

Focus



Focus # 375 on Middleton & Oakgrove

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We're off !

THANK YOU ! ...

...to all the residents who have volunteered to join our litter picking network. So far we're covered on:

Middleton

Norman Crescent; Hillbeck Grove; and the footpath that runs from the Willen Lake bridge to All Saints' Milton Keynes Village.

Oakgrove

Around Ada Walk and the underpass.

North of the habitat corridor up to the junction of Atlas Way and Brickhill Street.

If you'd like to join the network (we supply litter grabbers) please contact Uroy on:

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WELL DONE..

...to George Gebhardt, a Middleton resident, who collected all this. What an example !

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WORLD CLEAN UP DAY

We'll be running litter picks on **Saturday 19 September**

10.30 am Milton Keynes Village Meet outside the Swan.

2 pm Oakgrove Meet outside Costa / Waitrose.

All welcome. Hi-viz jackets, litter grabbers & gloves will be supplied.
Social distancing rules will be observed.



BROADBAND UPDATE

The reason CityFibre have run out of money, and haven't been able to complete parts of Middleton, is that they didn't calculate on there being so much block paving, which is more expensive than tarmac. They've applied for more funding from within the company but no approval or timescale as yet.

If you know of anyone who is vulnerable or in need of help at the moment please contact the Council's COVID-19 help line **01908 252398**.


Ministry of Housing,
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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

August 2020

HUGELY IMPORTANT FOR MILTON KEYNES



The Government has published a White Paper *Planning for the Future* which proposes radical changes to how new developments will be organised in future.

Local Councils will “zone” all land in their area for “growth”, “renewal” or “protection.” Areas zoned for growth will accommodate “substantial development.” Those zoned for renewal will carry a statutory “presumption in favour” of development but on a lesser scale.

Housing targets for each local authority will be set nationally, and the required contribution from developers towards infrastructure will also be set nationally.

There will be opportunities for the public to be involved in the preparation of zoning decisions and design codes but once the principle of development has been agreed further participation will be very limited. This has huge implications for the growth of Milton Keynes.

The White Paper is out for consultation until **Thursday 29 October**. Mail or text Uroy Clarke to let us know what **YOU** think (or if you'd just like a copy) on:

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We aim to reply to mails, text or calls within 48 hours. Texting's usually fastest. If we don't, please get in touch again in case we've missed your message.

Thank you !

