

Oakley Village Directory 2021



Your guide to the local community

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It is a pleasure and privilege to write the introduction for the 15th edition of the Oakley Village Directory. It is really hard to believe that the directory has been in existence for so long, but I suppose it is like many other good things in life: we take them for granted.

It is many years' since attending a meeting at the Methodist Church Hall where interested parties were invited to discuss the use of the piece of land which has now become our much-valued Linch Furlong. Over the years, this area has been carefully managed for the Parish Council on behalf of the village by Patrick Knight, a long-standing resident of the village. Through his knowledge, care and consideration, Linch Furlong has become a truly interesting area for fauna, flora and other forms of life, such as fungi.

The photographs of wildflowers shown on the front of this publication were taken during a guided walk when Patrick shared some of his extensive knowledge with others. The plan moving forward is to have a changing information board through the seasons to assist us all with the work of nature that is happening in our midst. Through the generosity of Old Road Securities, who have been the sponsors of the Village Directory since its first publication, and the regular support of local businesses and other advertisers, the village has raised considerable sums of money. Much of this money was spent on the sculptures in Linch Furlong and also replacement of the village signs; we hope to revisit these in the coming year so visitors to our village are warmly welcomed.

Though 2020 has been an horrendous year, affecting so many people in so many different ways, there have still been some benefits from a life in lockdown. One of these is that more people than probably ever before have managed to get out walking – whether in families or individually – enjoying the wonderful amenities on our doorstep. As a result, we have seen families enjoying picnics, children spotting insects, kites being flown and not forgetting dogs being walked.

In conclusion, can I express gratitude to Old Road Securities, all those who have supported the directory financially or otherwise, to councillor Sara Fardon and her dedicated team who put the directory together and all residents for whom the directory is prepared. Please keep it safe and handy so that it is your first point of call when looking for a tradesperson or other facility in the village. If we support them, they will support us and 2020 has proved just how much we need the support of one another.

Keep well and keep safe; here's to a very much improved 2021.

Paul Phillips

Chairperson of the Parish Council



All are welcome...

The Churches Together in Oakley hold monthly joint services and family services throughout the year at both churches.

Messy Church for pre-school children and carers runs every Thursday in term time at 10:00 at St Mary's.

Messy Church for All. Third Tuesday in the month, 3:30 – 5:30 at the Methodist Church. Crafts, stories and a meal. **EVERYONE WELCOME** (not just for children).

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3.30pm - 5.30pm

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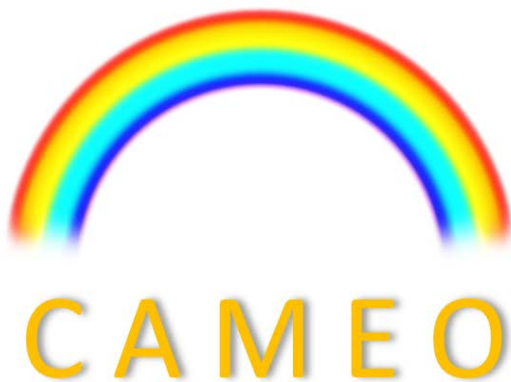
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At Oakley Rural we promote a sense of well-being and health in a sociable environment, offering a range of facilities in a welcoming atmosphere. **Volunteers** work freely with individuals and small groups to provide comfort and alleviate loneliness.

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OAKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Referendum: 27 February 2020
Plan made: 23 March 2020



Oakley Neighbourhood Plan – Made Version March 2020

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Oakley Neighbourhood Plan 2021

Oakley now has a statutory Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Congratulations to everyone in Oakley for sustaining this over a 3 year period.

Decisions on any planning application in Oakley need to take account of the plan.

How did we get there? Read on:

Bedford Borough Council on the 23rd of March 2020 “made” (brought into legal force) the Oakley Neighbourhood Development Plan. The plan is now part of the development plan for the Bedford Borough Council. This was a result of the referendum on the 27th of February 2020 when more than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the plan being used to help to decide planning applications.

The Oakley Neighbourhood Plan group (NDP) is a subcommittee of the Oakley Parish Council and is comprised of parish councillors and residents of the village.

