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WELCOME

We would like to welcome to our team, newly co-opted councillor Surjeet Singh, we very much look forward to working together.



hello
AUTUMN

As the leaves turn golden and the air gets crisp, we're excited to bring you the latest updates and happenings in our wonderful community. Autumn is a season of change and reflection, and we have plenty of news, events, and stories to share that will warm your hearts and keep you connected.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

DATE: Thursday 19th December 24

TIME: 19h30-21h30

VENUE: The Sports Hub, Apollo Avenue

COST: £1/person (*proceeds towards prizes*)



Quiz nights are always a blast, filled with laughter, friendly competition, and the thrill of testing your knowledge. As the evening wraps up, there's a palpable sense of excitement and camaraderie in the air. Teams eagerly await the final scores, hoping their collective brainpower has paid off. Whether you win or lose, the joy of participating and the fun memories created make it a night to remember. Light refreshments will be provided.

Contact Vicky (Clerk) via email or call to book your seat.

EVENTS

WHAT DID WE DO?

In our recent Community Questionnaire, you scored low on some of the things that you said were important to you, like lack of activities for elderly and lonely people, activities for young people, litter and community events.

We trialled the following however, in some cases the uptake was very low. Was it the event, the time or time of year?

We need your input to help us provide what it is you are looking for!

MK BASKETBALL

Aug - Tues (4) @ 10h00-12h00

MK Breakers were delighted to run four weeks of funded outdoor basketball sessions in Fairfields over the summer, catering for children ages 8-16. It was amazing seeing so many children learning new skills and making new friends, whilst also seeing their confidence and communication grow week by week. With a total of 30+ players attending the sessions across the age groups each week, the coach stated, *"It was great having so many kids getting involved in the sessions, especially those who had never played before. Everyone picked up new skills very easily and I was super impressed. The team work and energy levels during the sessions allowed us to have the best time., and I hope to see some of the kids again at our club sessions"*

COFFEE MORNINGS

24/07/24 @10h30-12h00

Four residents attended
Two councillors + clerk attended

07/08/24 @ 10h30-12h00

Three residents attended
Two councillors + clerk attended

LITTER PICKS

14/07/24 @ 10h30-12h00

12 Residents attended
2 Councillors attended

15/09/24 @ 10h30-12h00

0 Residents attended
3 Councillors attended

Generally the estate is looking fairly litter free as a result of the new bins and Hegarty doing their job.

*Thank you to those residents who were able to support these events. it was lovely to meet you.
We welcome resident's feedback!*

EVENTS Cont.

WHAT DID WE DO?

PLAY SESSIONS

Aug - Fri (5) @10h00-1200

2 AUG 24 - 58 Attended

59 online bookings - 46 attended
12 walk-ins

16 AUG 24 - 78 Attended

73 online bookings - 54 attended
24 walk-ins

30 AUG 24 - 59 Attended

59 online bookings - 42 attended
17 walk-ins

9 AUG 24 - 49 Attended

74 online bookings - 39 attended
10 walk-ins

23 AUG 24 - 50 Attended

64 online bookings - 50 attended
0 walk-ins

Overall these play sessions, which are delivered by MK Play Association and funded by Fairfields Community Council, continue to be popular and well supported by residents.

TOTAL NUMBERS OVER THE MONTH

294

ALLOTMENT OPEN DAY

17/08/24 Marius @ 10h30-12h00

Four residents attended
Three councillors + clerk attended

17/08/24 Maximus @ 14h00-15h30

Two residents attended
One councillor + clerk attended

Thank you to those residents who were able to support these events. it was lovely to meet you. We welcome resident's feedback!

Upcoming Events

- Coffee mornings **23/10 & 20/11 (10h30-12h00)**
- Eat Street (working on it)!
- We welcome any other suggestions you would like us to consider!

Keep a look out on noticeboards, website and Facebook for more details!

Want to get our news and updates first hand then send Vicky an email and we will add you to our email distribution list. Your details will not be shared with anybody outside of the Community Council and you can unsubscribe at any time by asking us to remove your details.

MK CITIZENS ADVICE



Fairfields and Whitehouse Community Councils have jointly funded and are pleased to be working in partnership with Citizens Advice Milton Keynes (MKCAB), to provide regular advice sessions for residents.



Need some **free, confidential and impartial** advice, scan the QR code to book an appointment or give them a call on (freephone) **0808 278 7991**.



The sessions are held **every 2 weeks** and will alternate between Fairfields and Whitehouse. The service is by **appointment only**, you will be notified of the address on booking. A leaflet will be delivered through your door by MKCAB.

Are you, or somebody close to you living with Dementia?

The Milton Keynes Dementia Information and Support Service provides one-to-one support for people living with dementia, people with memory concerns and their carer's.



We deliver support, practical advice, information and guidance tailored to you and your needs - by phone, email or face to face visits.

01908 669404/232612
MiltonKeynes@Alzheimers.org.uk



We will be ordering craft boxes again in December this year from MK Play Association.

Something to keep your children occupied during those cold and wet winter days during the school holidays!

If you are interested, contact Vicky clerk@fairfields-pc.gov.uk



Santa Float will be back again on **11 Dec 24, from 18h00-20h00**. (volunteers needed)

Details on route, will be posted on noticeboards, website, Facebook and sent to residents email group soon!

