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**Stoke Hammond & Newton Leys South**

October - November 2025

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Images captured by a Ring doorbell camera in the early hours of Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> September of the bright flashes and explosions to the power pole outside of Tyrells Manor which led to a power outage to some Stoke Hammond homes.

Thank you to the Fenny Road resident for providing us with the video clip.

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**The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it (Psalm 24, verse 1)**



*Dear Friends,*

*We are all dependent on one another. There are many influences in our world today that encourage us to think, or at least to pretend, that we are independent and able to manage entirely on our own. But the reality is quite different.*

*It has been said that by the time we have washed, dressed and had breakfast in the morning, the things we have used and eaten have put us in touch with half the world. Occasional events such as power cuts, or shortages of food or other goods, give us a sharp reminder of the extent to which our lives depend on the work and skills of others.*

*We will make better and fairer decisions about the way we should live if we keep this truth in mind, and also remember the message of the Bible, that we ultimately depend on God for all things.*

*I enjoy our Harvest celebrations each year. Harvest is a time to stop and say 'Thank you', to all the people around the world who make it possible for us to live in the way we do, and to God the creator and provider of all things.*

*Revd. John Waller*

## ST LUKE'S STOKE HAMMOND CHURCH SERVICE DATES TO NOVEMBER 2025

### OCTOBER

5<sup>th</sup> Oct: 09.30am Café Church - DW

**Note:** *Refreshments before the service*

12<sup>th</sup> Oct: 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion - JW

**Note:** *To be held at St Mary Magdalene, Little Brickhill*

19<sup>th</sup> Oct: 09.30am St Luke's Day (Holy Communion) - tba

26<sup>th</sup> Oct: 09.30am Holy Communion – JW

### NOVEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov: 11.00am Family Service - DW

9<sup>th</sup> Nov: 10.45am Remembrance Service - JW

16<sup>th</sup> Nov: 10.00am Benefice Service - JW

**Note:** *To be held at All Saints, Bow Brickhill*

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov: 09.30am Holy Communion– JW

30<sup>th</sup> Nov: 04.00pm Benefice Advent Carol Service - JW

**Note:** *To be held at All Saints, Bow Brickhill*



**JW – Rev John Waller**

**DW – Dave Webber**

*Refreshments unless  
otherwise stated are  
served after all  
services at St Luke's*

**Details and any late changes to church services are posted on the Benefice Website:  
[www.brickhillchurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillchurches.org.uk)**



## Have your say on the draft Local Plan for Buckinghamshire

**Buckinghamshire Council launched the consultation on their new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire (the replacement for the current Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan or VALP) on Wednesday 17 September 2025. The consultation runs until 23:59 on 29 October 2025.**

**The Local Plan, once it is completed, will set out Buckinghamshire Council's approach to future development in the county (which includes allowance for the target set by central government of 95,000 new homes, but please note that the version of the Local Plan which is currently available for comment has no detail on the proposed locations of the sites for this housing).**

**Buckinghamshire Council is inviting residents, businesses, local groups and partners to look at the draft Local Plan proposals and feedback their views.**

**The draft plan has been prepared in two parts:**

**Part A: The Local Plan vision and objectives, the spatial strategies for housing and employment, including ways to meet travelling communities' accommodation needs.**

**Part B: Development Management Policies.**

**The draft Local Plan documents, accompanying Sustainability Appraisal, the completed evidence studies, and details on how to respond to the consultation can be viewed at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/draft-local-plan>**

**A virtual exhibition room has been produced which is available to view at <https://buckinghamshire.oc2.uk/exhibition/1>**

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

As is usually the case for the summer months, with holidays and such like, and with no normal PC meeting being held in August, it has generally been fairly quiet on the news front. But just as this PC News was being put together, we received notification, as you will see on the previous page, that Buckinghamshire Council has launched the consultation period for their new Local Plan, the replacement for the current Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP). With the Consultation period which started on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and running through until 23.59 on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The Local Plan, once it is completed, will set out Buckinghamshire Council's approach to future development in the county (which includes allowance for the target set by central government of 95,000 new homes, but please note that the version of the Local Plan which is currently available for comment has no detail on the proposed locations of the sites for this housing).

Buckinghamshire Council is inviting residents, businesses, local groups and partners as well as Parish and Town councils to look at the draft Local Plan proposals and feedback their views. Stoke Hammond Parish Council will be assessing this draft, but given it has only just been received and the documentation is quite extensive, we will need time to read through everything and decide on our next course of action and what comments we may wish to make. But if you want to have your own say then please do use the following link to view all of the documents and to submit your comments.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-how-future-development-in-buckinghamshire-should-be->

On another interesting and somewhat surprising news front relating to the proposed development on the land south of Newton Leys (Chadwell Farm) seeking to build up to 290 dwellings, in that the applicant has now submitted an appeal for non-determination. Basically, the applicant believes a decision on their original planning application (24/03601/AOP) first submitted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 should have by now been made, but given the size and nature of the proposed and the multitude of parties that have to be consulted and invited to make comment, it is certainly not unusual for a planning application of this type to take this length of time. We consider this to be a rather speculative appeal, but it will be down to the appointed inspector to decide whether the appeal is valid or not, and it is scheduled to take place at the Buckinghamshire Gateway offices in Aylesbury, on the 9<sup>th</sup> December of this year, with up to 8 days allocated to debate the appeal, with the Inspectors decision to be issued on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026. If you want to view more details and documentation relating to the grounds for appeal, then head to the Buckinghamshire Planning Portal website entering the aforementioned planning reference.

We have made mention before of the Grand Union Canal Transfer (GUCT) Project, a scheme to transfer water from the Midlands via the Grand Union canal to then be extracted in this locality to a new treatment plant before being piped to Affinity Water customers in the South East of England. There has been some speculation as to where this treatment plant was to be sited, and indeed the front cover of a recent edition of the Leighton Buzzard Observer reported as to how a site next to Slapton was being considered and the plethora of objections from local residents and their Parish council. There was also some concern as to the locations of new pumping stations along the canal including Stoke Hammond's Lock 23. Well, we now know following a presentation at our September Parish Council meeting by representatives from the GUCT project

that the preferred and to be put forward location for the treatment plant will be north of Stoke Hammond in land within the parish of Great Brickhill.

You can see from the screenshot below that the proposed site sits south of the A4146 between the river Ouzel to the rear of Willowbridge Marina down towards Galley Lane. The treatment plant will not encompass the whole site, but this is the approximate extent for the area of land that GUCT will need in order to undertake the various stages of the works. With this being the proposed site, it does mean that there will not now be a need for a new pumping station to be built at Stoke Hammonds Lock 23.



Although we do undertake fairly regular checks on the trees sitting on PC land, the recent tragic incident in Southend caused by a falling tree branch, prompted many Parish Councils to undertake an immediate professional assessment of all of their trees being under their responsibility, and we did just that. We actually have some 59 trees on land for which your PC is responsible, and the tree inspection did highlight some in need of urgent work including a few that needed to be felled. As soon as this was identified we instructed our tree surgeon to carry out all required works on an urgent basis and some of you will no doubt observed some trees have indeed been felled or in other cases pruned as required. We will continue to monitor all trees that are our responsibility and ask our tree surgeon to undertake regular inspections, but if you do spot a tree on PC land that you believe requires some attention, please do contact the PC Clerk.

