Woughton Community Council

Tuesday 13th October 2026

To: All members of the Services & Communities Committee

Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair), Deanna Norris (Vice-Chair), Maggie Ferguson, Michael Ferguson, Penny Glasgow, Luke Louis, Charlie Marsh, Ruth McMillan, D'Anne Mordecai, April Rennie, Sue Smith, Lorna Webb, Alan Williamson.

Notice of Meeting

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Services & Communities Committee** to be held on **Monday 19th October 2026** commencing **6:00pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber, The Local Centre, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG**, when the business set out in the following agenda will be transacted.

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Steve McNay
Council Manager

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SERVICES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

19th October 2026

AGENDA

SC 52/26 Apologies:
To receive and accept apologies from members unable to attend the meeting.

SC 53/26 Declarations of Interest:
Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, members must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting, and any additional interests not previously declared.

SC 54/26 Questions from the public (maximum 15 minutes):
To receive questions and statements from members of the public.

SC 55/26 Chairs announcements:
To receive announcements from the Chair.

SC 56/26 Minutes of previous meetings:
To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on:
- Monday 14th September 2026.

(Attached)

SC 57/26 To receive updates on service provision:
To consider the reports from the Youth and Community services.
(Paper attached)

SC 58/26 Events
To consider any upcoming events and review any actions needed.
- Remembrance
- Santa Sleigh

(Verbal update)

SC 59/26 To receive the CCTV update for September and consider the report from the previous three years, with a view to recommendation to Full Council
For committee members to receive the Crimewave report from September, plus the report created by Crimewave with consideration of contract renewal.
(Papers attached)

SC 60/26 To consider any proposals for use of the Crisis resilience funding awarded
Following the award of £4,000 towards the work of the council (see attached), to review provision and consider anything further wanted.
(Award details attached)

SC 61/26 To consider the future of the food provision

Following the resignation of the Food Coordinator and other relevant issues, for committee to consider approaches that are wanted with regard to the food provision within WCC, both in the short and longer term.
(Papers attached)

SC 62/26 To consider a grant application from Tinker Bridge Residents Association (TBRA) for funding towards Christmas selection boxes and presents
The necessary backing documents have been checked, so committee to decide on an award of funding
(Papers attached)

Date of next meeting:
Monday 16th November* 2026 at
Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Council Chambers, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

*If business to be transacted.

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SERVICES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

14th September 2026

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Deanna Norris (Vice-Chair and Chair of this meeting), D'Anne Mordecai, April Rennie, Lorna Webb, Alan Williamson.

Also in attendance: Steve McNay (Council Manager)

SC 36/26 Apologies:
Apologies were received from Cllrs Scott, Smiht, Marsh, Louis, Glasgow, Michael Ferguson, Maggie Ferguson and Munkley.
RESOLVED - noted

SC 37/26 Declarations of Interest:
Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, members must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting, and any additional interests not previously declared.

No declarations were made.
RESOLVED - noted

SC 38/26 Questions from the public (maximum 15 minutes):
There were no questions from the public
RESOLVED - noted

SC 39/26 Chairs announcements:
The Chair noted that Apple Da is coming up on 26th September between 11am – 3pm at the Community Garden.
RESOLVED - noted

SC 40/26 Minutes of previous meetings:
To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on:
- Monday 20th July 2026.

Proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Norris, seconded by Cllr Rennie and RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 41/26 To receive updates on service provision
This item was passed over, as repeated at SC 48/26

SC 42/26 To consider use of space for rough sleeping provision
Following contact from MKCC, the committee considered use of WCC buildings for SWEP rough sleeping support. Concerns were noted about community buildings operating outside the agreed hours, potentially causing disruption for local residents. As a result, the following was tabled:

PROPOSAL
That the council does not proceed with this proposal
Proposed by: Cllr Rennie. Seconded by: Cllr Williamson
RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 43/26 Events
The committee considered the events that have taken place and made the following points:
- That the events had been successful
- That better communications in the run up to Festival and on the morning would have been preferred, specifically:
    - Who was doing what
    - How do tickets for food work? Can children have them if they don't do a survey? What happens to people who aren't from the parish (it was suggested that all should be treated the same)? How can people have one ticket but have food from different stalls?
    - How do the lollies work on the LHRA stall? Why did some children not get an ice lolly?
- Timetable for councillor table and perhaps a bigger table for completing surveys would be helpful.
- Better signage, so people know what is where.
- Stallholders to be confirmed earlier, with details of stalls and timings made clearer.
- That picnics, if happening again, include advertising in advance (some were very short notice) and clarification of why some estates got them, and some didn't?

RESOLVED - noted

SC 44/26 To receive the MK PEP Full Award briefing.
Following the award of further funding for the Sport England programme, the committee was provided with the briefing and notes and given the opportunity to provide feedback. provide any feedback. This included ideas about what may be helpful:
- Reinstating the football pitch on Beanhill
- Build new football teams (perhaps inter estate games?)
- Consider infrastructure needed to improve formal coaching (DBS, first aid, etc), as this has been an issue when previous sessions have run.
- Courts on the Tinkers Bridge 'middle' park to be looked at
- Walking football for older people
- Street Dance project

  The overall view was that work needed to be done on engagement with people to find out what is wanted and needed.

RESOLVED - noted

SC 45/26 To consider the Santa Sleigh programme and agree times / dates, including any support to Campbell Park
So that dates can be published, for committee to agree to a programme for Santa Sleigh and to consider an approach from CPCC for use of the van / sleigh for two (2) estates within their parish. This item was deferred to Full Council, due to the lack of attendees within the meeting.
Proposal:

To defer this item to Full Council for consideration.
Proposed by: Cllr Mordecai. Seconded by Cllr Williamson
RESOLVED

SC 46/26 To consider working with YES Energy Solutions to provide advice to residents
Following an approach from YES, the committee considered the suitability of working together and to consider where this might take place. As the paper explained in detail the potential options, committee felt that this was sufficient 'due diligence'.
PROPOSAL
That committee tasks the officer team to progress this approach
Proposed by: Cllr Rennie. Seconded by: Cllr Norris.
RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 47/26 To consider the recent article in 'The Clerk' magazine and consider any actions that council may wish to take
With concerns increasing around food security, for committee to consider the possible impacts locally and any actions that may be wanted. Due to concerns about the number of attendees at this meeting, it was agreed to take this issue to Full Council.
RESOLVED

SC 48/26 Service Provision Updates
The committee received updates on Youth, Community, Food and Estates services, with comments made around number of attendees at TB Café and a suggestion around placement of a CCTV camera.
RESOLVED – noted

SC 49/26 To provide an update on the Annual Service Plan, with actions to this point
To review progress against the service plan for the council year, updating where actions have been taken and review progress, the Council Manager spoke to the plan with current actions.
RESOLVED - noted

SC 50/26 To receive the CCTV update for June
Committee members received the Crimewave report from June and considered any future areas.
RESOLVED - noted

SC 51/26 To review bin provision
Following discussion at the last meeting, to clarify the bins that WCC is responsible for and consider any additions. Colne Park (currently TBRA) and Rainbow Park (BHRA) were both requested as additions to the regular bin collection regime.

It was also requested that the Aldenham dog bin be replaced.
RESOLVED - noted

Date of next meeting:
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The Chair closed the meeting at 19.15PM hours

Signed: **Date:**

SC 57/26 - Youth & Community Services Update- October 26

Advice & Wellbeing-

The Advice & Wellbeing service has been very busy over the last month.

- Claudette (Advice) continues to work mostly out of No99 but also has appointments weekly across the outreach sessions at Netherfield, Eaglestone and Hedgerows. We get a lot of referrals form Moorland Family Centre, this has been climbing in number, despite them having CAB fortnightly at their centre. CAB are also referring to us directly for clients that live on parish. T inkers Burdge drop outreach was cancelled due to no café this month, so we will be looking at what we do in the coming months there.
- Sue V (Wellbeing / mental health) Is flat out. We have a significant number of complex adult cases at the moment. Some are ongoing but there have been some significant breakthroughs this last month too.
- The mindfulness course was postponed and started a week later than planned. This will run for 8 weeks. Stella has been working on a mix of Advice and Wellbeing cases. She has visited both of the family centres this month to update them on what is available for residents from No99 and the service as a whole.
- 4 Officers have undertaken the Stop Smoking practitioner training level 1 and will complete level 2 on 22/23 October. This will enable us to run a Stop Smoking drop in and support residents on an ad-hoc basis who express a desire to quit. (this is in partnership with Choose You and Public Health).
- Following endorsement from the committee, the Youth & Community Services Manager (YCSM) has followed up with Yes Energy, and we should have their mobile unit at No99, offering energy advice and support in the coming weeks.
- Existing partnerships are ticking over nicely, and we have welcomed Al's Pals, a charity that supports those effected by cancer to no99. They now deliver a weekly drop-in on a Tuesday afternoon.
- We have been successful in securing a Places 4 People £1,000 grant to enable a 'Pintless Pub' social club to run weekly out of Netherfield Meeting place- a space for adults to meet socially, play pool, table tennis, foosball and darts, with access to non alcoholic drinks. This will be facilitated by volunteers and over seen by Tash. Who would love to hear from any councillors, particularly Netherfield councillors, who may be willing to support the initiative in person.
- There is potential for a further grant to enable a cooking programme out of No99 in the coming months. YCSM will update in due course.
- The team are so busy, and it is important that referrals don't go astray or residents are not seen in keeping with when they present need. So all referrals MUST come through the triage system from this point, whether internal, family centres, professional bodies or any other route.
- The team had an excellent visit to the Blue Light Hub this month and have begun work on the Winter Warmer referrals for the Christmas meal in partnership with Emma.

