



PARISH NEWSLETTER



BARTON-LE-CLAY REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

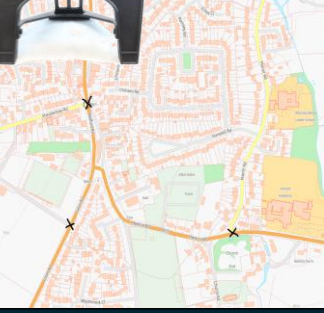


The Annual Remembrance Sunday service will take place at the War Memorial on **Sunday 9th November 2025**.

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*



TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE & PARADE - SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2025



PLEASE NOTE THAT TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES WILL BE IN PLACE BETWEEN **10.30AM – 11.30AM ON SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER** TO ALLOW THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE AND PARADE TO ST NICHOLAS CHURCH TO TAKE PLACE SAFELY.

Roads affected are: 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 and Bedford Road from Hexton Road to Sharpenhoe Road Roundabout including the slip road and off shoot roads.

Why has a fence been installed at the Luton Road Sports Field?

You will have noticed that new fencing has recently be installed at the Luton Road Sports Field. We understand that this is not a popular decision for everyone, but it follows continued issues of antisocial behaviour, drug dealing/taking, dogs off lead and fouling not being picked up. These have been an issue for many years, and we have tried to tackle them by engaging with users, displaying signage regarding the rules and public order offence relating to dog fouling not being picked up.

Our staff, Bedfordshire Police and Central Beds Councils Community Support Officers have engaged with users but sadly some have chosen to ignore the rules and there has been verbal abuse and threats made to staff.

Although the area has been used by some dog walkers, it is a Sports Field and not a public recreation space or right of way. The cost of the fencing has been met from income rather than public funds and installation was completed inhouse and with volunteers rather than by an outside contractor to minimise the cost.

It is sad that this action has had to be taken but we hope you will understand the reasons. Dog walkers are still able to use the access road which runs along the Sports Field as well as the Recreation Ground, the hills, neighbouring pathways, grass verges and public rights of way.

Your Village Needs You!



Be extraordinary - become a Parish Councillor

Would you like to:

- Make a difference to local people's lives?
- Give something back to your community?
- Help shape change for the benefit of your village?

Make a change, become a Councillor

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT:
theparishclerk@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk
Call us on 01582 883990 or pop into the Parish Office,
1 Windsor Parade, Windsor Road

What your Parish Council does for You

The Parish Council is responsible for the following facilities for the Village:

- providing and maintaining **Recreation Facilities** at Arnold Recreation Ground & Norman Road Play Area
- promoting sustainability by overseeing 92 **Allotment** plots
- supporting grass roots football and fitness, providing 9 football pitches and a pavilion with 6 changing and referees rooms at the **Luton Road Sports Field**
- upkeep of the Village street scene, maintaining the **Bus Shelters** & pockets of land under Parish Council ownership, including management of trees and hedgerows
- influencing the future of the Village environment through developing a **Neighbourhood Plan** for Barton and consulting on planning applications
- maintaining the **Burial Ground** and looking after the closed churchyard of **St Nicholas Church**
- custodianship and upkeep of the **War Memorial** area & organising the annual Remembrance Sunday service & events
- responding to vandalism and littering, providing bins, keeping the Village a pleasant place to be
- creating policies and managing resources to use precept funds for the greatest benefit of the Village including awarding small grants to local organisations

Central Bedfordshire Council are responsible for:

- **Highway maintenance:** potholes, resurfacing, drainage, street lighting and road safety
- **Waste Management:** emptying village general and dog waste bins, dealing with fly-tipping, removing graffiti
- **Environmental stewardship:** maintenance of verges, trees, hedges and footpaths on CBC owned land

To report issues with any of the above, please use <https://www.fixmystreet.com> in the first instance or contact CBC via <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/>

Any instances of antisocial or criminal behaviour can be reported via

<https://www.beds.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/> calling 101 / 999 in an emergency

Ever thought about having an allotment?

Allotments are not just for growing fruit, vegetables & flowers
They offer Wellbeing Too!



Spending time on your plot is a fantastic way to enjoy the fresh air, surrounded by nature. It helps to keep you active and is a good stress reliever too.

By becoming a plotholder you'll be joining the Allotment Community with likeminded people. You could even learn a little more about horticulture and share your knowledge!

There are currently a number of vacant plots of varying sizes ready to let to new tenants. You do not have to live in the village to apply but must be able to maintain your plot in line with the Tenancy Agreement.

For more details contact Suzanne Cowie at the Parish Office
Email: s.cowie@bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk
Telephone: 01582 883990 or pop in
1 Windsor Parade, Windsor Road Barton-le-clay, MK45 4NA



Councillor Surgery

Want to know what's happening in Your Community? Have a question for your Parish or Central Beds Ward Councillors?

Come along and say hello and meet the people who represent you at Barton Library, Saturday 22nd November from 10am – 12 noon



Meet the Team

In August we were sad to say goodbye to our part-time Groundsman, Ian Nicholls who has moved onto a new venture. Many will know Ian from the Sports Field, and we thank him for his hard work and dedication to provide a fantastic facility for youth football.

Two new Parish Rangers, Phil Horton and Simon Jennings, have taken on the challenge and have joined the team working alongside John and Jim. They are sharing the responsibility as weekend caretakers at the Pavilion plus carrying out other essential jobs around the village.

We are fortunate to have such dedicated staff so if you see them out and about, carrying out the many duties they undertake for the Village, please say hello!

