



Wixams News

Neighbourhood
Watch

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Wixams NW National Award
for Community Cohesion
London June 2014

Caring for the community - Without Prejudice

**We joined in the
community litter pick**



Mattie, Hezekiah



Siofra



Carrie



William, Wren, Anastasia,
Billy, Harley



Ruby



Esme, Darcie



1st Wixams Scouts



Simeon, Joel, Daniel, Nathan



Laura, Nella,
Braden

Wixams Parish Council



Andy, Sandra
Emily & Boo



1st Wixams Scouts

**Saturday 2nd
March
9.30-11.30am**



Aela, Evie,
Freya, Jack, Aimee



Jessica,
Olivia



Krish, Trudy
Shreya



Charlie



Anabelle, Luca

May 2019 elections

Every four years elections are held so that you can choose your parish councillors. The next elections are 2nd May this year and the latest date for applying is 3rd April.

If there are fewer applicants than positions then it's unlikely a vote will happen and all those applying will take up the roles. Indeed, this is more likely now as we have been allocated 15 councillor positions by the borough; up from the 9 we currently have, due to the increase in the population of Wixams.

If you are interested in becoming a councillor then please email the Clerk for an application pack. Meetings are once a month and occur in the evening. No prior experience is required.

Reported crime

**Crimes reported in Wixams
February 2019**

8-9th School Lane

Aggravated vehicle taking

8th Kenneth Way

Burglary - Business And Community

12th Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988

21st Racially or religiously aggravated assault or assault occasioning ABH

The crime report is provided by Bedfordshire Police with volunteer help from Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch.

CCTV is in operation in the Wixams.

Bedfordshire Police, in collaboration with Wixams Parish Council, are able to view footage if crimes have been committed.

Note: the Police need a location and a time. **Our local police station:**

Police HQ, Woburn Road, Kempston MK43

9AX Opening hours: Mon - Sun 8am-8pm



Lucy, Amy, Genevieve, Lexie



1st Wixams Scouts

Paul, Emie, Georgie



Lily, Ronnie, Sofia, Elspeth

Milo, Ethan

999 - Emergency

where there is a risk of:

- personal injury
- loss of life
- crime in action

101 - Non emergency

- Reporting a crime that is no longer in progress
- Giving information about a crime
- Reporting theft of property
- Contacting local police officer
- Getting update reported crime
- Suspicious incidents

To **report online** non-emergency crimes, incidents or give the police information, go to www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report

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

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

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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Opinion

We joined in the community litter pick

Thank you to the 150 people who came to the litter pick on 2nd March (a record!). 58 bags of rubbish were collected. Pride in our village! Thank you to Steph, Philippa, Kay, Anne, Angela, Gemma, Carl, Sheila, Paula, Robbin and Lakeview village hall, Lakeside Fish & Chips, Galliford Try Partnerships for sponsorship; Katie and Kathryn at Bedford Borough Council for equipment and support. The Parish Council funded refreshments and some of the equipment. *Wixams Parish Council and Wixams Neighbourhood Watch*

Political leaders - servants of the people

"Government of the people, by the people, for the people" is a famous phrase in Pres. Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address. It sums up how leaders should conduct themselves: as servants of the people and taking responsibility with courage, integrity and humility. With our democratic freedoms increasingly under threat never has there been a greater need. Thanks Alan



Wixams News deadline - Friday

3rd May 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 mid May.

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Wixams Parish Council cont.

Coooption of Samantha Mardel

A warm welcome to Samantha Mardel who was coopted to the council in the February meeting.

Mobile security patrols

The Parish Council intends to continue using mobile security patrols around Wixams. Cannons Guard Security carry out the patrols and give patrol reports back to the council. It's early days, but the patrols appear to be effective at disrupting anti-social and criminal behaviour and in providing intelligence that can be used by Beds Police.

Grants

We have grant funding to fund local groups. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Next Parish Council Meetings

Our next meetings will be on **19th March 2019, 15th April 2019 and 21st May 2019** (Annual meetings) from 7:30pm at Lakeview Village Hall – members of the public are very welcome. 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')

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Wixams Walkers

We're pleased to announce a new walking group will soon be starting in Wixams. The group will meet every Saturday morning at 10:00 in front of Seasons Garden Centre, with the first walk taking place on 30th March.

Everyday life can be challenging at times and a short weekly walk (approx. 60min) is a great way to relieve stress, whilst getting some exercise in a friendly environment.

All are welcome, it's free and there's no need to book, so why not give it a try? Find out more:

wixamswalkers@gmail.com

[facebook.com/wixamswalkers](https://www.facebook.com/wixamswalkers)



Oscar

Lacey

Ben

Wixams Book Exchange

If you enjoy reading and like free stuff, the Wixams Book Exchange is (literally) right up your street!

We've added a nice selection of books to get things started and you're welcome to visit and take any you'd like.

Likewise, if you have any old books looking for a new home, feel free to drop them off for others to take. There is a nice selection of children's books there right now, so pop in and grab some if you'd like your kids to read more. You can find the bookcase in the foyer of Lakeview Village Hall.



Ewa, Mariusz, Sandra

Dexter, Isabelle

Simeon - with some treasure!

Daniel

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Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams March 2019

Wixams Station Briefing

Many thanks to the 40 or so residents who came to hear an update on progress to date with Wixams station. Finance for the station is now in place, though the selection of a route for East West Rail is a complicating factor. I have requested a further update from the project managers in the Autumn.

Extracare Development

I have raised a number of issues around the Extracare development, in particular the ridiculously dangerous parking, which regularly backed onto the roundabout. The site managers have spoken to the workforce and this seems to have improved. Potholes around the roundabout and flooding at the junction of The Causeway and the A6 have been taken up by the Council Highways Team.

Defective Streetlamps

Anyone walking around Wixams at night, may have noticed a large number of defective street lamps. (I have reported 18 not working and almost needed a torch in Brambling Gardens!) Not all Wixams street lamps are owned by the Borough Council with many still the responsibility of developers who installed them. Regardless of the ownership, broken streetlamps (and a whole range of highways issues) can be reported via the Borough Council's Highways reporting tool:

<https://highwaysreporting.bedford.gov.uk/>

Wixams Litterpick

Over 132 people came out to pick litter on 2nd March, which is a fantastic turnout. Big thanks to all the organisers who helped on the day, with equipment, registration and very welcome tea and coffee! Also, a big shout out to Wixams Scouts for their efforts in helping keep Wixams clean and green.

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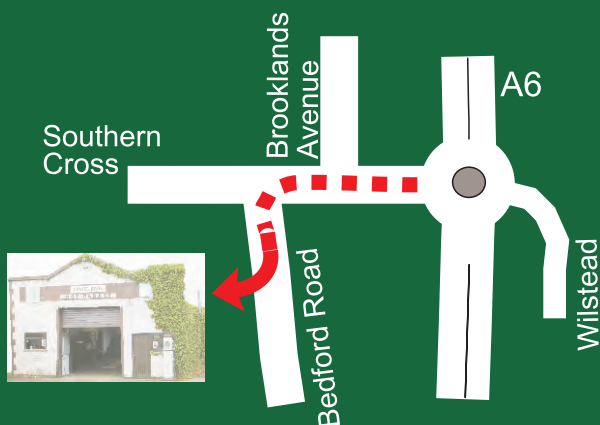
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www.wixams.org.uk/christtheword

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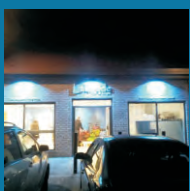
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 Contact Jason 01234 743302, 07484651015

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 Wixams Neighbourhood Watch