

**Little Brickhill Snippets for June 2021 – Cllr David Hopkins /  
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**Latest news  
from your council**



<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pressreleases/2021/may/construction-of-major-new-school-underway-at-glebe-farm>

**Glebe Farm School**

A major new school is being developed in the parish of Wavendon, in the South East of Milton Keynes. The new school is expected to open from September 2022 in several phases according to local demand.

At an event yesterday, the construction site was officially opened. If you'd like to learn more, please read our press release.

The latest consultation focuses on the DfEs proposed contract with Glebe Farm School/IFtL. The consultation runs from 24 May 2021 – 5 July 2021 (6 weeks) and survey responses can be made at [www.glebefarmschool.co.uk](http://www.glebefarmschool.co.uk)

### Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) for 2022-2023 delivery.

The CIF is specific funding for public realm projects that can really benefit the community by improving the environment, creating opportunities or addressing any local concerns such as road safety.

The deadline for submitting completed CIF applications is Friday 27 August 2021.

To help you prepare your application, I have attached the CIF Application Form 2022-23, CIF process and CIF Criteria and Guidance Notes. There is also a Quick Guide summarising all the criteria to help you with your application.

Applications for CIF are for Public Realm assets only and must not include any ongoing maintenance costs. They should provide a permanent benefit to the community in line with the Council Plan 2016-22 which can be read online at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub/our-policies-and-processes/working-with-parish-councils](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub/our-policies-and-processes/working-with-parish-councils).

You can make up to 3 applications for the maximum funding contribution of £20,000. This must be match-funded from the parish. If you are submitting multiple proposals, please indicate your first and second choices. Some examples of CIF projects have included: new benches, outdoor gyms, traffic calming, welcome signs and landscaping improvements.

If you have any questions about the process, please email

[moses.so@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:moses.so@milton-keynes.gov.uk)



A more efficient, cleaner and greener way to get around Milton Keynes has already attracted nearly 2,000 passengers completing over 20,000 journeys.

In April MK Council launched a new demand responsive transport system (MK Connect) to integrate with its existing network and make public transport available to anywhere in the borough. MK Connect vehicles are currently picking up around 600 riders each day and taking them to their destinations.

The new service works alongside the existing commercial bus network. If a journey can be completed via an existing local bus route, the MK Connect app will automatically direct customers to that bus rather than the new service.

Journeys can be booked via an app or over the phone. Journeys are not restricted to bus routes. The new service ensures passengers are collected and dropped off within 400m (walking distance) of their location and destination, although it is usually less.

Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Sustainability, Cllr Jenny Wilson-Marklew said: “MK Connect is proving to be an increasingly popular way for people to get around the city. We’re pleased with how the new service has integrated with existing commercial routes, so only journeys that can no longer be made by bus are being transferred to MK Connect. “As a frequent user of the service myself, I know MK Connect is providing a much more efficient and cleaner way to travel for our residents.”

The service was rolled out in April and is in line with the Government’s expectations for an integrated network as part of the national bus strategy. MK Connect has replaced underused subsidised bus services that were paid for by MKC.

Passengers using a wheelchair or who have a disability are matched with a fully accessible vehicle, and the service is accessible to passengers with vision, hearing and other requirements. For more information about MK Connect and how to download the app, please visit: <https://ridewithvia.com/mk-connect/>

If you have a disability and would like it adding to your account please call 01908 252526. MK Council is working closely with Via who run the service to ensure the best experience for users. Via works across 200 partners in 20 countries to help more people connect to transit. Ride with MK Connect now.



Due to popular demand, the Ride It, Lock It, Love It campaign has now been extended to June 18.

As part of the campaign, Milton Keynes Council is offering free and secure bicycle parking stands to MK businesses to encourage more employees to cycle to work.

Businesses, can apply and find out more information on the cycle parking for business scheme by getting in contact with PWLC at [contact@pwlcpjrojects.com](mailto:contact@pwlcpjrojects.com).

A range of different cycle stand products are available, including cycle hoop stands in a variety of colours, vertical and semi vertical bicycle racks to businesses.

This is just one of the council's initiatives to support both sustainable transport as part of the COVID-19 economic recovery work.

More information about this initiative and all of the other Milton Keynes Council led projects to support active and sustainable transport will be available at [www.getcyclingmk.org](http://www.getcyclingmk.org).

### Free Anti-Littering Posters for Parish and Town Councils



As part of making Milton Keynes cleaner, greener and safer, we're offering free anti-littering posters for Parish and Town Councils to use across the borough, These include dog fouling, general litter, fly tipping and a winning poster from our recent schools competition held in partnership with the Parks Trust.

