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APPLE DAY
Saturday 29th September
11am-3pm
95 Jonathans,
Coffee Hall

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Words from the Leader WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL



The last two to three months has seen Woughton at its best, at its most vulnerable and at its most determined

We had the horrendous downpours and up to 300 properties in our area flooded. We have had an amazing Four Bridges Festival, our first in partnership with Campbell Park Parish Council, this time on the hottest day of the year, and we have begun the long yet vital campaign to secure fair funding for the next few years. It's rarely easy in Woughton, but the resilience and support of the local communities has been a constant strength.

We are now turning our energies and thoughts onto the big question as to what the Community Council's priorities should be over the next few years. Of course we would like to do everything, but that's never possible. Should we for example focus our energies and resources into maintaining and improving the local environment and services such as landscaping and street cleansing, or perhaps we should instead concentrate on supporting community groups and organisations, or maybe concentrating our efforts on children and young people, or maybe older and disabled residents. What about crime and community safety, tackling

some of our highway issues including the vexed issues around parking? An article elsewhere in this edition has some more details, but the important message is that we want to hear from you. Without your views and opinions we can't respond to your needs, wishes and aspirations so please let us know.

On a personal note I have decided that this will be my final year as Leader of Woughton Community Council. I hope to stay very much involved, but there always comes a time to hand the baton of Leadership on. My only hope now is that I can leave a legacy that others can benefit from. That of course very much depends on winning the key battles on funding. At its heart it is a simple case. Although we have a rich community, we are the poorest area economically in Milton Keynes and this needs to be reflected and recognised in the grants system. Winning this case is my first, second and third priority for you.



Cllr Kevin Wilson

LEADER WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Words from the Chair WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL



I can't believe where the year has gone, School holidays are upon us, the Festival with Campbell Park Parish Council was a huge achievement, having the most activities free to residents, the summer ball, again a joint venture with Campbell Park Parish Council, was an astounding success with £1,000 raised for the Royal British Legion (Jubilee branch) to help maintain the war memorial on Coffee Hall. I would like to thank the staff, fellow Councillors and volunteers of both Parish Councils for their help to make these 2 events the successes they were.

Lots of coach trips organised by resident associations are happening and I hope the residents that were affected by the floods have come some way to recovering and be assured we, as a Council are working with MK Council, YourMK and Mears to reduce the chances of this happening again and putting in place an emergency plan if it does.

In September we will start looking at next year's budget so during the summer please think what services are important to YOU and your family, do we provide that service and if we don't would you like us to, remembering that it needs to be paid for somehow, which is why we need to know priorities for residents, so we can allocate resources appropriately.

That's my little catch up, it leaves me to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer and hope to see some of you at the events going on through till Autumn.



Cllr Sue Smith

CHAIR WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Apple Day

Saturday 29th September

11:00am-3:00pm

BBQ

Activities will include apple pressing, making apple juice, and apple crafts

95 Jonathans

Jonathans Coffee Hall MK6 5DR

For more information call 01908 395681 or email events@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Girl Pack A NEW CHARITY FOR WOUGHTON (AND BEYOND)



In March, Woughton Community Council was approached by Paige, a young woman from Woughton who was concerned that girls from the area were, at times, unable to attend school as they were unable to afford sanitary protection. This was something that she wanted to do something about. She created 'Girl Pack'.

This is a new charitable group that takes donations of sanitary towels and pants, sorting and creating small bags that contain everything necessary. These are available at local schools, our offices, churches and other places where anyone in need can simply come and collect a 'Girl Pack'.

We sat down with Paige to see how things were going.

So Paige, why did you create Girl Pack?

I saw that there were girls who were missing school because they couldn't get sanitary towels. I thought that this was something that shouldn't be happening, so I decided to do something to change things.

You started 'Girl Pack' – what happened next?

We spoke to some people and got some advice. We got the paperwork needed to set up a proper group and got a committee together. We started collecting donations and putting packs together and found some places that would have a collection box for donations and would also give out packs, once they were made. We also applied for some grants so we could get some more stuff and make more packs, even if we didn't get enough donations.

And it took off – I hear that you gave out loads of packs in the first few months

Yes – over 400 packs in the first few months. It showed us that there really was a need and things have grown since then. We are giving out about 100 packs each week.

What else has happened – you're a TV star now!