Many of you will know our local PCSO Tina Hobson who came along with her new colleague PCSO Mike Coker to our September PC Meeting held at The Pavilion, Newton Leys, and aside from running through some local issues, what was quite astonishing and indeed alarming was when Tina ran through the number of logged incidents in our Parish since the beginning of January this year to the present day. Over on the following page, you will see the full list and we think you will also be disturbed by these figures. Tina did however point out that in relation to road/traffic related incidents these do geographically include anything that has also occurred on the bypass.

The list of logged incidents in Stoke Hammond since January 25 to present date:

**Road related incident x 34 (this includes the bypass)**

**Road traffic collisions x 17 (this includes the bypass)**

**Action fraud x 8**

**Theft x 3**

**Attempted theft of a vehicle x 1**

**Public order x 6**

**ASB personal x 1**

**ASB community x 8**

**ASB environmental x 4**

**Robbery x 2**

**Criminal damage x 4**

**Theft from vehicle x 2**

**Drink/drug drive x 1**

**Drug offences x 2**

**Burglary residential x 1**

**Assault with injury x 5**

**Assault without injury x 6**

**Assault of police x 1**

**Suspicious other x 2**

**Suspicious person x 13**

**Suspicious vehicle x 12**

By comparison, the following is the list of incidents relating to Newton Leys South.

**ASB in scooters x 1**

**Suspicious person x 1**

**Public order x 1**

**Assault without injury x 2**

**Assault with injury x 1**

**Theft of a vehicle x 1**

As for other matters discussed/debated at the September PC Meeting, where we were joined by 15 members of the public (MoP), and sadly yet again not by either of our 2 ward councillors, it was very much the normal monthly items such as the signing off accounts and expenditures. Plus, limited updates on some of the PC projects. The absence of our ward councillors, meant we and the public were unable to ask one of the most pressing questions, in that where are we at regarding the Stoke Road layby and its permanent closure? We were however pleased to approve 2 Community Funding applications from the High Ash Scout group, the first for a £150 contribution towards their winter camp, and the second for £300 to help support their hardship fund. We were also pre warned of another Fund application to be made by the Sports Club, which has now been received and to be decided at our November meeting, to go towards the cost of the fireworks for their forthcoming Guy Fawkes night to be held on the evening of Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> November. We also learnt from a MoP and a resident of Harrup Close, that they are anticipating a new planning application for another property on the patch of land at the end of the Close, but until submitted, the PC can make no comment.

The flashing and explosions of the powerline as pictured on the front cover, was also mentioned as this did unfortunately cause some damage to the streetlight that sits just



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outside of Tyrells Manor, so we have arranged for the lantern to be inspected and cleaned and repaired as required. One would have to say a bit of a 'one off' and unusual situation as regards the normal maintenance of streetlights.

The next PC Meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side, starting at 7.30pm. As for the November Meeting to be held on the evening of Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup>, it is yet to be confirmed if this will be held in Stoke Hammond or the Newton Leys Pavilion. Once known, this will be notified via Facebook and an agenda as usual will be posted on the PC Notice board.

**Should you wish to contact your Parish Council, please do so via our clerk:**

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[www.stokehammondpc.com](http://www.stokehammondpc.com)

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**After another most successful litter-pick on Sun 31<sup>st</sup> August, when we collected some 11 bags of rubbish including a chair and a rug plus numerous cigarette butts and empty drinks cans, we are**

**planning our next Wombles Pick for Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**Meet up on Bragenham Side in front of the Community Centre at 10am.**



## Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys South Neighbourhood Plan Update

*'I am pleased to report that Bucks Council have now appointed an Examiner to review the plan following their completed Bucks Council consultation period. His role is to ensure it meets the Basic Conditions laid down by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). A copy of the letter received by the Parish Council from the examiner Andrew Freeman, can be found in the Neighbourhood Plan documents section within the Parish Council website. He hopes to complete his report by the end of October. Assuming he recommends the Plan is acceptable for inclusion in the Bucks Local Plan then the final step in the process will be for a referendum of SH Parishioners to confirm its adoption.*

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*Malcolm Newing  
Neighbourhood Plan Working Group*



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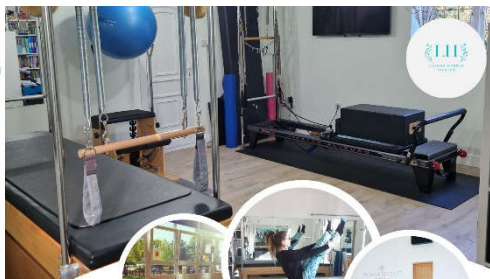
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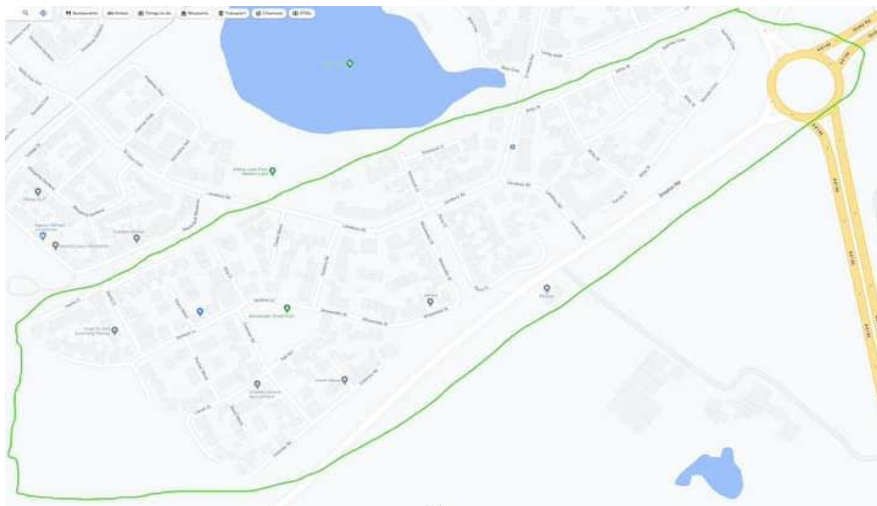
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## WELCOME TO THE NEWTON LEYS SOUTH SECTION



### ***Parish Council meetings in Newton Leys Pavilion***

*We continue to hold Parish Council meetings on rotation between Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys. The Pavilion at Newton Leys has been a popular venue, and our next meeting there will hopefully be in early November – we hope to see as many local residents attend as possible.*

### ***Fruit trees around the estate***

*The community fruit trees have perked up following the recent rains after what was a very dry summer. These plantings are still young, and we are hopeful that with continued care they will establish well over the coming years and provide a welcome feature for the area.*

### ***Grand Union Canal Transfer Scheme***

*We also want to draw attention to an important consultation coming forward that may directly affect Newton Leys residents. As part of the wider Grand Union Canal Transfer project, there is a proposal from the water companies to build a new reservoir and pumping station near Newton Leys, which would allow water to be moved through the canal system towards Fenny Stratford and then on to Cambridgeshire. Once the consultation opens, we strongly encourage residents to review the details and make their views known. More information can be found in the Parish Council News section of this publication.*

*Finally, we continue to keep a close eye on local issues around the canal and in particular the Stoke Road layby. The Parish Council is keen to involve residents in discussions about its use and future, so please do look out for consultation notices and opportunities to share your feedback.*

***Cllrs Mubasshir Ajaz, Craig Champion & David Jonathan***



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**experimented with growing giant-sized pumpkins, gourds etc. which were fascinating. The shop was well stocked as were the plant sales. There were several watering holes and innumerable smaller garden layouts all with appropriate names, plenty of seats (which were often welcomed) and immaculate lawns.**

