

WARD COUNCILLORS

Hi, we're Anne, Charlie and Jenny and we're your three local councillors. In Milton Keynes, we have three levels of government that you can access. You have your MP, Iain Stewart, us, your representatives on Milton Keynes Council, and the Parish Council.

We can support in a wide range of issues including planning, road repairs, lighting, bin collections, accessing council services, landscaping- and the list could go on! You can raise most of these issues, along with others, through the Milton Keynes Website (www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-apply/report-it) but sometimes things can get missed, or you may be unhappy with the response that you have received. Where that is the case, you should contact us. We will be able to contact the right people to get it looked at and (hopefully) resolved quickly. Where we can't help directly,

we will do our best to put you in touch with the right people to get your issue or question addressed.

Finally, there is the Parish Council, who are responsible for this newsletter. The Parish is concerned with what is happening on the estate and will liaise with Milton Keynes council on your behalf, making sure projects are delivered in line with the residents' expectations and issues and problems are resolved. Different parishes have different levels of responsibility and that is likely to evolve and change as the estate grows and its needs change. If you do need us, we can be contacted on the following email addresses:

- Anne.cryer-whitehead@milton-keynes.gov.uk
- Charlie.wilson@milton-keynes.gov.uk
- Jennifer.marklew@argos.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT

Parish Clerk, Mrs Jean Nicholas fairfields.pc.clerk@gmail.com

We understand the current lockdown can be difficult for individuals and families. We want to share details of some local and national support services that may be of use to you.

Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire

Mental Health Helpline:

01865 904997 (24/7)

Citizen Advice Bureau

01908 604475 (Tues/Wed/Thurs)

Milton Keynes Council

01908 252398 (assistance for vulnerable people aged over 76)

SOME USEFUL CONTACTS AND SERVICES

MK- Act Domestic Abuse Services
03443 754 307 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm)

Money Lifeline

0300 123 5198 (9am - 5pm, and then answer phone)

Samaritans

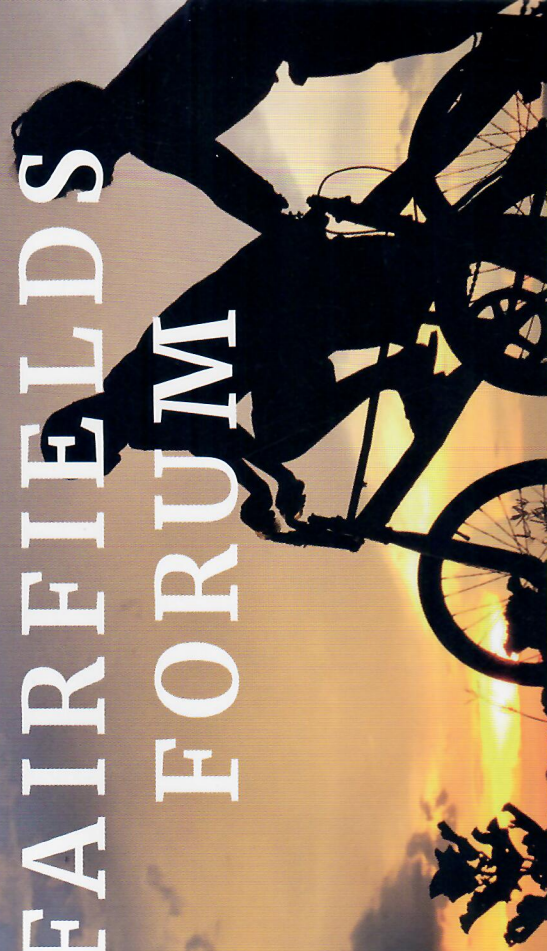
116 123 (24 hour support)

Young Minds Parents helpline

800 8025 544



FAIRFIELDS FORUM



CORONA VIRUS

If you need any help during this difficult time please contact the Parish Council on fairfields.pc.clerk@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I trust this finds you and your loved ones well. It has been a challenging time over the last few months and as I write this the sun is shining and we hopefully have brighter times ahead. The first edition of the Fairfields Forum was printed and ready for distribution as we went into lockdown, so the delivery had to be aborted. We hope you got to read the e-version of the newsletter via social media channels and the website. There have been a number of updates on the ongoing projects – please see the individual articles for those.

There is much work going on in the background to help make Fairfields a safe and great place to live. Potential new projects include a bus shelter for Vespasian Avenue, Road Safety improvements around the school to facilitate safe crossing and speed awareness devices and campaigns across Fairfields.

Safety is paramount and we would encourage all residents to consider this when parking or moving around Fairfields. Please be aware of the impact on others of where you park your car – do not block pavements, do not park in a position where your vehicle obscures the view of the road at junctions. Please park in a designated parking space – if it means parking a little further away to make the roads a safer place, please do so.