Not sure about a star, but we did get invited onto the radio and then BBC Look East came and did an interview with me, which was exciting, but a bit scary too. It was brilliant to get that publicity.

So what's next?

We are continuing to grow. We were at the Four Bridges Festival and have got some new collection tins for people who want to make donations. We are trying to get other parish councils involved and work with more schools. We are also working with the Food Bank to make sure that everyone who needs a pack can get one. We have even been asked to work with communities overseas, where sanitary products are hard to come by and in some places, people don't even know about them.

It all sounds brilliant. How can people get involved?

We always need more donations – sanitary towels, knickers and any donations of money are welcome. Raising awareness and making sure that people know that we are here, so girls can get the help they need when they need it. Get in touch and we can always find something for people to do!



You can find information about Girl Pack at
www.facebook.com/GirlPackMK

on Twitter@GirlPackMK

and you can donate at
www.crowdfunder.co.uk/girl-pack/



PLAY RANGERS BEACH PARTY

We will be delivering Play Ranger Sessions across the parish all Summer
Look out for our Play Rangers on your estates, join in and try some of our
FREE Play, Sport, Arts & Craft activities

In addition to these weekly sessions we finish the school holidays with our
brilliant Summer Beach Party!

Wednesday 29th August 1-4pm @ No95 Jonathans

Seaside

**Sand & Splash
Zones**

BBQ

**Popcorn. Ice Cones
Smoothie Bikes
Fun & Games**

Whole family Fun

We are delighted with our targeted services. All are staffed by trained, friendly youth workers and remember: all these services are FREE!

Q Alliance Youth meet weekly @ Coffee Hall community Centre 6.30-8.30pm

Street Dance @ Netherfield Meeting Place. Fridays 4.45-5.30pm Age 8+

SEN Youth Club @ Coffee Hall. Professional Referrals only

Food Project is on hold for the summer but taking referrals for September.

Young carers MK @ Eaglestone Activity Centre. Contact Young Carers MK directly

Gardening Club. Generational & Community.

Buddy up with a neighbour, family or just as one of the team.

All ages welcome but under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

MONDAYS @ 3.30-4.30pm at The Youth Centre. Coffee Hall.

Current general weekly provision

Monday: **Netherfield Juniors** 9-12yrs. 5.30-7pm. **Seniors** 13yrs+ 7-8.30pm

Tuesday: **Eaglestone Seniors** 12yrs+ 5-7pm.

Wednesday: **Tinkers Bridge Jnrs** 8-12yrs 12-1.30pm

Thursday: **Eaglestone Juniors** Yrs 4,5,6. 12-1.30pm

Young Parents 12.30-2.30pm at Moorlands (some days offsite)

Friday: **Street Dance** 3-4pm @ Netherfield meeting Place 8yrs+

Please contact; Tash Darling t: 01908 392945/ 07853 590546

e: tash.darling@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

For full details about the
many activities for young
people in this area see our
website & community
boards

Yooffee

@ WCC



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PLAY RANGERS

Woughton Play Rangers are pleased to announce they will be offering FREE open access play sessions across the Woughton parish for children and young people, during the summer holidays.

Sessions are completely free and run on an open access basis, so children are free to come and go as they please. Children under 8 years need to be supervised by an adult or older sibling. Some activities may result in children getting wet or muddy, so they are advised to wear appropriate clothing.

Children are asked to fill out a registration form the first time they attend so we can monitor numbers and have emergency contact details in the unlikely event we should need them.

Monday	Youth Centre. 95 Jonathans. Coffee Hall. 3-4pm
Tuesday	Peartree Bridge 12-1.30pm
	Tin Man Park Beanhill. 2.00-3.30pm
Wednesday	Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place 12-1.30pm
	Flag Green & Courts @Eaglestone. 2-3.30pm
Thursday	Alphabet Park. Netherfield. 2-3.30pm
Friday	Leadenhall (play areas) 12-1.30pm



It's Completely FREE of charge

ALL NEIGHBOURS FROM OTHER ESTATES VERY WELCOME!

For more information please contact Tash or Gemma on 01908 392945/ 07983 590546 or email us @

gemma.simmons@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

www.woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

The Eaglestone Residents' Association held a Walkabout around the Estate in June. This was led by Tim Skelton, the chair of MK Forum, who is very knowledgeable about the early architecture of Milton Keynes.



