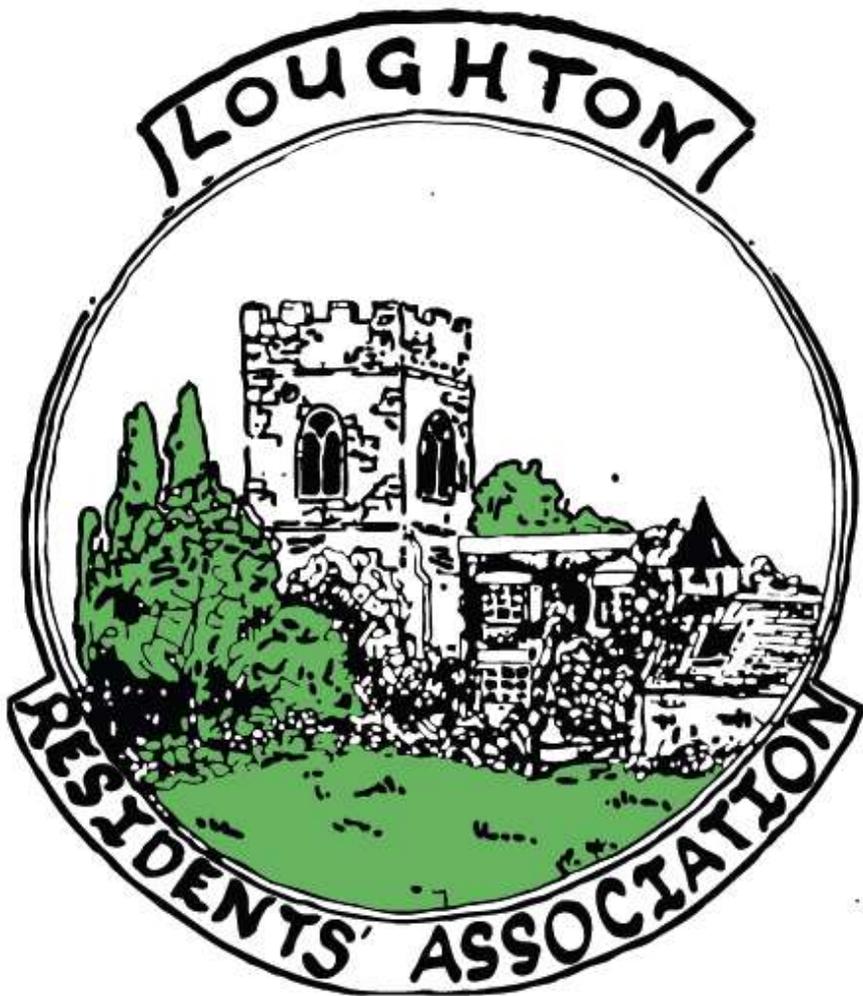


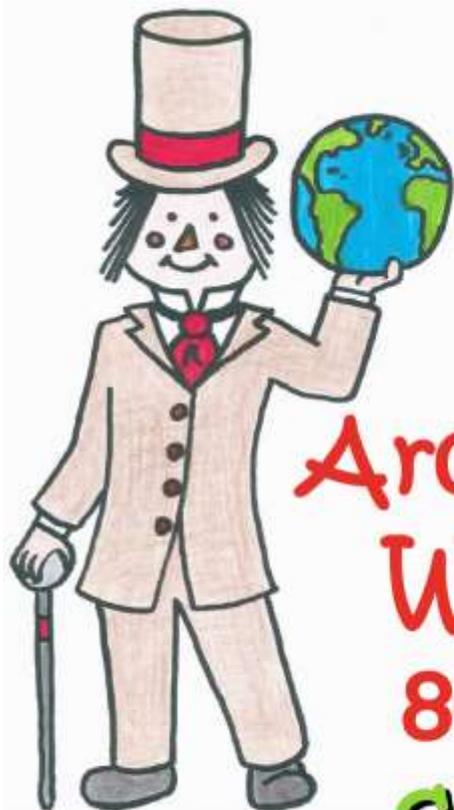
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Loughton Scarecrow Trail

## Loughton Newsletter

This newsletter has been produced on behalf of Loughton Residents' Association, for distribution to all residents within Loughton, Milton Keynes. Views expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily represent the views of the editor or of the Loughton Residents' Association committee.

A huge thank you to all of our contributors and advertisers.

If you have any comments, or wish to submit an article or advert (price on application) for inclusion in next year's newsletter, please contact the LRA committee (see p8 or via the website/facebook).