Youth

- Escape The Trap programme has started (Tash facilitates alongside MKCC Healthy relationship officer as a joint project) running Monday evenings each week. The plan is to change the model and offer this next time within the school setting at MKA.
- CHUMS, who are now responsible for Young Carers in MK, will be moving from a monthly session at No95 to a fortnightly session at No95. Which means the two age groups get some face to face support every month from January 27 and it also increases opportunities for our Youth team to refer in more effectively. We may look to offer a young adult carers group from No99, monthly next year too.

- All of our partnerships remain secure with projects thriving, in particular Under The Umbrella, Phoenix and the Music projects.
- There are some ASB issues continuing on Eaglestone with children & young people (not gang , drug or crime related, more nuisance behaviours) the YCSM is liaising with TVP and the local PCSOs to address this.

General

- All Y & C team officers, including Paul and Kevin will undertake De-escalation training on 27th October.
- Our new Y&C Officer has been employed, starting 19th October, they will have varied duties to support the YCSM across the directorates and will lead in the new Youth Council.
- This means that Suze Miller, who has been with us temporarily since May, will leave us on 19th November, following a hand over. Suze has completed some significant pieces of work, which have been excellent and will be greatly missed by everyone. We thank her for her hard and excellent work and wish her well as she moves on.
- We have increased our social media presence more consistently over the last 2 months but recognise some work is still to be done to smooth out some issues and find ways of being more consistent and effective across the whole organisation.
- Officers attended the Centre for Integrated Living AGM on 19th October (Today).

Tash Darling
Youth and Community Manager

UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2026 Woughton Community Council

Cameras currently deployed:

- **Neapland, Beanhill**
- **Waterside, Peartree Bridge**

September Findings:

Neapland, Beanhill:

Install date: 6th August 2026

Reason for install:

This camera is in place due to environmental and anti-social behaviour issues.

Reports/Identified Incidents:

Throughout September, we have observed 5 instances of individuals riding motorbikes in the area. We supplied this footage to the police for intelligence purposes.

Outcomes:

There are no outstanding outcomes for this location.

Status:

We are continuing to review this camera regularly.

Redeploy?

N/A

Waterside, Peartree Bridge

Install date: 7th May 2026

Reason for install:

This camera is in place due to environmental and anti-social behaviour issues.

Reports/Identified Incidents:

On the 20th September 2026, we received a request to review footage regarding a suspicious male on an e-scooter. We advised on this.

Outcomes:

There are no outstanding outcomes for this location.

Status:

We are continuing to review this camera regularly.

Redeploy?

N/A

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Locations

2023 Locations:

- Beadlemead, Netherfield
- Rochfords, Coffee Hall

2024 Locations:

- Beadlemead, Netherfield
- Rochfords, Coffee Hall
- Brent, Tinkers Bridge
- Langland Road, Netherfield
- Tandra, Beanhill

2025 Locations:

- Langland Road, Netherfield
- Tandra, Beanhill
- The Hide, Netherfield
- Lloyds, Coffee Hall
- Marshworth, Tinkers Bridge
- Barnfield Drive, Netherfield
- Chapter, Coffee Hall
- Aldenham, Tinkers Bridge

2026 Locations:

- Chapter, Coffee Hall
- Aldenham, Tinkers Bridge
- Neapland, Beanhill
- Waterside, Peartree Bridge

Overview

Please find the full deployment record and month-by-month activity record for the Woughton Community Council Cameras and Evidence Gathering Service from November 2023 to August 2026.

Police, Partnerships and Value added works

The deployment history demonstrates an established working relationship with local Neighbourhood Policing team. Police have repeatedly requested footage, received intelligence and used material from the cameras to support investigations and planned operational activity.

The cameras are not operating in isolation; they form part of a wider local community strategy.

• Beadlemead: sustained liaison with the local Neighbourhood Policing team, including intelligence and footage concerning gang-related anti-social behaviour, weapons activity and public-order incidents. Evidence from the camera assisted the closure order on a property.

• Langland Road: large amounts of footage and intelligence were passed to the local policing team; police later confirmed that the evidence gathered led to the execution of a warrant at an address in the area.

• Barnfield Drive: footage was supplied in support of police enquiries and in advance of a planned warrant, including substantial footage for specified dates requested by police.

• Lloyds: footage was supplied to Thames Valley Police for separate investigations, including a request from the Child Abuse Investigation Team and a serious road traffic collision.

• Waterside footage has been supplied to police for intelligence concerning e-bikes, off-road bikes, suspected links to EV charging-cable thefts, a nearby stabbing and motorcycle activity.

• Neapland: several pieces of intelligence has been submitted in regard to e-bike and motorcycle issues

Deterrence as a core purpose of deployment

A significant proportion of the deployments were made in response to persistent anti-social behaviour, nuisance, environmental offending or repeated concerns around particular locations. In those circumstances, the value of the overt camera deployments ensures a visible presence providing a deterrent effect: people know the location is being monitored, that activity can be reviewed and that usable evidence can be passed to the police or Council enforcement teams.

That deterrent role is especially important with a redeployable system. A camera can remain at a location while a problem is active, support intervention where evidence is required, and then move when the issue has reduced or another area becomes a higher priority. This is reflected throughout the record, where cameras have been moved between locations as local circumstances changed.

Outcomes

- Across the wider deployments a s a whole the cameras have supported serious crime investigations including:

- Murder enquiries,
- Burglary enquiries,
- Robbery,
- Weapons,
- Public-order incidents,
- High-risk missing-person enquiries,
- Serious road-traffic investigations,
- Specialist police requests.

Other outputs have been:

- Fly-tipping investigations,
- Enviro crime.
- Parking studies,

Other points of note:

- Beadlemead: camera evidence assisted a closure order on a property and the location summary records a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour afterwards.

- Langland Road: police confirmed that evidence gathered from the deployment led to the execution of a warrant.

- Brent: three mattress-dumping incidents were captured; those involved were instructed to remove the waste within seven days and complied.

- Waterside: more than 30 wildlife-feeding incidents were supplied to the Environmental Crime Unit. A Community Protection Warning followed; no further bird feeding was observed, and pest-control contractors later confirmed a decline in the rat population while local infestation reports ceased.

The detailed sections below provide the month-by-month records.

Summary

Beadlemead, Netherfield

This camera was deployed to review activity of properties in the street. Footage was reviewed 24/7 and we supplied instances of suspicious activity, gang related incidents etc to the police who were working with the council to obtain a full closure order which was issued against the property from our evidence. This significantly reduced the anti-social behaviour in the area.

Rochfords, Coffee Hall

This camera was deployed after reports of environmental issues.

Brent, Tinkers Bridge

This camera was deployed following reports of anti-social behaviour and environmental issues.

Langland Road, Netherfield

This camera was deployed after reports of anti-social behaviour at a number of addresses in the street. The camera provided evidence to the police to support investigations, and a warrant was executed on an address in the area off the back of our evidence.

Tandra, Beanhill

This camera was deployed after reports of anti-social behaviour at the play park.

The Hide, Netherfield

This camera was deployed following reports of anti-social behaviour at a number of addresses in the street. This camera was vandalised and repaired free of charge in line with our contract terms.

Lloyds, Coffee Hall

This camera was deployed after reports of persistent parking issues near to the Mosque. We provided a comprehensive parking report to the Council from various fields of view.

Marshworth, Tinkers Bridge

This camera was deployed after reports of anti-social behaviour.

Barnfield Drive, Netherfield

This camera was deployed after reports of anti-social behaviour at a number of addresses in the street. We provided footage prior to a planned warrant being carried out at the address.

Chapter, Coffee Hall

This camera was deployed after reports of persistent parking issues near to the school. We provided a parking report to the Council.

Aldenham, Tinkers Bridge

This camera was deployed after reports of anti-social behaviour and environmental issues.

Neapland, Beanhill

This camera was deployed after reports of anti-social behaviour at a number of addresses in the street.

Waterside, Peartree Bridge

The area near Waterside had suffered ongoing rat issues, linked to persistent bird feeding between the canal and residential properties. The footage identified a female regularly feeding birds, contributing to littering and attracting vermin. This issue had historically been a challenging issue to close out.

November 2023 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

We liaised with the local Neighbourhood Policing team and reviewed large amounts of footage to pass on intelligence on activity in the area.

Rochfords, Coffee Hall

We received a request to review footage from the 6th November 2023 regarding reports of a burglary near to the camera location. We secured and supplied the footage to the police.

On the 18th November 2023, we observed an individual dumping bags of dog waste by the bin in camera view. We secured this footage and supplied this to Milton Keynes City Council Environmental Crime Unit for investigation.

December 2023 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

We continued to liaise with the local Neighbourhood Policing team and reviewed large amounts of footage to pass on intelligence on activity in the area. We provided footage on gang-related anti-social behaviour and weapons activity.

We received a request to review footage for the 10th December 2023 regarding an incident in the area. We secured and supplied the footage to the police.

We received a request to review footage for the 16th December 2023 regarding a weapons incident where a property in the area was targeted. We secured and supplied the footage to the police.