The architect who laid out original plan for Eaglestone was Ralph Erskine, a socially minded architect who went for softer appearances, departing from the harsh post-war style. He was also responsible for Byker Grove Estate in the North East. There are many similarities between this estate and Eaglestone, for example an unusual window design, and the use of partial cladding with wood. Erskine was keen on the Radbourn Garage style imported from the US where it emerged in the 1930s and was designed to separate people and cars. So Eaglestone was built around a large central park, with the roads on the periphery. This means that the residential areas are relatively quiet, and the estate provides plenty of safe place for children to play.

The first part of estate (around Broad Dean) was completed by Bovis Builders but they parted ways with the Development Corporation. A third of the estate was completed by in-house builders while Barratts completed final part (in the Montague area). Barratts departed from Erskine model, nevertheless some consistency was maintained.



After the tour we had tea and cake at the Eaglestone Centre and spent a pleasant time chatting together.

After not having a presence at the annual carnival for many years, our association took part in the Four Bridges Festival, selling plants and running a competition

to guess the weight of a fruit cake. Both proved popular and the stall holders enjoyed the day out.

In the near future we aim to improve the look of the estate by planting flowers at the entrances to the estate and near the shops. We also want to encourage all residents to look after the areas close to their houses, keeping them neat and reporting any fly-tipping and other problems.

Future Meetings:

Our association meets **Every 3rd Monday at 7pm** in the main hall at the back of the Eaglestone Centre, near the squash courts:
NO meeting in August

Wednesday 12th September
Wednesday 10th October
Wednesday 21st November
Wednesday 19th December



Ambassadors Words

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

My name is Alan Williamson and I'm very proud to be voted in for another year as your Ambassador. I would be very pleased to come to your events, Fun Days or other activities, so please do contact me, or the Council Offices if you would like me to attend.

I look forward to seeing you all as I am around the Parish, or you can always pop in for coffee and a chat at our Men in Sheds on Barnfield Drive in Netherfield.



Peartree Bridge

My name is Sue Smith and I became your Councillor over 10 years ago after Sylvia Lambert retired due to ill health and sadly later died. My first duty was an honour and that was to unveil the blue plaque put up in Sylvia's memory and is still there today on the side of one of the houses by the community garden.

Over the years I have attended the resident group meetings and held monthly surgeries with the late Councillor Martin McCulloch-Keeble. I was there through "Rat gate" and "Bamboo gate" and have fought to get the potholes filled.

Peartree Bridge is quite an unusual estate as it's split in 2 with Marina in the middle and no shops or community centre. I worked towards getting at least a small centre where the houses were taken down. Funding for a large log cabin was found and permission from MK Council was asked for, only to be told the land had been given to YourMK for redevelopment.

I am at present working with the hospital, MK Council and the police regarding the growing issue of parking on Peartree Bridge, which is taking longer than I would have liked, but I will keep at it and trying to sort out the scaffolding on some of the houses.



If residents need to contact me, I do have a Facebook page "Councillor Sue Smith" and my contact number is **01908 476043** or the office **01908 395681**.

The elections are next May, and I will be standing again and hope I have your support.

Regards, *Sue Smith*

Peartree Bridge Resident meeting is on Friday 17th Aug 7pm

SUPPORTED BY STONEHOUSE RESTAURANTS



Woughton Community Council and Your MK

We are lucky to have one of our councillors, **Cllr Geoff Woolmore**, sitting on the Your MK Panel. This means that he is able to speak with Your MK about issues that are affecting council tenants that they may be having difficulties getting sorted.

"If any council tenants have issues with YourMK that they can't resolve, then they can contact me on 07516 475259 and I will do my best to resolve their issues"



Ward Councillor Surgeries

at Council Hub, The Local Centre, Coffee Hall, MK6 5EG.

Please note that if no one arrives by 9.30, the councillor may leave, so it is recommended that you arrive before this time.

Monday from 9am - 10am

Cllr Shammi Akter

Wednesday from 9am - 10am

Cllr Hannah O'Neill

Friday from 9am - 10am

Cllr Kevin Wilson

Beanhill Councillor Surgeries

Last Friday of the month 10am - 12noon

at Moorlands Family Centre

Grant Aid

SUPPORTING LOCAL GROUPS



Grant Aid is the way the Woughton Community Council supports local groups to support their communities. This funding is used to provide real, grass roots support to resident associations, local charities and community groups who do positive things for local people.