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## Chair's Report

Time seems to fly by and once again the LRA newsletter has arrived. It doesn't happen by magic so '*thank you*' to everyone who has been involved and helped to produce the newsletter: the people who have put their time into writing the articles, volunteers you have been out delivering the newsletter to you, and the LRA committee. I would also like to thank our advertisers for their contribution, without their support this Newsletter would not be possible.

Our 2021 annual Healthcheck by the Resident Engagement Team in MK Council confirmed our 'bronze' status. This provides us with funding and access to grants that go towards the printing cost of this Newsletter and the Seasonal Card you received in December.

The missing historical information board was reinstated on The Green, completing a project started in 2019 but delayed by the pandemic. Initially it seemed that the original artwork had been lost, however we found it had survived in leaflet form in the MKC Archaeological department. Together with the Parish Council we then worked with the Parks Trust to accept the reconstituted old design. The Parish Council kindly then arranged the printing and installation. We have also met with the Parks Trust about the replacement of the board that used to be overlooking the fishponds in the equestrian centre, and are investigating options.

As you can read inside we can look forward to a more normal set of spring and summer events, with the Spring Fayre at Loughton Manor School, the Jubilee celebrations and the return of the Scarecrow Trail organised by the Loughton Scouts. It will be great to see people out supporting these events.

The LRA depends on people wanting to get involved so if you can spare a small amount of time it would be great to see you at one of our meetings.

*Rob Wills*

LRA Chair

## **Secretary's Report**

Once again the year continued with COVID- 19 pandemic restrictions, but we have kept up with regular Zoom Meetings and we even managed to get in one person to person meeting at the All Saints Church. Meeting times have been kept short but extended when necessary depending on topics and meeting attendance has been steady. We will consider continuing with a mixture of splitting future meetings between zoom and person to person.

We have a friendly community in Loughton and it's good to see how we all support and share ideas & information via the local Loughton Community Facebook page. This can be in the form of giving away items no longer needed or making us aware of things happening locally. Some of the local area issues are often raised and addressed by the LRA group in collaboration with other local groups.

It has also been wonderful to see beautiful photos of our local fauna and flora, together with the historical pictures that residents have sent to us, when looking for the front of our seasonal card.

Our meetings are open to all residents. Whether you like to be kept aware of local items or getting involved in the local community or simply providing photos of the local area, delivering seasonal cards or newsletters, please come along.

LRA meeting dates, and the resulting minutes are advertised on our LRA Facebook page. If you wish to be added to the mailing list, or have any questions, then please contact me on [secretary.lra.mk@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.lra.mk@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*Andrea*

LRA Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

	<b>2021</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	£
Advertising Revenue 2021 Newsletter no 28	185.00
MK Council Community Grants	1,325.00
Lloyds Bank compensation payment for disrupted service	750.00
	<u>2,260.00</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
To print 2021 Newsletter no 28	770.00
AGM and meeting expenses	20.00
Donations	0.00
To print Christmas card	242.00
Public liability insurance	128.80
Domain name registration	14.39
	<u>1,175.19</u>
 Surplus for the year	 1,084.81
 <b>Balance sheet</b>	
Balance C/fwd at Lloyds Bank	4,673.95
Surplus on the year	1,084.81
Balance at Lloyds Bank at year end	<u>5,758.76</u>

Peter Woodruff  
Treasurer  
January 2022

# **Annual General Meeting**

Loughton Residents' Association

7:30pm – 8:00pm on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

All Saints' Church

## **AGENDA**

1. Review of Minutes of previous AGM
2. Election of Officers
3. Loughton issues
4. Any other business

Followed by a speaker: TBC

Do you have views on any topics that would be of general interest to residents of Loughton? Are you interested in issues concerning Loughton and would like to have a voice?

Everyone who supports the Loughton Residents' Association is a volunteer. If you would like to get a bit more involved we would love to see you.

Committee Members 2021/2022:

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Vice Chair	- Roger Wood	- vicechair.lra.mk@gmail.com
Secretary	- Andrea Phillips	- secretary.lra.mk@gmail.com
Treasurer	- Peter Woodruff	- treasurer.lra.mk@gmail.com

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## **Loughton & Great Holm Parish Council**

### **2021/2022 News**

#### **Introduction**

In May 2021 the Parish Council elected a new chair for the first time in a decade. I would like to introduce myself, Akash Nayee, as the newly elected Chair. I am fortunate to have spent much of my life growing up and living in Loughton, having attended both Loughton Manor and Middle schools. I would like to start by thanking our previous Chair, Peter Todd, in his dedicated service as previous Chair for 10 consecutive years.