Rochfords, Coffee Hall

There were no reported incidents during the month of December.

January 2024 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

We continued to liaise with the local Neighbourhood Policing team and reviewed large amounts of footage to pass on intelligence on activity in the area. We provided footage on gang-related anti-social behaviour and weapons activity.

On the 5th January 2024, we observed an incident in camera view which was related to another public order offence that occurred in the area. We secured and supplied this footage to the police.

A closure order was placed onto a property in camera view. Our evidence assisted with this closure.

Rochfords, Coffee Hall

There were no reported incidents during the month of January.

February 2024 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

There were no reported incidents during the month of February.

Rochfords, Coffee Hall

There were no reported incidents during the month of February. This camera was redeployed to Brent, Tinkers Bridge.

Brent, Tinkers Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of February.

March 2024 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

We were informed that the council were in the process of court proceedings to regain possession of the property, and the police were looking to get an extension to the closure order.

Brent, Tinkers Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of March.

April 2024 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

We received a request to review footage regarding a reported fly tip in the area on the 10th April 2024. We supplied the footage to Milton Keynes Council Environmental Crime Unit for investigation.

We received a request to review footage for the 20th March 2024 regarding an incident in the area. We advised on this.

Brent, Tinkers Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of April.

May 2024 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

We received a request to review footage for the 4th May 2024 regarding an incident in the area. We advised on this.

We received a request to review footage for the 5th May 2024 regarding an incident in the area. We advised on this.

We received a request to review footage for the 16th May 2024 regarding an incident in the area. We supplied this footage to the local policing team.

We received a request to review footage for the 27th May 2024 regarding an incident in the area. We advised on this.

Brent, Tinkers Bridge

We received a request to review footage for the 30th May 2024 (and previous days) regarding a reported fly tip in the area . We advised on this.

June 2024 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

On the 11th June 2024, we observed individuals riding motorcycles up and down the street. We supplied this footage to the police.

We received a request to review footage for the 4th June 2024 regarding an incident near to the camera location. We supplied this footage to the police.

Brent, Tinkers Bridge

We received a request to review footage for the 21st June 2024 regarding reports of individuals riding motorcycles on the grassed areas near to the camera location. We advised on this.

July 2024 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

There were no reported incidents during the month of July.

Brent, Tinkers Bridge

We received information from both WCC and Milton Keynes Council Environmental Crime Unit regarding some fly tipping near to the camera location. Unfortunately this was out of camera view.

August 2024 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

There were no reported incidents during the month of August.

Brent, Tinkers Bridge

On the 18th August 2024, we observed a mattress being dumped by an individual on foot. We supplied this footage to Milton Keynes City Council Environmental Crime Unit for investigation.

On the 27th August 2024, we observed a mattress being dumped by two individuals from a property in camera view. We supplied this footage to Milton Keynes City Council Environmental Crime Unit for investigation.

On the 28th August 2024, we observed a mattress being dumped by an individual from a property in camera view. We supplied this footage to Milton Keynes City Council Environmental Crime Unit for investigation.

The individuals above were written to and advised that the waste must be removed within 7 days, which was adhered to.

September 2024 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

We received a request to review footage for the start of September regarding a domestic incident near to the camera location. We advised on this.

Brent, Tinkers Bridge

On the 27th September 2024, we reported a waste offence and the enforcement team have since issued advice to the individuals.

October 2024 Findings:

Beadlemead, Netherfield

There were no reported incidents during the month of October. This camera was redeployed to Langland Road, Netherfield.

Brent, Tinkers Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of October. This camera was redeployed to Tandra, Beanhill.

Langland Road, Netherfield

We liaised with the local Neighbourhood Policing team and reviewed large amounts of footage to pass on intelligence on activity in the area.

Tandra, Beanhill

There were no reported incidents during the month of October.

November 2024 Findings:

Langland Road, Netherfield

We liaised with the local Neighbourhood Policing team and reviewed large amounts of footage to pass on intelligence on activity in the area.

Tandra, Beanhill

There were no reported incidents during the month of November.

December 2024 Findings:

Langland Road, Netherfield

We liaised with the local Neighbourhood Policing team and reviewed large amounts of footage to pass on intelligence on activity in the area.

Tandra, Beanhill

There were no reported incidents during the month of December.

January 2025 Findings:

Langland Road, Netherfield

We were informed by the local policing team that the evidence gathered led to the execution of a warrant on an address in the area.

Tandra, Beanhill

There were no reported incidents during the month of January.

February 2025 Findings:

Langland Road, Netherfield

There were no reported incidents during the month of February. This camera was redeployed to The Hide, Netherfield.

Tandra, Beanhill

There were no reported incidents during the month of February.

The Hide, Netherfield

Unfortunately the camera was vandalised a few days after installation. The camera is to be repaired and redeployed to a new location. We reported this to the police as criminal damage, however the case was filed.

March 2025 Findings:

Tandra, Beanhill

There were no reported incidents during the month of March. This camera was redeployed to Marshworth, Tinkers Bridge.

Lloyds, Coffee Hall

We started collecting data regarding parking issues near to the Mosque.

April 2025 Findings:

Lloyds, Coffee Hall

We started collecting data regarding parking issues near to the Mosque.

Marshworth, Tinkers Bridge

We received a request to review footage for the 10th April 2025 regarding reports of anti-social behaviour in the area. We secured the footage provided this to the police.

May 2025 Findings:

Lloyds, Coffee Hall

The report was finalised and sent over to Woughton Community Council.

Marshworth, Tinkers Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of May.

June 2025 Findings:

Lloyds, Coffee Hall

We received a request from the Child Abuse Investigation Team at Thames Valley Police regarding an incident on the 20th June 2025. We reviewed a large amount of footage and observed the suspect in camera view. We supplied this footage to Thames Valley Police.

Marshworth, Tinkers Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of June.

July 2025 Findings:

Lloyds, Coffee Hall

We received a request to review footage regarding an incident on the 15th July 2025. We supplied this footage to Thames Valley Police.

On the 30th July 2025, we received a request from a member of the public regarding a suspected hit and run involving their vehicle. We reviewed the footage and advised on this.

Marshworth, Tinkers Bridge

We received a request to review footage regarding a serious road traffic collision on the 15th July 2025. We supplied this footage to Thames Valley Police.

August 2025 Findings:

Lloyds, Coffee Hall

There were no reported incidents during the month of August. This camera was redeployed to Barnfield Drive, Netherfield.

Marshworth, Tinkers Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of August. This camera was redeployed to Chapter, Coffee Hall.

Barnfield Drive, Netherfield

We received a request to review footage for the 12th August 2025 regarding an incident in the area. We supplied the footage to Thames Valley Police for review.

September 2025 Findings:

Barnfield Drive, Netherfield

On the 5th September 2025, we observed a fly tipping offence. Due to the conditions, the individuals were not identifiable.

Chapter, Coffee Hall

There were no reported incidents during the month of September.

October 2025 Findings:

Barnfield Drive, Netherfield

On the 29th October 2025, we received a request regarding a high-risk missing person last seen near to the camera location. We reviewed the footage and advised on this.

Chapter, Coffee Hall

We started collecting and reviewing the footage in order to conduct a study regarding the parking issues in the area.

November 2025 Findings:

Barnfield Drive, Netherfield

We received a request for large amounts of footage at this location for the 7th, 14th and 21st November relating to a planned warrant to be carried out at a property near to camera view. We provided this footage to the police.

This camera was redeployed to Aldenham, Tinkers Bridge.

Chapter, Coffee Hall

On the 11th November 2025, we observed a large fly tip in camera view. We supplied this footage to Milton Keynes City Council Environmental Crime Unit for investigation.

The parking report was supplied to the Council.

December 2025 Findings:

Chapter, Coffee Hall

There were no reported incidents during the month of December.

Aldenham, Tinkers Bridge

We received a request to review footage for the 5th December 2025 due to an incident in the area. We supplied this footage to the police.

January 2026 Findings:

Chapter, Coffee Hall

There were no reported incidents during the month of January.

Aldenham, Tinkers Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of January.

February 2026 Findings:

Chapter, Coffee Hall

There were no reported incidents during the month of February.

Aldenham, Tinkers Bridge

On the 16th and 17th February 2026, we provided footage to Milton Keynes City Council Environmental Crime Unit of some waste clearances in the area. This was to support an ongoing investigation.

March 2026 Findings:

Chapter, Coffee Hall

There were no reported incidents during the month of March. This camera was redeployed to Neapland, Beanhill.

Aldenham, Tinkers Bridge

On the 23rd March 2026, we observed an individual writing graffiti on a wall in camera view. This links to other graffiti issues in the area. This footage was provided to Thames Valley Police and Milton Keynes City Council Environmental Crime Unit for investigation.

Neapland, Beanhill

There were no reported incidents during the month of March.

April 2026 Findings:

Aldenham, Tinkers Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of April.

Neapland, Beanhill

On the 15th April 2026 we observed an individual riding through the area on a motorbike. We secured this footage.

May 2026 Findings:

Aldenham, Tinkers Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of May. This camera was redeployed to Waterside, Peartree Bridge.

Neapland, Beanhill

There were no reported incidents during the month of May.

Waterside, Peartree Bridge

Throughout May, we supplied over 30 instances of an individual feeding the wildlife in the area. We have supplied an evidence pack to Milton Keynes City Council Environmental Crime Unit for investigation.