During the last year (April 17 to March 18), we supported 19 applications, providing funds to enable trips for local residents, subsidise entry fees to attractions, provide transport to local youth groups for a conference, costumes for carnival, Christmas meals for older people and other things that help make Woughton the neighbourly place it is.

We want to make Grant Aid even better next year and are looking at how we can support local groups to do some new, exciting things that will make a lasting difference in Woughton. Last year, over half of all applications were for trips out of Milton Keynes – these are brilliant and help people who wouldn't otherwise get a break to enjoy a day out, but... There are over 13,000 people in Woughton, and less than 5% got to take one of those trips.

We want to carry on supporting some trips away, but we also want to focus on things that take place here, in Woughton. Local activities that everyone can get involved in. Things that make a lasting change, that get people excited, that might lead to more funding coming into the area – things that are innovative, that might not change the world, but make a start on it!

This year, we will be reviewing the Grant Aid policy and making some changes. We think that some of this funding should go straight to the local resident associations (where there is one), so they can be sure that they will have regular income coming in to help them run things, some of the funding should be set aside for trips for local people in need of day out. We also believe, that we should try and make sure that some gets set aside for new projects.

Your views would be welcome – what should we prioritise for Grant Aid? Are there things that you would like to see us support more of? Do we spend too much on trips? Or not enough?

Let us know - contact information is on the back page.

Dates for your Diary

4th August

COFFEE HALL FUN DAY 12 - 4pm

Next to WCC Offices

8th August

FAMILY FUN DAY 12.30 - 3.30pm

Moorlands Family Centre

20th August

WOOFTON WALK

See website for details

22nd August

TEA DANCE 2 - 4pm

Coffee Hall Meeting Place

29th August

PLAY RANGER BEACH PARTY 1 - 4pm

No. 95 Jonathans

29th September

APPLE DAY 11am - 3pm

No. 95 Jonathans

17th October

TEA DANCE 2 - 4pm

Coffee Hall Meeting Place

Regular Events and Surgeries

MONDAY 1pm - 3pm Job Club

Council Offices, Garraways, Coffee Hall

TUESDAY 10.30 - 1.30

Busy Bees Lunch Club

Coffee Hall Meeting Place

THURSDAY 10.30 - 12noon

Chatter & Natter

Coffee Hall Meeting Place

THURSDAY 2pm - 4pm Craft Club

Coffee Hall Meeting Place

Annual Summer Ball

2018

June 15th saw our annual Summer Ball, held to raise money for local charities. For the first time this year, we joined up with Campbell Park Parish Council for a joint event, raising money for the Jubilee Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The evening saw over 100 guests enjoy a warm, summer evening with a welcome and photos on the veranda, followed by a meal, speeches and finishing off with a disco. With the room decorated in the theme of the Legion, with handmade poppy table decorations and moving words from local veterans, the ball was an emotional and enjoyable evening.

The Jubilee Branch covers both parishes and this year marks the Centenary of the end of WW1. Look out for information about the events that take place around Poppy Day, including the children's parade at the Memorial on November 9th and Remembrance Day on November 11th.



Peter Orme HONORARY CITIZEN

Cllr Sue Smith Chair of Woughton Community Council presented to Mr Peter Orme an Honorary Citizen of the Parish of Woughton certificate at a recent Woughton Community Council meeting.



Woughton Community Council recognises the role of former members by awarding the title of 'Honorary Citizen of the Parish of Woughton' to all former members of the Community Council who have served as members of the Council for eight years or more.

Mr Peter Orme 74 was a Councillor for about eight years or so for Beanhill where he lives. Mr Orme was Chair of Woughton Community Council for three years, and served on various committees.

Dealing with Rats



- You should make sure to seal any small gaps in buildings and sheds which can act as access points. Rats only need half an inch to gain entry.
- Keep your garden clean and tidy by removing piles of wood and garden clippings and cutting back overgrown areas. These places act as nesting areas for rodents.
- Rats dislike change, so move items around in the garden, and keep fences clear – their poor eyesight means they use walls/fences to guide them around areas.
- Rats do not live in shrubbery – they prefer to live under sheds and concrete bases, using the bushes to travel around.



