make this day an exceptional event.



Photography Course

The course will start on Mondays from 30th October 10am - 12pm at the Community Hub, Spider Park, off Weavers Hill. This will be a 4-week course on how to take better photos with your phone.

This will include:

- Lighting
- Composition
- Focus
- Editing
- Finishes

This is free to residents of Fullers Slade. There are limited spaces available, to book: Email: <u>hello@olivecollective.org</u> Or call: 07557 318 900

Women' Football





Every Tuesday from 9am-10am you can join other women on the estate who spend an hour of their week having fun and keeping fit.

You can be any age and any skill level.

Family Centres and the MKDons held a tournament at Fairfields to celebrate the Lionesses success in the world cup tournament. The team from Fullers Slade came first in a tournament, well done!!

Skip day

On Saturday 7 July outside the Rowans family centre, the Estate Renewal Forum helped organise a Skip Day with local residents. On that day residents collected enough rubbish to fill 3 skips!!!

There were also community litter picks that residents participated in, and refreshments available for all attendees. Representatives from MEARS and MKCC also attended to assist tenants with repairs.

You can report fly tipping or book a time slot at the local skip on the MKCC website







Community Employment Services

Community Employment Services (CES) offer free careers advice and guidance to people wanting to find paid work, improve their skills, gain qualifications, or find other jobs. From creating a CV to practicing for interviews the CES team are available to help with all your employment related needs. We have a network of drop-in sessions on Fullers Slade where you can just pop in and gain advice and support immediately. Alternatively, the employment advisors can arrange in person meetings at suitable times and venues to fit in with people's schedules.



See <u>Community Employment Service (CES)</u> | <u>Milton Keynes City Council (milton-keynes.gov.uk)</u> for additional information or call 01908 252323 or email <u>nep@milton-keynes.gov.uk</u> to speak with an employment advisor.

Repairs

You can report any repair issues you may have with your property in two different ways. You can ring Mears directly on 0330 123 2522. This number works 24 hours a day 7 days a week so even if an emergency happens out of normal working hours you can contact Mears so they can send someone to deal with the immediate problem.



For any repairs call centre hours are 8am - 5pm. You can also go onto the MKCC website to report any repair and maintenance issues. If you need to make a complaint about a repair please ring customer service at MKCC on 01980 691691 or click on the comments, compliments and complaints button on the website.

Neighbourhood Watch



We all want a better place to live and Neighbourhood Watch is all about safer and stronger communities. For many of us this is reflected in our own instincts to be good neighbours and look out for each other. Families, and those living alone, value a safe and secure home, which is greatly helped by living in safe and secure communities.

Our members build links with the Police and other authorities to emphasise crime awareness and crime prevention, as well as encouraging reporting our suspicions or concerns to the Police. For further information on Neighbourhood Watch in Fullers Slade, please email <u>enquiries@mknhwa.org.uk</u>

Community Learning MK

Community Learning MK offer Employment Support, Information and Guidance for Young People and Adult Education courses across Milton Keynes and online.



Why not learn something new, improve your skills or just take some time out for yourself.

Find out more at

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/clmk



Key Contacts

Here are some key contacts you may find useful:

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Milton Keynes City Council	Stephen Bryant, Community Engagement Officer for Fullers Slade at MKCC	Stephen.Bryant@milton-keynes.gov.uk	07557 318 900
			01908 252937
	Neighbourhood services at MKC	<u>Neighbourhood.services@milton-</u> <u>keynes.gov.uk</u>	01908 226699 (out of hours emergency telephone)
	Anti-Social Behaviour	asb@milton-keynes.gov.uk	01908 252937
	Council tax	<u>counciltax@milton-keynes.gov.uk</u>	01908 253794 9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)
	Benefits team	benefits@milton-keynes.gov.uk	01908 253100 existing claims
MEARS	Reporting repairs	repairs.miltonkeynes@mearsgroup.co.uk	0330 123 2522
Thames Valley Police	Reporting crime	www.thamesvalley.police.uk	999 in an emergency 101 for non- emergencies
National Grid	Gas leaks	www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas- transmission/safety-and- emergencies/emergencies-and-safety- advice	0800 111 999
Citizens Advice Bureau		www.citizensadvice.org.uk	01908 604475