**The weather behaved all day and I think and hope that everyone enjoyed the visit.**



**RHS**

Garden Hyde Hall

**It was really lovely - all sorts of unusual plants, all labelled and the fantastic**

**flower beds were still in bloom and were a riot of colour. There were mown or tree bark wide walkways which made walking around armed with a map no problem. The vegetable gardens still had lots to see and they had**



**The Committee are now meeting to arrange the next get-together and information will be sent out to members as soon as possible.**

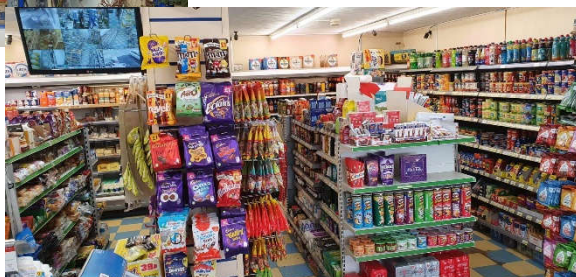
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## LADIES THAT LUNCH

We have had a busy two month at Ladies that Lunch, held in the Sports Club pavilion on the second Tuesday. Jen Aldrich Ross made her delicious quiches with salad over the summer months. Now we are into Autumn soup and rolls are served with cake, tea, and coffee to follow. Where else can you have all that for £3?

The September meet saw Parish Councillor Stephen Clarke pop in to ask the ladies for any comments. The ladies were quite forthcoming about what needed to be done around the village! One item that needs to be addressed is the pavement from Moat Farm along past Phoebe's Orchard. It is breaking up and is a trip hazard for the more elderly among us. Perhaps the Council would like to ask Bucks Council to put it on their schedule of works before someone has an accident!

Future dates for the Ladies that Lunch are Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Armistice Day, Tuesday 11 November. Start time 12.30 as usual the cost is £3 per person.

The December meet is in The Dolphin for their Festive Menu. Two courses will be £28 per person. A total of twenty places have been reserved. If you would like to attend and are not on the list already please let Hazel know as soon as possible. Time for this meal is 12.30 and a request has been submitted that we stay until just after 3pm to give us all time to celebrate.

Hazel 01525 270404 or [hmt270404@gmail.com](mailto:hmt270404@gmail.com)

Jen Aldrich Ross



## POPPY APPEAL 2025

Mrs Denise Draper, Poppy Appeal Organiser from Stewkley has arranged for me to deliver the Poppy Boxes around the various venues. Mrs Draper is quite unwell at present sadly, so the delivery of boxes, poppy crosses and wreaths are coming to me. I will be collecting the boxes after 11 November. An Air Vice Marshall will be picking everything up from me afterwards. Orders have been placed with the Royal British Legion but if individuals need anything specific one can purchase them direct from the RBL Poppy Shop. <https://www.poppyshop.org.uk/>

A Service of Remembrance will take place in St Luke's at 10.45 on Remembrance Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, all are welcome to attend.

Hazel Turner

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# STOKE HAMMOND SPORTS CLUB - NEWS

With the summer coming to an end, it's the end of the cricket season and beginning of the football season at Stoke Hammond Sports Club. Our cricket teams finish a successful season having won both the Saturday league and Wednesday midweek league trophies. Our Sunday friendly team also finish the season having enjoyed another fun summer of fixtures.

Our Sunday vet's football team are soon to begin another league campaign. Look out for the fixtures on our Facebook page. We also look forward to welcoming Leighton Buzzard under 18's who will be using our ground for their home matches throughout the football season on Saturday mornings.

The pool teams continue their season on Tuesday evenings and darts on Monday night will soon return when the LBDDL resumes in early October.

We were pleased to see so many villagers attend our Village Cricket Day and enjoy an evening of live music earlier in September. It's always great to see so many people attend our events.

Our upcoming events include a golf day on 4th October, fireworks on 7th November and bingo and Christmas draw late November/early December. Pop into the clubhouse to sign up to play in the golf day and for any information about our upcoming events keep an eye on our Facebook page.

As ever, we look forward to welcoming members and non-members alike to our clubhouse for a drink and to enjoy live sport on our large screens. We are open weekly, Monday-Friday from 18:30 and Saturday and Sunday from midday.

For any information about hiring the clubhouse or any general questions about SHSC please email [shscsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:shscsecretary@outlook.com) or send us a message through our Facebook page - Stoke Hammond Sports Club.

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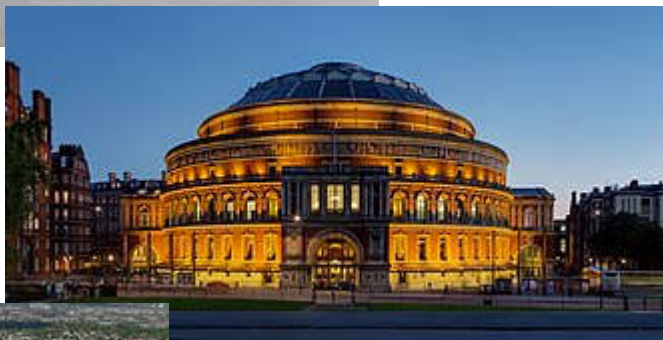
In case you missed them, here are the answers to the last quiz and were you able to identify the banks and building societies from their logos.

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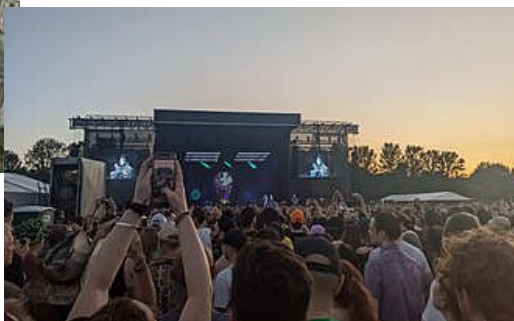
**1/ This building by the Thames was built to celebrate the new millennium.**

**2/ Originally opened by Queen Victoria in 1871 and located near one of London's great parks.**



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**6/ Situated in London's docklands, this venue first opened in 2000.**



**7/ Once used by the BBC for their first television transmissions, this iconic structure sits in North London.**

**8/ Home to one of Northern England's premier league football clubs.**



**9/ An indoor cycling arena forming part of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.**

**10/ A performing arts and concert venue, the clue to its name being the shape of the building.**

*Best of luck, but to save you having to wait till the next edition, answers can be found at the end of this month's Grumpy Old Man feature.*



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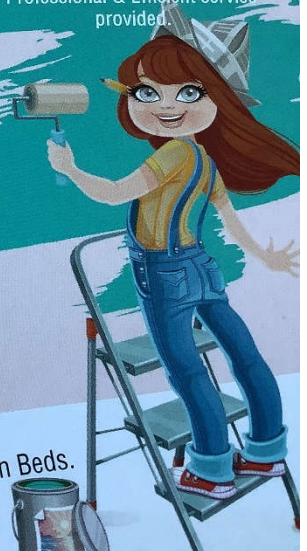
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## **CALLUM ANDERSON MP - Buckingham & Bletchley**

**Catch Up Newsletter 12/09/2025**

*Good afternoon,*

*How is it September already?! Parliament is back in full swing and summer recess feels like a distant - albeit very fond - memory.*

*Over the summer, I was busy across our constituency, meeting with local residents, organisations, and campaigners. I've put together a blog summarising my activities in July and August, which you can read on my website. I'm really keen to share what I do as your representative with you, and I hope this article gives a flavour of the wide-ranging nature of my role.*