»»» ALLOTMENTS ««« WHAT HAPPENS IN AUTUMN

Take stock of the successes and failures of this year and make plans to ensure that next year will be the best ever!

The beauty of nature



MARIUS ALLOTMENT = 1 VACANT PLOT

MAXIMUS ALLOTMENT = 23 VACANT PLOTS

OCTOBER **

With Autumn well under way, October is usually a month full of chilly mornings and spooky nights - the kind of weather that puts you in mind of hot mugs of tea, bowls of soup and, if you're an allotment gardener, lots of lovely winter digging! Remember that the clocks go back an hour at the end of this month so grab every minute of daylight on the allotment that you can before the dark days of winter are upon us.



NOVEMBER **

No time to rest. There is just enough daylight to clear and tidy up the allotment of any old crops in preparation for next year. Don't leave the remains of summer crops to rot and harbour overwintering pests and diseases. Wait for a clear, crisp, sunny day and go for it. You might feel worn out, but you'll be a lot better at the end of the exercise!

** Extracts from *The National Allotment Society Magazine*

READ MORE



WHY NOT HAVE A GO AT ALLOTMENT GARDENING

Want to have a go as a group of people or with a friend under a joint tenancy agreement, get in touch!

THE NATIONAL ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Great source of useful information, legal advice, insurance, seed schemes, magazines and more.

Single membership starts at £23/year

<https://thenas.org.uk/>

Head over to our website <https://fairfields-pc.gov.uk/allotments/> for more information on both allotment sites and if you are interested and want to discuss taking on an allotment, either complete an application form or contact Vicky on clerk@fairfields-pc.gov.uk

DID YOU KNOW

When should I contact my member of Parliament (MP)?

MPs can help with issues that are the responsibility of UK Parliament. They represent their constituents and can help with issues such as:

- hospitals and the NHS
- problems with benefits, pensions and national insurance
- immigration
- school closures and funding
- transport facilities and more

CONTACT DETAILS:

MP for Fairfield is Chris Curtis

Email: chris.curtis.mp@parliament.uk

Address: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Example: not happy with your local doctors surgery, you should complain directly to them in the first instance, if no success, then contact your local MP.

BRIEF UPDATES

A detailed track record of all meeting actions and issue logs for FCC, developer and MKCC can be found on our website under Council Meetings

<https://fairfields-pc.gov.uk/agendas-minutes/>

FAIRFIELDS
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



BUS SERVICE

19/08/24 Chair and Clerk met with MKCC ward councillors, presented history and questions to be answered.

Clerk contacted Arriva direct, they are looking at options, fingers crossed!

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Match funding grant for two additional devices has been submitted.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

19/08/24 Chair and Clerk met with MKCC ward councillors, presented history and questions to be answered.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Looking at technology so residents can dial into our monthly meetings.

WEBSITE

Current provider no longer doing websites, new website to go live in October.

SHOPS

Tesco handover delayed due to roof challenges, coffee shop applicants currently being reviewed.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CROSSING

MKCC has engaged with developer on the matter of a potential school crossing

TUDOR GARDENS REDWAY LINK

Works have been delayed by a newt license issue, hope to start tree removal work in early-mid Sept 24.



Together we can achieve great things!

VOLUNTEERING

We need your help!

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our community, bringing energy, passion, and a spirit of generosity that makes a real difference. Their contributions help us run events and create a vibrant, connected neighborhood.

Without volunteers, many of our programs and initiatives simply would not be possible. We need your help to continue making our community a wonderful place to live. Whether you have a few hours to spare or have some great ideas to bring to the table, your time and effort are invaluable.

Join us in making a positive impact—together, we can achieve great things!



TOPICS

- Become a Councillor.
- Litter picks.
- Event ideas and helping out on the day.
- Biodiversity - saving our planet - got any good ideas and want to get involved in a working group?
- Are you good at photography - we need a stock of local photo's.
- Are you a practical handy person - we need to spruce up our benches.
- Do you want to get involved in looking after our Orchard.

If you want to put your name down on a volunteering list, we will notify you when we need some help and if you are free, that would be great. Alternatively, if you have any ideas that you would like us to consider, please send an email to Vicky at clerk@fairfields-pc.gov.uk

FAIRFIELDS IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!

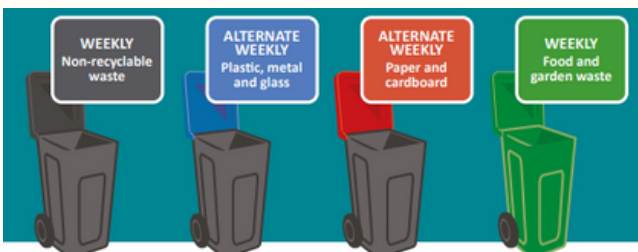
Building a great community involves mutual trust and respect among community members, to create a safe and supportive environment.



YOUR SPEED, slow down, take a bit more time to get to your destination safely. Watch out for the children, animals and vulnerable people etc.



YOUR PARKING, respect the “no parking at any time” signage within Fairfields. The red brick areas are not for parking on, unless there is a dedicated marked parking bay. There is plenty of parking provided for residents within Fairfields.



YOUR BINS, you should only put your bins out after 17h00, the day before collection and make sure you remove your bins from the pathways on your return home. Check your bin collection day at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-recycling