



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
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Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

Winter Crime Reduction Advice SHOPPING SAFELY & SENSIBLY

- Be aware of your belongings when you're in a crowd - there may be pickpockets around.
- Put your purse or wallet away before leaving the till - don't let staff or other customers rush you.
- Take care at the ATM - be wary of people standing too close for comfort - try and use an ATM inside the bank.
- If you shop online, check out the site's payment methods and the security they offer - many sites can take orders over the phone if you don't want your details floating around in the ether.

Source: Bedfordshire Police- see www.bedfordshire.police.uk and facebook



USING THE CAR

- Park in a busy and well-lit area.
 - Leave personal and valuable items at home. If you must have them in the car, store them in the boot before you leave.
- Do not leave ANYTHING on show**
- Don't store your bought goods in the car and then return to the shops for more - you don't know who may be watching in the car park.



PROTECTING YOUR HOME WHILE YOU'RE OUT

- Use timer switches to operate lights and radios tuned to a talk radio station in the house when you are out.
- If you go on holiday, ask a neighbour or friend to pick up your post - they can also park their car on your drive
- After Christmas, dispose of boxes and packaging carefully - don't leave them on the roadside or on the top of the wheelie bin.

UNEXPECTED CALLERS

- Bogus Callers: pretending to be from a utilities company (water, gas, electricity, phone, even police).



Have you got your NW window sticker? To get yours, email wnw@wixams.org.uk with your house no. and street

Wixams Parish Council



Website

The website is taking shape and you should soon be able to view agendas and minutes from Parish Council meetings, as well as any other relevant information online shortly. We would be particularly interested in receiving any pictures from in and around Wixams, so if you have any that you would be happy for the Council to use on the website please do email the clerk on wixamspc@gmail.com. You can visit the website on www.wixamsparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk

CCTV

As featured in the last issue, Wixams Parish Council are considering the introduction of CCTV cameras in selected locations.



The primary aim is crime prevention and to help police with crime detection.

As most crime involves the use of a vehicle, it is proposed that the first two cameras will be placed to cover the two roads that currently feed Wixams. These are Southern Cross between the A6 and Brooklands Avenue, also Bedford Road between Brooklands Avenue and the Causeway.

Therefore we invite any residents that have a view on these proposals to contact the Parish Council via email on wixamspc@gmail.com

Cllr Amey

Recycling over the festive period



Bedford Borough Council will be supplying additional orange sacks for delivery to Wixams for the festive period, which will hopefully help manage the reams of wrapping paper used! If you would like to obtain recycling sacks, Cllr Day has kindly offered to house these and they can be collected from 16 Swan Road (in the car-port area). Sacks will be available from 11th December.

Public access to planning application plans

These will be made available to view at 7pm, prior to the start of each meeting. You may also view any plans on the Borough Council website via the search facility:

www.publicaccess.bedford.gov.uk/online-applications/

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