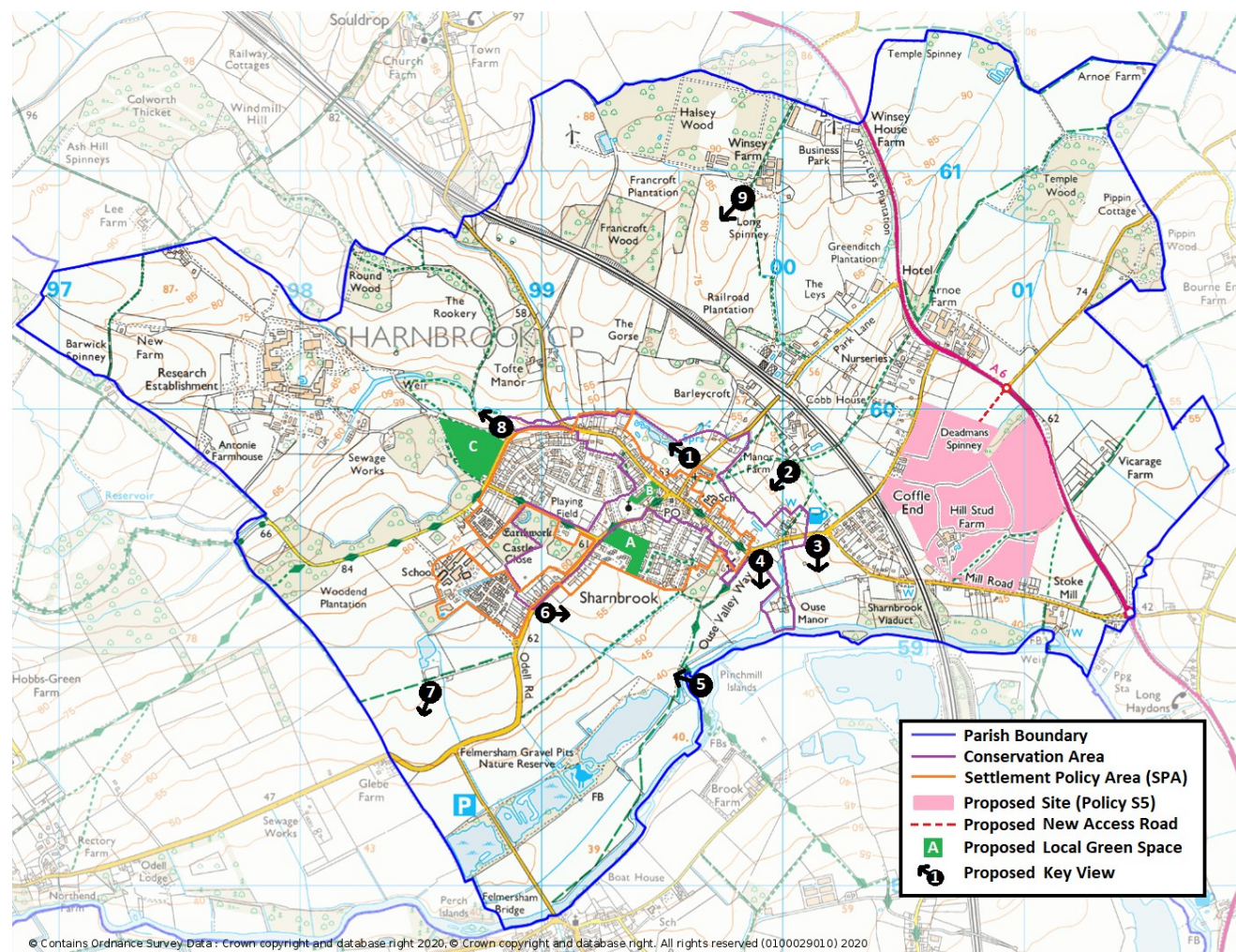




Our volunteers need your help to maintain this beautiful wildlife area as a natural wildlife and heritage site available for all to enjoy.

Jobs include chopping down brambles, tidying pathways, checking birdboxes, checking the local flora and fauna and keeping notes, there are jobs for everyone, and all ages and abilities are welcome.

Working groups are usually held every other Tuesday and Saturday mornings, so hopefully there's a time to suit everyone.

If you would like to help, please contact George Rowland by email at eager24@btinternet.com or contact the Clerk for latest dates.

You can contact the Parish Council via the Clerk
Email clerk@Sharnbrook-pc.gov.uk
Phone 01234 782827 (answer machine)
Via Instagram—Sharnbrookpc
Via Facebook—Sharnbrook Parish Council

Update from your JUST ASK! Village Agent
This is a free and confidential service carried out by DBS checked individuals and funded by Bedford Borough Council



FREE Handy Reachers – limited amount left (First come first serve)

FREE Anti-anxiety Colouring Books/Word Searches
Do you have forms that need filling in (e.g. Attendance Allowance, Blue Badge etc) and don't know where to start?

Do you need help with transport to get vaccinated?
Phone Parvin or Naomi on 01234 834933, or email at communitytransport@bedsrcc.org.uk All our vehicles have been made as Covid-secure as possible. Socially distant seating, screens to separate the clients from drivers, masks, hand sanitizer, disposable seat covers, regular cleaning regime that includes both daily of grab rails, headrests, etc and occasional anti-bacterial spraying by an outside organisation.
To book, please contact our bookings line on 01234 832611, 9am -4pm Mondays-Fridays.