The winning poster from our school's competition, was from Annabelle who attends Giles Brook School in Tattenhoe. With over 200 entries and a public vote, Annabelle's poster received 1,700 votes.

Annabelle's poster will be displayed across noticeboards in MK coinciding with Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great British Spring Clean' which runs from 28 May to 13 June.

To place your order complete the online form on the website.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-recycling/litter-poster-selection-order-form>



Woburn Sands	High Street	04/06/21 9:30am	04/06/21 3:30pm	TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Multi-Way)
LITTLE BRICKHILL	FOOTPATH 16 LITTLE BRICKHILL	18/02/21 24 Hours	18/08/21 24 Hours	FOOTPATH CLOSURE (Public Right Of Way) NO
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WOBURN SANDS	Hardwick Road	04/06/21 9:30am	04/06/21 3:30pm	TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Multi-Way)
WAVENDON GATE	ISAACSON DRIVE	21/06/21 0	25/06/21 0	ROAD CLOSURE
WAVENDON GATE	Fyfield Barrow	07/06/21 24 hours	11/06/21 24 hours	TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Multi-Way)
WAVENDON GATE	Isaacson Drive	07/06/21 24 hours	11/06/21 24 hours	TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Multi-Way)

**Taken from the Highways Register of Roadworks and Events in Milton Keynes**



**Caldecotte Car Park (Tilbrook / Red Bull)**

There is a meeting on the 24th June 1pm at Red Bull to discuss a resolution to these issues.

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Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at the second round of East West Rail meeting sessions with your neighbouring Parishes and Councillors last week. We hope you found the meetings useful.

If you were unable to attend your session or would like a recap of what was discussed, you can find the presentations and recordings from these meetings halfway through our consultation site - here, within 'Public events for you to attend online', under 'Presentations and videos from our events'.

With a week left of the consultation, we would be grateful if you could encourage your residents, communities and those you represent to submit their feedback to the consultation by **Wednesday 9 June**. Equally, we also look forward to receiving your formal feedback (if you have not submitted it yet).

As a reminder, you and your residents can submit your comments via the East West Rail 2021 Public Consultation Feedback Form [here](#). Alternatively, you can download and print a copy of our feedback form and send it to us at Freepost EAST WEST RAIL, or scan it and send a copy to [consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk](mailto:consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk). You can also send your feedback directly to us by emailing [consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk](mailto:consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk).

We look forward to continuing to talk to you and the communities you represent beyond this consultation as we further progress and develop the design of the East West Rail Project.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact us by emailing us at [contact@eastwestrail.co.uk](mailto:contact@eastwestrail.co.uk) or calling us on 0330 134 0067.

Jordi Beascoechea - Engagement Manager | East West Rail Company



### **From the Stables Theatre**

We are delighted to announce that in line with the Government's current timetable for the easing of lockdown regulations, we plan to reopen The Stables' doors to the public as follows:

on Tuesday 18 May, Sunday 23 & Sunday 30 May for three socially distanced performances - please note the box office will not be open for general ticket sales and enquiries on these days from Monday 21 June for our scheduled programme of full-capacity performances

The health and safety of our customers and staff is of utmost importance to us and we will continue to follow the latest guidelines to create a Covid-secure environment.

For full details of what's on and when, as well as latest updates regarding the venue's reopening plans, please visit our website and keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter channels.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support, and we look forward to welcoming you back to the venue to enjoy live music and entertainment once again.

### **Box office opening hours**

We are currently operating a phone service on 01908 280800, Monday to Friday, from 10am-4pm.

You can also contact the box office by email [boxoffice@stables.org](mailto:boxoffice@stables.org) and a member of the team will reply to your enquiry as soon as possible.

Tickets can also be purchased online 24/7 via The Stables website.

Please do not call in person at The Stables as the building is still closed to the public.



### Farewell to Simon Heap

Next week we'll wish Simon Heap, Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager a happy and healthy retirement after a 35-year career with MK Council. Simon joined the organisation in 1986 and has been a familiar, friendly and dedicated face for colleagues and councillors during that time.

A formal farewell to Simon is planned for Thursday 17 June on Microsoft Teams, and then afterwards in the rear garden at Civic. Councillors who'd like to attend the online goodbye, or would like to share a farewell message, can [Jane.Crighton@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.Crighton@milton-keynes.gov.uk) for the details.



### National Action Against County Lines

Earlier this month, partners at Thames Valley Police joined other forces across England and Wales in a week of intensified activity targeting county lines. In total across the TVP area, more than 80 arrests were made and over £42,000 pounds in cash were seized in connection with county lines drug dealing. Detailed findings and results following the campaign have been published online here.



