

# Latest BINformation

We think most issues have with the new collections have settled now. If you're still having problems and we aren't already working on it for you, let Uroy know:



## STOP PRESS

We are happy to report that the council have listened to our requests for some flexibility to waste collections over Christmas when people, in general, have the most waste to dispose of.

**The week starting 25th December will see food and garden waste suspended in order for crews to collect BOTH recycling bins.**

We hope this will reassure residents who had raised this issue with us.



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The new bins have really helped with the overall litter issues locally but there are still persistent pockets where we need to do more! As a result we're continuing to expand our litter picking network. Contact Uroy to get involved:

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## 1 in 3 miss work while waiting for healthcare

A new poll, commissioned by the Liberal Democrats, has found that one in three working adults say they have missed work in the last year while waiting for a medical appointment or treatment on the NHS. Thousands of people are waiting an appalling length of time to start treatment, with countless more desperately trying to get hold of their GP to no avail. That's why we're backing the Lib Dem **GP's guarantee Campaign**.

Read more and join the campaign here: <https://www.libdems.org.uk/news/article/1-in-3-miss-work-while-waiting-for-healthcare>  
Contact Uroy for the electronic link or more info:



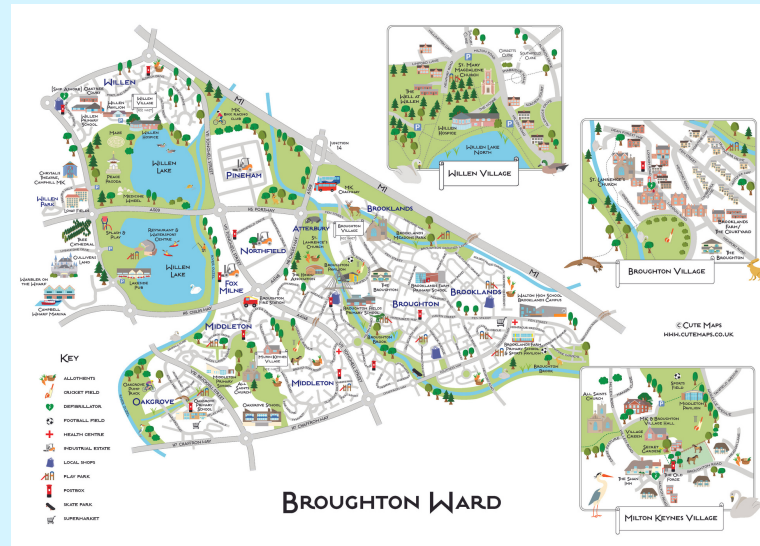
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**Merry Christmas & best wishes for 2024.**  
**Sam, Kerrie & Uroy**

### Did you know?

We're the biggest ward in MK and we represent over 13,000 people.

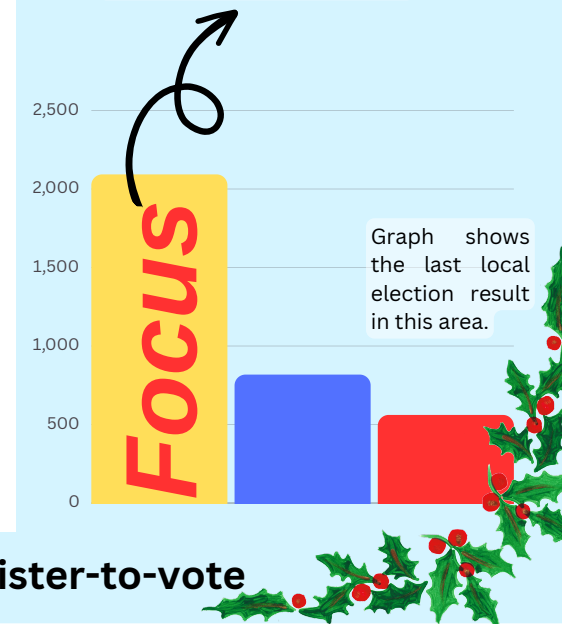


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# Christmas Edition

## FOCUS

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#408 on Broughton Ward  
Brooklands, Broughton, Broughton Gate  
Middleton, Milton Keynes Village, Oakgrove,  
Willen & Willen Park

## Help Shape the New City Plan

Milton Keynes City Council is asking local people to share their thoughts and experiences of how they use their local neighbourhood to help shape its New City Plan.

The New City Plan is an important planning document which will describe the environment needed to deliver the city council's 'Strategy for 2050'. The Strategy, which was finalised two years ago following extensive public consultation, sets out a bold and ambitious vision for Milton Keynes including equal opportunities, new jobs, affordable and 'lifelong' homes that suit people at all stages of their life, and a pioneering mass rapid transit system.

The city council has published a survey asking people about how they use their local neighbourhood, such as whether they find it easy to shop, take children to school, and enjoy green space; what changes would improve their mental and physical health; and what would make them more likely to use local facilities. The survey runs until 23 February 2024.

**If you want a copy of the article, links or associated documents please email/text Uroy and he'll send them over to you.**

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**Please tell us about your neighbourhood**

Your thoughts will help shape a New City Plan for Milton Keynes



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<https://mknewcityplan.commonplace.is>

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## Middleton, MK Village & Oakgrove

### Santa's coming to Oakgrove!

The fabulous **Oakgrove Community Association** are running an exciting Christmas event on **16th December 2pm-5pm at Oakgrove Primary School**. Bring your kids to meet Santa whilst having the opportunity to chat to other members of our community.

