



# Wixams News

Neighbourhood Watch

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## Beware of online fraud



<http://refund.hmrc.gov.admin09.net/back.html>

This rogue web page is no longer online, but it was emailed to someone in the Wixams a few days ago. It claims to be from HMRC and offers a tax refund! A closer look shows that it is a fraud. The web address is not gov.uk but .net. Anyone can setup such a website and by pinching a few logos superficially can look the real deal. See 'Cyber Crime and Online Safety' at [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk)

## Wixams Summer Fair



Lexi enjoying a ride



Congratulations to Zena Herbert and 'Homebaked Glutenfree at Wixams' for winning the 'Best Farmers Market Stall Award' in Bedfordshire. You can find 'Homebaked Glutenfree at Wixams' on facebook.



## Wixams Parish Council

### CCTV

These images record all traffic that enters or leaves Wixams.



The new CCTV system for Wixams is fully functioning with high definition images being recorded.

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There are only minor details to be completed before it can be formally handed over to the Parish Council.

### Dog Bins



It has been brought to our attention that several of the dog bins around Wixams are overflowing which isn't particularly nice and potentially very hazardous to our younger residents! It is gratifying that there are so many responsible dog owners and a great pity that some bins do not seem to be emptied often enough. Wixams Parish Council (WPC) resolved to ask for Bedford Borough Council to empty the bins more regularly and also to co-ordinate the labelling of all bins with an identifying number and a contact telephone number so that, if a bin is full, it can easily be reported.

### Litter Bins

Gallagher's have kindly agreed to replace the open litter bins outside the chip shop with larger, lidded bins so that the local winged population can scavenge from them no longer – hopefully this will reduce the mess considerably.

### Allotment Storage

Allotment tenants will be pleased to hear that WPC have agreed to purchase 34 lockers for tenants to store gardening equipment on site. These will be ordered as soon as we have fixed the shed door. Tenants are encouraged to volunteer to shift said lockers to the site as this will be no mean feat! If you are willing and able to help get these into place once they have been delivered, please do make yourselves known to our Clerk.

### Community Projects Committee

Our Chairman is keen to start up a Community Projects Committee to think up and organise events like the recent, successful litter pick. If you have bags of energy, imagination and time and would like to get involved, please look out for further information in the near future.

### Parish Business Plan

Councillor Webb suggested that WPC consider developing a Parish Business Plan and it was agreed to form a Committee to come up with a proposal. The Committee will consist of Councillors Ali, Amey, Martin and Webb initially. First business will be to arrange a public meeting for everyone to find out a bit more – we will keep you posted.

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