They, over 3 years found out by consultations, how you would like the village to develop and what you felt was important to you as a village community.

- It had Bedfordshire Rural Community Charity conduct a housing survey.
- It engaged a consultant Urban Graphics who guided us through the legal parts of forming the NDP and successfully brought us to the examiner stage

- Different members of the group went through government guidance, Bedford Borough Local Plan policies and background papers to put together the plan so that it could proceed to examination.
- It was examined by the independent Examiner Wendy Burden, who determined that subject to modifications, the plan met the basic conditions and should proceed to referendum.

It is a statutory Planning document and planning applications in the future must take into consideration the policies in the Oakley Neighbourhood Plan.

Bedford Borough Planning Officers must also take into consideration those policies when making their decisions on planning applications.

Recently when a planning application came forward for houses in Pavenham Road. The NDP group and the Parish Council were able to use the Oakley Neighbourhood Development Plan to object to that development.

The group is still in existence and is continuing to work on a variety of issues:

- They have replied to the Government's "Planning for the Future" consultation.
- The group continue to work with the Oakley Parish Council on the borough consultation "Call for Sites" and the East West Rail route to the north of the town through Rural North Beds.
- The group is concerned that there might be weakening of the Ouse Valley Character Assessment when the Borough is finalising the Local Plan 2040. It used to have the protection of the "Area of Great Landscape Value" which was removed by the government. The group is approaching various bodies to see how they can ensure some protection for this beautiful area which supports biodiversity. It is discussing with the borough how they can give greater protection to our river landscape and its biodiversity.

Pat Olney Chairwoman of the Oakley NDP

The Oakley Neighbourhood Plan can be read in full and downloaded from the NDP section of the village website:
www.oakleyvillage.co.uk



Oakley Parish Council

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Oakley Parish Council continue to work hard on your behalf. With active support and involvement from Oakley Residents the Parish Council has achieved the following:-

- Production of the Village Directory and the Quarterly Newsletter
- Development of the neighbourhood plan
- Establishing the village archives
- Co-ordination of litter pick in the village
- Community Orchard and allotments
- Village Christmas Trees
- New village entrance signs

Thank you to all the residents involved in the very many village activities.

Grant Aid:- The Parish Council are permitted to spend a sum of money each year to support local clubs or community groups. We encourage groups to submit an application for consideration by the Parish Council. Application forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

**The 2021 Village Directory has been compiled
by the following people:**

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Many thanks to all of them

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The Newsletter is in A4 format, printed in coloured inks on white background, and includes news and views, club reports and programmes, tips and hints, with the occasional feature from a variety of contributors. New voices are always welcome, and if you want the residents of Oakley to know what you are about, the Newsletter is the best way to reach them.

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bill@chalker.uk.net

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<https://oakleyvillage.co.uk/parish-council/newsletter>

Copy deadlines are as follows: for the Spring edition it is mid February; for Summer it is mid May; for the Autumn edition it is mid August, and for the Winter edition it is mid November.

Bedford Borough Council – Councillor Jon Abbott

As your Councillor I am the Chair of Borough Council Planning Committee. The committee works hard to balance the local needs of the Borough against continual pressure from Central Government for ever increasing numbers of housing. The Local Plan 2030, will be adopted in the first quarter of 2020, this will enable the Planning Committee to better protect the local area. As soon as the plan is adopted, we shall start working on our next local plan and the Borough Council is keen to get your views on where the people who live in Bedford Borough would like development to take place.

I am a member of the Rural affairs Committee, who oversee all applications received for Rural Grants. We can also advise and make recommendations on any matter which affects the rural area of the Borough and the Borough Council's relationship with Parish Council's in its area. I also serve on the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

I am a Governor of Sharnbrook Academy Federation, helping to ensure we deliver the best possible education for our young people, and ensuring that SAF consider their local neighbours.

I am a member of Oakley Parish Council.

I am available to try to resolve any issues you have with Borough Council services and will signpost you to the relevant services that you might need.

You can contact me using the following:

Phone: 07784 549180 Email: jonathan.abbott71@icloud.com

Post: 13 The Furlong, Oakley, Beds MK43 7RD.

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- **YOU CAN CONTACT ANY INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR - DETAILS ARE IN
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