In 2020, government restrictions meant the Parish Council could no longer meet in person moving to online remote meetings. These restrictions have now been reversed meaning in-person meetings are now being resumed. The Parish Council have also decided to rotate the venue of future meetings. This means that every other month the council now meet at the Loughton Memorial Hall alongside the regular existing Great Holm Community Centre. We hope this allows residents from both Great Holm and Loughton greater flexibility to attend meetings to raise concerns or discuss any issues they may have and always welcome attendance.

#### **Finance**

The latter stages of the pandemic have continued to have an impact on our Parish finances. Our Finance and Staffing Committee, alongside our Full Council, have spent considerable time in planning and setting our annual budget for the 2022/2023 Council Year. Last year the Council decided to freeze our part of the local Council tax at a 0% rise for the year, utilising our reserves and limiting expenditure to balance the books.

With 2245 Band D properties in the Parish, and a precept requirement of £93,546, the Parish precept has been set at £39.81 per Band D property. This is an increase of £1.85 per annum per band D property from the previous year. The Loughton and Great Holm Parish sets one of the lowest precept rates in Milton Keynes, per household, so we are committed to

continue offering residents good value through landscaping, providing dog bins, local initiatives, future projects and more. Total income for 2022-23 is projected at about £117k. Full details of the budget are available on the Parish website: [www.loughtonandgreatholm-pc.gov.uk](http://www.loughtonandgreatholm-pc.gov.uk)

## **The Loughton Pavilion and Great Holm Community Centre**

The Parish Council owns the Loughton Pavilion, the majority of which is rented out to the Grumpy Cook café. Changing restrictions has led to the café being a bit start-stop however we have continued to work with the café. Westbury Arts Centre have recently installed a variety of artwork into the Grumpy Cook Café in December, making way for a 'rolling exhibition' of work for residents to purchase and enjoy. The Great Holm Pre-School, the main tenant at the Great Holm Community Centre, has also faced challenges and we have tried to be fair and accommodating to enable them to get through the challenges too. The Community Centre is also available to rent out to residents for local classes, workshops and children's parties.

## **Landscaping**

The responsibility for maintaining the landscaping in the MK Council owned public realm within the Parish remains with MK Council. They employ Landscaping Officers to oversee the grass cutting, tree and shrub cutting, and the work is contracted externally to SERCO. The Parish Council work in partnership with MK Council and SERCO in contributing funding for landscaping improvements. In 2022/23 the Parish funding pot is £13,200. We carry out bi-annual landscaping review walks with SERCO in Loughton and in Great Holm where we try to identify improvement need in the local environment. If any residents have ideas or suggestions for further landscaping improvements, we would of course be interested to consider these.

## **AOB**

Along with the provision of dog bins for responsible dog owners to use to keep our parks and green spaces hygienic, the Parish Council has been

busy with other projects with several in the pipeline. A new information board was installed on The Green in Loughton due to the previous one having been vandalized and lost a few years ago. The Loughton Residents' Association worked with MKC Archaeological department to recover and prepare the artwork with the historical information about the area. The Parish Council liaised closely with the LRA and Parks Trust on agreeing the design and then undertook the subsequent printing and installation.

The Parish Council continues to manage and run the two allotments sites, one small one at the end of the churchyard at the top of the hill by All Saints Church, the other bigger and enclosed site at the end of Greenhill Close.

The Council additionally paid for MK Dons Set, MK basketball and Milton Keynes Play Association to provide football, basketball and run activities for children over the summer. In terms of staff, we have hired a waste removal officer whose role is to litter pick around the pitches and footpaths in Loughton. We commissioned a bench installation in Loughton to remember the life and work of HRH Prince Philip, and another in Great Holm at the top of the Common, also a commemorative bench. Bike racks were installed outside the Pavilion.

Some additional more ambitious projects:

- We have applied for grant funding and are hoping to install solar panels on both our venues.
- The Parish Council has been involved in working with MKC to improve safety around the parking measures around schools and will contribute (up to £10k) to MKC parking measures work.
- Defibrillators have also been installed at both buildings.

Please see the business plan for 2022-23 on the website for details of the further projects the Parish Council intends to pursue, and remember to 'like' the Parish Facebook page and 'follow' our twitter.

Akash Nayee, Chair

Loughton and Great Holm Parish Council 30th January 2021

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## **Loughton Manor First School**

***'Building a lifelong love of learning in a safe and happy school'***

Loughton Manor First School serves children aged from three in our Nursery class, up to the age of seven in Year 2. The stages of learning are called the Foundation Stage (3 to 5 yrs) and Key Stage One (5 to 7 yrs). After this, our children move on to junior school. Throughout everything we do, we embed our ethos by creating a thirst for learning through the exciting range of experiences we offer our children.