Throughout May, we supplied over 30 instances of individuals riding through the area on e-bikes and off road bikes. The footage has been supplied to Thames Valley Police after reports of links to electric vehicle charging cable thefts in the area.

June 2026 Findings:

Neapland, Beanhill

There were no reported incidents during the month of June.

Waterside, Peartree Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of June.

We were informed by Milton Keynes City Council Environmental Crime Unit that the individual responsible for feeding the wildlife was spoken to. Due to the scale and frequency of the offending, a Community Protection Warning was issued rather than a fine.

July 2026 Findings:

Neapland, Beanhill

There were no reported incidents during the month of July.

Waterside, Peartree Bridge

On the 19th July 2026, we received a request regarding a nearby stabbing. We supplied the footage to the police.

Since MKCC ECU had spoken to the individual involved in the bird feeding, we did not observed any further instances.

August 2026 Findings:

Neapland, Beanhill

Throughout August, we have observed 5 instances of individuals riding motorbikes in the area. We supplied this footage to the police for intelligence purposes.

Waterside, Peartree Bridge

There were no reported incidents during the month of August. Since the warning was issued to the female, there have been no further evidence of bird feeding in the area. CCTV also showed the water birds had left, while pest control contractors confirmed a decline in the rat population and local reports of infestation have ceased.

Next Steps:

We currently have outstanding new locations requested by the WCC team and Local Policing team.

Milton Keynes City Council

6 October 2026

Dear Steve

Crisis Resilience Fund – funding for Parishes

Please accept this letter as confirmation that **Woughton Community Council** has been awarded **£4,000** in funding to enable you to start (or continue) to provide vital initiatives, such as community cafes, community hubs, social clubs and wellbeing support, including 'warm places', 'chill spaces', pop up cafes and other informal social activities where people can meet up, with the aim of preventing poverty locally and building local resilience and support. The fund can also be used to provide supplementary advice services, (eg guided budgeting, employment support, debt reduction advice and income maximisation services) including signposting to such support.

By agreeing to accept the funding **Woughton Community Council** agrees to:

- Deliver / support initiatives that support those who are facing challenges, with the aim of preventing poverty locally and building local resilience and support
- Provide updates on spend as at end of Q3 (in January 2027) with a final update on spend at end of Q4 (in April 2027),
- Advise us of initiatives that you are working on so that we can signpost them through Council communications channels for the benefit of local people

Please confirm your agreement by email to kay.pettit@milton-keynes.gov.uk after which payment will be arranged.

Kind Regards

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Services and Communities Committee – 19th October 2026

Agenda Item SC 61/26

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To update the committee on the Food provision and consider future delivery of services

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee notes the report and the proposal noted below

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

The food provision within the council has been under discussion for many months and the resignation of the Food Coordinator (with the associated pressures that this has presented) provides an ideal opportunity to review and consider any immediate and longer term actions wanted.

The Food provision includes several elements delivered by Woughton Community Council, which sit within a much wider range of options within the wider parish / city.

WCC Provision (directly or supported by)

- Community Café (Netherfield) – Monday
- Community Café (Coffee Hall) – Tuesday
- Community Fridge (Coffee Hall) – Tuesday
- Community Café / Larder (Coffee Hall) – Wednesday
- Community Café / Food share (Eaglestone) – Wednesday
- Games Night (No 99) – Thursday evening*
- Community Fridge (Netherfield) – Thursday**
- Community Fridge (Tinkers Bridge) – Saturday***

*Supported by funding and building access but run by volunteers. Donations expected for food.
**Supported by funding and provision of excess food but run by an external group
***Supported by funding, building access, van provision, but run by an independent group.

In terms of the sessions that the Food Coordinator directly oversaw, these are the ones above between Monday and Wednesday. To provide some further detail:

Netherfield Café. Running between 12 – 2pm, the café offers a social space and a lunch, usually a cooked meal but sometimes a ploughman's or similar. With under 10 attendees each week and a limited bank of volunteers, the session is currently being overseen by the Council Manager, who is also supporting a volunteer to prepare the food on a Monday morning (this also covers the Eaglestone session food preparation). The cohort of visitors are not, on the whole, people who would suffer hardship if food was not provided, but there is a clear benefit in terms of social contact and interactions.
This café was originally set up as part of an agreement between WCC / MKCC / Mears, during the refurbishment work on Netherfield. This work is now complete, and MKCC / Mears have not been involved in the session for over a year. It is unclear as to the aims and objectives of the session now

that this initial reason has been resolved.
Donations per session are averaging around £8 per week (approx. £1 per attendee)

Coffee Hall Café. Running between 10.30 – 2 (officially, usually finished earlier), this session is considered as a social group, with lunch provided. Most attendees arrive before 11am, have social time before lunch at around 12 noon. Average attendances recently are 34 per session. The session is managed primarily by volunteers, with a steady number of regular volunteers supporting the café. This cafe is also supported by food that comes through the community fridge, aften giving access to fruit, cakes and similar. Some attendees also attend the community fridge on the same day.
There is a clear social value to the session – it is unclear as to whether there would be any hardship for attendees if they were not able to access food at the session, but a clear value in having the regular social time.
Donations per session are averaging around £27 per week (slightly under £1 per attendee).

Eaglestone Café. Running between 12 – 2pm, the session is of limited reach and has changes since inception, where it ran alongside the community food project offered by Abba Father. The time also changed, as the original session was later, not covering a mealtime as such, and resulted in high numbers of students visiting for cakes / biscuits / similar, with significant waste issues. Currently averaging around 10 visitors each week, the session is well supported with volunteers and can run nicely without much, if any, direct support. However, food preparation, delivery of the food to be redistributed and 'oversight' remains a demand on WCC officer time (currently the Council Manager).
Donations per session are averaging around £4 per week.

Community Fridge (Coffee Hall). This session is part of the wider community fridge provision within the parish, funded by WCC and covering the three (3) fridges noted above. This is the only one where WCC has direct responsibility and oversight. The session has deliveries from Food Connect (usually two deliveries – one via the van and one via the bike) and also distributes donations from the Hygiene Bank and from the community garden, as well as occasional other donations. Averaging 51 visitors per week, this session directly supports people, as well as contributing to the reduction of waste food going to landfill.

Community Larder / Café (Coffee Hall). This is a slightly different approach, as this is a service that people sign up to and pay for, managed and delivered by WCC, mainly volunteers with oversight. This supports around 40 customers each week, all of whom pay £4.50 per week to SOFEA for membership. This entitled members to take up to 10 items, plus additional stuff where there is sufficient to take more (especially fruit and veg). This is managed by volunteers, with some oversight and help where appropriate, from officers. This is combined with a low key café, serving bacon rolls / porridge / toast or similar. Again, this is managed by volunteers with little input needed.

Previous discussions
The previous food coordinator suggested that a different approach / additional provision maybe useful, looking both at the perceived entitlement / expectation from some visitors, alongside the wider issues around food that are, in their opinion, unmet. This includes things such as healthier meals, cooking classes, cooking on a budget, etc. That paper is attached for consideration.

The whole of the food provision has changed significantly since set up and there remains some lack of certainty around the aims and objectives of the various services; Netherfield was created to support the SHDF project, which has now finished. Eaglestone was set up as a partnership with the Abba Father food session, which is no longer happening. Coffee Hall was created during Covid as a

social space with tea and cake on offer. All are now expected to provide a cooked meal, weekly, despite the partnership having ceased.

The social aspects are clear – there is a benefit for many attendees in having a space to come to each week to meet others, chat, socialise and spend time out of the house. The need for a cooked meal is less clear and, particularly with the cafes on Netherfield and Eaglestone, it is hard to justify the input from council, when considering the number of people supported (fewer than 10 per week in each setting).

The other benefits that should be considered are those of the volunteers – several volunteers who have been part of the team have developed, grown in confidence, seen new opportunities arise and, in some cases, moved into other roles, paid work or new positive experiences.

The number of residents supported directly via the food provision is around 200 per week via the community fridges, 90 via the cafes, 40 via the larder and around 12 for Games Night – a total of around 340 per week*. It should be noted that there are some people who attend more than one session, so this is total attendance, rather than individual users.

*The food provided via the youth provision isn't included in this paper, as this sits within the wider youth service.

Options
There are options that cover a range of options, but it is considered that these should come from wider decisions around the purpose and ethos of the food provision – what is it for? Is it meeting that need? Does it reflect the wishes of the council? Is it value for money? Are there other ways that support could be offered?

This may mean a complete review of everything – a revamp of the provision, based upon the overall aims. This may reduce the 'cooked meal' options, returning to the original provision of drinks and small bites (fruit, toast, cakes, etc.), focusing more on the social aspects. This could include a different 'self service' approach – a soup tureen and bread, which people can help themselves to, a toaster and toppings, etc rather than the expectation of a hot, cooked meal. It may be that the cafes have played the roles that they were originally created for, and a new approach is needed, offering a different type of service (social activities, cooking classes, etc.). It may be that the current offer is what is wanted and as such, consideration of how this might be managed by the council is discussed and agreed (including the potential for another food coordinator post). These decisions are not easy and there are many competing views that should be considered, including some noted in this paper.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

As noted above, much of the WCC food provision is currently being overseen by both the Council Manager and the Deputy Clerk – both of whom have many other pressures and demands on their time, as well as being 'expensive' in terms of their hourly rates. This is not a sustainable model, so consideration should be made both in terms of the short term impact on the council and any long term aspirations of the committee in terms of the food provision.