For information and support on these and any other issues, please come and JUST ASK! (All help conducted within current government guidelines)
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.

Sharnbrook Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter

October 2021



Sharnbrook Neighbourhood Plan

The Sharnbrook Neighbourhood Plan Referendum vote will take place at the Village Hall, Lodge Road, on Thursday 21st October 2021, from 7am until 10pm.

Please see overleaf for more information.

SHARNBROOK SALUTE TO CARING MEMORIAL GARDEN

"This Memorial Garden is designed as a Salute to the generosity of spirit for Caring and Sharing that was prompted by the Coronavirus pandemic of 2020, and enabled us to rediscover the true meaning and significance of Community."

It is our tribute to all who care and share, whatever their background and circumstances, and a lasting memorial to all those who did not survive."

The Memorial Garden was dedicated on the 72nd anniversary of the Foundation of the NHS, on July 5th 2020, but attendance was very limited because of COVID restrictions. We are planning a further ceremony this coming July, when we hope to dedicate a memorial plaque, bearing the above inscription. A design has been selected, so we are now looking to raise funds to pay for the plaque.

We are inviting donations towards the cost of this memorial plaque, using one of the methods shown below.



If more money is collected than is needed for funding this memorial, any surplus will go into the Sharnbrook Benefice **COVID RELIEF FUND**, to provide help and support to those within our community who have fallen on particularly hard times as a result of the pandemic.

If donating by cheque (or cash), please place in a **sealed envelope** marked **SALUTE**, and post (by hand) to the Rector at 81 High Street, Sharnbrook, Bedford MK44 1PE

We are indebted to Theo Gibbs, Colin Scott, and Wendy Armitage, for permission to reproduce their photographs.

Roland Carpenter, 07801 750963, roland.carpenter@tiscali.co.uk

How to Donate

by cheque or online banking	by text message	online, by card payment	
Payable to Sharnbrook PCC Sort Code 20-05-74 Acc. No. 80821632 quoting reference SALUTE	To donate *e.g. £5 , Text SALUTE 5 to 70560 Texts cost £5* plus one standard rate message. (* or £2, £3, £10, £15 etc.)	click this image 	scan QR code 

Dear Resident,

You will have received a voting card in September 2021. This is to vote on the Sharnbrook Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is part of a structured legal process. It consists of policies written in accordance with the Bedford Borough Council Local Plan 2030 which was approved in January 2020. The Bedford Borough Council Local Plan 2030 allocated 500 dwellings to be built in the Parish of Sharnbrook.

The Sharnbrook Neighbourhood Plan has been approved by the Parish Council, Bedford Borough Council and an Independent Examiner. As the final step in the process there will now be a Referendum to ask Sharnbrook residents to say whether they support or oppose the Neighbourhood Plan. Below are some FAQs. There is a map on the back page showing the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Q: What am I voting for?

A: You are voting to approve or reject the Sharnbrook Neighbourhood Development Plan. If approved the Borough Council will use the Neighbourhood Plan to allocate the 500 dwellings in Sharnbrook.

The only question on the Voting Paper will ask: "Do you want Bedford Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Sharnbrook to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?". You have the option to answer **Yes** or **No**.

Q. If I vote "No" will it stop 500 houses being built?

A: No. Voting against the Plan will not remove the allocation of 500 dwellings.

Q: If I vote "No" can I choose a different location for the houses in Sharnbrook?

A: No. Bedford Borough Council will allocate housing based on land put forward on the call for sites.

Q. What is in the Neighbourhood Plan?

A. It is a comprehensive document which includes policies for housing, infrastructure, environment and location of the dwellings that will be on one site between Mill Road and Templars Way and the A6 (map overleaf). Link below:

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy-its-purpose/neighbourhood-planning/Sharnbrook-neighbourhood-development-plan/>

Q. Did Bureaucrats decide the Neighbourhood Plan?

A. No.

In 2017 a request went out to ask residents to volunteer to form a Steering Group, reporting to the Parish Council, to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan.

Over a period of four years the Steering Group worked with an external consultant and had input from independent organisations carrying out a Transport Study, Environmental Assessment, Heritage Assessment and Housing Needs Assessment. The Neighbourhood plan can be found at:

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy-its-purpose/neighbourhood-planning/Sharnbrook-neighbourhood-development-plan/>

The people of Sharnbrook have been heavily involved in the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan through a questionnaire and Consultation Events and so it reflects the collective view of Sharnbrook residents.

Q. What will the 500 dwelling Development in Sharnbrook consist of?

A: It will include a new Primary School, play areas, a retail outlet, a cycle path, new bus route, new access road from the development onto the A6.

Q: How were residents kept informed on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan?

A: Information was disseminated regularly over the 4 years via Newsletters that were delivered to all Households, information in The Review, on the Parish Council website. Also, all residents were invited to give opinions on a detailed questionnaire and at Consultation Events.

Details can be found here: <https://Sharnbrook-pc.gov.uk/>

Q: Did the Parish Council object to the allocation of 500 dwellings?

A: Yes. The Parish Council wrote a detailed response objecting, can be found here: <https://Sharnbrook-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/> Residents also objected, despite this the allocation went ahead.

Q. I have thrown away my voting card can I still vote?

A: If you are registered to vote in a local government election you can still vote without your voting card.