**Do you care about where you live?
Do you have the commitment to
make a difference?**

In May 2019, all our Parish Councillors are up for re-election. Have you ever thought of standing for election to be a Parish Councillor? Would you be interested in learning what is involved? If the answer to either of these questions is Yes then please register your interest in a workshop with Councillors to show you what is involved and what residents expect from you. Please ring the office on 01908 395681 or speak to your estate Councillor who will register for you and we will contact you with workshop dates.

YOUR ESTATE NEEDS YOU



- Be careful scattering bird feed on the ground as this can attract rats - use a bird table or feeder basket.
- If you keep chickens, you will attract rats – please be a good neighbour and deal with the problem as soon as possible. Keep poultry food in a vermin proof container, and use a rat proof feeder (treadle or game feeders, available on smallholder sites).
- Try spraying scented water around fence areas (lemon/lavender) it may or may not work, but the worst is you have a nicely scented garden!

Milton Keynes Council do not have a pest control department, but residents are offered a comprehensive pest control service via their approved vendor SDK Environmental Ltd. To access the service please contact their contractor DialAPest **03444 828325** which is part of SDK Environmental and advise them that you are a resident of Milton Keynes. A discounted rate is available for customers in receipt of certain qualifying benefits (see Milton Keynes Council website for a list of charges).

Four Bridges Festival 2018

Sun, fun and friendship.

Saturday 7th July saw a momentous day for Woughton – not only did England progress to the semi-finals of the World Cup for the first time in 30 years, but we also held the first ever Four Bridges Festival.

Working with our friends at Campbell Park Parish Council, Oldbrook Green hosted two stages of music and entertainment, inflatables, donkey rides, clowns, circus skills, loads of games and a parade of stalls from local community groups. With cream teas, burgers, hot dogs and some tasty Jamaican food, people enjoyed picnics in the sun whilst watching a diverse range of groups on the main stage and community stage.

With approaching 2000 people visiting over the course of the day, this was a great first event with the community groups raising lots of money towards their activities over the year and many happy faces.

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the planning, set up, delivery and clear up afterwards, especially those community members who volunteered and the brilliant young people who entertained us so well. We hope to make it even bigger and better next year...



Parking at School SAFETY FIRST



causes annoyance to other road users and is often illegal.

The children from our local schools created some fantastic pictures, which have been made into banners and posters you can see around the parish. We hope that people will see them and think about parking considerately, driving safely and, where possible, using other ways for getting children to school.

Many thanks to all the schools, teachers and children who took part. A fantastic effort.



We recently held a competition with local schools to design posters and banners to promote safer parking around schools (see Page 14 of the Spring Gazette).

Parking is a HUGE issue on Woughton, especially around the schools. People parking on hatching, on zig-zags, even on zebra crossings. This makes it extremely dangerous for children and others,



Waste not.....

Milton Keynes Council has a policy of recycling as much waste as possible, either through the weekly refuse collection or a requested bulky waste collection. Until disposal, items MUST be kept within your property boundary (back or front garden) until that day.

However items should not be kept outside for any length of time, as this can constitute a health hazard, with rats taking up residence in sofas etc. Electrical or glass items can attract vandalism, as can wood left out. In severe cases, Housing and/or the Environmental Health department will be informed and can take direct action.

Leaving your unwanted items in public places such as grass verges or garage/parking areas is not permitted, and you can be prosecuted for fly tipping, resulting in a large fine and/or a criminal record.

If bigger items can be broken down, they can go in black sacks. These should not be too heavy or contain dangerous items – unwrapped glass etc.

Milton Keynes Council has a collection scheme for large items – there is a charge for this. **If you wish to take them yourself then the nearest Community Recycling Centre for bulk items is at Bleak Hall,**

Chesney Wold (off the V6 Grafton Street) MK6 1NE – opening hours are:



**October - March 8am to 5pm
April - September 8am to 8pm**

It is open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day, and closes earlier on Christmas Eve.

If you have items which are in good condition, many local charities will accept them to raise funds (there are restrictions on soft furnishings and electrical items - please check first). Willen Hospice, Age UK, RSPCA and British Heart Foundation all have shops nearby, and may collect large items of furniture. If you cannot get to these, good clothing and furniture can be collected from your home by calling The British Heart Foundation on 0808 250 0024. See their website for more information - <https://www.bhf.org.uk/shop/donating-goods/free-collection-of-clothes-books-and-more>.