Use of volunteers enables many sessions to take place – the fridge sessions provided at Netherfield and Tinkers Bridge are managed independently, with some support offered from WCC in terms of finance, building use (TB), excess food (NF) and van use (TB). However, these sessions take considerable time and effort from those managing them and sit within existing structures (e.g. Church

/ Residents Association). Whilst there are some excellent volunteers at both Eaglestone and Netherfield, current models don't allow these sessions to run without staffing involvement. In a similar way, the sessions at Coffee Hall are mainly delivered by volunteers, but with the 'safety net' of having the offices attached, with officers close by for any immediate needs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of the previous post holder, employed for 26hours per week, including all costs (pension, NI, etc.) was around £30k per annum. At the current time, approximately one day per week of Council Managers hours and a similar level of Deputy Clerk hours are being spent managing this – whilst there was a significant demand on both those officers even when the previous postholder was in place, this is a significant cost (similar to that of the previous post holder). Whilst this means overall costs have declined slightly, the impact on the wider council cannot be ignored.

In addition to the above, the other costs associated with the food provision include venue use, cost of Food Connect, van use, etc.

Ingredients, equipment, etc. are a further cost, but these are mitigated by the donations that are made (approximately £40 per week / £1900 per year).

If the spaces used were costed at our usual rental rates (local resident level), the costs would be:

- Netherfield – 3 hours per week = £45
- Coffee Hall – 8 hours per week = £120
- Eaglestone – 3 hours per week = £45

Assuming 48 weeks per year, this equates to a weekly cost of £210, or £10,080 per year.

Other costs include Tinkers Bridge rental (office @ £200 per month, main hall for 10 hours per week, etc.), van insurance and maintenance, etc.

In total, the food provision costs around £65,000 per year.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Consideration should be made with regard to ensuring equitable access to our services. Whilst the provision at Coffee Hall is clearly the most used, with good levels of volunteer cover and so on, the sessions on other estates help ensure this fairness. Coffee Hall is seen by some as the main delivery area for the council (which is naturally the case, as offices, No 95 and 99, Community Garden, depot, etc. are all on that estate), so consideration of removing services from other areas should be undertaken.
Whilst acknowledging this, it should also be noted that in most areas, there is a 'centre' where activities take place. Whilst Woughton is lucky to have community buildings around the parish, it is also essential for all to understand that we cannot (and should not) aim to provide everything, everywhere. This would be unsustainable and financially unsound.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Community Food Report June 2026

SUGGESTED PROPOSAL:

It is recommended that the committee considers what the overall purpose and ethos of the food service should be and to consider what this looks like in service terms. This consideration should also include both short term options, to address the current staffing issues, and longer term vision which may include any replacement of coordinators or otherwise.

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Creating Connections, Supporting Communities
Woughton Community Council

Community Food Report June 2026.

Introduction

This paper responds to a request from the Council to review the food service provided by Woughton Community Council.

Over time, the service has grown and developed without a clear shared aim.

In this report the aims are focused on exploring the increasing cost of living and reducing food insecurity. How we can increase social inclusion and confidence through education and training, along with the wellbeing of the residents of the parish creating greater resilience and cohesion.

This paper considers a range of factors to assess the current service and inform future direction.

Current provision

Woughton Community Council (WCC) delivers a comprehensive programme of food-based support services that are well utilised by the local community. Its café provision is consistently well attended, with combined weekly participation estimated at between **75 and 80** individuals.

In addition to this, WCC operates a Community Fridge initiative, on Tuesdays. This provision regularly supports approximately **55** individuals and facilitates the redistribution of around **400kg** of surplus food each week, significantly contributing to the reduction of food waste.

The WCC Youth Service further enhances local food support through its programme of regular youth clubs and Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) provision during school holidays. All sessions incorporate a food offer, ensuring that young people have access to meals. Additional community activities hosted by WCC include Games Night, 3Ts group, and the Men's Breakfast Club all provide a food provision as a key component of their engagement.

Within the wider Woughton area, several initiatives operate to extend support. Community fridges located in Tinkers Bridge and Netherfield both include a breakfast offer, broadening access to food resources across the locality. Both consistently serve approx. 90 and 70 people weekly respectively.

Family Centres also play an important role in supporting residents. Moorfields Family Centre offers a café-style service providing tea, toast, and hot drinks and work in partnership with local faith groups. Hedgerows Family Centre delivers a cookery course, supported by a crèche facility, enabling parents and carers to participate fully.

Recent surveys conducted at Woughton Community Council (WCC) indicate that food provision plays a significant role in supporting both individual wellbeing and community cohesion. Respondents consistently reported that they value the opportunity to access food regularly, with many attending on a weekly basis. This provision is seen as an important contribution towards managing the rising cost of living, while also helping to alleviate loneliness. As one participant noted, *"it is important to meet neighbours and friends."*

Feedback also highlighted a demand for more interactive and skills-based food activities. In particular, some respondents expressed interest in initiatives such as "cook and eat" sessions or basic cooking classes. These were viewed as beneficial not only for developing practical cooking skills—especially for individuals who may feel *"stuck with what to eat"*—but also as an effective means of fostering social interaction and reducing isolation within the community.

WCC has a dedicated team of volunteers. The volunteers are the heart of everything we do, bringing positive energy, and providing the parish with invaluable support to every service we offer. Their commitment ensures that we can consistently deliver meaningful support to those who need it most, often going above and beyond without expectation of recognition. We could not run these services without them—their time, skills, and compassion make our work possible and sustain the positive impact we have in our community every day.

Outputs and outcomes from current provision

Last year's budget data shows that total available funding amounted to **£5,500**, comprising **£3,500** in donations and a **£2,000** internal budget allocation.

Core expenditure—primarily Tesco deliveries and Amazon purchases—totalled approximately **£4,500–£4,700**, representing the majority of operational spend.

In addition, several items were allocated under Community Food, including Tesco vouchers for volunteers and a **£10,000** contribution to Sustainable MK in support of the Fridges initiative.

Overall, spending reflects a strong focus on sustaining regular operations while also supporting key partnership initiatives and volunteer engagement.

Health inequalities

Often measured across 4 categories including socio-economic factors; where someone lives; specific characteristics; and socially excluded groups such as asylum seekers. Health inequalities (HI) are often described as unfair, with systemic differences amongst different groups of people, but avoidable. (1)

A 2022 Healthwatch Milton Keynes report suggests that health inequality is deeply embedded, often normalised within communities with lower socio-economic status (SES) with limited means and fewer opportunities to be 'healthy', than their counterparts with higher SES.

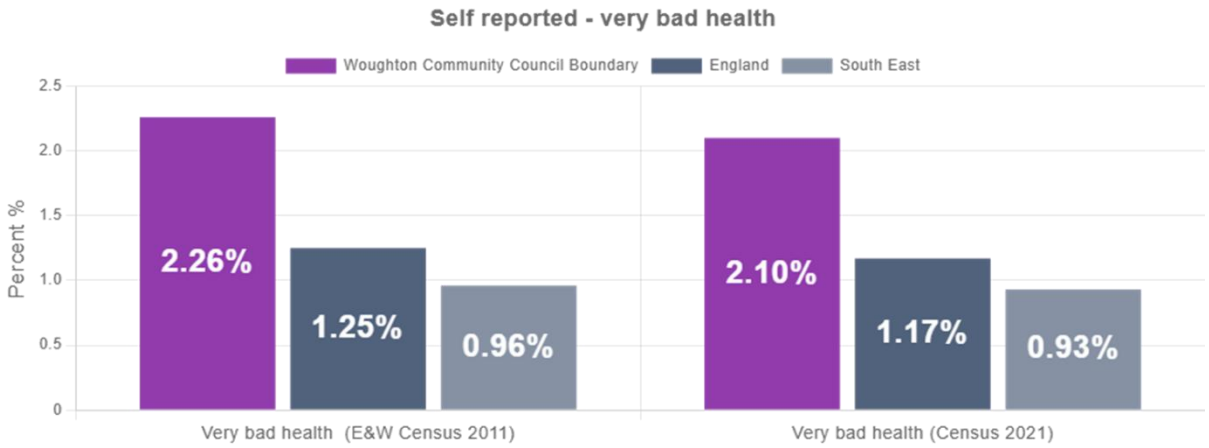
The report goes on to say that people facing poverty, racial or gender inequality are more likely to have a lower socio-economic status (SES) mainly due to their income, education, and background.

Health inequality is often measured by life expectancy and the prevalence of health conditions. (2)

According to Gov.UK 6% of neighbourhoods in England fall into the most deprived (lacking resources) areas, WCC falls within this figure and is described as one of the most deprived neighbourhoods within Milton Keynes.