When I wrote this for the first time last year, I talked about the Pandemic and the impact it has had on school life at Loughton Manor. As I write this again this year, it feels strange to think that we have been through another year of restrictions, remote learning and changes and adaptations. However, things are certainly beginning to return to some sort of 'normality' and we look forward to re-introducing many of the things we have missed within our school community.

Even with all the difficulties faced, we feel so proud of the resilience and determination of our children and families in continuing to strive to work hard and achieve their best. Staff at school have demonstrated their commitment to the children, especially during a period of outbreak last half term, whereby all staff pulled together, often working additional hours, to enable us to remain open.

We are extremely lucky to have such hardworking and committed Governors and in September we welcomed our new Chair of Governors, Paul Hussey. Our thanks go to Sue Tapley, our previous Chair for everything she did to support our school.



Our Friends Committee have continued to support us throughout, often coming up with unusual and inspired ideas for fundraising. Some of these ideas, we will keep! They organised the Halloween Discos which the children really loved, 'Break the Rules!' days and cake sales, Christmas crafts and treats, a Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale, a Coloured Hamper Raffle and our usual well-loved event, the Christmas Shop.



Although once again, we were unable to hold our annual Christmas Carol Concert at Christ the Cornerstone Church, we did host our first 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' event within our school grounds which was well attended. Parents said they enjoyed this event and it enabled us to raise some funds at the same time! After such a magical experience of having Father Christmas' Reindeers visit us last year, Friends committed to paying for this again this year – to add to the magic, Father Christmas himself was able to visit the children on the same day, providing the children with a purely wonderful experience!



We have used the money raised on funding Christmas parties and activities for the children, purchasing new books and we also have plans to build an outside theatre in our playground with musical instruments, where children can enjoy performing and expressing themselves. If you would like to see further information about how our 'Friends of Loughton Manor' support our school or what their money is spent on, please see their website: [www.friendsofloughtonmanor.co.uk](http://www.friendsofloughtonmanor.co.uk)

In January a long serving member of staff Penny Smith officially retired as a teaching assistant and our Daycare Manager. She wasn't quite ready to leave us altogether though and I am pleased to say that she is currently still doing some admin for us.

During last half term we had our annual Expressive Arts Week whereby we focussed on the painting, 'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas' by Claude – Joseph Vernet. During this week we were really excited to welcome staff from Playful Pottery in Shenley Church End who worked with every child in the school to create their own tile based upon the painting. We intend to display these as a whole school piece of art and look forward to seeing them once they have been glazed and fired. We also had a visit from the 'Multistory Theatre Company' who performed the show, 'East of the Sun, West of the Moon'.



Although I started the year being able to host parent show rounds for prospective parents, restrictions in November halted these. If you are interested in seeing what our school has to offer, or would like to find out more about our school, please do visit our website:

<https://www.loughtonmanorschool.co.uk/>

If you have any further questions, please contact me at school on 01908 241472.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniela Thompson'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Daniela Thompson

Headteacher



**LOUGHTON MANOR FIRST  
SCHOOL PRESENTS**

# **Spring Fayre**



**30th April 2022**

**12PM-3PM**

**Loughton Manor First School**





## RIDE HIGH

### The Power of Horses

Despite the challenges the pandemic presented in 2021, Ride High still managed to support 250 vulnerable and disadvantaged children throughout the year. The impact of Covid on children's mental health was clear with children displaying a severe lack of confidence. Having to stay inside for long periods (some in unhappy environments) had caused children to feel isolated and lonely. For all but a few weeks (when local covid cases were particularly high), children visited Ride High every week for the duration of their membership, and we used our horses to build connections with them. As the children learned new skills and developed their knowledge about horses, we witnessed their confidence and self-belief increase and friendships form as horses became a shared interest that they could talk about together. Alongside the horses, our Children's Team were there to encourage, to listen, to support and to help the children to understand their feelings and anxieties, and finally to help them onto a more positive path.



Now in our thirteenth year, we have helped to transform the lives of over 1,700 children and young people in MK. There are lots of ways you can help to make a difference to many more young lives in 2022... Take part in our sponsored Cycle Challenge on 14th August... Become a Ride High volunteer... Sign-up to a holiday activity at the Equestrian Centre (all profits are donated to the Ride High Charity)?... are just a few examples!