*And since it is September, it was only fitting that this month's Callum's Column had a 'back to school' theme. View on my website to read more about how our government is supporting local schools, and why I firmly believe in education, education, education (to borrow an old mantra!).*

*One issue I hear about time and again is the need to improve the SEND system. I've heard from hundreds of families how difficult it is to navigate and access the support they need. To make sure your voices are heard loud and clear in Westminster, I'm holding two SEND Summits during September.*

*These events are open to every constituent (and constituents-only I'm afraid), and I encourage you to come along or share the details with others who may want to contribute. More info and locations can be found on my website.*

*I will always do my best to focus on our shared local priorities, and this is why I was pleased to see Anglian Water's fine confirmed this week.*

*This is also why I am joining Chris Curtis MP and Emily Darlington MP to campaign for fairer funding for Willen Hospice. It's essential we ensure everyone in our community can access the healthcare and end-of-life support they need and deserve – and I'll continue to campaign hard on this.*

*In the meantime, if there is anything I can ever help you with - please don't hesitate to get in touch. Above all else, I am here to serve you.*

*Callum*

### **CONSTITUENCY:**

**Over the past couple of weeks in Buckingham and Bletchley I:**

- **Joined the Edgott and Winslow Young Farmers in a meeting with the Department for Environmental and Rural Affairs on how we can best support local agriculture (pictured)**
- **Celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Tingewick Community Cafe.**



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- ***Had a very busy Saturday visiting the Buckingham Dog Show, the Newton Longville Village Fair, and the Padbury Produce show (where I couldn't help but buy a few things to take home).***
- ***Met with colleagues from Milton Keynes City Council to discuss issues affecting the whole city.***
- ***Visited our local Volkswagen Depot to find out more about their production of electric vehicles (pictured).***



#### **WESTMINSTER:**

***Since returning to Westminster I:***

- ***Voted in favour of the Bus Services Bill to give local councils more power to run their buses, the Hereditary Peers Bill to reform the House of Lords, and the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill to further devolve power away from Westminster.***
- ***Spoke at Defence Questions, and Treasury Questions.***
- ***Took part in the Pension Schemes Bill Committee.***
- ***Met with the new Secretary of State for the Environment, Emma Reynolds (pictured), on how we can best underpin food security and economic security.***
- ***Spoke at the British Private Equity & Venture Capital Association's conference on unlocking investment in nations and the regions.***



#### **Constituency Surgeries**

***My next surgeries will be taking place at the following:***

- ***Friday 17 October 11.00-12.00 - Winslow***
- ***Friday 24 October 09.30-11.00 – Bletchley***
- ***Saturday 1 November 10.30-11.30 – Buckingham***
- ***Thursday 6 November 10.00-11.00 – Winslow***
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- ***Saturday 15 November 13.00-14.00 – Buckingham***
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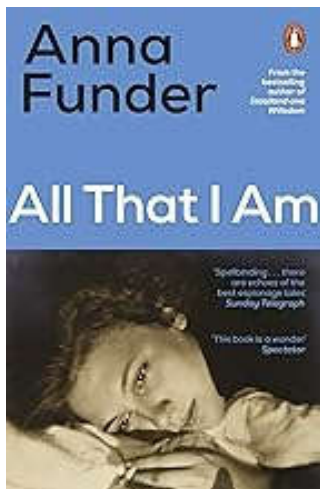
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## STOKE HAMMOND BOOK CLUB



**All That I Am** - by Tara Westover



This is a tense and moving WW2 tale of love and courage set in 1930s, particularly 1933 with Hitler becoming Chancellor, when a group of (mostly Germans) who resisted Hitler and everything he stood for and the danger they knew would come. They were in danger as political activists and eventually fled to London as a group. The novel was inspired by fact drawn from interviews, memoirs, other sympathisers and the activists aim was to help to let the world know about the evil and terrifying outcome from Hitler and Nazi Germany.

The Group had varying opinions but overall, they found the book interesting and informative and happy with the mixture of fact and fiction although, as we had to alter the date of the meeting, the Groups opinions were not as detailed as usual. Personally, I couldn't understand Rex but enjoyed parts of it as I recognised all the parts of London mentioned. Some found the jumping from one time frame to another was off putting but others didn't mind it.

Conclusion: Recommended from the historical and bravery of the Activists Group's point of view and the fact that it was 'different'.

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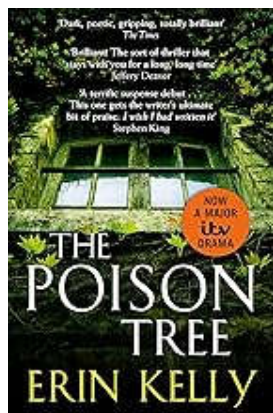
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## The Poison Tree - by Erin Kelly



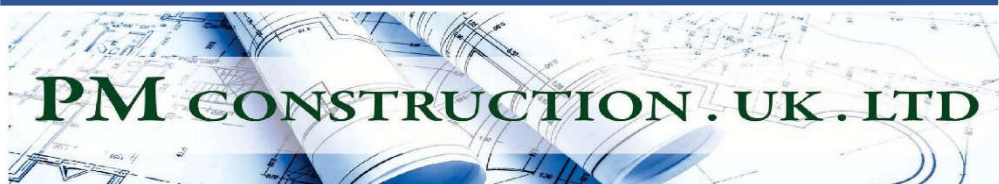
The description of this book states that it is set in 1997 and is about a strait laced 'A' student Karen meeting up with a bohemian group and finds herself drawn into their lives. There are twists and turns and the outcome is unexpected and tragic.

Due to the alterations in our meeting dates this is being written before the September meeting and comments obtained by ringing some of the Group.

It was felt that although the book was a good read but the plot was over complicated and too long. It was difficult to identify with the main characters who seemed more like caricatures. Possibly a holiday read but little intellectual substance. It was given 5 out of 10 !

Others felt differently and enjoyed the book although they agreed that it was difficult to sort the numerous characters and relationships out resulting in no real understanding in the mixture of unusual members of the group she had chosen to join. However, definitely unusual which is interesting in itself.

Conclusion: Rather lengthy and found to be muddled but worth a try.



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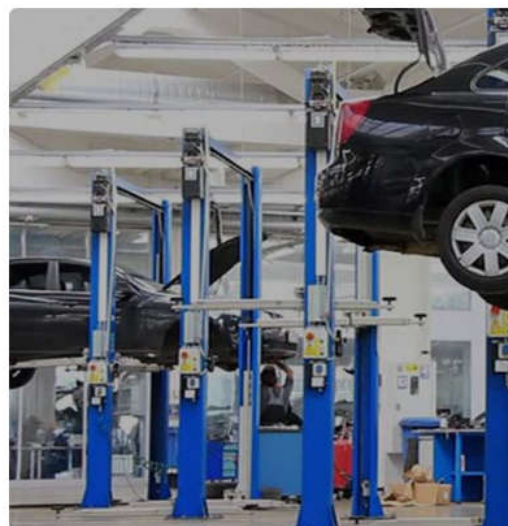


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Over 650 people have already signed up to the platform in its first six months, with 90 volunteers already having started in their role and many more in the pipeline. Extra features include an online quiz to help those unsure what type role would suit them, and an interactive map. If you are 13-17 years old or need support, there is a team on hand to help.

