

Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams

In **May** 2016 10 crimes were reported in Wixams. These included 8 anti social behaviour, criminal damage, shoplifting.

In **April** 2016 19 crimes were reported in Wixams. These included 14 anti social behaviour, violence and sexual offences, criminal damage, 2 shoplifting, other theft.

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 obtainable, two months in arrears. These are www.police.uk and www.ukcrimestats.com.

Wixams is a great community - lets keep it that way



Help look after your neighbour's house in the holidays

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 of personal injury
- Suspicious incidents

Put this number on your mobile

For further information on **Wixams Neighbourhood Watch** see www.wixams.org.uk/wnw, facebook, or email Alan at wnw@wixams.org.uk

Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch - 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 See also www.police.uk

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111
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.

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Wixams News

"Love your neighbour as yourself" is a well known saying by Jesus. But what does it mean? A lot of strong views have been expressed nationally in recent days on the Leave/Remain campaigns. What does that mean for Wixams, or for me?

We are tempted to think that 'Love' is primarily defined as an emotion. But it's not! Love is practising care, responsibility, respect and knowledge of other people. It's a verb, a doing word! It's something that we do if we want to experience it. That is why love has famously been described in the following words (from 1 Corinthians ch13)

LOVE IS PATIENT
love is not
love is kind
jealous or boastful
IT IS NOT
love does not
ARROGANT
it is not
OR RUDE
insist on irritable or its own way resentful
LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS
believes all things
HOPES
endures
all things all things
LOVE NEVER ENDS

As we seek to practice this in the way we speak about other people (and it's not always easy!), not only will our families be happier our village will benefit. Historically, it is this love that is the basis for many of the democratic freedoms such as toleration that we benefit from in this country.

Alan



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www.wixams.org.uk/wnw
The next Wixams News will be published mid September.

Wixams Parish Council cont.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Monday, 25th July 2016** from 7:30pm at Lakeview Village Hall in the Munson room - residents are very welcome - we even provide refreshments! It was decided at our last meeting that, going forward, WPC would meet on the third (working) Monday of each month except for August - please pop these dates in your diary! 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:

wixamsparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk
(or Google Wixams Parish Council)

Public access to planning applications

Plans 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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