For more information please visit: [www.ridehigh.org](http://www.ridehigh.org)



## Thames Valley Police – Loughton update

### Loughton Park Police Team

PCSO Chrissie Capstick, PCSO Poppy Groves and PC Steve Prestige – Loughton Park Neighbourhood Team:

Chrissie, Poppy and Steve are members of the Loughton Park Neighbourhood Team. They police 15 estates across the north of Milton Keynes - from The Bowl, to Loughton Park and estates in-between, all the way to Whitehouse Park and Fairfields. As a team they attend incidents; patrol the neighbourhoods; tackle anti-social behaviour in the area; offer crime prevention advice; work with schools & partner agencies and safeguard vulnerable individuals in our communities.

*January 2022 Crime Report: The area as a whole is typically low in crime however there are spikes from time to time in regards to car crime – in particular attempted thefts and theft from motor vehicles. They are working with the public to offer crime prevention advice and they emphasise the importance of reporting any suspicious activity to the police.*

### Contacting the Police:

If your call is an **EMERGENCY dial 999**.

If you want advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood Police team, please call us on the Police **NON-Emergency number 101** (or 01865 841148) or by email at: [MKNorthCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:MKNorthCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

If you have information about crime or Anti-Social Behaviour in your area, but do not want to speak to the Police, please call **Crimestoppers Charity on 0800 555111**.

Information about your neighbourhood team is available on the TVP website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) .

If you wish to receive free local crime alerts, crime prevention advice and road closure alerts, either join your local Neighbourhood watch scheme at [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) or go to [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) and sign up.



## Loughton School

In the Year 2021-2022...



We are at the mid-way point for another academic year impacted by Covid. Due to the high transmission rate of the new variant and isolation periods leading to high staff absence, we have arguably had the toughest term of all. At Loughton School, we have an amazingly flexible team who continue to go above and beyond for our school family and children with the resilience to cope with change and catch up on any missed learning.



Despite all of this, we have seen renovations to our school library and continued work on our sensory garden area which we hope will be finished by the end of this academic year. To continue promoting active travel, our existing bike shelter was replaced and new bike and scooter pods installed. We have reintroduced clubs, sports competitions, school trips, visits and residential which were greatly missed. We have also continued supporting

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The key roles of Governors are to:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school
- Holding Senior Leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent
- Promote high standards of educational achievement and success
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- Be able to offer around 8 hours of your time each half term
- Be able to challenge and ask questions
- To contribute to the local community

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An informal chat with the Chair of Governors and Clerk will apply and a DBS check.

To apply or request more information please email: Janet Cooper, Clerk to the Governing Body - [cooperj@loughton.school](mailto:cooperj@loughton.school)



## **Loughton Neighbourhood Watch**

Neighbourhood Watch is about people getting together with their neighbours to take action to cut crime.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are community initiatives owned and run by their members. They work by developing a close relationship between community members and the local police.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- help and reassure those who live in the area
- encourage neighbourliness and closer communities

Thames Valley Police are very committed to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes as with residents, the local Police Community Support Officers and police working together; the opportunities for crime to occur can be greatly reduced.

There is crime prevention advice available –  
<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice>

to help reduce your chances of becoming a victim of burglary.

If you and your neighbours are interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme or would like to renew an existing scheme please contact the Watch Liaison Officer:

[MKCommunityWatchCoOrdinator@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:MKCommunityWatchCoOrdinator@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Currently there is a Police Verified scheme in Loughton called “Loughton Village”. This scheme covers part of Bradwell Road, The Green, Clover Close, Meadway, Whitworth Lane & Snaith Crescent.

If you wish to join this scheme then go to the NW website [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) and follow the prompts. Then apply to join the scheme.

## Milton Keynes Council – Resident Engagement Team



The Resident Engagement Team provides opportunities for council tenants, leaseholders, and residents associations in Milton Keynes to get involved, make a difference and influence MKC housing service.

We are developing opportunities, for example we have recently been recruiting council tenants to take part in sessions to have their say, on what they would like to see in the new tenants handbook.

If you would like to register your interest or find out more about getting involved, please contact us on 01908 253148 or [residentengagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:residentengagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

One of the best ways that residents can get involved is by joining their Residents Association. The team is in regular contact with Loughton Residents Association alongside many others across MK, offering support, funding and training opportunities to help them achieve their aims.

We hope to speak to you soon!





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## **Loughton Scarecrow Trail 2022**

### ***Around the World in 80 Scarecrows***

This summer, Loughton will be really going international with an array of scarecrows, of all shapes and sizes, tastefully showcasing many countries from around the world.



Each scarecrow will live in a different garden within the village and everyone will be welcome to visit them, using a trail guide to help them find where the scarecrows are living. Each scarecrow will interpret the trail's 'Around the World in 80 Scarecrows' theme in its own unique way.

