



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BARTON-LE-CLAY REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

The Annual Remembrance Sunday service will take place at the War Memorial on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

Uniformed organisations and parishioners are asked to **congregate at the War Memorial, Hexton Road from 10.40am. The Act of Remembrance will begin at 10.54am** followed by the parade to St Nicholas Church for their service.

*All Welcome*

### ADVANCE NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE & PARADE 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

Please note that temporary Road Closures will be in place between **10.30am – 11.30am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**, to allow the Remembrance Sunday Service and parade to St Nicholas Church to take place safely.

**Roads affected:** Hexton Road from the junction with Manor Road (including all adjoining roads) to the Luton Road junction.

Luton Road from the Sports Field entrance to Hexton Road.

Bedford Road from Hexton Road to Sharpenhoe Round including the slip road.

### NEW BENCH FOR THE WAR MEMORIAL AREA

We are pleased to have taken delivery of a new 'themed' bench for the War Memorial area recently.

The bench represents the First and Second World Wars and is part of ongoing improvements, which began with restoring the lettering of the names of the fallen in 2019.



### HELP BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE REDUCE CRIME IN YOUR AREA

We often receive comments and frustrations from residents regarding the lack of Policing in Barton. In recent months the Parish Council has met with the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner and the local Community Policing Team to raise residents' concerns and see what can be done.



**SEE IT.  
SAY IT.  
SORTED.**

The verified monthly crime figures for Barton are very low which could indicate that, crime is not an issue or, that it is not being reported. The Police have limited resources available, and officers will be deployed to the areas where crime is known to be taking place.

At present Barton is not showing as a 'hot spot' so it is really important that **ALL** incidents are reported to the Police on the non-emergency number 101 or by using the online chat facility <https://www.beds.police.uk/>

**NEVER ASSUME THAT SOMEONE ELSE HAS REPORTED IT**, the more reports received will result in highlighting the issue to the Police. **SEE IT. SAY IT. SORTED.**





## Are You Interested In Growing Your Own Fruit & Veg?

We have allotments available to let NOW  
Parking and water on site

For more details contact the Parish Council Office:  
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Website: [www.bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk)



### BARTON VILLAGE SHOW

We were pleased to hold the Village Show in July after a break of 3 years and to be able to make a donation of £116.50 to Tibbs Dementia Foundation from the raffle proceeds

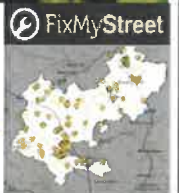
The committee are considering next year's Village Show and would like to hear from YOU!

If you have any ideas on the event and its content, please email them to:

[s.cowie@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:s.cowie@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk) or pop in the office

### 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.



## 12-week suspension of garden waste collections

Central  
Bedfordshire

Please  
Share!

4 Dec 2023 - 23 Feb 2024

### PLAY EQUIPMENT UPDATE

We often read views on social media regarding the play equipment in Barton. Some views are that the offering is poor and ask why the Parish Council do not install more exciting equipment.

Unlike neighbouring Parishes, Barton has been fortunate that there has been very little new housing development due to its location in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Conservation Area and surrounded by Green Belt. However, this means that there is no additional funding available from Developers for the village.

Many of the parishes, compared with Barton have seen development and are likely to have benefited from Developer contributions for things such as infrastructure, leisure, roads, doctors etc. This contribution made by Developers is known as Section 106 money. In areas, such as Barton, where development has been low, there is little or no Section 106 money available to us to fund projects such as new play equipment.

You will be aware of the proposed development east of the Village (Higham Road) with up to 500 houses. This development will provide some Section 106 money for use on improving roads, schools, doctors etc, but we have been advised that there will be no contributions for the existing play areas as the new development will provide its own.

In your Council Tax bill, a small portion is paid to the Parish Council to provide the services it is responsible for – *Burial Ground, maintenance of the closed Churchyard St Nicholas Church, Allotments, Sports Field and Pavilion, Bus Shelters, Benches, and the Norman Road and Arnold Recreation Ground.*

Each year we set aside money for projects. The zip wire cost nearly £10,000 to install and whilst we have funds building for new equipment, it does take some time to build sufficient funds. In addition to the council tax contribution, we rely on successful grant applications however these often require match funding, meaning that we have to have as much money saved as possible.

In the past 6 years, in Arnold Recreation Ground, the Parish Council has replaced the swings, sections of the safety surfacing, removed the stockade, installed a new basket swing and zip wire and S106 money, which had been earmarked for outdoor sport, was used to fund the table tennis table.

Unfortunately, there was a setback this summer when, following the annual RoSPA safety checks, it was found that several pieces of equipment, including the zip wire, needed repair which was beyond the expected budget. The Committee are keen to bring in new equipment to our play areas and are working towards building the savings pot (Ear Mark Reserve) and grant opportunities in the coming years.