

What are your children doing after school?

It seems that some of them are breaking into the sheds and greenhouses on the allotments and creating damage. Due to the debris left behind, it would appear that at least some of this mindless behaviour is due to drugs.

We know that there are lots of lovely young people in the village, but there are a few who spoil it for the rest of the residents. Please know where your children are, and what they are doing for their own safety as well as saving the destruction of the hard work of our allotment holders



Village Spring Clean 6th April 2019

Brush off the cobwebs, burn some calories, and come and help pick litter across the village!

Equipment will be available at the Parish Office, behind the Scout Hut on Church Lane, and will be open from 10am to 1pm.

Let's make Sharnbrook a village to really be proud of!



Have you spotted it yet?

Please have a walk through the Castle Close Wildlife & Heritage Site, and see our newly installed totem pole. Two wood carvers collaborated to create the sculpture which depicts some of the invertebrates (bugs!) we know are on the Site. How many can you identify?

It took a tipper truck and 10 men to get the 1 tonne oak log onto the Site and into the hole our Volunteers had prepared earlier! And it has been funded by a grant from the Borough Council via the Ward Councillors Fund. Go and have a look!



Contact the Parish Council

You can contact the Parish Council via the Clerk at:-

The Parish Office on Tuesdays, 10.30-12-30

Email sharnbrookpc@gmail.com

Phone 01234 782827 - answer machine

Or by appointment

Via Twitter - @sharnbrookpc

Via Instagram - sharnbrookpc

Via Facebook - Sharnbrook Parish Council



Carers Together (formerly Activi-Tea)

Is for anyone who cares for someone who may have dementia or some other condition. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm in the Methodist Church, Park Lane. You are welcome to come with or without the person you care for. For more information contact the group's Co-ordinator, Linda Hoar 07791214148 lindahoar@hotmail.co.uk

Just Ask Village Agents

Update from your JUST ASK! Village Agent Lydia

This is a free and confidential service carried out by DBS checked individuals and funded by Bedford Borough Council

- Free purse bells to secure your purse whilst out and about
- Free nightlights to help you navigate safely around your home at night
- Free security timers to turn the lights on when you are not at home
- Free 'handy reachers' to pick up objects if you have mobility problems
- Free jar openers if your hands lack strength
- Do you have forms that need filling in and don't know where to start?
- Would you benefit from a free security check from the Police?

For information and support on these and any other issues, please come and JUST ASK!

Freephone: 0800 039 1234 Please leave your full name, address and contact number, we work part time and aim to get back to you within 48 hours.

Dates for your Diary

The next Bulky Waste Collection will be on the weekend of 15th and 16th June. Locations will be posted nearer the time, but are not expected to change from previous years.

The Autumn collection has not yet been agreed but a date of 19th and 20th October has been requested, this will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Sharnbrook Parish Council Newsletter

January 2019

Forthcoming Elections—2nd May 2019

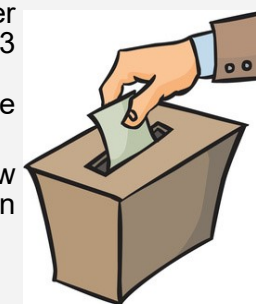
Along with other local elections, such as local Councillors, Mayor of Bedford and one or two local by-elections, this is the year that Parish Councillors for Sharnbrook are also up for election. Nominations open on 26th March 2019.

There are 13 seats to be filled, and in order to be eligible, the basic qualifications are at least one of the following:-

- Be a registered Local Government Elector
- Live in the Parish or within 4.8km of the boundary for 12 months or more whether owning or renting land or property.
- Your main place of work is in the Parish and has been for 12 months or more.
- Not be disqualified by bankruptcy.
- No conviction for fraud or other crime having a sentence of 3 months or more.

Why not give it a go and be part of the first tier of local government?

Contact the Clerk if you wish to know more, or to obtain your application form. (see back page for details)



Please Park Prettily

There are areas of the village where people seem to consider that they can park illegally and without taking into account the needs of local residents, pushchair and wheelchair users, and even other drivers. This applies to EVERYONE, not just other people!

It's always an offence to cause an obstruction when you park, irrespective of any lines/signs there. And if you park within 10 metres of a junction then you are causing unnecessary obstruction. Can other drivers see?

If you park on the pavement and you force someone to walk into oncoming traffic, you are causing an unnecessary obstruction. What if there is an accident? We don't want to have to put double yellows all over the village, so please help us to help you by not breaking the law.

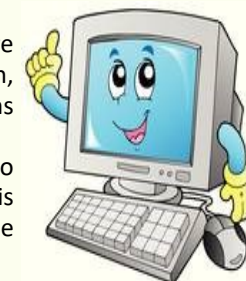


SHARNBROOK ONLINE!

Have you checked out the new Sharnbrook Village website lately? Now mobile and tablet friendly, sharnbrookonline.co.uk has changed, please check out all the local activities available across the village!

For example, our lively Learning for Pleasure Group has lots of different activities going on, and the latest timetable and application forms are available there.

Do let us know if you see anything that needs to be updated or included! We all know that this is a great village, let's make sure everyone else does too!



Advance Notice

—Sharnbrook Annual Parish Meeting— Skelton Cup Nominations needed!

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, Park Lane. Please send your nominations for the Skelton Cup to the Clerk, details on the back of this leaflet, if you know someone who deserves to be recognised for their services to the village!

MAN CAVE

Free Tea, Coffee, Toast and Chat!

Are you unemployed, retired, missing work colleagues or would just appreciate some company?