These well-travelled scarecrows will arrive in order to celebrate Loughton's (somewhat delayed) fifth, biennial Scarecrow Trail, organised by Loughton Scout Group, working in partnership with All Saint's Church, Loughton Baptist Church, Ride High Equestrian Centre and with several village residents, supported by Loughton Residents' Association and Loughton and Great Holm Parish Council. Loughton's Scarecrow Trail Action Group has already met to plan for the best scarecrow trail ever! Hopefully, the theme for the trail should attract a wide range of creative interpretations to compete with one another for the accolade of 'Supreme Champion'.





Judging will take place on the afternoon of Friday 17th June, and the trail will open to the public at 10.00am on Saturday June 18th, closing at 5.00pm on Sunday 26th June, 2022. We anticipate that entries will be received from a wide range of individuals and families, and from many local organisations. Four local schools, Denbigh School, Loughton School, Loughton Manor First School and The Grove Independent School have once again announced their intention to take part, and the organisers are hoping that the residents of Crane Court will produce yet another splendid

group exhibit. Scarecrow builders have plenty of time to consider their options before entries to the competition close on May 1st, and then to plan and source the necessary materials to create their interpretation of this year's theme.

This summer's trail promises to be a tremendous community effort, brimming with thought, detail and humour. Previous trails have created an incredible feeling of community spirit and many local residents remarked on the friendly atmosphere in the village and how lovely it was to see so many people out and about, enjoying the trail. The event is inclusive of young and old, able and less able, and people of all backgrounds. The organisers are keeping their fingers crossed that good weather will smile upon this year's trail. Do take advantage of the long summer evenings to stroll around the village and view the exhibits. Everyone is most welcome to come and join in the celebrations and to 'follow' the preparations on our Facebook Group, 'Loughton Scarecrow Trail'.





## Volunteer at Loughton Scout Group

Scouting volunteers have adventure, training, fun and friendship



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## Loughton and Great Holm Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

As in every year the NAG check out the planting, rose bushes, streetlights, signs, paths and try to solve any problems in our areas.

We have been checking the lack of bulbs for the last couple of years around three areas by the Obelisk in Great Holm and decided to replant and with the help of volunteers and Nag members planted 1000 bulbs last November. A few were also planted in the NAG flowerbed on Lakeside Green and around the new Prince Philip's seat. Which looks down to the three large river birch trees the NAG has planted previously.



The Bee Hotel near the Grumpy Cook café Loughton also had a repair job, and a patch was dug to plant some bee loving plants by the members and advice from our Parish Council.

Our usual event of litter picks was done over the year, one was part of 'The Keep Britain Tidy' event and the last one was done in Loughton where many signed up to be part of the NAG's Local litter pick warden's scheme.

Another NAG event was to help cut down an overgrown area around the Kam Tong restaurant and to tidy the public paths around it. Many volunteers turned up on the day and after a couple of hours hard work made quite a big difference. A huge thank you goes to all who turned up and to The Parks Trust for providing the gardening tools and Dominic for the refreshments.



The NAG group would not be around without the help and support from our residents, volunteers, litter pick wardens, Parks Trust, MKC, Serco, support and funding from our local Parish Council and wish to thank them all for their help over the past year. If you would like more information or to get involved with the NAG, please contact us through our Facebook page or one of our core members.

Jan Lamsdon

Chair of L&GH NAG

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Girlguiding offers a range of flexible volunteering opportunities (as a leader or making use of your hidden skills in the background) to enable girls and young women to grow in confidence in a safe, girl-only space.

For further information:

Call 0800 1 69 59 01 or visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

For further information about volunteering locally:

Call 07807 021204 or

email [girlguidingmk.info@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:girlguidingmk.info@yahoo.co.uk)

Facebook: Girlguiding Milton Keynes



## Loughton Controlled Parking Zone Update

MK Council's parking team have been working with a group of residents to stop the abuse of the parking scheme, especially where resident's visitor parking permits have been given or sold to commuters to park close to the railway station.

In November 2021 the Council issued an amended TRO (Traffic Regulation Order), TRO-294, to address fraud. It states that 'The Council shall monitor the acquisition and use of parking permits ... and shall, upon discovery of the fraudulent acquisition or use of a parking permit or any other malpractice, ... issue a penalty charge notice and may take such further actions as are available to it against those responsible for the fraud. Such action shall, where the Council considers appropriate, include the prosecution of those alleged to have committed fraud.' The TRO goes on to state that 'fraudulent acquisition and/or use of a parking permit ... may result in prosecution in a court of law and if proven may result in heavy penalties and a criminal record'.

