



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

This is an evolving real-time situation, so it is important to understand the most up to date advice. The Parish Council encourages everyone to follow the advice from the NHS daily updates which can be found on their website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

The Parish Council have taken the decision to close its office to the public from 18th March. This is to protect its staff and members of the public. However, staff will continue to work their normal hours and can be contacted via email: [theparishclerk@bartonleclay.co.uk](mailto:theparishclerk@bartonleclay.co.uk) or telephone: 01582 883990. In line with Government advice, our play areas at Norman Road and Arnold Recreation Ground including the fitness equipment are currently closed.

As a community, we will all be aware of neighbours, friends and family members who may be vulnerable and at risk, as well as lonely. Please consider the following to help:

- **Follow the advice.** Although the measures being introduced may seem restrictive, it is important to follow the national advice. If you feel ill, visit the website above and go from there.

- **Pick up the phone.** A daily check on people can not only help with ensuring safety and if necessary medical intervention, it can be a real boost for mental health. As this situation develops, boredom and isolation can kick in, so it's **important to talk**.

- **Make a note of your own requirements.** In the event that you may be isolated or in need of medical assistance, it is important that anyone intervening can understand your health situation. Write down any allergies, medication requirements, underlying health conditions etc. and place them somewhere visible, or share with a neighbour or family member.

We are aware that some of the most vulnerable members of our community do not have access to social media, so please spread the word where possible.

In the event that you, or anyone you know within the village, needs some help and does not have anyone who they can call on, please contact **Barton Helping Hands on 07855 070074**



## LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

The timescale for Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Plan has been pushed back whilst CBC provide the additional information requested by the independent Planning Inspectors. The next public consultation is due to begin in September and the final decision is expected in April 2021. You can keep up-to-date by visiting CBC's dedicated Local Plan web pages

[https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/45/planning\\_policy/468/local\\_plan\\_-\\_overview](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/45/planning_policy/468/local_plan_-_overview)

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## COUNCIL TAX - THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PRECEPT 2020/21

Annual Parish Budget 2020/21: £174,895, Council Tax (Band D): £89.10  
Increase on 2019/20: £2.35 (2.7%)

A copy of the Annual Report for 2019/20 detailing the work the Parish Council has undertaken in the past year will be available on our website. Paper copies will be available from the Parish Office and Library once restrictions have been lifted.

The Annual Governance & Accountability Return for 2019/20 will be available to view on our website / Parish office from 12th June - 24th July (subject to change, depending on the current lockdown restrictions).

## HELP BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE REDUCE CRIME IN YOUR AREA

To help the Police tackle crime in our area, it is important that residents report the incident on the Police's non-emergency number **101** or email [alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](mailto:alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk). It is also useful if crime is reported by several people so it highlights the problem and it can be investigated. Don't assume someone else has reported it!  
Don't forget to register for alerts at [www.bedsalert.co.uk](http://www.bedsalert.co.uk).



## ZIP WIRE PROJECT

Following feedback on the current play equipment in the village and the lack of facilities for our youth, we are looking to install a zip wire in Arnold Recreation Ground. To help fund the project, we have applied for a grant and are waiting to hear whether our application has been successful. We hope to have the zip wire installed later in the year, subject to the current restrictions. We'll keep you updated on progress!



**Need A  
Helping Hand ?**



**BARTON  
HELPING HANDS**

**07855 070074  
9am to 9pm**

Voluntary organisation  
Transport, Shopping, Small Jobs

## GLASS WARE IN THE Burial Ground

Now that grass cutting is underway we would like to remind you that glass ware is not permitted in the burial ground.

This is to protect our contractors and ensure safe working.



## VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

**Stay At Home Street Party!  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Decorate your house Red, White and Blue and enjoy a picnic whilst social-distancing in your front garden

Commemorate the end of WW2 by celebrating with your household and neighbours



## CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

It is an offence to allow a dog, which you are responsible for, to foul and not clear it up immediately when in a public place. Don't forget to clean up after your pet, the maximum fine for failing to do so is £1,000



### \*\*\* REVISED DATE\*\*\*\*

This year's Horticultural Show  
Is planned to take place on  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
**GET PLANTING NOW!**

## Great British Spring Clean Rescheduled date

Due to Cov-19 Keep Britain Tidy took the decision to postpone this year's Great British Spring Clean until September. The new dates will be 11<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020.



## CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL USEFUL CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Main switchboard	0300 300 8000
Customer services	0300 300 8301
Highways	0300 300 8049
Waste/Recycling	0300 300 8307
Planning	0300 300 8035
Blue badge scheme	0300 300 8308
Bus passes	0300 300 8302
Anti-social behaviour	0300 300 8302
Council tax	0300 300 8306



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