

## Reported crime

### Crimes reported in Wixams

The post box of Lakeview Village Hall was broken into on 31 March. A number of youths were seen acting suspiciously near it and CCTV images have been passed to the police.

### Dogs must now be microchipped

From 6th April 2016 the law requires all dogs in England to be microchipped and their ownership details kept on a register. Microchipping is recognised as the most effective and secure way of permanently identifying a pet to ensure its safe return. See

[www.bedford.gov.uk/microchipping](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/microchipping)

### Crime stats

Due to Bedfordshire Police numbers being cut considerably, they will no longer be able to compile the crime figures or attend the Parish Council meetings to report on local crime.

There are, however, a couple of websites where details of reported crimes will be attainable, three months in arrears. These are [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) and [www.ukcrimestats.com](http://www.ukcrimestats.com).

### 999 - Emergency

where there is a risk of:

- personal injury
- loss of life
- crime in action

### 101 - Call Handling

- Crime in action where there is not a risk to personal injury
- Suspicious incidents

Put this number on your mobile

For further information on **Wixams Neighbourhood Watch** see [www.wixams.org.uk/wnw](http://www.wixams.org.uk/wnw), facebook, or email Alan at [wnw@wixams.org.uk](mailto:wnw@wixams.org.uk)

**Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch** - [bedfordnhw.ourwatch.org.uk](http://bedfordnhw.ourwatch.org.uk)

All non-emergency calls to **Bedfordshire Police** should be done via **101**, whether reporting an incident or trying to contact anyone within a local policing team. Additional contact methods can be found at [www.bedfordshire.police.uk/contact.aspx](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/contact.aspx) See also [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

**Crimestoppers** - 0800 555 111  
[crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

The aim of Wixams Neighbourhood Watch (WNW) is to help develop safer local communities and improve the quality of life. Members of WNW deliver the Wixams News in Wixams.

## Wixams News



The **Wixams Swans** are nesting again by Green Lane. Note - the Law protects swans, the eggs and the nests of swans.

The **litter pick** was organised by Bedford Borough, bpha, Wixams Parish Council and Wixams Neighbourhood Watch. On behalf of the organisers, a thank you to everyone who contributed to a great team effort.

The Wixams Community gazebo pitched outside the Village Hall was a splendid sight and a needed shelter from a small amount of mizzle. The facilities of the Village Hall and free refreshments from the Parish Council kept everyone going and helped create a friendly buzz. Many certificates for children were given out.

Alan



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[www.wixams.org.uk/wnw](http://www.wixams.org.uk/wnw)  
The next Wixams News will be published on Wednesday 11th May.

### The Lakeview Village Hall Big Hello



### Wixams Parish Council cont.

#### Litter pick photos



Thomas

### Website update

You can currently view forthcoming meeting agendas and previous minutes as well as other council information. See [wixamsparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk](http://wixamsparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk) If you know of any local events/activities, or any other information that you feel would be useful, please let us know.

### Parish Councillor Peter Webb



Peter relocated to the Wixams two and a half years ago to be closer to family who also live on the development. He works part time for

a Cambridge based charity that supports social enterprises and small cleantech companies. He has previously assisted a number of rural parishes in community development and regeneration.

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