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### High Ash Cubs & Scouts Back in Action

After a well-earned summer break, High Ash Scout Group has launched into the new term with energy and adventure. Over a recent September weekend, Cubs and Scouts swapped home comforts for bivouacs at their final outdoor camp of the year. After a 16km hike to the site, they used pioneering skills, ropes, and tarps to build shelters before cooking on open fires and enjoying songs around the campfire. With temperatures dropping sharply overnight, the young people braved the cold in their bivouacs—helped by camp candles made from beeswax kindly donated by a Stoke Hammond beekeeper, which burned through the night to keep wildlife away.



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The weekend wasn't all hard work: there was plenty of laughter, marshmallows, and on Sunday the Scouts also had the chance to try climbing before packing up camp. A proud moment came when Greta, one of the Scouts, was presented with the Chief Scout's Gold Award by the District Commissioner—the highest award a Scout can earn. The whole group celebrated her achievement together.



The autumn term has already seen the group enjoy an inspiring evening at the MK Buddhist Temple, where they learned about Buddhism and tried chanting and drumming. Looking ahead, the Cubs are preparing for a Milton Keynes District sleepover and a fun-filled day at Gulliver's Land, while the Scouts are planning their annual trip to London to take in the sights and face their fears at the London Dungeons.

High Ash Scouts meet every Thursday evening in Stoke Hammond and currently have spaces available for Cubs, Scouts, and adult volunteers. Anyone interested in joining is warmly encouraged to get in touch.

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What the bxxxxy hell has happened to Postal Services in Stoke Hammond? Back in the day when Noah was a lad we had Fred (sadly recently deceased); a postman forever until his retirement some eighteen years back. He was replaced by Rory who was also a gentleman of the old school. It appears he has been transferred to “parcels” only for some reason or other. We now have a random selection of postmen for the odd occasion when we get a delivery.

Yesterday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, I was given a letter by my next-door neighbour. She had not written to me but had a letter addressed to me. It was received by her in a number of letters which was her first delivery for a week. This was a hospital letter from the Saxon Clinic which had been posted on 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Some weeks back myself and others in the village received a flyer from the Turing Key giving vouchers for discounted meals. Sadly, the offer had expired some 3 weeks previously.

A week or so ago post for “Swan Mead” was delivered to “Swan Cottage” – both properties in the same Church Road. I

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am also advised that post clearly addressed to 23 Tyrells Road was delivered to 23 Fenny Road.

I understand that alternate day delivery for 2nd class letters came into force on 28<sup>th</sup> July (this year). I suggest that deliveries to Stoke Hammond pre-empted this change by many months. Indeed, we are currently receiving alternate deliveries - weekly!

Our post box (big enough for perhaps a dozen letters) has details of collection times printed on the front. This has become a work of fiction.

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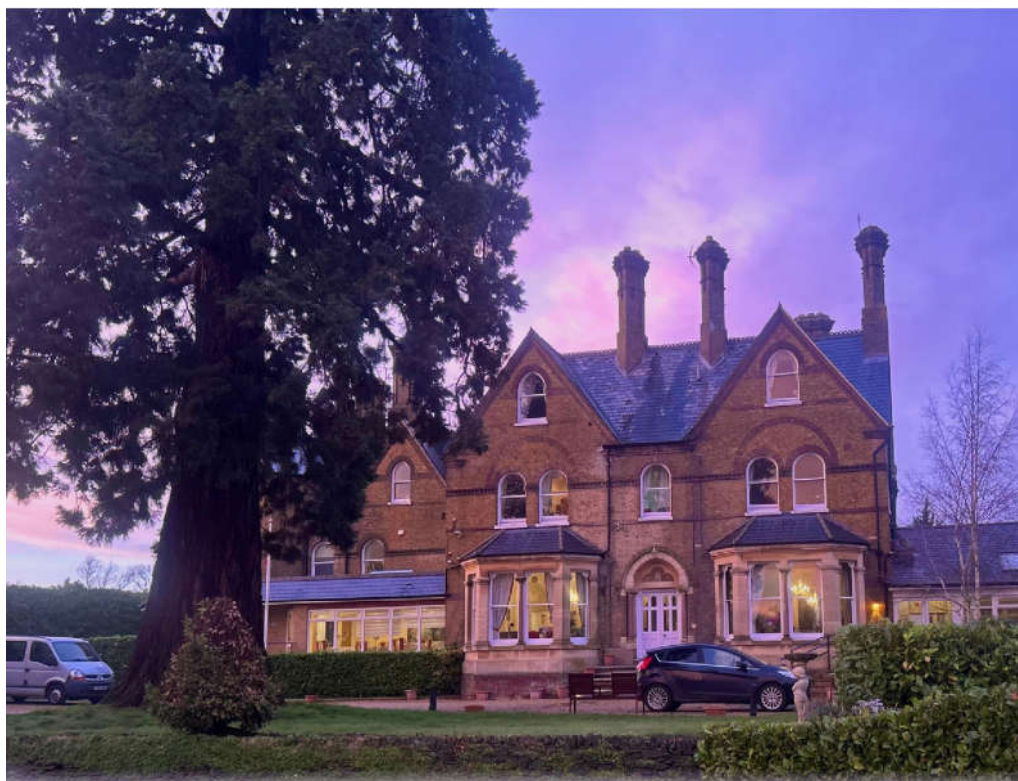
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# St Luke's Church News

Many thanks to our churchwarden Harry Davies for again completing the **Bucks**



**Historic Churches Trust Ride** and **Stride**, held on the same day as the **Community breakfast** which as usual went well. The **Tea at Tyrells Manor** was a delightful affair with plenty of tea and prosecco to wash down the home-made, beautifully served delicacies. Everyone who came said they'd had a great time.

Sadly, the **Barn Dance & Pork Roast** had to be cancelled, but we've since heard many people say that they would've loved to have come but were away or had previous engagements. We'll certainly consider running it another time.

As we go to press, the **Beetle Drive**, **Harvest Festival** and **Harvest Lunch** have yet to take place, but I'm sure they will have gone well!

**Forthcoming Special Services:** (For details, see the service list elsewhere)

The last **Café church** of this year will be on **5<sup>th</sup> October** from **9.30am**. It's an easy service to follow and join in. Enjoy bacon /sausage butties, cereal or croissant, and chat, followed by a 15min "service" starting at **10.15am**. It may include a discussion /something to think about, prayers & a Bible reading/song. Everyone's welcome! Call Diane for details.



We'll be holding a **St Luke's Day service** on **19<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am** to celebrate our patron saint. **Healing prayers** will be offered for individuals after the service whilst coffee is being served. These can be for **health issues, relationship or personal matters**. We can't guarantee a "cure", but most people report feeling better afterwards. If you want to keep it private, you can just mention one of the above phrases. We don't need to know what it's about, and God already knows!



There will be a **Benefice All Souls service** on **2<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 5pm** at **St Mary Magdalene, Little Brickhill**. This service is for anyone who has lost a loved one particularly in the last year. If you would like to light a candle in memory of your loved one, please contact the rector in advance.

The annual **Remembrance service** will be on **9th Nov 10.45am** prompt. Join us to honour those who died in the service of our country. "We will remember them".



A **Benefice Advent Carol Service** will be held on **30<sup>th</sup> Nov at 4pm** at **All Saints Bow Brickhill**. This atmospheric church – part of our local "family" or benefice, is at the top of the hill in Brickhill woods and is not suitable for those with mobility issues. Parking is often restricted, so arrive early.

