



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

May proved to be a busy month with the local elections taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> May and the Coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Whilst the Parish Council election was uncontested, two new Councillors were elected to represent Barton and Silsoe Wards at Central Bedfordshire Council.

The Parish Council currently has 11 serving members with 2 vacancies. Parish Councillors are unpaid and give their time freely for the benefit of the Village. If you would like to join us, we'd love to have you on board. For more details on what the role entails please contact the Parish Clerk.

On 15<sup>th</sup> May the Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall. This meeting is an opportunity for residents to find out what the Parish Council has been doing over the year, the priorities for the coming year and to raise any concerns you may have. For those who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, a paper copy of the Annual Report is available from the Parish Office and our website (<https://bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk/annual-reports/>).

Councillor Jonathan Paxton was elected Chairman of the Parish Council and Councillor Nick Day elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year. Full Council meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (excludes August) and committee meetings held on subsequent Mondays as required.



## New Road Safety Signs for Ramsey Manor Lower School PTA



The Parish Council recently supported Ramsey Manor Lower School PTA by donating these road safety signs. Hopefully they will deter drivers from parking irresponsibly outside the school and putting the safety of children at risk.

We will continue to work with the Schools and Central Beds Council Highways team to try and improve the safety for pedestrians and residents around the area for the future.



## Join us at BARTON VILLAGE SHOW

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**  
**Village Hall, Hexton Road**

Show Entries to be staged between  
9am – 12 noon

General Entry from 2pm

**. STALLS . REFRESHMENTS . RAFFLE .  
. AUCTION OF PRODUCE .**

**. SPEAK TO YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY  
SAFETY OFFICERS . FIRE SERVICE.  
STREET WATCH .**

## Fix My Street

You can log problems with roads, pavements, signs, lighting, etc. online or via the 'FixMyStreet' App  
<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

If you can, remember to take a photograph of the problem to upload with your report.



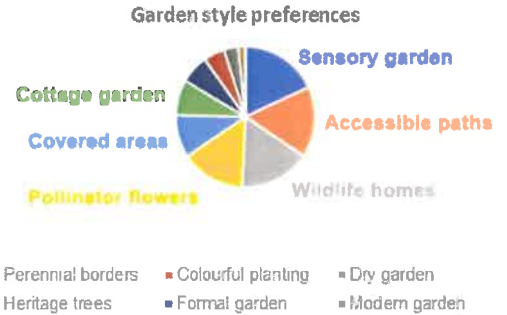
## Barton-le-Clay Coronation Community Garden

This collaboration between Blooming Barton, the Rotary Club of Barton-le-Clay and the Parish Council was launched at the Coronation Celebration event on 8<sup>th</sup> May with the aim of creating a community garden near to the Doctors' Surgery and adjacent to the Village Hall. The objectives are to establish a wellbeing garden for community members including the public and those in receipt of social prescribing by the doctors.

Members of the public gave their thoughts on what the garden should look like and clearly indicated that preferences are for sensory, accessibility, wildlife homes / pollinator flowers, covered areas, i.e., a cottage garden style. There were also many offers of help ranging from design expertise to construction and ongoing maintenance.

Following this successful launch, the partners are now progressing with: fund raising, seeking further assistance from local businesses and design, which will hopefully lead to construction later this year with an opening during Spring 2024.

For further information, and if you wish to get involved, please contact the Parish Clerk.



## CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES



Barton-le-Clay Parish Council  
**NEEDS YOU!**  
 MAKE A CHANGE  
 BECOME A COUNCILLOR

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT:  
[thepanshclerk@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:thepanshclerk@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk)

## Vital Maintenance at the Luton Road Sports Field

Barton is fortunate and very proud to offer 9 football pitches for hire which are utilized by our Youth Teams, Barton Rovers FC and Sunday League adult teams. To ensure that the pitches remain in good condition, we invest funds and the Groundsmen's time to reseed, fertilise and water the pitches so they are ready for play in September. An essential part of this work is to close off the Sports Field whilst it is being carried out to allow the new seed time to germinate.

Despite signage and barriers at all entrances we are disappointed to see that some dog walkers are still gaining access to the field. It is even more concerning that dogs are being let off-lead resulting in an increase in dog mess on the pitches and surrounding areas. Dog mess on the pitches is a constant issue and poses a health risk as well as being a Public Order Offence. We would remind you that it is an offence to let a dog off lead on a marked-out sports field and the fine can be up to £1,000.

Our Groundsmen work very hard to keep the pitches in good condition for users, this dedication and for going above and beyond was recently recognized at Barton Youth FC's recent Awards Presentation.



**Dogs must be kept on a lead on all marked sports pitches.**  
 It is an offence not to keep your dog on a lead in these designated areas. You could be fined £1,000.  
 To report this offence call 0300 300 8302.  
 A great place to live and work.