<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/news/thames-valley/news/2021/may/24-05-2021/county-lines-intensification-week-sees-81-arrests-as-well-as-drugs-and-cash-seized>





## **Encourage businesses to sign up.**

The key message will be:

Make your business more profitable by drawing upon the special qualities of the Greensand Country.

Find out how you can improve your marketing and customer relations by seeing our website [www.greensandcountry.com](http://www.greensandcountry.com)

The benefits to the business are;

1. Make your business more attractive by drawing on the special qualities of Greensand Country
2. Benefit from free marketing materials including photos and narrative that you use within your own promotional materials.
3. Market your own business free of charge on our new dynamic website to reach residents and visitors to the Greensand Country.
4. Become part of this growing initiative to support your local area, caring for the local landscape and doing things for the natural environment, communities, well being, the rural economy and climate change.

Please describe the interactive map which we think really helps show the benefit of being part of Greensand Country Business Charter Interactive Map | Greensand Country.

We are having some postcards printed that you could give to the business. These postcards describe the benefits of signing up, but there will be a space for your own personal message too.

Please could you send Louise Stewart Young [louisesy@greensandcountry.com](mailto:louisesy@greensandcountry.com) your personal address and we can send you some postcards.

**Some detail is below that you can share.**

### **Free Membership Charter**

We would like to introduce you to the Greensand Country Member Charter. This FREE resource is available to all businesses within the Greensand Country area.

If you take just five minutes to sign up you can add your business profile to the Greensand Country website <https://www.greensandcountry.com/> and you will have access to lots of FREE resources to help you promote your business.

Once you log in you will have access to the new Sense of Place Toolkit which is packed full of information and photos that you are free to use for your own business promotion.

You will also receive invitations to Greensand Country events and you can add your events to our website event diary for FREE. Explore our recently launched website [www.greensandcountry.com](http://www.greensandcountry.com).

If you need assistance with setting up your website profile, there is a series of short webinars available to guide you through the process.

Here is an example of a charter member profile which you can generate once you sign up. Clophill Eco Lodges | Greensand Country <https://www.greensandcountry.com/event/clophill-eco-lodges/>

# IF Milton Keynes International Festival 2021

## 10-30 July



For more information, go to the Festival's website: [ifmiltonkeynes.org](http://ifmiltonkeynes.org)

Organisers of this year's extended Milton Keynes International Festival are recruiting volunteers to help in a variety of roles. The annual International Festival, which is part-funded by MK Council, takes place this July at locations across MK and volunteers are needed to support with stewarding, transport, ticket sales and customer feedback, as well as marketing and some technical back of house roles. If you or someone you know is able to help, please register your interest via the online form here

: <https://ifmiltonkeynes.org/>

Social media:

Twitter/Facebook: @IFMKfest

Instagram: ifmkfest

#IFMKfest

<https://wsi.li/dl/NHoZrQqjLwCpGnj3R/>

## Latest news from your council



<http://getaroundmk.org.uk/>

**Get  
Around**  
MK



A new online travel website is set to help local people make smarter, healthier and greener transport choices.

The Get Around MK website is part of MK Council's wider £500K investment in sustainable transport following the huge uptake in cycling, walking and scooting during the COVID-19 pandemic. <http://getaroundmk.org.uk/>

Get Around MK will be the one-stop-shop for all travel options in Milton Keynes. Visitors can take advantage of a host of interactive options, including a bus journey tracker and online map to find a nearest rental bike. Get Around MK will also promote and signpost local recreational activities and groups.

The goal is to make it as easy as possible for local people to find a greener transport option that's right for them.

Cllr Jenny Wilson-Marklew, Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainability at MK Council said: "Cycling and walking levels in some areas of MK were 58% higher in May 2020 compared to May 2019. We want to maintain the momentum created in sustainable travel beyond the pandemic and make greener and cleaner transport part of everyday life in MK."

The site can be found at [www.getaroundmk.org.uk](http://www.getaroundmk.org.uk) . You can also follow @GetAroundMK on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



### **Housing Update**

Earlier this year we redistributed the responsibilities of our Housing Service among three existing MKC Directors. Victoria Collins (Director of Adult Services) now leads on homelessness, Stuart Proffitt (Director of Property and Environment) on building new homes, communities and delivery of repairs and maintenance, while Steve Richardson (Director of Finance and Resources) is responsible for business planning.

Since January, Michael Bracey (Chief Executive) has been working with Directors and other colleagues through the Housing Co-ordination Board, which will shortly be replaced with a permanent Housing Strategy and Performance Board to work alongside two additional sub groups. We've also set up a Housing Delivery Programme Board chaired by Stuart Proffitt, which will receive reports from individual programme boards for key projects such as the building of new homes and estate renewal in Fullers Slade and the Lakes Estate.

***Cllr David Hopkins***

***June 2021***