Sadly we had to cancel the Easter MK Play Association sessions, but will keep you updated on the plans for the summer – expect updates via social media and website.

I know from conversations with residents that a shop is something that everyone is looking forward to. This is something we request an update on at every Council meeting from Milton Keynes Council. The latest is that the area of land has been allocated and plans for the chosen developer are being finalised. As soon as we have a timeline for building, subsequent completion and who will be running the shops, we will let you know.

As always if there are issues you would like to raise with your Parish Council, please get in touch. We are here to help make Fairfields a safe and great place to live. We need your help to alert us to any concerns, but also to let us know if things are working – please get in touch.

This is our summer edition and as such we wish you and your family a safe time over the summer. Please keep a look out for neighbours and anyone who may need extra help.

Simon Webb

Cllr Simon Webb

Chairman Fairfields Parish Council

FAIRFIELDS PHOTO COMPETITION

Thank you to all those all took part and submitted their photos for the Fairfields photo competition. The idea came about from seeing so many great photos posted on social media that featured Fairfields and the surrounding countryside – it has been a reminder

of what a great part of Milton Keynes we live in. Congratulations to James Cartledge who took the winning photo. In second place – Allan Sneddon and third Sarah Tinkler. Keep a look out on the Fairfields Community Facebook Group for future competitions.



1ST
PLACE

James Cartledge



2ND
PLACE

Allan Sneddon



3RD
PLACE

Sarah Tinkler

FAIRFIELDS PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings continue...

Despite the COVID-19 situation, the Parish Council has continued to operate and update the community on matters via Facebook, online at <https://www.fairfields-pc.org.uk>, on the public notice board at the corner of Apollo Avenue and Cicero Crescent, as well as through messenger and email.

On Thursday 14 May the first "virtual" Fairfields Parish Council meeting took place. Five parish councillors and the parish clerk attended and we were joined by two members of the public using Zoom video conferencing. Public time was provided with the guidance that questions should be submitted in

advance to ensure we could prioritise and allocate appropriate time. The meeting was as interactive as ever, and whilst we need to ensure we keep to social distancing guidelines, it was encouraging to have such great participation albeit virtually.

I'm looking forward to the next meeting, where I hope we can get more members of the community to join us and provide input to how we shape Fairfields going forward. The next meeting will be posted on the website, Facebook, and on the notice board. We look forward to meeting you there!

Mark Ryan
Fairfields Parish
Councillor

WHITEHOUSE HEALTH CENTRE...

The new Health Centre at Whitehouse is nearly complete, situated off Barossa Way it is close to the new Watling Academy and marks a milestone in the development of services for Whitehouse and Fairfields.

Covering 30,400 ft², the 'all in one' facility includes consulting rooms, minor surgery and recovery rooms, nurse-led treatment rooms, a pharmacy, ancillary clinical support rooms and multi-purpose/health education rooms to serve around 22,500 people living nearby. There will also be a space set aside for use by Thames Valley Police and an ambulance standby, alongside a café and car parking.

The construction work is now complete and the internal kitting out will be completed

over the coming weeks and months. The current expectation is that the Health Centre will open in September 2020, but the final date will be dependent on the impact of Covid-19.

As soon as we have information on when and how registrations can take place, we will let you know.



A MESSAGE FROM JARDINES PHARMACY

At last we have our own pharmacy, albeit a temporary solution situated in Barossa Way, Whitehouse – the first of hopefully many facilities to serve Whitehouse and Fairfields communities.

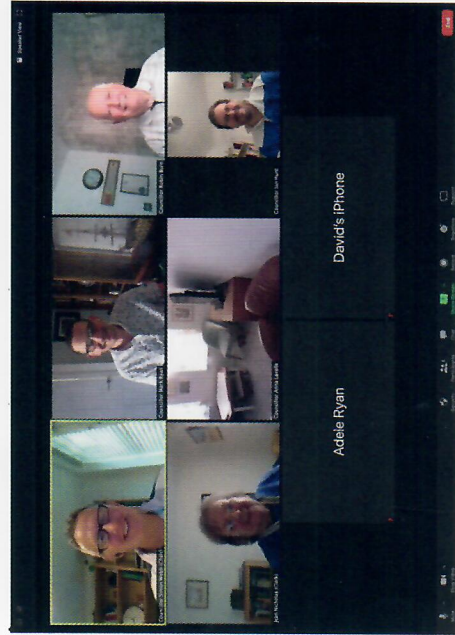
Jardines are delighted to be part of the community, and would like to say a big thank you to the residents, the parish councils, and the councillors for their support – which has enabled this in a system riddled with bureaucracy.

Jardines is a Milton Keynes born family firm, started at Neath Hill in 1980, and is predominantly focussed to serve the local communities. With its network of branches in and around Milton Keynes, and its unique inter-branch stock transfer system, the customers have access to stocks across the group.

