



Wixams News

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Message from Beds Police



Following a spike in vehicle crime we're urging residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Such thieves are opportunistic, 10 seconds is all it takes to break into a car. So be alert and please take steps to keep your belongings safe.

Here are some simple steps the public can take to minimise their chances of becoming a victim of car crime:

- **Always remember to LOCK your vehicle**, so many thefts occur from unlocked motors and close the windows and sunroof.

- **Don't leave things on show** in your car, whether it's an expensive laptop or just some loose change or a packet of cigarettes, as these can be an incentive to the opportunist thief. Even items of clothing can attract thieves, as they may think that there will be money in the pockets.

- **Satnavs are currently being targeted** – keep them out of sight, remove the cradle and wipe away the sucker mark on the windscreen.

- **At home, don't keep your car keys** next to your front door or in an obvious place.

Read more tips here: <http://bit.ly/2qAbq2l>
To report suspicious activity call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.



Source: www.facebook.com/bedspolice

Crime in the Wixams

In the last two months there has been a lot of theft from vehicles and criminal damage to cars. See the crime figures on page two, which show a 300% increase from the three or four crimes that are normally reported. The recent discussion on 23 April on facebook.com/spottedwixams highlighted this spate of crime.

- It is important that all crime is reported by phoning 101. This helps the Police plan a response.

- Scarce Police resources will be targeted at the worst crime area, so reporting crime matters.

- As the previous Police Commissioner pointed out, Bedfordshire Police is only funded as a rural shire, yet has to counter terrorism at a London airport and a high level of crime in the Luton urban area. It's not their fault they are not funded properly.

- Beds Police are recruiting Special Constables. That should help Wixams.

Wixams Parish Council

Fond Farewell



Wixams Parish Council is sorry to have to say goodbye to Councillor Danny Amey who is moving out of village. Danny has played a major role in many PC initiatives including the appointment of our new Street Ranger (Kirsty Brooks) and the installation of our new CCTV system. Good luck with the move!

Vacancy

Wixams Parish Council therefore has a vacancy for a Councillor! If you are over 18, live in the village and are interested in the community – please do consider putting yourself forward for the position of Councillor. Please contact our Chairman, Councillor Tony Pedder on 07858 366608 or our Clerk, Diane Robins on 07563 108666 for further details.

Motorbikes at Watson Road

The Parish Council has received numerous complaints about the antisocial behaviour of groups of motorbikes at Watson Road. Cllr Coombes will be liaising with Bedfordshire Police in order to arrange a meeting to consider possible solutions. In the meantime, please report antisocial behaviour to the Police on the non-emergency number: 101

Defibrillator Training



Wixams Parish Council, in association with the Community Heartbeat Trust, will soon be running a free training session on how to use the defibrillator and administer CPR. Please watch out for further details.

Local Plan 2035

The Local Plan 2035 will set out how much growth and development there will be in Bedford Borough until 2035 in order to meet local needs. It will plan for the additional houses and facilities required to support new communities and provide jobs and services.

BBC is now consulting on a number of areas it considers suitable for development – have your say by visiting: www.bedford.gov.uk/localplan2035



Cont.

Reported crime

Crimes reported in Wixams-Feb

23/02/2017 18:30 Swan Road
Theft from motor vehicle

28/02/2017 18:00 Bedford Road
Burglary in a building other than a dwell'

Crimes reported in Wixams-March

06/03/2017 01:30 Goldfinch Gardens
Theft of pedal cycles

08/03/2017 16:00 Goldfinch Gardens
Criminal damage - to vehicles

11/03/2017 18:30 Ladybird Way
Common assault

15/03/2017 22:06 Green Lane
Theft from motor vehicle

19/03/2017 12:00 Fieldfare View
Theft from motor vehicle

19/03/2017 20:30 Swan Road
Theft from motor vehicle

24/03/2017 11:10 Kingfisher Road
Common assault

24/03/2017 18:00 Ladybird Way
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm

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Assault occasioning actual bodily harm

28/03/2017 18:45 Southern Cross
Theft from motor vehicle

29/03/2017 00:30 Linnet Lane
Interference with motor vehicle

29/03/2017 01:00 Magpie Gardens
Theft from motor vehicle

31/3/2017 17:30 Southern Cross
Burglary - business and community

Crimes reported in Wixams-April

04/4/2017 13:00 Wren Terrace
Theft from motor vehicle

08/4/2017 11:00 Kenneth Way
Theft from motor vehicle

09/4/2017 18:30 Brooklands Avenue
Theft from motor vehicle

10/4/2017 17:00 Green Lane
Theft from motor vehicle

11/4/2017 02:50 Brooklands Avenue
Criminal damage - to vehicles

16/4/2017 16:00 Brooklands Avenue
Criminal damage - threat to commit

22/4/2017 15:30 Ladybird Way
Criminal damage - to vehicles

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.

22/4/2017 16:00 Southern Cross
Theft from motor vehicle

22/4/2017 16:00 Green Lane
Criminal damage - to vehicles

22/4/2017 18:00 Avocet Road
Theft from motor vehicle

22/4/2017 19:00 Green Lane
Criminal damage - to vehicles

22/4/2017 22:30 Magpie Gardens
Criminal damage - to vehicles

Wixams News

The Wixams News, published by Wixams Neighbourhood Watch, is two years old. Thank you to our advertisers who make it possible, to Sheila who keeps us in good health, to Graeme and Diane who update us on Borough and Parish matters, to Barry and Betty Huckle who proof the edition before it goes to print and to members of WNW who deliver it to your door.

Crime report

In the first seven days of May there have been 5 Theft From Motor Vehicle offences reported in Elstow, Shortstown and Wilstead. In these offences the police say they can see that property has been left in the vehicle and on display. The police urge residents to follow crime prevention advice - see page one for details. Report any suspicious activity to police on 101.

