



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
Watch

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Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

Arrest made in Bluewater Quay burglary, 5 January

Neighbours were woken by the sound of a bang and saw two males trying to break in to the neighbouring property.

The offenders had used parts of paving slabs that were in the back garden to throw them through the patio window, after having tried to jemmy the door to the side.

Neighbours gave chase to the offenders who made off. The car was identified as a silver blue Fiat Punto.

The good news is that Wixams CCTV was used to help identify the burglar and an arrest has been made by the police.

The key to the burglar being discovered is the strong community that exists in Bluewater Quay. As one resident said "we look out for each other".

Wixams News is glad to share community news when space allows. We try to make sure news is accurate but views expressed are not necessarily representative of the Parish Council, the Police, Neighbourhood Watch or Wixams News - Ed.

Rosie's Community Hub

Some volunteers are planning a Community Hub to house a volunteer run library/youth club, office and GP sessions; whilst Wixams grows into a town with purpose built facilities in 5-10 year's time.

Called Rosie's Community Hub, it will have dedicated permanent users. Meetings have been arranged between Gallagher, Bedford Borough Council, the NHS and Rosie's Community Hub.

The Rosie's Hub Committee will aim to initially secure funds and grants to procure the facility. If interested, please contact Saqhib Ali on 07758 157051 or saqhib.ali@gmail.com. A public meeting will be held as soon as plans are more formalised. We hope to be open in the Summer.



Meet at Lakeview village hall to sign in and receive equipment. All equipment provided, but if you have 'gardening' gloves please bring them. Please wear suitable clothing & sturdy footwear. Free refreshments.

Organised by Wixams Parish Council, Wixams Neighbourhood Watch in partnership with Bedford Borough Council, Lakeview Village Hall, Wixams W1.

Wixams Parish Council

Great British Spring Clean – Saturday 4th March 2017



The Parish Council are teaming up with Wixams Neighbourhood Watch to organise our next litter pick. Lakeview Village Hall has kindly offered to waive the fee for hire of the Lakeview Suite for the event. Further details are on a flyer with this Wixams News.

Wixams Street Ranger

A reminder to everyone that Wixams Parish Council is still seeking to recruit a Street Ranger to litter pick around the parish for approximately 4-6 hours / week. Salary will be in the region of £10.00/hour. Interested parties should contact the Clerk (further information and a job description can be found on our website under 'Vacancies')

Community Governance Review of Wixams

Bedford Borough Council is undertaking a review of Elstow, Stewartby and Wixams in order to secure future arrangements that reflect the identities and interests of the community and are effective and convenient.

It will be looking at the number of Councillors that are elected and sit on the Parish Council. It will also be considering the alignment of the Parish boundaries – in particular, the area east of the B530 and east of the A6. Responses to the consultation need to be in by 19th April 2017.

To find out more about what a community governance review will mean in Wixams please look on our website. Alternatively, Helen Fudge, Director of Local Council Support Associates Ltd (LCSA) will be attending our next Parish Council meeting in February to discuss this further and to answer questions – please do come along to meet her.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Wixams Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor – this is a voluntary position. We will seek to co-opt a new member at our next meeting so please contact the Clerk or Chairman before this date if you wish to be considered.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, 20th February 2017 at 7:30pm at Lakeview Village Hall in the Munson room – residents are very welcome – we even provide refreshments!

Look out for our agenda for the next Parish Council meeting which will always be published on our website at least 3 working days before each meeting.

You can also view past minutes and find out who your Councillors are, how you can contact them and what they look like! Our website is: www.wixamsparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk (or just Google 'Wixams Parish Council')