For more info, and to book your slot to see the big man himself follow <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/oakgrovecommunityassociation/1067280?#> or scan the QR code below:



### SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH FOOTBALL

MK ATHLETIC FC ARE DELIGHTED TO BE PARTNERING WITH MK DONS SPORTS EDUCATION TRUST COACHING TEAM TO DELIVER TWO BRAND NEW SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITY FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS - @ MIDDLETON PAVILION, MK10 9AD .

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE RUN BY MK DONS SET COACHES WITH DBS CLEARANCE AND FA TRAINING AS A MINIMUM.

#### 9.30AM - MINI BALLERS FOOTBALL SESSION

FOR ALL RECEPTION YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 BOYS THAT WANT TO START WEEKLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS AND START THEIR GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL JOURNEY



#### 10.30AM - NEW GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSION

FOR ALL RECEPTION THROUGH TO YEAR 7 GIRLS THAT WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL (MAYBE FOR THE FIRST TIME), MAKE NEW FRIENDS OR SIMPLY JUST TO HAVE FUN!



SESSIONS WORK OUT AT £4 EACH - PLEASE BOOK YOUR CHILDS SPACE VIA:

EMAIL - [MILTONKEYNESATHLETICFC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MILTONKEYNESATHLETICFC@GMAIL.COM)

TEXT - MARK(@MKAFC) ON 07798 727973



### Festive Latern Event

Please come and join us at the Annual Festive Lantern Event at the Milton Keynes Village Hall.

**When:** Sunday 17th December 5:00-6:45pm

**Where:** MK Village Hall

**What to expect:** Middleton School Choir, Brass band, Festive bar with mulled wine, tea, coffee and lots of festive cheer!

**What to bring:** Please bring along a lantern if you can and join in the fun!



## Brooklands, Broughton & Broughton Gate

### Brooklands Timeline

Places for People have announced that they expect to finish building on Brooklands by March 2024 with another year thereafter to close down their operation. Tenders are out for the contract to finish Fen Street. Work is expected to start early in the new year.

The work is linked to the installation of traffic lights at the Broughton Road/Fen Street junction. There will be a HGV Access Only ban but that won't stop HGV's who have to come in to service Lidl & other retail outlets in Brooklands Square.

We'll keep you updated when we get a firm date for works to start.

Do you think the traffic lights will mitigate any speeding issues? Tell Uroy

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Pop in and Play - Wednesday 3rd January 11am to 2pm @ Broughton Pavilion.

FREE entrance and FREE lunch

Kids bored? Money tight after Christmas?

Pop in and play anytime between 11 and 2pm.

Simple lunch between 12 and 1pm. Pre-school toys, board games, crafts.

If you would like to come and help get in touch with Ruth

[ruth@mk-communityministry.org.uk](mailto:ruth@mk-communityministry.org.uk)

### Advent & Christmas Services

#### CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

Sunday 10th December

Join us to make Christingles, share in prayers and worship and celebrate what Christmas is all about!

11am Church Without Walls. @ Broughton Fields School  
11.15am @ All Saints, Milton Keynes Village

#### ADVENT FOREST CHURCH

Sunday 17th December

11am Church Without Walls. Meet @ Howe Park Wood  
Come and follow the stars as we walk around Howe Park Wood and enjoy Advent trail, reflections and activities for all the family. Sturdy buggy friendly, dogs on leads welcome.

#### CAROL SERVICES

Sunday 17th December

Celebrate in traditional style with our annual services of readings and Carols.

3pm Church without Walls & Friends of St Lawrence @ St Lawrence, Broughton

St Lawrence is unheated so please dress warmly.

3pm @ All Saints, Milton Keynes Village

#### CRIB SERVICES

Sunday 24th December

A fantastic way to start the Christmas celebrations with a family-friendly retelling of the nativity story.

11am & 3pm Church Without Walls @ St Lawrence, Broughton  
3pm & 4pm @ All Saints, Milton Keynes Village

#### MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Sunday 24th December

The first Communion of Christmas. Come and worship the new-born King!

11.30pm @ All Saints, Milton Keynes Village

11.30pm Church Without Walls @ St Lawrence, Broughton

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 25th December

Wear your best Christmas jumper and bring your favourite gift from Father Christmas to our informal Christmas morning service.

10am @ All Saints, Milton Keynes Village

[www.mkchurchwithoutwalls.org.uk](http://www.mkchurchwithoutwalls.org.uk)

[www.allsaintschurchmkvillage.co.uk](http://www.allsaintschurchmkvillage.co.uk)

## Willen & Willen Park

### Tree Clearance and works on Tongwell St

Berkeley have told the council that 'no works of vegetation clearance are planned on the Tongwell Street corridor this winter' so, with nesting season to follow, this means any tree clearance wouldn't start until at least August 2024.

The latest meeting of the Willen Residents group took place in September. Concerns about the closure of Tongwell Street and the resulting traffic was raised, particularly in relation to the closure of the A509 and the existing problems at the Northfield Roundabout. The council have worked with Laing O'Rourke to increase their working hours in hopes of expediting the A509 closure and we're told the lights at the Northfield Roundabout are now running on MOVA (moving detector) which will redistribute "green time" in accordance with the demand and queues at the junction. Hopefully these measures will and have helped.

Email/text Sam for a copy of the meeting notes.

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Christmas Services - St. Mary Magdalene, Willen

Holy Communion at 9.30 am on Sunday 17th December

Carol Service with Quorum at 5.00 pm on Sunday 17th December

Holy Communion at 9.30 am on Sunday 24th December

Children's Crib Service with Christingles at 3.00 pm on Sunday 24th December

Midnight Holy Communion at 11.30 pm on Sunday 24th December

Christmas Day Holy Communion at 9.30 on Monday 25th December

Holy Communion at 9.30 am on Sunday 31st December