The crime report is provided by Bedfordshire Police with volunteer help from Bedford & District Neighbourhood Watch. The increase in reported crime means that we have had to leave out some small adverts.

Crimes that are: Sexual, Blackmail, breach of any type of police order, Race or religious hate, Domestic violence, are now included in the crime figures, but with specific locations removed. In the Wilstead/Wixams area the following incidents were recorded. In March: domestic violence - 4; hate crime - 1. In April: domestic violence - 4; sexual crime - 2.

Let's hope this month is better!

Alan



Wixams News deadline -Wednesday 31st 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 June.

Wixams Parish Council cont.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting for the Electors of Wixams and will be on Monday, 22nd May 2017 from 7:00pm at Lakeview Village Hall in the Munson room followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council meeting - members of the public 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')

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Health

The rise in auto immune conditions in recent years is quite notable as is the incidence of cancer. It may be coincidence but the increased use of pesticides, hormones and chemicals in farming is also wide spread.

Grains are coated with Glyphosates now seen as the origin of coeliac and the use of preservatives now actually make it difficult for police to estimate time of death as bodies are being 'preserved' by the chemicals we are eating!

Organic products are better than standard but not truly organic unless you have home grown. Thoroughly washing and peeling whenever possible is important and considering a supplement that contains Zeolite can help remove metals chemicals and toxins already stored in our cells.

Closer to home some gardening weed killers and herbicides still contain these nasties, certainly not something you want to expose the kids to! Vinegar and water makes a great bug killer and a bit of weed pulling gets your exercise in!

Sheila Partridge
Dip Nutritional Medicine
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Who's Who? Kirsty Brooks



"I love this job. I really love it." It is so refreshing talking to Kirsty, who takes a lot of pride in our village, and is so passionate about keeping it clean and looking nice, for the benefit of all of us.

Kirsty, who loves being outdoors in all weathers, was recently appointed as the Wixams Street Ranger by Wixams Parish Council, and is employed for six hours a week to help keep the village clean.

When she started, Brooklands Avenue used to take one and half hours to clear up because of the litter. It now takes just 20 minutes. It takes 40 minutes to clear the 'Pirate Ship' park of litter; and sometimes litter on pavements around the shops makes her say, "Oh No!" But the southern end of the village appears to be the cleanest!

Kirsty gets a huge amount of satisfaction seeing the difference that picking up litter makes. Quite a few people have come up to her and said 'I really appreciate what you do'. The children want to help and point out litter that needs picking up! Kirsty wants residents to feel free to approach her and tell her about any problem area. Kirsty says "If you are worried about your street please let me know, or contact the Parish Clerk".

Shout to the LORD with joy.
everyone on earth. Burst into
joyful songs and make
music.

Psalm 98:4

Events Diary: Sundays, 11:00 am: Celebration
a mix of praise, worship & teaching

Fridays, 10:30 am - 12 pm: Little Stars
a playgroup for babies & preschoolers
with parents & carers



Messy Church
Thursday 18th May & 15th June
3:30 - 5:30 pm: Messy Church
a way of being Church for families,
involving fun, Bible Stories & a
family meal together

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For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. John 3:16

Love Family Bible Heaven Welcome Prayer Worship Life
Expression that He gave us Father that everyone who inspires
Village Gospel may Fresh Heart Community Mission Serve



Councillor GRAEME COOMBES

Reporting to Wixams - May 2017

Bedford's 'Local Plan 2035' is currently out for consultation. This is the Mayor's proposal for future housebuilding and development across the Borough.

In Wixams we are no strangers to development as many of us have been living on a building site for years, knowing that there is yet more to come.

Part of the plan takes four 'Tier 1' villages and proposes that 500 houses should be built in each. One of these Tier 1 villages is our neighbour, Wilstead, which currently has just over 1000 dwellings, so an increase of 500 would grow Wilstead by an astonishing 50%. This will fundamentally change the character of Wilstead and – importantly for us – is likely to create a large development sprawl from Wixams across to Shortstown, taking ever more of our green space.

Many Bedford villages are calling for small scale development, to accommodate incremental growth, but they have been ignored as the Mayor has gone for the sledgehammer approach of 500 houses across just 4 small villages, which will change their character beyond recognition.

We know there is a chronic need for more houses, particularly to get younger people on the housing ladder, but destroying Bedford's villages with over the top growth targets is not the answer.

I have already made my opposition to the draft Local Plan 2035 clear and I encourage Wixams residents to take a look at the proposals on the Council's website and send in their comments by the deadline of 9th June.

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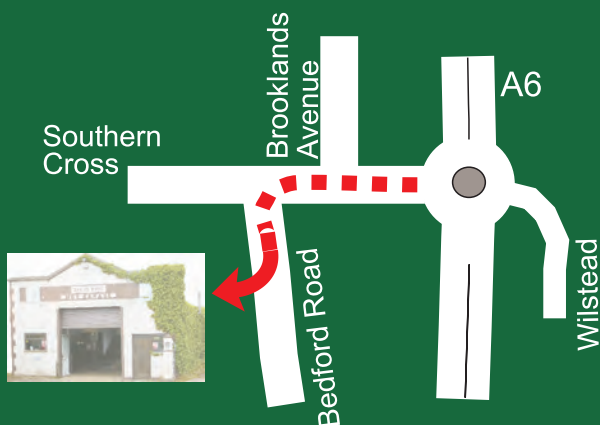
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IGNITE Tuesdays 6.30-7.45pm all young people in years 5,6,7,8,9 welcome wixams.org.uk/ignite

www.wixams.org.uk/sundayclub Alan & Anne Pibworth, 47 Green Lane

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Get in touch as soon as you can and we'll do what we can to help.

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