### Future dates:

Christingle service 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4pm

**Carol Service 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4pm;** Carols on the Green 21<sup>st</sup> Dec (tbc)

**Crib service (children) 24<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4pm;** Christmas Communion 24<sup>th</sup> Dec (time tbc)

### Fundraising:

The church **Christmas Fayre** is on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov from 1-4pm at Stoke Hammond Community Centre**. Stalls include: Advent gifts & cards, Jewellery, Christmas gifts, Bottle tombola, cakes, hamper raffle and there'll be a visit from Father Christmas as well! If you'd like to book a table for the Christmas Fayre, please contact Dave on 07711026193.



### Church Activities

**St Luke's Gift Day** will be taking place on **18<sup>th</sup> October** - St Luke's Day! We will be



sending letters in the preceding week inviting gifts towards the repairs and restoration of the church buildings. We've recently discovered water leaking into the church which needs urgent remedial work. On Gift Day we will be opening the church from **10am to 2pm** and offering you refreshments: free home-made

cake, drink and home-made soup & a roll from 12noon. This is our way of saying thank you to the village. You can bring your Gift Day donation with you, but please come and enjoy refreshments even if you can't afford a donation this year. If you can't make the gift day but would still like to make a donation, you can send a BACS to sort code: **20-57-40** ac no. **00869198** (Stoke Hammond Parochial Church Council) and email [treasurer.shpcc@yahoo.com](mailto:treasurer.shpcc@yahoo.com) to advise us, adding your postcode & house name /number if you can add gift aid.

**Prayers:** The prayer group meets twice monthly. We pray for the community, individuals, national & international issues. All prayers are in strict confidence. Prayer requests can be made via cards in the church, at the Community Breakfast or call a churchwarden. (see below)



The next **Community Breakfasts** are **11<sup>th</sup> Oct** and **8<sup>th</sup> Nov** at the **Community Centre**. Orders are taken from **8.30 to 10.30am**. We pride ourselves on being inclusive – there's a wheelchair ramp at the centre, highchairs for babies and we can cater for specific dietary

needs and welcome your visitors too! There's no charge, but you may make a donation (cash or card) if wished. Food bank donations are collected here. The **Foodbank** in the church porch is free to all villagers who are welcome to use it **on an ad hoc basis**. If you're in desperate or regular need, phone numbers are provided for more support. There's also a family box containing family and duplicate items. If you can donate to the foodbank financially or in goods, (no alcohol or aerosols please) contact Dave or Diane Webber (see below) Items most needed include casseroles/pies, tinned meat/fish, cat food, fruit juice, and sugar.

**Toy Swap Shop:** is in the accessible church porch. If you have spare toys, games or **children's** books, please donate them to the Swap Shop. If you don't feel you have anything to swap, you're welcome to borrow a toy/game and return it later.



**Bible verse of the month:** *1Timothy 6 v 9-10a: <sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.*

**What does it mean?** This passage is taken from St Paul's letter to Timothy in Ephesus: he's giving guidance on how to lead the Church there, but it applies equally today. How many of us have thought about what we would do if we had a big lottery win? Or have a gamble on the horses/ football results thinking of the reward? St Paul advises that the love of money is the root of evil, not money itself, but greed. Better then, to try to be content with what we have - to live within our means and if that seems too difficult, to swallow our pride and ask for help. If we have food and clothing, a home and loved ones, we are far richer than we realise and often richer than those who only have money. God gives us all we need.



**Funeral information:** Crematoria no longer offer a religious service by default:



it must be specifically requested. The Rector can conduct a funeral service at a crematorium or at the church to be followed by cremation or burial as you wish. Also, any village resident can be buried or have their ashes buried in the churchyard if wished (for a small fee). Memorial stones must

conform to the new Oxford Diocese regulations. If you'd like more details, please speak to the Rector or Churchwarden Harry Davies.

**Church Benefice Website:** [www.brickhillchurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillchurches.org.uk).

St Luke's offers baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact the Rector if you'd like to discuss any of these (contact details on the Benefice website). His phone goes straight to an answerphone but he'll reply as soon as he can, or contact a Churchwarden. The Rector's times off are Monday, and Friday afternoon. If you have a prayer request or enquiry, please call **Churchwardens: Harry on 07773065271 / Diane on 01525 270409** or [dianejwebber@gmail.com](mailto:dianejwebber@gmail.com)

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# PCC Newsletter

September 2025

Latest news and views from your Police and Crime Commissioner



Community and voluntary organisations are invited to apply for the latest round of my **Community Fund**, with £200,000 of grant funding available to support ongoing policing priorities across Thames Valley. Further details on how to apply can be found below.

My office has recently published a short video which details my role as your elected Police and Crime Commissioner. It is my role to ensure that Thames Valley Police are providing an effective and efficient service to residents in Thames Valley – cutting crime, and catching criminals. You can find out more by watching the video below.

It is promising to see that rural crime continues to fall across Thames Valley, demonstrating the work done by our Community Safety Partnerships, Thames Valley Police, the National Farmers' Union and farmers. In particular, we have seen a 36% decrease (in the first quarter of 2025 compared to last year) across West Oxfordshire, South Oxfordshire, and the Vale of White Horse.

You may have seen recent reports in the media around shoplifting, following my comments made at the Police and Crime Panel in June. As I said in my original comments, I am not expecting anyone to put themselves in harm's way, but this is about being aware and as a minimum reporting shoplifting to the police.

I have made tackling shoplifting a priority for Thames Valley Police which has resulted in more criminals being charged, more patrols being visible, easier sharing of evidence from stores, more support for retailers and a focus on the most prolific offenders.

I encourage retailers, shop workers and the shoppers to report crime so the police can act. It's their job to investigate and fight crime, including shoplifting. But we all play a part in building a safer community – at the very least reporting crime we see, rather than accepting it.

Matthew Barber  
Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley



# News from Buckinghamshire Council

Dear Resident

18 September 2025

I hope this finds you well. I am sure I speak for us all when I state we want to ensure a bright future for our county and each other, as Buckinghamshire residents. I'm clear that, as Leader of the council, we use the scope and reach that we have to help deliver that future. It's about ensuring access to opportunity, making sure council services are prioritised and meet the needs of our population.

It's also about making sure the special character of our towns, villages and countryside is protected and enhanced. This means that they continue to offer maximum value and enjoyment for everyone who lives, works and visits here. Shaping our future is a particular focus at the moment and I want to be sure our residents' voices are heard in key project and decisions.



## **How should your council tax be spent?**

Ensuring that your council tax is spent wisely, to demonstrate value for money is a priority that I have written about before. After all, this is your money, and we want to make sure it goes toward the services and initiatives that matter most to you. While we have statutory commitments that we must fulfil first and a budget that needs to be balanced, your opinions are important in helping us make these important decisions.

Monitoring our budget is a constant process. Just like any household or business that has to make ends meet, we need to ensure that our expenditure does not exceed the income we receive and that we can fund the 700+ services we manage. It's essential for us to understand your priorities so we can allocate and prioritise available funds and resources effectively.

Council tax contributes 80% of our income. It supports a wide range of day-to-day services we all rely on, such as bin collections, street cleaning, road maintenance, and town centre improvements. Additionally, it funds vital services for those who need extra help, including adult social care and children's services.

It's no secret that our budgets are severely constrained and, with the government's proposed changes to the funding formulas, likely to be even more pressured in the years ahead. We are managing this challenge in a number of ways, from making savings to finding new ways to do things. Since the formation of Buckinghamshire Council, we have removed £116m of expenditure.

It's critical that our residents are heard in the financial planning for the future of these local services, so we really want you to tell us which areas and services you want us to prioritise in next year's budget.