Join us Friday Mornings, 10-1 at Sharnbrook Scout Hut. An opportunity to make new friends, chat and share experiences.

Contact Bernard 782844 or Steve 07904 176698 Opens 8th Feb.



Wanted – Volunteer Drivers for the Villager

Minibus

The Villager is a Community Minibus operator with one 16 seater minibus, operating from our base at Sharnbrook Upper School. We provide 16 scheduled services per month connecting villages of North Bedfordshire to popular shopping destinations such as Milton Keynes, Rushden, Olney, Peterborough and Sainsbury Bedford amongst others.

Our services are funded mainly by the concessionary fares received from Bedford Borough Council and those councils whose areas we journey to, plus grants received from Bedford Borough and Parish Councils. Our drivers and committee members are all volunteers.

In order to continue to provide our service we need more volunteer drivers so if you can spare one or two days per month to drive, we would love to hear from you.

To be able to drive our bus a Category D1 is required on your driving licence. We provide free attendance on a Minibus Driver Assessment Course (MIDAS), arranged locally.

For more information please make contact with our Secretary, Andrew Gell on 01234 708191.



Sharnbrook Neighbourhood Plan—Update Bulletin
February 2019

Dear Resident,

The Sharnbrook Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to bring you up to date with regard to what has been achieved so far and what is being done at present.

In order to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, specific data and evidence needs to be gathered and then presented in the final document which is submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

The Steering Group initially made people aware of the Neighbourhood Plan at the 2017 Christmas Fayre and then invited everyone to a launch event in January 2018. This event enabled the Group to explain in more detail what a Neighbourhood Plan is (and is not) and also gave people the opportunity to give opinions and ideas about how Sharnbrook should be developed. From the comments that were given, a few members of the Group produced a draft questionnaire.

In the summer of 2018 we were ready to make the questionnaire available to all residents and businesses in Sharnbrook, but due to the revisions being made to the Bedford Borough Local Plan, distribution was put on hold. We need to know what the Local Plan proposes for Sharnbrook before we can produce a suitable questionnaire. Please bear with us as we wait for the right time! Your cooperation in completing the questionnaire is an important part of the evidence we require for producing our Neighbourhood Plan so please do 'have your say' when you receive the questionnaire. In March/April 2018, several members of the Steering Group conducted a Character Study of the village. This took into consideration the wider landscape setting of the village, the physical form of the village, and the 'value' of open land within and surrounding the village. The final report presents valuable evidence that can be used to shape landscape, environment and heritage policies, and also to identify possible locations for limited future development.

While waiting for the Inspector's report on the Bedford Borough Local Plan, the Steering Group is now in the process of commissioning a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) and investigating Site Assessments (SA). The HNA will be conducted by an outside body whereas the SA will be done by the Group with help from a professional consultant subject to the results of the Local Plan. Land owners have already put sites forward as potential places for development **but** each site needs to be suitable, available and sustainable. Using the given criteria, once a final number is agreed, each site will be assessed and the results will be presented in a final report. In the meantime, we will represent the parish at the Inspector's hearing and put forward our case against the number of houses proposed. See map overleaf for more details of sites put forward so far.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is made up of Sharnbrook residents who want to play an active role in gathering evidence and information needed for producing a Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to be part of the Group then please make contact via the details below.

Parish Office sharnbrookpc@gmail.com

Telephone 01234 782827

Website <https://www.sharnbrookparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>



Sharnbrook Neighbourhood Plan

Below is a map showing all sites that have been put forward over the past 5 years of the Bedford Borough Council's Call for Sites. The area shown in grey is outside the Parish, the area outlined in red is the Parish Boundary.

All sites will be assessed for suitability and sustainability, indeed, some sites have already been ruled out in the current proposed local plan, such as the site at Colworth Garden Village, which is partly within Sharnbrook Parish. If the figure of 500 dwellings is maintained, only a few sites will be picked from the list.

The full list of sites is noted below and further information on each individual site is available on the Bedford Borough Council website.

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| Site 231 - Colworth Park | Site 468- Land at Odell Road |
| Site 232 - Four in Hand Kennels | Site 516- High Street |
| Site 234 - Land at Coffle End, Mill Rd | Site 527- Land at School Approach |
| Site 235 - Land at Hill Farm, Mill Rd | Site 583- Land to east of Templars Way |
| Site 236 - Land at Kennell Hill | Site 615- Land at Lodge Road and Odell Road |
| Site 237 - Land at Park Lane | Site 616- Colworth Park |
| Site 238 - Land at Yelow Lane | Site 617- Land at Kennell Hill |
| Site 242 - East of Stoke Mill (mixed), Mill Rd | Site 618- Land at Park Lane |
| Site 243 - East of Stoke Mill (residential), Mill Rd | Site 619- Land at the Retreat, Park Lane |
| Site 244 - Land north of High St | Site 620- Land east of Odell Road |
| Site 247 - Land south of Mill Rd | Site 621- Land off Park Lane |
| Site 248 - Land south of the High Street | Site 622- Lee Farm New settlement |
| Site 249 - West of Stoke Mill (mixed), Mill Rd | Site 623- Land at Templars Way |
| Site 250 - West of Stoke Mill (residential), Mill Rd | Site 712 - Mill Road |
| Site 251 - Prospect Place, Odell Rd | Site 901 - Hill Farm, Mill Rd |
| Site 337 - Templars Way | Site 902 - Crossways Farm, Mill Rd |
| Site 410- Santoma, Souldrop Road | |

