

Focus



Focus # 391 on Middleton & Oakgrove

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HUGE RESPONSE...

...to our survey last month asking you to set our **PRIORITIES** for 2022.

Middleton & Milton Keynes Village



Oakgrove



- TOP** Parking
- 2** Speeding through the Village
- 3** Unwanted new developments
- 4** Crime
- 5** e-Scooters

- TOP** Litter
- 2** Landscaping
- 3** Maintenance of play areas
- 4** Uncompleted cycle track
- 5** Mobile reception

Some of these issues, especially on Oakgrove, are still the responsibility of the developer where part of an estate has not yet been “adopted” (handed over to the Council by the developer). But we believe the Council could be more proactive in getting the developer to improve their performance before adoption. We’re taking legal advice on this.

HERE ARE SOME OF YOUR COMMENTS

On Middleton: We need a No Mow May along the road verges on Noon Layer Drive to protect the newts and orchids. More wheelie bins = less litter. Get people to close their garage doors - we don’t want to see inside. Public transport should be improved with more affordable fares. Keep the old globe street lights.

In MK Village: Overgrown pathway / redway via Parrock Lane between Broughton Road and Campania Way, crossing Hopkins Close and Dormans Close. Only one street light between the Swan & Dormans Close on the Walton Road.

On Oakgrove: Disgusting state of the concourse outside Waitrose and Costa. Get another bin outside Costa & make them empty it. Motorised bikes driving through the Ouzel Park. Damaged see-saw (for over a year) on the Ferranti Place play area. Building standards very poor throughout but particularly on Abacus Drive. My children can see the primary school but they can’t be admitted.

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**.



MORE WILD FLOWERS ON THE GRID ROADS

The Council, with the Parks Trust, are introducing a new policy of wild flower seeding and bulb planting along the grid roads starting 1.5 metres back from the kerb edge.

This will not affect the immediate kerb side or (on dual carriageways) the central reservations which have to be kept free for utility repairs and emergency vehicles.

For a copy of the proposals, email or text Sam on:
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SAFER MK SURVEY

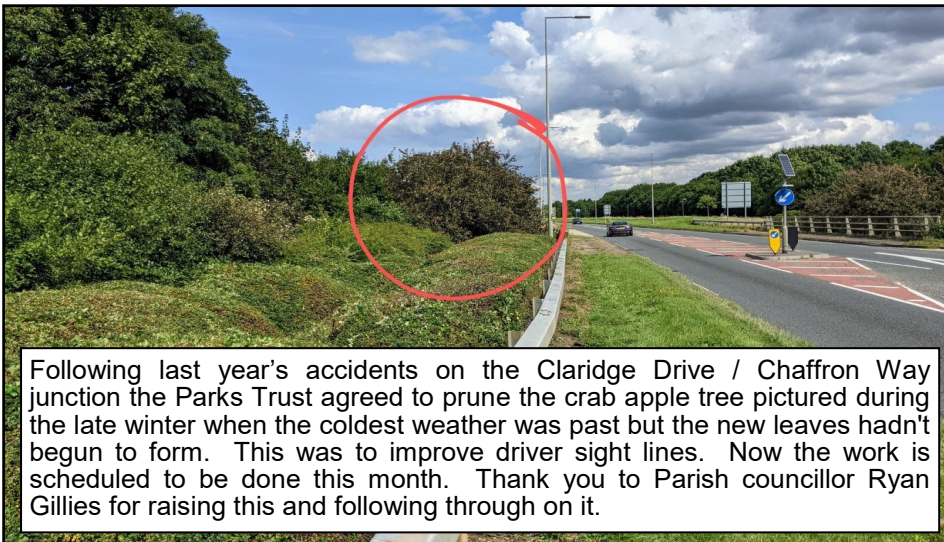
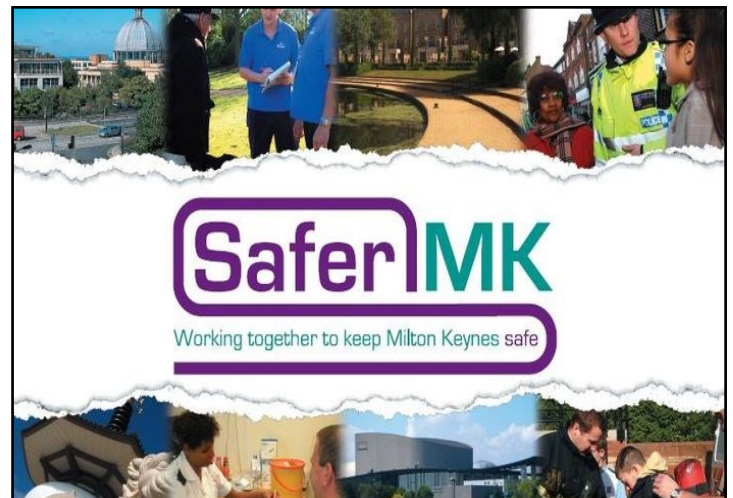
The Council, with the Police, the Fire & Rescue Service & the NHS is running a survey to find out what you, the public, think of their new proposals to tackle serious violence across five main areas (i) early intervention & prevention, (ii) shared information & intelligence, (iii) tackling drugs & county lines, (iv) engagement & community support and (v) law & enforcement.

Here's the link to the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/wZLisTnMTg>

Deadline

Monday 7 March



Following last year's accidents on the Claridge Drive / Chaffron Way junction the Parks Trust agreed to prune the crab apple tree pictured during the late winter when the coldest weather was past but the new leaves hadn't begun to form. This was to improve driver sight lines. Now the work is scheduled to be done this month. Thank you to Parish councillor Ryan Gillies for raising this and following through on it.



The Parish Council decided last month not to increase its council tax in 2022 - 23.

It will remain at £33.69 per year for a Band D equivalent tax payer, one of the lowest in Milton Keynes for a parish of its size.



Sam, Kerrie & Uroy The **Focus** team

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 !