If you have serious problems disposing of your waste, please contact our office above as soon as possible – please do not ignore the problem.



Hi All,

As some of you are aware this has been a very testing season this year with its snowing in March and April which saturated the ground after it thawed. Then we had rain at the beginning of our mowing season so we were unable to start when we usually do. We have had a number of break downs with our machines as well. Fingers crossed, they are running fine at the moment. We are on top of grass cutting now as this hot weather has suppressed the growth of the grass for the time being.

Can I take this opportunity to ask dog owners to pick up after their dogs as when our mowers drive over it certain parts of the machine get covered, and from past experience it's not pleasant when we have to change blades or tyres when they are covered in dog waste.

We are addressing shrub encroachment on a day to day basis as well at the moment, so if there are any shrubs or hedges that are overgrowing paths or sightlines please let us know and we will endeavour to attend as soon as possible.

Trees still come under the remit of Milton Keynes Council if you require removal but we can take off lower branches. Ordinarily we would do these in the winter once the leaves have gone but we can do this now if requested.

As autumn and winter approaches please see our website to see where our team will be over the winter period.

So for now enjoy the rest of the summer.

Ian Tegerdine

LANDSCAPE MANAGER

What should we be doing? YOUR VIEWS ARE NEEDED....

Each year, Woughton Community Council sets its priorities and its budget. This is always a difficult thing to do – there are always lots of things that local people want us to do and never enough money. So this means that some difficult choices need to be made.

We will be planning our budget at the end of the year, for final decisions to be made in January. To help us to be able to plan this, we would really like to hear your views. This year we have focused on the things that we think you want to see; our youth service, our advice service, the environment and landscaping, working with our community groups and developing new initiatives to improve Woughton. Our new Play Ranger service is providing sessions across the parish, with over 30 young people (and their parents and carers) attending every time. Our advice service has now supported over 1000 local people to get the help they need. Our festival saw nearly 2000 people come and have a wonderful day in the sun (despite England playing that day) and our Zombie Walk, Apple Day, Diwali and other events have seen all our local communities come together.

There remain some challenges; our landscaping grant from Milton Keynes Council is reducing, so we will need to spend some additional money if we want to keep it going at current levels. As was mentioned in the last issue, our Support Grant (the additional money that we currently

get, because our income is lower than other areas of the city) is likely to reduce too – this will also have an impact on what we are able to provide.

So, what is important for you to see locally? What do we already do that you think we should carry on with? What do you think we should stop (if anything!) What would you like to see us doing that we don't do at the moment?

You can give us feedback in a number of ways: Speak to us. Your local councillors are on our website and would welcome a conversation.

Email us at: reception@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk, putting 'consultation' in the subject box

Fill in the form on the back page and return it to us by 28th September 2018. You can pop it into any of our Community Centres (Eaglestone, Netherfield, Tinker Bridge of Coffee Hall) or send it to us at The Council Hub, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG

Complete the online feedback form – visit us at www.woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk and the link is on the homepage.

Have your say

See Feedback form
on the back page





Your Views - What should our priorities be?

What estate do you live / work on?

- Coffee Hall Leadenhall Peartree Bridge Eaglestone
 Beanhill Netherfield Tinkers Bridge Redmoor / Bleak Hall

Of our current services, which do you feel are important? (you can tick more than one)

- Youth Service Advice Service Grant Aid Environment Dog bins Events
 Community Support Community Centres Landscaping
 Other (please tell us what) _____

And of the services above, which have you used or benefited from in the past? (you can tick more than one)

- Youth Service Advice Service Grant Aid Environment Dog bins Events
 Community Support Community Centres Landscaping
 Other (please tell us what) _____

As explained, over the coming year, we may need to reduce our services due to reducing funding. If this did happen, what should we prioritise, what is most important to you? (please tick no more than three)

- Youth Service Advice Service Grant Aid Environment Dog bins Events
 Community Support Community Centres Landscaping
 Other (please tell us what) _____

Are there other things that you would like to see Woughton Community Council do? Please provide details.

If you are happy to, please tick below to let us know a little bit about you.

- Under 18 19 – 25 26 – 35 36 – 45 46 – 55 56 - 65 Over 65
 Female Male Non-binary Would rather not answer

Please send responses to Woughton Community Council, Local Centre, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG or pop it into any of our community centres. You can also find this form online on our website.