The monitoring of the use of permits and the discovery of fraud is being facilitated by the replacement of paper permits and visitor scratch cards with electronic visitor day vouchers. The Council can run a report and



identify instances of the same vehicle being regularly issued with a visitors' permit and check with the account holder that they are a genuine visitor.

A development promised for the past couple of years and has been delayed is the start of patrols of the ANPR (automatic number plate

recognition) cars. The pilot is ongoing in Central MK with the intention that on its completion they will run in Loughton. Patrols will cover the 9-10am and 5-6pm restricted time slots, Monday to Saturday, to catch cars parking without a permit. More detail of the ANPR trial and how it will operate will be posted on the parking updates page on the Council website.

A copy of TRO-294 is available by post or email, by emailing [mkparking@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:mkparking@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or by calling MK Council.

## LRA Facebook Page

We try to put announcements and meeting details on our Facebook site so please keep visiting and give us a 'Like'.



<https://www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidentsAssociation>



## **Residents of Loughton - Get Involved!**

Do you have any views on local topics that would be of interest to the residents of Loughton?

Are you interested to find out what is happening in your local area?

If the answer is yes, then here are some ways you can get involved!

### **Meetings**

Come along to the LRA meetings – all Loughton Residents are welcome. We meet every few months at All Saints Church and discuss all the current local issues & events.

### **Facebook**

For updates on meeting times & more, please go to our LRA Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidentsAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidentsAssociation)

or the Loughton Community (Milton Keynes) Facebook page:

www. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2175383349439749/>

### **Minutes**

If you wish to receive the meeting minutes, or be added to our mailing list, please get in touch via the Secretary email address.

### **Contact Details:**

Chair	Rob Wills	<a href="mailto:chair.lra.mk@gmail.com">chair.lra.mk@gmail.com</a>
Vice Chair	Roger Wood	<a href="mailto:vicechair.lra.mk@gmail.com">vicechair.lra.mk@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Peter Woodruff	<a href="mailto:treasurer.lra.mk@gmail.com">treasurer.lra.mk@gmail.com</a>
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## **Denbigh pays tribute to CEO of Denbigh Alliance Trust**

Students and staff have been paying tribute to Andy Squires our much-respected CEO of the Denbigh Alliance Trust and former Head of Denbigh, who died in January after a short illness, aged 51. Andy gave almost 20



years of dedicated service to the Denbigh Community. In his roles of Deputy Head, then Headteacher of Denbigh and latterly as CEO of the Denbigh Alliance Trust, he had a positive impact on thousands of students' lives. He worked tirelessly to provide the highest quality of education, care and opportunity to every one of those students. Andy and his uncompromising and

principled approach to education has been the driving force behind the Denbigh community for many years and he will be deeply missed by everyone who had the pleasure of working with him.

Carrying on Andy's legacy it has been a year full of education, care and opportunity for our students. 60 Year 7 students 'planted a tree for the jubilee' to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations through the Woodland Trust's 'The Queen's Green Canopy Scheme'. We chose Year 7 students as they have the best opportunity to see the trees grow during their time with us and to see our very own green canopy flourish.

Year 9 DT students were inspired by a visit to Niftylift to take part in a 'Women in Engineering Event' where they found out about career paths available within the field of engineering and the work undertaken at Niftylift. Year 9 DT students also joined 5000 students from across the country in the Sustainable Futures Virtual Escape Room Challenge where they had to answer questions on sustainability to find clues to escape the room.

We launched our 'Cards of Kindness' scheme to recognise acts of kindness carried out by students across the school. The scheme is in line with our values of being 'kind & respectful, engaged & doing no harm' and it has proved popular with students and teachers alike.

Our Microsoft Showcase School status was renewed for the 2021 – 22 academic year. We are one of only 53 schools in the UK to have this prestigious status.

Our 2022 STEM Lecture Programme was well received with seven free on-line lectures given by STEM Ambassadors from top academic establishments and organisations. The programme was offered to all students in MK and the local community and videos of the lectures can be accessed via the School's website [www.denbigh.net](http://www.denbigh.net).

Dr Andrea Frame, Head of School



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In the early days the meetings were held in Shenley Village it wasn't until about 1974 that they started to use the Memorial Hall, 44 Bradwell Road, Loughton, MK5 8AJ and where today they still meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm.

Every Month we are entertained by either a craft afternoon or a Speaker on various topics from history to keep fit exercises. Unfortunately 2021 was very difficult as we all had to obey the Covid rules and were unable to meet but once rules relaxed slightly we all met outside at the Grumpy Cook Café, Loughton for huge slices of cake and tea.

The Buckinghamshire Federation WI celebrated its 100+ 1 birthday with a large garden party at Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury, it was postponed in 2020, and was attended by WI members from all over Buckinghamshire, There were a number of entertaining things going on including a scarecrow competition and a magician.