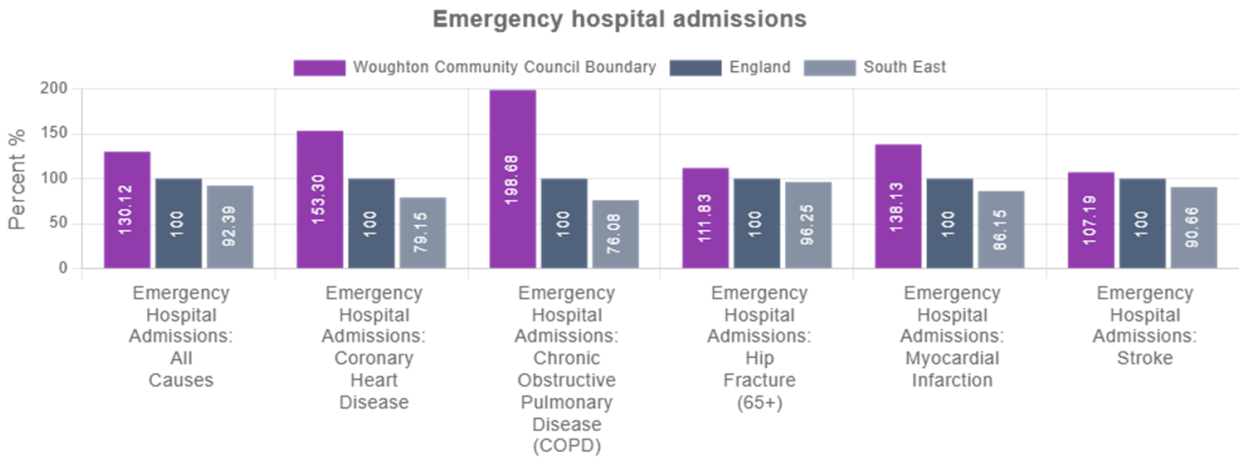
There are multiple areas of depravation within the Woughton neighbourhood including, but not limited to, education and skills, employment, health & disability and income. (3)

In 2024 Oxford Consultation of Social Inclusion (OCSI) created a Local Insight Report for WCC. Those completing self-reported health assessment on general health describe themselves as having very bad health. This figure (2.1%) shows a higher proportion than the overall average across England (1.17%) – pg 156- 157

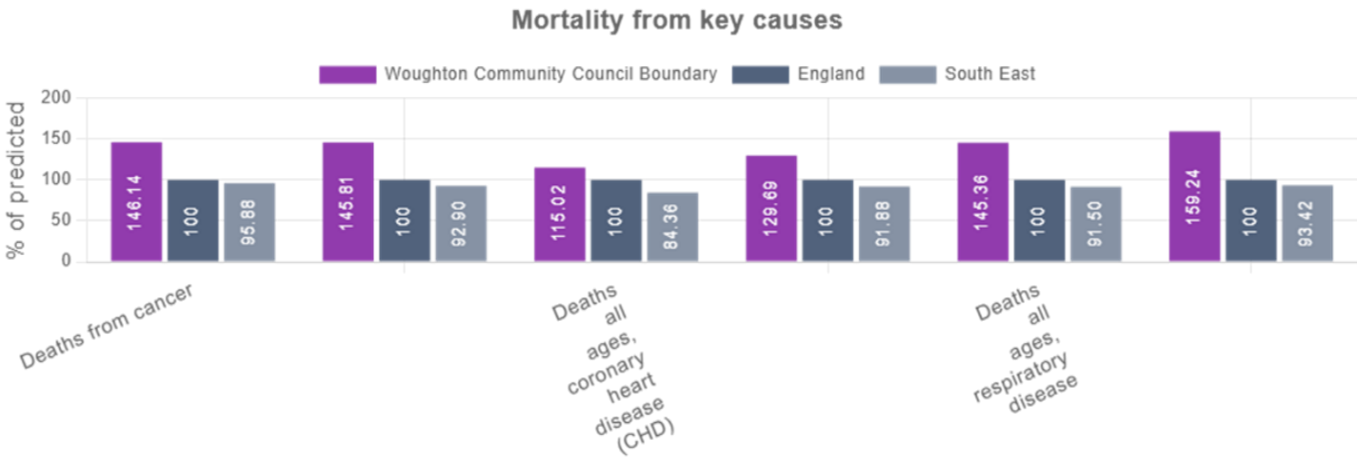


With average expectancy for males within the parish standing at 74.51yrs and for females 78.8 yrs both lower than the nation average by approx. 5 years. (Local insight report pg. 170)

With a higher than England average for those out of work due to respiratory illness and poor mental health and an above average hospital admission for heart disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)



With overall mortality rates also showing as higher than the overall percentage in England



Source Office of National Statistics.

Local Insight England Full Report Woughton Community Council Boundary Milton Keynes Council 13 December 2024

<u>Food poverty</u>

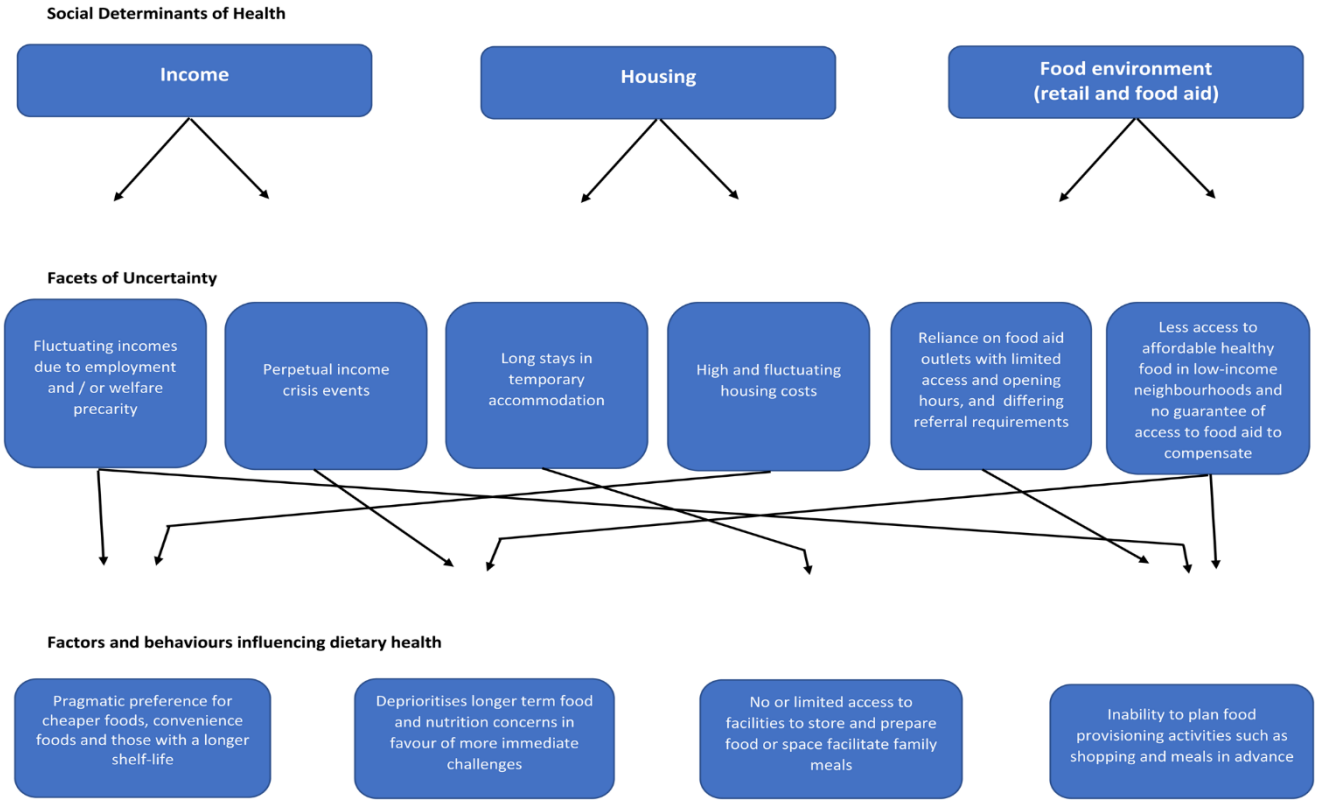
It is generally agreed that there is no real definitive definition of this term- however the consensus is that food poverty can be interpreted as the inability to afford, have access to and/or consume adequate food that makes up a 'healthy' diet (4)

In 2023/24 11% of the UK population were experiencing food insecurity. The constant rising cost of living and food inflation is cited as increasing food poverty in UK households, with people spending less on food or in some cases skipping meals. (5)

The sheer number of people accessing fridges, food banks and larders in the parish indicates, to some extent, those within the neighbourhood experiencing food poverty.

Food poverty is driven by a range of factors and has been further intensified by the effects of the pandemic and recent economic downturns. Households on low incomes, or those facing delays in benefit payments, may be forced to choose between essentials such as food and heating. Other factors contributing to food poverty and

unhealthy food choices in lower SSE areas may include access to transport, reliance on convenience stores, increasing number of fast-food outlets, less time to cook or lack of confidence. (6,7).