We are also asking for your opinion on our overarching corporate priorities too. Where do you think the council should be focussing its efforts?

# Enter our **Super Draw**

## **WIN £1,000 CASH!**



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chances to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- £1,000 prize **MUST** be won this month!

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## **BUY TICKETS**

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We are putting forward the following four 'themes' and would like you to have your say:

- Opportunity and aspiration for all
- Shaping great places
- Thriving communities
- Supporting the most vulnerable

Please tell us what you think – are these the priorities you want this council to be working towards and what elements of our work would you like to see more of?

The way to tell us is to take part our 'Your Bucks, Your Say' consultation, using the following link: [https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/corporate-services/budget-corporate-plan/?dm\\_i=5438,1AHWT,U4NOL,5AV0K,1](https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/corporate-services/budget-corporate-plan/?dm_i=5438,1AHWT,U4NOL,5AV0K,1)

### **First section of South East Aylesbury Link Road is completed**

This really is headline news given the period of time spent in anticipation of this moment. The council has undertaken, with construction partners, a long and complex project to build a new link road to relieve congestion in Aylesbury town centre and to open up new routes, unlocking new development potential. A key section of this road is the South East Aylesbury Link Road, or 'SEALR', as it has become known. I'm delighted to report this section of road, in the Stoke Mandeville Area, southeast of the town centre, is now finished and is ready for traffic.



It will open when the new Stoke Mandeville Relief Road that joins SEALR, being constructed by HS2, is finished, and we hope this will happen before the end of the year. This means a whole new section of road including two new roundabouts will be open before the end of the year, all being well.

***Please use the following link to see a fantastic overview and bird's eye film of the new road***  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-IgENLAYFc>

### **Local Plan – have your say on how future development should happen in Buckinghamshire**

Staying on the subject of planning and development, SEALR is a good example of where the right investment in infrastructure is needed before development. A lot of development is expected across the county.

A Local Plan is something that all councils are expected to have and which sets out the strategy for meeting Buckinghamshire's future housing and employment requirement through to the year 2045.

# MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR LEIGHTON RD 23/07/25 TO 16/09/25

For Project: Leighton Road

Project Notes:

Location/Name:

Report Generated:

Speed Intervals

Time Intervals

Traffic Report From

85th Percentile Speed

85th Percentile Vehicles

Max Speed

Total Vehicles

AADT:

Incoming

17/09/2025

5 MPH

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23/07/2025

38.1 MPH

86106

65 MPH

101301

1826

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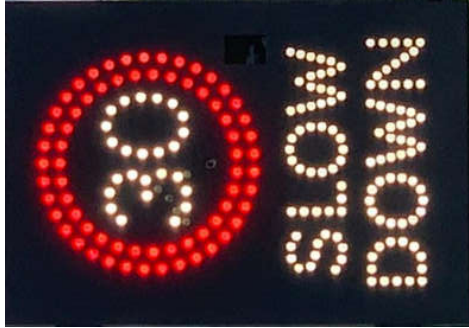
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## Volumes -

### weekly counts

| Time          | 5 Day | 7 Day |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Average Daily | 1904  | 1808  |
| AM Peak       | 137   | 136   |
| PM Peak       | 151   | 139   |

## Speed

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Speed Limit:           | 35                   |
| 85th Percentile Speed: | 38.1                 |
| 50th Percentile Speed: | 31.2                 |
| 10 MPH Pace Interval:  | 25.0 MPH to 35.0 MPH |
| Average Speed:         | 31.4                 |

|                  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Count over limit | 4258   | 3968    | 4147      | 4254     | 4514   | 3602     | 3204   |
| % over limit     | 28.6   | 27.8    | 27.6      | 26.6     | 28.2   | 26.7     | 27.6   |
| Avg Speeder      | 39.2   | 39.1    | 39.1      | 39.1     | 39.0   | 39.1     | 39.1   |
| Avg Speed        | 13.4   | 13.2    | 13.4      | 12.8     | 12.9   | 14.2     | 14.9   |

This is particularly critical in Buckinghamshire currently because of the 43% increase in the number of new homes central government says must be built here. The total requirement by the government is for 95,500 new houses to be built.

The council has launched a consultation this week on its draft Local Plan for Buckinghamshire and we really want our residents, businesses and interested groups to comment. This really is critical as this work will shape the way the county looks and could also see a significant increase in our local population as we accommodate all these new homes.

More widely, we want to have the best possible chance to protect Buckinghamshire from speculative and unplanned developments and this means having a Local Plan in place. Please find out more and give your views via our website.

### **A bold plan for our local economy**



I was delighted to invite and then meet business leaders, investors and health & education partners at a key Economic Summit last week that the council co-ordinated. We wanted to get these key players in the same room at the same time to discuss how we drive forward economic growth and then feel the benefits of all our shared prosperity in our county.

Sometimes this kind of event and topic can feel a bit removed from day-to-day life, but how we

grow our local economy is how we support that day-to-day experience. It's about making sure we have good jobs on offer in Buckinghamshire and that our local residents have the skills and experience to fill these posts. It's also about making sure our local businesses – of all sizes – are supported to be able to thrive.

We covered how to boost productivity and ensure income and opportunity for us all. Another key theme was maximising the opportunity for everyone that our existing core industries in Buckinghamshire offer. We have an amazing set of companies of all sizes covering a range of sectors and our wider offer to the UK economy as a whole cannot be understated.

At this event we launched our new Economic Growth Plan – a strategy which sets out how we will achieve this in Buckinghamshire. As well as building on our existing successes, it also maps out how to overcome barriers to work, how we will improve connectivity, invest in skills and support SMEs. It was a really exciting and inspiring day.

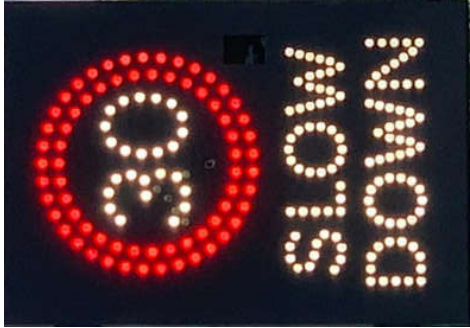
### **Supporting our children's futures**

I wrote last time about the excellent progress we are making to create more specialist school places for children of all ages who have special educational needs and/or a disability. This is a photo of 'The Nest' – one such new unit that the council has built at Juniper Hill Primary School in Flackwell Heath, that I wanted to share with you. As part of all the work we are doing to support our children, we have finalised and agreed our new strategy for supporting children with SEND that takes us through to 2030.



# MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR FENNY RD 23/07/25 TO 16/09/25

|                          |            |          |            |          |  |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|--|
| For Project:             | Fenny Road |          |            |          |  |
| Project Notes:           |            |          |            |          |  |
| Location/Name:           | Incoming   | 14:47:50 |            |          |  |
| Report Generated:        | 17/09/2025 |          |            |          |  |
| Speed Intervals          | 5 MPH      |          |            |          |  |
| Time Intervals           | Instant    |          |            |          |  |
| Traffic Report From      | 23/07/2025 | 00:00:00 | 16/09/2025 | 10:59:59 |  |
| 85th Percentile Speed    | 32.4 MPH   |          |            |          |  |
| 85th Percentile Vehicles | 88409      |          |            |          |  |
| Max Speed                | 65 MPH     | on       | 25/07/2025 | 20:15:00 |  |
| Total Vehicles           | 104011     |          |            |          |  |
| AADT:                    | 1875       |          |            |          |  |



## Volumes -

### weekly counts

| Time          | 5 Day | 7 Day |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Average Daily | 1943  | 1857  |
| AM Peak       | 140   | 145   |
| PM Peak       | 197   | 175   |

## Speed

|                        |          |         |           |          |  |
|------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|--|
| Speed Limit:           | 35       |         |           |          |  |
| 85th Percentile Speed: | 32.4     |         |           |          |  |
| 50th Percentile Speed: | 26.4     |         |           |          |  |
| 10 MPH Pace Interval:  | 20.0 MPH | to      | 30.0 MPH  |          |  |
| Average Speed:         | 26.5     |         |           |          |  |
|                        | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |  |
| Count over limit       | 985      | 942     | 1007      | 1033     |  |
| % over limit           | 6.6      | 6.5     | 6.5       | 6.3      |  |
| Avg Speeder            | 38.8     | 38.8    | 38.8      | 38.7     |  |
| Avg Speed              | 10.7     | 10.5    | 10.5      | 10.2     |  |

Importantly, this has been designed involving children and their families at every stage, also drawing in schools, healthcare professionals and everyone involved in supporting children with SEND and their families. I am really positive about the journey we are on to transform these services for our local children and I hope our children and families can see and feel the difference as this strategy is implemented.

It's been good to feedback on the progress we are making across so many aspects of life in Buckinghamshire and I hope you too are galvanised by this information.

Please do be a part of this by taking part in the consultations I've mentioned.

All the best.



**Steven Broadbent**

Leader - Buckinghamshire Council



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# MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (MVAS) RESULTS FOR NEWTON RD 23/07/25 TO 16/09/25

For Project: Newton Road

Project Notes:

Location/Name:

Report Generated:

Speed Intervals

Time Intervals

Traffic Report From

85th Percentile Speed

85th Percentile Vehicles

Max Speed

Total Vehicles

AADT:

Incoming  
17/09/2025  
14:43:16  
5 MPH

Instant  
23/07/2025  
00:00:00  
through  
16/09/2025  
10:59:59

15528  
50 MPH  
on  
14/08/2025  
00:45:00

18268  
329

## Volumes -

weekly counts

| Time          | 5 Day | 7 Day |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Average Daily | 348   | 325   |
| AM Peak       | 29    | 23    |
| PM Peak       | 38    | 33    |

## Speed

Speed Limit:

85th Percentile Speed:

50th Percentile Speed:

10 MPH Pace Interval:

Average Speed:

to 30.0 MPH

35  
29.3  
24.8  
20.0 MPH  
24.48

|                  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Count over limit | 28     | 33      | 26        | 30       | 36     | 42       | 23     |
| % over limit     | 1.0    | 1.2     | 0.9       | 1.1      | 1.3    | 1.8      | 1.1    |
| Avg Speeder      | 38.9   | 38.0    | 37.7      | 38.3     | 37.9   | 38.1     | 38.6   |
| Avg Speed        | 17.8   | 17.1    | 17.5      | 17.7     | 17.4   | 18.5     | 19.0   |



## PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS & UPDATES AUG – SEPT 2025



In this section you will find details of planning applications received, comments made by your Parish Council, and any updates on previous planning applications.

### NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

#### **25/01904/APP Fern Lodge, 2a Appleacres, Stoke Hammond MK17 9ET**

Householder application for single storey side extension and internal alterations.

*Clrs resolved they had no objections to this application, which was subsequently approved by Bucks Planning on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022*

### PLANNING UPDATES:

#### **24/03601/AOP – Land South of Drayton Road, Newton Leys**

Outline planning application with all matters reserved apart from access for up to 290 dwellings, open space, landscaping, drainage features and associated infrastructure following demolition of existing agricultural buildings

*Clrs had on several previous occasions objected to this application, but the applicant submitted an appeal on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 for non-determination of the application within a specific time frame.*

#### **25/01738/APP – Pennhurst, Church Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BP**

**Householder application for reinstatement of original driveway**

*Cllrs had previously resolved they had NO Objections to this application which was approved by Bucks Planning on the 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025*

Please note, that Buckinghamshire Council have recently updated their planning website, so it will now be one single combined area search rather than having to select 'Aylesbury Vale' as your search area. But this only applies to applications submitted after the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025. For applications before this date, you will still have to select 'Aylesbury Vale' as your search criteria. Whether the old or new system, one can still enter the application reference or use the map search facility via the following website:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/building-or-improving-your-property/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>.

## COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE SPORTS CLUB



**Every Wednesday morning from 10am.**

**All welcome, pop along for a nuggle and a chat  
with friends and neighbours whilst enjoying a cup  
of tea or coffee and a biscuit on the side**

**The Sports Club, Bragenham Side. MK17 9DB**

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## Wing and Ivinghoe



**Inspector  
James Davies**



**Sergeant  
David Kuttner**



**Police Constable  
Dionne Edwards**



**Police Constable  
Jake Bye**



**PCSO  
Mike Coker**



**PCSO  
Tina Hobson**

The neighbourhood policing team work with our local communities to make  
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## VILLAGE DIARY

|                                    |                                                        |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October    | Parish Council Meeting – Community Centre – 19.30      |
| Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October  | Community Breakfast – Community Centre 08.30 – 10.30   |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November   | Parish Council Meeting – Venue to be advised – 19.30   |
| Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> November  | Community Breakfast – Community Centre 8.30 – 10.30    |
| Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November | St Luke's Xmas Fayre - Community Centre – 13.00 - 1600 |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December  | Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch – Community Centre – 13.00  |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Community Breakfast – To be Confirmed                  |

*For Church dates/times please see the 'Church Services' section*

### **ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

#### **High Ash Scouts, Cubs (Beavers)**

Thursday 17.30 – 21.30hrs  
 Contact: Dave Pollington 01525 270864  
[dave.pollington@mkscouts.org](mailto:dave.pollington@mkscouts.org)  
[www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

#### **Louisa Harris Pilates**

Monday day/evening  
 Contact: 07941 203589  
[Louisa.pilates@gmail.com](mailto:Louisa.pilates@gmail.com)  
[www.louisaharrisilates.co.uk](http://www.louisaharrisilates.co.uk)

#### **Chair Yoga**

Wednesday 9.30 – 10.15hrs  
 Contact: Sally Peers 07766 756199  
[sallyyogalondon@gmail.com](mailto:sallyyogalondon@gmail.com)

#### **Buttons Pre-School**

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## EDITORS NOTE

Well summers over and at long last we've had some much welcome rain and you could almost hear the plants and grass letting out a sigh of relief! We also welcome some new advertisers to this edition, and the Stewkley players promoting their next theatrical production which is Monty Python's Spamalot, which should be fun.

You will see in the Parish Council News section the list of logged police incidents in Stoke Hammond since January of this year, and I must say I was totally shocked at the numbers when PCSO Tina Hobson read these out at the September Parish Council meeting. Plus, the ongoing annoyance at the motor bike/s that are loudly passing through ours and other nearby villages at stupid o'clock in the morning. Hopefully, they will be nabbed soon.

Am I the only one to question how long it takes to do some and, in my mind, totally unnecessary minor alterations to the kerbing on the Newton Road. With a closure of 2 weeks, then traffic lights followed by directional priority signage, and then as I write this, they start digging up the road again for the laying of fibre broadband!!

May I please have copy for the December/January 2026 issue by the **21<sup>st</sup> Nov**  
Greg Noble, The Birches, Church Road, Stoke Hammond. MK17 9BP



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