The pharmacy is also now fully connected to all the GP surgeries – so it can receive

prescriptions electronically from any GP surgery in UK. All one needs to do is nominate it to receive your prescriptions – either at the GP surgery or simply ask the pharmacy to do so.

The current opening hours are Monday to Friday 9:00am – 6:00pm. These will of course be reviewed periodically, especially when it moves to its permanent site in the Health Centre, hopefully soon. The pharmacy can be contacted by email: whitehouse@jardinesuk.com or telephone: 01908 991 082.



MILTON KEYNES PLAY ASSOCIATION

SCRAP AND CRAFT BOXES

It's been a long few weeks of lockdown, especially for those families with children requiring endless entertainment. One of the best activities to keep the children occupied is the scrap and craft boxes from the Milton Keynes Play Association. At a bargain price, these huge boxes come jam packed with paints, glue, fabric, ribbons, coloured card, paper and scrap for junk modelling providing hours of fun and are highly recommended. Boxes can be purchased from www.mkpa.co.uk.



Cicero Crescent by Jenny Burn

Marcus Tullius Cicero was a famous Roman Politician and Orator. He was born just southeast of Rome in 106 BCE to a wealthy family who educated him with the best teachers. By the time he was ten he could read and write both Latin and Greek. He studied law and gained a reputation as one of Rome's cleverest orators - being able to deliver a good speech was considered an art in Rome at that time. As a lawyer he quickly became famed for taking risky cases and winning them. Cicero was a staunch believer in Rome as a republic and he was critical of the way Julius Caesar became a self-appointed dictator. Following Caesar's assassination in 44 BCE, he opposed Mark Antony's subsequent and similar attempt at dictatorship, thus making a formidable enemy. Mark Antony ordered Cicero's execution and he was beheaded in 43 BCE aged 63. His last words were "there is nothing proper about what you are doing, soldier, but do try and kill me properly".

PROPOSED SUMMER PLAYDATES

Following the success of last year the Parish Council hope to organise the provision of summer play sessions staffed and run by the Milton Keynes Play Association. This will obviously depend on the COVID-19 restrictions in late July and August.

The proposed sessions will be held on the grassed area beyond the play park at the corner of Fabius Drive and Cicero Crescent.

The proposed dates are 24th & 31st July, and 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August.

All are Fridays and are to be held from 10am - 12.30pm. Play sessions are free to all children and although unaccompanied children would not be turned away please be aware that MKPA are not insured to look after lone children and you would be accepting the risk.

Please check our website and facebook page for updates regarding these sessions and the restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

FAIRFIELDS GARDENS ALLOTMENTS

The first larger allotment site Fairfields Gardens is due to open for the growing season early Spring 2021 at the latest. Covid-19 has obstructed work and subsequently there is a more convoluted works process for Milton Keynes Council to now persevere through. The Parish Council however is beginning work with MK Council on the design plans of the second allotment site.

There is still plenty you can do and grow from home in preparation for the opening of the allotments.

• FREE COMPOST!

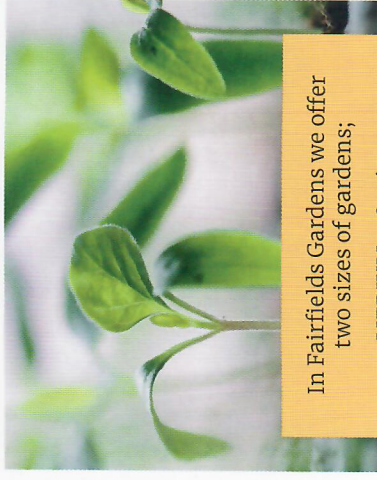
New vegetable patches need lots of conditioning such as well rotted manure and compost. Why not get your compost bin started now and you will have an amazing head start to your allotment.

• FREE PLANTS!

Strawberries are perfect for pots to enjoy this year. Start with a few plants, pot up any runners and your strawberry plants will soon multiply! Also start growing perennial fruit and vegetables (plant once and harvest every year) ready to transplant. For example: rhubarb, artichokes, berries and an abundance of herbs.

• FREE SEEDS!

Collect seeds from your favourite fruit and vegetables. Carefully dry seeds, seal in labelled envelopes, and store in a cool dry place.



In Fairfields Gardens we offer two sizes of gardens;

MEDIUM - £55/year
(approx. 125 sq. metres - the equivalent of 31 ping pong tables!)

SMALL - £40/year
(approx. 75 sq. metres - the equivalent of 19 ping pong tables!)

Each Tenancy also requires a £50 deposit which is refundable at the termination of Tenancy in guidance with the Rules and Regulations.

Anna Lovelle
Parish Councillor

A second allotment site will be available in 2021. To register an interest and join the waiting list please visit:

[fairfieldsgardens.co.uk/
register-your-interest](http://fairfieldsgardens.co.uk/register-your-interest)