

Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams

The police are appealing for information following an armed robbery at a store in Wixams on **Sunday** 28th February. Two men with their faces covered with scarves entered Budgens, in Brooklands Avenue, at 7am before threatening staff with a weapon. They stole cigarettes and alcohol before making off. If you have any information, or saw any suspicious activity in the area Sunday morning or during the previous days, call police. Anyone with any information should call 101 quoting incident number 88 of 28th February, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

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 the figures will be attainable. These are www.police.uk and www.ukcrimestats.com.



COFFEE MORNING
in aid of
St John's Hospice
Saturday 16th April 2016
10am - 1pm
at Wilstead Village Hall

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, 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.

Wixams News



Congratulations to **Lakeside Fish & Chips** who were voted one of the five top chippies by readers of Bedfordshire on Sunday.

Please do support the **litter pick on Saturday 19th March** in the Wixams. Take pride in your village. Caring, friendly, safe, enjoyable communities do not happen by chance or automatically. It happens when residents work together to make it happen. Please come along, even for 45 minutes.

Police cuts have been made in Bedfordshire as a result of the reduced Government funding for this county's police force. This means we will have to get **Crimes reported in Wixams** from www.police.uk But the most recent figures are for December 2015! That's fine for statisticians and analysts but not so good for residents. So, if you want to publicise a recent crime email Wixams News and we will do our best.



Wixams News deadline Monday 11th April, for any copy, news adverts or changes to existing adverts. Contact wnw@wixams.org.uk 47 Green Lane, Wixams, Bedford MK42 6DA www.wixams.org.uk/wnw The next Wixams News will be published on Wednesday 20th April.

Wixams Parish Council cont.

Section 106 funding

Residents may have noted the recent consultation information from the Borough Council around proposed modifications to the section 106 funding for the village. This is due to the current funding gap to provide a secondary school for the village. The Parish Council viewed the proposals at the last meeting and the minutes are available to view on our website (these are in draft form until they are ratified):

wixamsparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk and click on 'official council documents' tab on the left hand side of the screen.

Do you run a local group?

The Clerk is in the process of creating a directory of groups/activities in the village and would love to hear from anyone who runs a group locally. If you run a group in the village please do get in touch to let us know the name, day you meet and any contact information so that the Clerk can add your details to the directory. You can email the Clerk on wixamspc@gmail.com

Website update

You can currently view forthcoming meeting agendas and previous minutes as well as other council information. See 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 Saqhib Ali



Saqhib moved to the Wixams in 2011. He is married to Shameem and has two teenage sons and a daughter at Lakeview school. He has worked as an accountant in the Automotive sector; now works in Financial Services, is the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire, and Chair of Audit & Governance at Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group. Saqhib is a passionate community campaigner, trying to secure employment, secondary schooling and GP provision in the Wixams. He is Vice Chair on the Parish Council.

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