



Bradville Estate Renewal Forum Autumn 2023 Newsletter

Welcome

Bradville is a great community but like many areas of Milton Keynes it is experiencing challenges exasperated by the cost of living crisis.

Regeneration and renewal does mean improving council housing, but it is also about creating life chances, job opportunities, better health and wellbeing.

I am very clear that regeneration is not something the council does to a community but with a community which is why I would like to thank those residents that have stepped forward into leadership roles.

Cllr Emily Darlington

Labour and Co-operative Councillor for Bletchley East

Cabinet Member for Adults, Housing and Healthy Communities

Community Engagement officer

Hello – I'm your Community Engagement Officer and I'm here to support you with all things related to estate renewal. I've have already been speaking to local people about their priorities. I look forward to meeting more of you as the proposals develop.



I am at the Stantonbury Parish Office on Friday mornings from 10.30am-12pm please drop in to see me or you can contact me on Stephen.Bryant@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Bradville Estate Renewal Forum

The Bradville Estate Renewal Forum (BERF) is mainly made up of residents including Homeowners, council tenants and leaseholders. There is also representation from Stantonbury Parish Council, ABRA (All Bradville Residents Association) and the Ward Councillor.

Meetings are held regularly, we are looking for more residents to volunteer their time to help improve the area.

We would also like local businesses to be part of the forum.

This forum is a great opportunity for residents to get involved and make a difference with projects which will have a positive impact on the community.

These projects could include:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Community Safety
- Jobs and Skills
- Environment
- Community
- Housing

The next meeting is Monday 27 November 2023, doors open at 5.30pm and meeting starts at 6pm at the Bradville Community Hub.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Stephen Bryant the Community Engagement officer on

Stephen.Bryant@milton-keynes.gov.uk

You Said, We Did.....

Ken's bench

During the early Estate Renewal Forum meetings, the Community Engagement team was tasked to get 'Ken's Bench' installed in Stantonbury. Ken Kandola was more than the local shop keeper, he was a well respected and liked member of the community. Sadly he passed and the community decided to have a bench in his memory near where he served the area. We worked with Stantonbury Parish Council and colleagues from Milton Keynes City Council and a local resident who assisted with fundraising.

In June the bench was installed opposite the mural, there was an opening where the Mayoress, Ward and Parish Councillors, Ken's family and residents attended.



Harrowden

Fly tipping and landscaping was another issue brought up. One of the sites highlighted was the green space between Harrowden and Crispin Road. As a result of the feedback from ABRA, the Community Engagement team worked with Environmental services and Stantonbury Parish Council resulting in over 143 tonnes of rubbish removed.



BEFORE



AFTER

Volunteers

If you are interested in the Bradville Estate Renewal Forum, and you can volunteer some of your time or expertise please contact Stephen Bryant Community Engagement Officer on 07557 318 900

Key Contacts

Here are some key contacts you may find useful:

	Bradville ERF	BradvilleERF@milton-keynes.gov.uk	07557 318 900
Milton Keynes City Council	Stephen Bryant, Community Engagement Officer	Stephen.Bryant@milton-keynes.gov.uk	07557 318 900
	Neighbourhood services at MKCC	Neighbourhood.services@milton-keynes.gov.uk	01908 252937 01908 226699 (out of hours emergency telephone)
	Anti-Social Behaviour	asb@milton-keynes.gov.uk	01908 252937
	Council tax	counciltax@milton-keynes.gov.uk	01908 253794 9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)
	Waste and recycling - To report a missed collection or book an appointment at the Household Waste Recycling Centre	recycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling	01908 252570
	Bradville Housing Officer – Council Tenants	tiryn.parry-ettridge@milton-keynes.gov.uk	01908 252487
	Benefits team	benefits@milton-keynes.gov.uk	01908 253100
MEARS	Reporting repairs	repairs.miltonkeynes@mearsgroup.co.uk	existing claims
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