Health concerns in Woughton Parish as highlighted by the Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion Report 2024 (OCSI) highlight low birth rate and childhood obesity, both linked to poor nutrition and food choices (8)

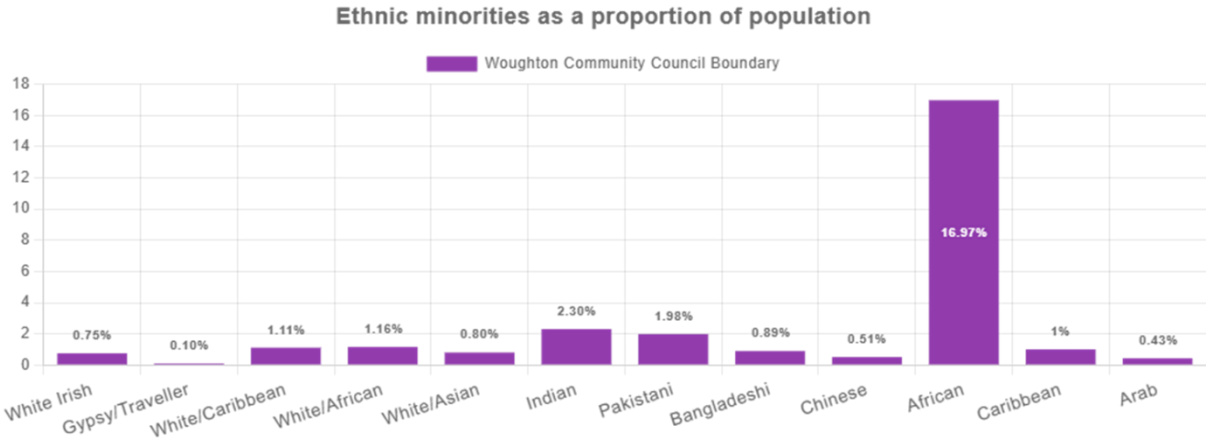
Non communicable diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disease and COPD also have a link with inadequate nutrition and unhealthy food choices. Diabetes and obesity can, not only, be avoided through better food choices and the increase of physical exercise but in some cases reversed. (9,10)

Healthy eating

According to the World Health Organisation a healthy diet consists of several factors, falling into 4 main principles, which, when followed promote health through all stages of life

1. Diet is adequate meeting both micronutrient (Vitamins and minerals) and macronutrient (carbs, protein fats) needs at all stages of life
2. Diet is balanced with enough macronutrients for the needs of the individual
3. Limited intake of foods associated with poor health and long-term health conditions
4. Diets are varied, consisting of a wide range of foods that are nutritious and diverse (11)

Healthy eating can look different for differing ethnic groups. In the parish of Woughton there is a diverse population, a significant number of people identify as African with a combined South Asian population being the next largest group.



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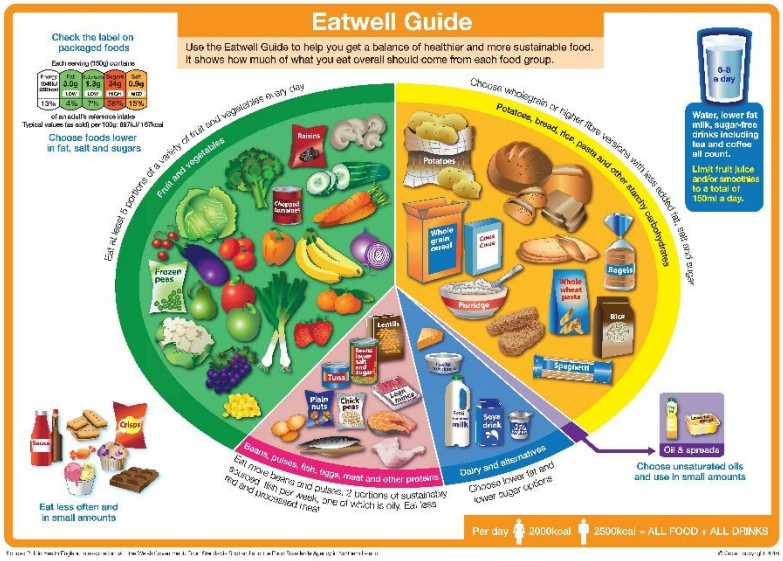
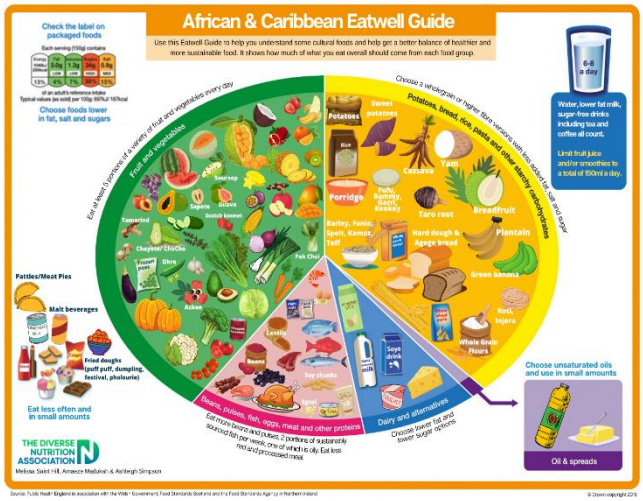


Taking these principles into consideration, the NHS states the importance of a balanced diet, designing a visual guideline.

Further recommendations such as eating 5 a day, the types of macronutrients and micronutrients needed and liquids, in particular water and the need to reduce sugary drinks, are also broken down.

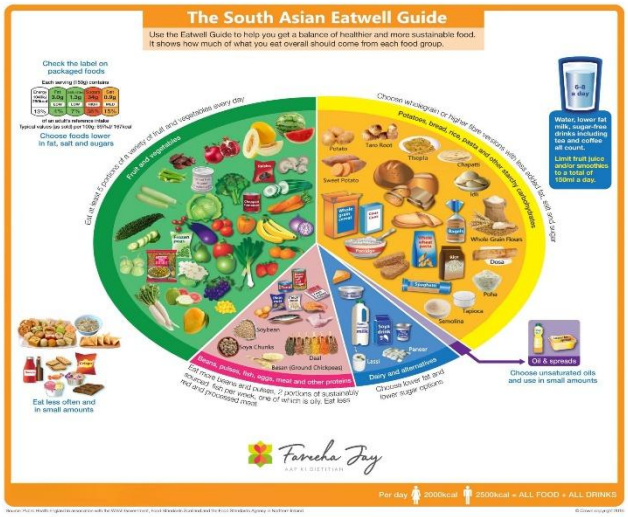
Guidelines highlight the need to avoid high sugar, eat less salt and particular fats for a more balanced and healthy approach to food intake to prevent long term health conditions.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/how-to-eat-a-balanced-diet/eating-a-balanced-diet/



However, this guideline has its limitations. Recognised for its lack of diversity and the need to focus on diseases prevalence in other ethnicities led to the development of culturally appropriate Eatwell Guides.

Each Guideline focuses on the need for variations in the requirement for a range of micro and macro nutrients, focusing on a both diversity and are deemed culturally appropriate depending on ethnic backgrounds.
Designed to help people eat according to their genetic predisposition and cultural backgrounds to remain healthy throughout their lifetime.



Breaking down the types of macronutrients frequently eaten by each ethnic group and the increased need for certain micronutrients such as Vitamin D.

https://nhsforthvalley.com/health-services/health-promotion/nutrition/multi-cultural-nutrition/

The Eatwell Guide is a helpful tool for recommendations on healthy eating and how to achieve a balanced diet.

NHS England suggests one way of enabling better food choices is through increasing knowledge in both formal and informal ways e.g. targeted advice, food growing and demonstrations as well as eating and cooking. (12)

Unhealthy Eating

Ultra processed foods (UPF) have become a norm in the western world. These types of foods include ready meals, cereals, protein bars, fizzy drinks and fast food and are rapidly replacing fresh foods in both adult and children. UPF are closely linked to several long-term health conditions including Type 2 Diabetes, heart disease and depression. In communities with lower socio-economic status 80% UPF is typical (13).

Birmingham City Council recently published an exploration report on health outcomes associated with UPF's, it makes for an interesting read. There are detailed results on each processed food groups and the links with health conditions, including sugary and salty snacks, processed meats and bakery items.

It is suggested to implement longer term health benefits within communities' actions such as

- Leading by example,
- Increasing knowledge and understanding and
- Following behavioural science approaches may play a part in a longer-term solution.

Further reading

file:///C:/Users/msfal/Downloads/UPF_Exploration_Report_Birmingham_ACCESSIBLE_FINAL.pdf

Social value / benefits

Evidence suggests diet can affects the overall health and wellbeing of a person. Whether eating a balanced, healthy diet or an unhealthy diet each choice affects a person's social, physical and emotional health.

Food quality, getting enough healthy foods and being able to access these foods along with healthy eating behaviours are key to both individual and community health and well-being. These are crucial factors in addressing health inequities (14).

It was found those individuals receiving support were more likely to be influenced to make better food choices. Being more likely to choose healthy food over unhealthy food as well as consuming less of the unhealthy choices available (15)

Woughton Community Council Community Food Offer

Re-establishing the purpose of the Community Cafés

The current café and food offer across WCC has developed organically over time and now requires a clearer shared purpose and ethos. The cafés should not be viewed solely as food provision spaces, but as wider community wellbeing hubs that contribute to reducing isolation, improving health outcomes, strengthening community cohesion and supporting residents experiencing hardship.

Overall cafés should aim to provide:

- Affordable and accessible food
- Warm, welcoming and inclusive community spaces
- Opportunities for social connection and reducing loneliness
- Access to advice, support and community services
- Opportunities for volunteering, skills development and work experience
- Routes into healthier lifestyles and greater food confidence

Whilst providing food remains essential, the quality, accessibility and cultural appropriateness of that food should also be considered. Evidence suggests that communities experiencing deprivation are more likely to experience poor health outcomes linked to nutrition, including obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

These activities can help create positive experiences linked to community food spaces rather than associating them solely with hardship or crisis support (which there is a need for.)

Ethos of the café

Currently the Community cafés running throughout the parish vary in their approach. Some offering food for free and other charging.

