

Hanslope Parish Council

March 2009 Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for kindly allowing us space in their Newsletter. So, what have we been up to since collecting all your returned questionnaires at the end of October 2008?

We have set up a WEBSITE which is now live and you can visit at: www.hanslope.org.uk

We have been kept very busy reading and collating all your responses and comments. The key issues which have emerged are.....surprise! surprise!.....

Speed and volume of traffic at peak times
Problem of dog poo.

We have carried out some monitoring of the first. You may have seen 'Dick of Damascus' strategically parked and tallying the traffic flow! Other issues on which many feel strongly are:

General appearance and care of the village.
Improving facilities for all ages.
Parking issues.

Most think the number and variety of shops is acceptable or better. One person's solution can be another person's problem i.e.

"It would be good to have a bakery and possibly a Café."

"An extra 1 or 2 shops....in High St./ Gold St. and Long St.."

"More shops would mean more parking problems."

However, there was a unanimous response in wanting to KEEP THE POST OFFICE.

WHAT NEXT?

Currently we are working on putting together the Plan Document which we aim to complete by Easter 2009. It will be made available on the website and a summary sheet will be delivered to each household. For those of you who do not have access to the internet, hard copies of the full plan will be available for a token charge.

Finally THANK YOU to all who returned questionnaires. All the information, ideas and opinions expressed in your detailed comments have been enormously helpful and illuminating.

WATCH THIS SPACE.....



THAMES VALLEY POLICE

**Local police information at your fingertips –
Milton Keynes**

Would you like to receive free crime alerts and information from Thames Valley Police direct to your mailbox?

For several years the Force has operated a messaging system known as Ringmaster in support of formal watch schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch, Pub Watch, Country Watch and Business Watch.

People who sign up for the service will receive emails about burglaries and crime trends in their areas, crime reduction advice, information about the police force and numbers to call, appeals for witnesses – all specific to the areas in which they live or work.

Helen Sharratt, Watch coordinator at Thames Valley Police said: "The aim of these messages is to raise awareness and make people more vigilant. For example, if we had a spate of distraction burglaries in a certain area, we can warn people what to look out for through this system and help stop anyone else becoming a victim. It can also be used to provide feedback regarding suspicious behaviour and it is a brilliant way for the police to work more closely with the community in preventing and detecting crime."

If you have not signed up to the system, it is quick and easy and you will start to receive messages almost immediately.

To find out more about this free service and to sign up online visit

www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org and click on apply, or email Helen Sharratt at helen.sharratt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Milton Keynes Communications Team 01908 686300

Woodlands Children's Centre

Woodlands Children's Centre, based at Hanslope Primary School, is now running a Dad's & Kids Group, for children aged 0 -5 years, on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10am until noon.

For more information on this and other sessions please contact Michelle on 07534960124 or Jackie on 07947 316 370.

M.K.C. Vehicle Removal

Milton Keynes Council will remove unwanted, damaged or un-roadworthy vehicles from outside peoples' homes for FREE.

To arrange a collection from the council, complete our Abandoned Vehicle Removal Form, e-mail us on abandoned.vehicles@milton-keynes.gov.uk or call 01908 252277.

You will need to make sure you have the V5 log book for the vehicle.

You can also use this e-mail address and phone number to report an abandoned vehicle.

M.K.C. Heritage Cycle Trails

All trails highlight the heritage sites of interest and areas of natural beauty. The intention in the much longer term, is to have proper sign boards giving information and route-finding along the Redway routes. If you would like copies of the trail leaflets, please e-mail heritage@milton-keynes.gov.uk or telephone Deborah Saunders on 01908 253884.

Rural West Neighbourhood Action Group (N.A.G.)

(Villages of Hanslope, Castlethorpe and Haversham).

To all dog owners:

If you own a dog, it is down to you to clean up after it.

Fact: Dog faeces may contain worms that can cause serious eye disorders in adults and children. The N.A.G. has obtained a supply of free dog waste bags. If you wish to obtain some of these free bags, please contact the Clerk of the Council on 01908 290 459.

M.K.C. wardens, who are working as part of the N.A.G. will be patrolling within the

neighbourhood and will be issuing fixed penalty notices (£50) to dog owners who do not clear up after their dogs. Offenders – there are still a good number within the parish, please join the ranks of the caring and considerate dog owners who always BAG IT, TIE IT, BIN IT.

Allotments

There are still allotments available.

If interested in going green, please contact the Clerk of the Council.

Open Meeting

The next Open Council Meeting will take place on Monday 20th April at 8pm in the Village Hall. All Parishioners are cordially invited to attend.

The Recreation Ground

We would like to remind everyone that within the Rec., dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. There is a notice to this effect, but unfortunately, there are still those amongst us who ignore this ruling. The dog wardens have been informed.



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