September saw us starting up our meetings again in Loughton village with the YMCA giving an interesting insight to their work with troubled youths.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to call the President on 01908 526242 or our Secretary on 01908 593244.

Mary Smith

(Secretary) Shenleys and Loughton WI

## **Platinum Jubilee Flower and Cake Festival**

All Saints' Loughton will host a Flower and Cake Festival throughout the long weekend, Thursday, June 2 - Sunday, June 5, 2022, to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's reign. The church will welcome visitors between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on all four days. Light refreshments will be available.

A notable achievement of the Queen's reign is surely Neil Armstrong's and Buzz Aldrin's moon-walk on July 20, 1969. The Berlin Wall was torn down on 9th November, 1989. In 1994, Nelson Mandela was elected South Africa's first president. London hosted the Summer Olympics in 2012. Any of these would make amazing subjects for a floral display. A moment's thought will bring others to mind.

Inspiration can be taken from the fact that the Queen's favourite flower is lily-of-the-valley. Roses are everyone's favourite. Bougainvillea, white orchids, and gardenias were the flowers of choice in the 1950s. Throughout the 1960s and 70s, carnations, chrysanthemums, daisies, lilies and gladiolas were popular. During the 1980s, everything was 'big', including cascading, luscious floral arrangements. Today's floral choices celebrate native British flowers.

Our Festival would not be complete without a Battenberg Cake. Lemon Drizzle was first made in 1967. Black Forest Gateau proved a taste sensation in the 1970s and 1980s. In the 1990, Delia's Chocolate Truffletorte caused the nation to run out of liquid glucose. Chocolate Cake is still the most popular cake today. Which cake would you choose to epitomise Queen Elizabeth's reign?

So, flower arrangers and cake bakers of Loughton, ASL needs YOU! Floral displays that celebrate a proud moment from the Queen's reign will be welcomed, as will cakes made to favourite recipes. For further details please contact Julianne on 01908 696072 or [j.hanson@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:j.hanson@ucl.ac.uk).

## All Saints' Church, Loughton

We're back in our buildings! What a crazy couple of years this has been. The pandemic certainly challenged us, and it is impressive to see how people have risen to meet that challenge. While it was the safe action to take to close our buildings, we are now back on site every week. We offer two morning services on a Sunday, our 8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion, and 10am Morning Service, with Communion at this service on the second and fourth week of the month. We're also very pleased we can now welcome people into All Saints' for their baptism or wedding. Do be in touch if this is something you've been putting off.

One of the things we learned during lockdown was the ability to offer services online. We're still offering Night Prayer every Sunday at 8pm. This is on Facebook Live and then on our YouTube channel (Watling Valley Partnership) for those who prefer it later. This is an open invitation to join in as and when you please. This short devotional service is led by different people every week who share with us a few moments of encouragement and quiet prayer, each offering quite different and unique. We're also exploring how to continue our Sunday services online. Watch this space.

I expect you've heard our bells are ringing again. We're delighted that Gary (Tower Captain) and team of bell ringers are again able to ring together. We welcomed several new ringers into the team before lockdown, and there is space for more. If this is something you've wondered about, please get in touch and we'll be pleased to arrange an introduction.

Do be looking out for the scarecrow trail this year. While we at All Saints' are not organizing the event, we'll be taking part and our plan is to be offering refreshments at church – restrictions permitting. We're also planning an event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Watch our Facebook page and our website for more information.

While all our usual activities are not yet in place – we’re still being careful – be sure of our continuing prayers for all the people of Loughton and the Watling Valley, no matter your circumstances. If you’d like to join us for coffee on a Saturday morning from 10am till about 11am (on Zoom from home), or find out more about our regular and continuing activities, please check the Watling Valley Partnership website [www.watlingvalley.org.uk](http://www.watlingvalley.org.uk) . If you’d like to speak to a minister or know more about All Saints’ please contact me by email on [barry.lotz@watlingvalley.org.uk](mailto:barry.lotz@watlingvalley.org.uk) or by phone on 01908 33 6885. If you’d like to contact our Church Wardens, they are David Thom ([david.id.thom@gmail.com](mailto:david.id.thom@gmail.com)) and John Rowcroft-James ([john@wvcp.org](mailto:john@wvcp.org)). You can also find out about all our activities by phoning our administrator, Liz Morris in our Partnership office (Monday to Friday 9:30 to 11am) on 01908 50 4452. You can also follow us on twitter [@WatlingValley](https://twitter.com/WatlingValley) and you can follow us on Facebook to see what’s happening.

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