There is potential for the 'coffee hole' to trade as commercial business or something similar and can be utilised to provide additional training to outside organisations such as MK college students.

There is also scope for the café space to be used to expand on the existing health checks and health screening sessions already offered by WCC.

As well as considering the following

- Providing food that people want and will realistically eat
- Improving access to healthier options over time
- Ensuring meals are culturally appropriate and inclusive
- Maintaining dignity, choice and affordability

This should not become a restrictive or judgemental approach to food. Instead, healthier eating should be encouraged through positive engagement, education, modelling and accessibility.

Food provision could include opportunities for learning and development alongside direct support.

Potential initiatives could include:

- "Cook and Eat" programmes focused on low-cost healthy meals
- Budget cooking and meal planning sessions
- Nutritional education linked to local health inequalities
- Family cooking activities
- Seasonal recipe cards and online videos
- Workshops linked to diabetes prevention, heart health and childhood nutrition

Education should focus on practical, achievable changes rather than unrealistic expectations, recognising the financial and social pressures many households face.

The future food offer should aim to empower residents and build confidence, skills and resilience, rather than creating long-term dependency on emergency support.

This could include:

- Greater involvement of residents in planning and delivering services
- Volunteer pathways with training and progression opportunities
- Work experience placements and partnerships with colleges
- Opportunities for peer support and mentoring
- Clear pathways into employment, education or wider support services
- The emphasis should be on dignity, participation and shared ownership of community spaces.
- Links to the Community Garden and Sustainability

There is significant potential to strengthen links between the cafés, food provision and community gardening initiatives.

This could include:

- Using produce grown locally within café meals
- Gardening and growing sessions for residents and young people
- Education around fresh produce and seasonal eating
- Environmental awareness and food sustainability projects
- Community events centred around food growing and cooking
- Stronger integration between food provision and growing projects could support both physical and mental wellbeing, while strengthening community participation and ownership.
- Developing a Clear Operational Model

Desired Outcomes

The proposal is designed for the long-term aim of the community food, with the view that the offer aims to contribute towards:

- Reduced food insecurity
- Improved physical and mental wellbeing
- Increased social connection and reduced isolation
- Better access to healthy and culturally appropriate food
- Increased confidence and independent living skills
- Stronger community participation and volunteering
- Improved pathways into education, training and employment
- Greater community resilience and cohesion
- Warm and welcoming community spaces

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Services and Communities Committee – 19th October 2026

Agenda Item SC 62/26

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To consider a grant application from Tinkers Bridge Residents Association (TBRA) towards the costs of Christmas gifts

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee notes the report and the proposal noted below

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

This is a relatively straightforward application, for an event that takes place each year. The application is to provide selection boxes, boxed sweets and gifts that will be provided to residents of Tinkers Bridge, in the run up to Christmas. This usually takes place during the annual 'Santa Sleigh' event, as it will this time.

In previous years, TBRA has applied to WCC for funding towards trips, and MKCC for funding towards Christmas, but this year they have swapped.

TBRA have provided all necessary paperwork to support the application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The application is for a total of £421.10. There is currently £7,176 within the grants budget, having awarded only one grant during this financial year.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Tinkers Bridge Christmas 2026 funding application WCC redacted

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

This appears to be a suitable application, from a local group, to deliver community based activities, in line with the overall aims of the grants scheme. Given this, the officer recommendation is that committee awards the grant in totality.

AUTHOR

Steve McNay – Council Manager

Creating Connections, Supporting Communities
Woughton Community Council

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Woughton Community Council

Communities and Environment Fund Application Form

Please read the Guidance Notes prior to completing this application form. These are available on our website or on request from our offices.

Name of Organisation Tinkers Bridge Residents Association Date of Application **16/09/2026**

Status of Organisation: **Residents Association**

☐ Charity State Registered Charity Number

☐ Company Limited by Guarantee State Company Number

Contact Information for the Organisation

Contact Name: **April Rennie** Position **Chair**
(someone who has full knowledge of this application)

Address

Email Address:

Website

In the event that your application is successful please state who the grant cheque should be made payable to / please provide bank account details so a direct payment can be made

Payable to: **Tinkers Bridge Residents Association**

Sort Code :

Account Number:

Chair April Rennie	**Telephone / Email**
Treasurer Kirsty Rennie	**Telephone / Email**
Secretary Deanna Norris	**Telephone / Email**

Please provide details of 2 **independent** referees (this cannot be anyone related to or living at the same address as the applicant) who has knowledge of the project. This person should be easily contactable and must agree on amounts.

Name **Deanna Norris**

Address

Email Address

Telephone Number:

Name: **Grant Clulow**

Address:

Email Address

Telephone Number

What are the aims and objectives of your organisation? Please provide full details of your organisation, the work you do and the outcomes you aim to achieve

Tinkers Bridge residents' association is here to represent the residents and to do the best by the residents. We want to build a community that is proud of our estate and a great community spirit. We support the elderly and the venerable ensuring that everyone is living their best life. We are passionate about our pets and our wildlife, our green spaces and play parks. We want a safe friendly estate.

Amount Requested: **£ 421.10**

What do you require the grant for: Please provide details of the project, giving as much information as possible to enable the panel to fully assess the application.

Christmas selection boxes, tubs of sweets and hampers for elderly and vulnerable residents

How have you identified a need for the project (scoring criteria 1)? What consultation, if any, have you undertaken? How did you do this? What were the responses?

We have been doing this for more than 10 years on the estate. For many it is the only treat they get over the festive period.

How will the project improve the quality of life for people who live in, work or visit the Woughton Parish area (scoring criteria 3, 6 and 7)? (Peartree Bridge, Eaglestone, Leadenhall, Coffee Hall, Beanhill, Netherfield, Tinkers Bridge, Redmoor and Bleak Hall). Please provide as much information as possible – how will this project change people's lives? What impact will it have? What do you want the project to achieve? If applicable, how will it impact upon the environment?

Tinkers Bridge residents' association has done this for many years; it ensures that everyone gets included and gets something for Christmas. It's a time to celebrate and be merry and there is nothing better than seeing peoples faces light up when you give them this little gift. The children look forward to seeing Santa and getting their pressie with a card personalised from Santa. We do get a few tears from the elderly who are just so overwhelmed at being included and thought of.

What are the consequences of not undertaking this project? Please provide a full explanation showing how this will impact on the proposed beneficiaries?

Some people have no family or friends and for them to get a hamper is just so magical for them, that someone cares and has thought about them. We put in little luxuries that they would not normally get, so it's a massive treat for them. We normally apply for the funding through MKCC, but it has become an absolute nightmare as they want every item put into each parcel to have 3 quotes which is so time consuming and so this year we applied for our seaside trip through them and decided to do our Christmas through WCC.

How will you make this project sustainable in the future, to reduce dependency on grant funding (scoring criteria 2)?

We do look for donations, and we shop carefully looking for bargains and we ask shops for discounts too.

For projects that focus on the environment (scoring criteria 7), please provide details of how the project will make a positive change / impact.

When will the project / activity start and finish?

Christmas event Santa touring TB and elf's hand out to children

Who will benefit from the grant (scoring criteria 3)?

☐ Adults	☐ Older adults (55yrs +)
☐ Children	☐ Young People (12-18yrs)
☐ Men	☐ Women
☐ The whole community	☐ BAMER communities

How many beneficiaries of the project/activity reside or work in the Woughton Parish area? **All Live on Tinkers Bridge**

How have you reached this figure? Please explain the process you used

Woughton Community Council priority is poverty, with 3 focus strands. Please tick which is appropriate to your project (scoring criteria 6)

☐ Youth ☐ Food ☐ Advice

How does your project meet the priorities identified above?

It builds community spirit

Project Finances (scoring criteria 5)

Please give a breakdown of the total cost of the project for which you are applying, and how much you are requesting from Woughton Community Council

Item	Cost	Amount requested
Selection Boxes 100	**£ 2.00 each**	**£ 200.00**
Sweet tubs 9 Roads x 2 tubs	**£ 3.95 each**	**£ 71.10**
15 Parcels	**£ 10.00**	**£ 150.00**
	£	**£**
	£	**£**
	£	**£**
	£	**£**
Total	**£**	**£ 421.10**

Do you expect the activity/project to generate an income? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, how much? £

How will the income be used?

How will you raise any outstanding balance?

TBRA normally gives £200 towards parcels and I will seek donations

Have you made an application to any other funders for this project/activity, or do you intend to? If so, please tell us who they are, how much you have requested and when you expect a response.			
Funder	Amount requested	Amount awarded	Response date
	£	£	
	£	£	
	£	£	
	£	£	

How will you know if the project has been successful? If your project is successful, you will be asked to provide an evaluation, so please consider how you will show success – testimonials, feedback forms, statistics (number of people, demographics etc) could all be used to support this.
We advertise on social media for names of children and suggestions for hampers. We take pictures and there is normally lots of feed back on social media

I confirm that the information contained within this form is correct and that I have attached the required documents

Name :April Rennie **Position :Chair**

Signature **Date : 16th September 2026**

Please note, you may also be asked to give a short presentation to the Services Committee or at the Chairs Awards on how the grant has benefitted the local community.

By returning this form you will have given permission under the Data Protection Act 2018 to have your details registered on the Woughton Community Council database. Woughton Community Council will only use this information to provide you with details of schemes and events which may be of interest to you. Please tick this box if you do not wish to receive this information ☐