

OAKLEY VILLAGE DIRECTORY

2023



An Oakley Parish Council Publication

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Welcome to the 2023 edition of the Oakley Village Directory. It's hard to believe that this little book full of important information about the Oakley community, has been printed, every year for the last 16 years. This is the 17th edition and despite so much now being online, it is still useful as a guide to community groups and businesses in our village. Updated every year by Parish Councillor Sara Fardon and her team, it is a great way to support our local businesses and keep our village groups vibrant.

The directory is delivered free of charge to all houses in the village and is open to all clubs, businesses and people who live or work in Oakley. Everyone can have a free listing and there is a nominal charge to advertise. If you would like to be included next year, but haven't been contacted before, please contact the editor, Sara Fardon, whose details are further on in this directory. We like to make sure that we include everyone to make it the most useful book that it can be.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us with advertising each year. Every penny of advertising money raised goes towards village projects. So far, our total is £22,638. This is because, since it's very first publication, printing costs have been paid by our sponsor, "**Old Road Securities**" meaning we've been able to support some very diverse village projects. We're really grateful to them for their ongoing support.

Finally, we want to thank all of the volunteers in the village who run the groups and clubs that fill the pages of the directory. We are very lucky to have so many dedicated people who work so hard to make the village such a great place to live. Please take some time to look through it, you might find a group or business that you didn't know about before and it could spark a whole new interest or hobby for you.

Please keep The Directory as a handy reference that you can always refer to.

Thank you

Jane Walker

Acting Chair, Oakley Parish Council.



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Clubs and Societies

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EXPLORER SCOUTS 13—17 yr olds, Weds after Beavers	oakleyscoutsgsl@outlook.com	
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Contact Michael Carr 01234 824504
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ADULTS

BADMINTON	Alyn Walker	07557 441206
CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other)	Phyllis Jones phylmaj@icloud.com	910187
CARPET BOWLS	Joan Thomas jet.jthomas@gmail.com	825047
GARDENING CLUB	Denise Hookham denisehookham@hotmail.com	01933 312119
OAKLEY MOTORCYCLE CLUB	Roger Bays www.oakleymc.net	826217 07747 144497
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Contact Phyllis Jones:- phylmaj@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or just to find out more.



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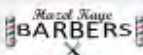
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Oakley Rural Day Centre

**Oakley Rural, The Old School, Lovell Road,
Oakley, Beds, MK43 7RX
Tel: 01234 824935 Mobile: 07733 227374
Web: www.oakleyruraldaycentre.weebly.com
Email: oakleyruraldaycentre@yahoo.com
Registered Charity No: 1060283**



Oakley Rural Day Centre was established in 1998. Our elderly clients look forward every week to a fun packed day in a safe and friendly environment. The creative use of space ensures that small groups can sit together to ensure that clients and staff can interact on a human scale. The Centre is situated in the Old School, a lovely building in a beautiful setting. The centre is run by four members of staff, backed by thirteen volunteers and a team of volunteer trustees.



The centre is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Our clients come from Bedford and surrounding villages. The day starts off with tea, coffee and toast which gives everyone a chance to catch up with their friends about their previous week.

We offer a wide variety of mentally and physically stimulating activities, including various craft activities, quizzes, puzzles and games. Alternatively clients can choose to chat or read - it's their day! We also hold a chair based exercise class on Wednesday provided by a qualified trainer. Weather permitting we can go for short walks in the village or just sit in the beautiful peaceful garden which surrounds the Old School.

Angela our cook prepares a delicious two course freshly cooked lunch . A traditional roast lunch and apple crumble is always a favourite. We hold an environment health hygiene food rating of 5 and cater for various dietary needs.

The centre relies on grants and donations and the good will of our band of volunteers. The cost of the sessions to individuals compares well with other service providers in the Borough. The differential between the cost to the client and to the Charity in providing the service is met through fundraising.

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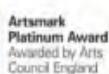
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OAKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Referendum: 27 February 2020
Plan made: 23 March 2020



Oakley Neighbourhood Plan - Made Version March 2020

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Oakley Neighbourhood Plan 2023

Oakley Has a Statutory Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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

What's been happening in 2022 and what are our plans for 2023?

The group carried out the review of the Neighbourhood Plan throughout Summer 2022 and decided it conformed to the current Bedford Borough Local Plan to 2030.

They considered all the different sections one by one and decided that each one was conforming to the Bedford Local Plan.

They decided that the affordable housing needs were met by the development in Parrotts Close and the 30% allocation from the sites currently proposed over the plan period.

The site at Station Road, opposite the school, was recently refused permission by Bedford Borough planners. As part of the refusal they identified policies in the NDP as well as their own planning policies which the application contravened.

The site at the High Street has some drainage issues and the developers are talking with the appropriate authorities.

The group did not consider the Bedford Borough local plan to 2040 as it has not been through the planning process at present. The group decided that when it has been through that process then we will review the plan again probably during Summer 2023.

They considered that Oakley NDP was still conforming to the Bedford Borough Local Plan 2030.

The Neighbourhood Plan sets out the views of Oakley Village on our Village - it really is an important document . The NDP group is Pat Olney as Chair, Tony Atkinson; Michael Carr; Michael Frampton; Paul Leinster; Rob Musgrave; Nick Saunders; Gerry Sansom; Jane Walker and the Clerk Ann Paice. Thank you to all of them, everyone who contributed to it and who maintains an interest in it. If you'd like to be involved in the NDP then please contact me.

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:
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Oakley Newsletter Publishing Dates for 2023

The Oakley Newsletter is published quarterly by the Parish Council and delivered free to every house in the Parish - about 1,000 copies.

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.

Advertisers are equally welcome, whether you want a quarter, half or a full page; for advertising rates, and any editorial queries you may have, please contact the Editor, Bill Chalker, on 07789 997733, or email:
wrecklatch@gmail.com

Previous copies are available online at
<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. Since the local plan was adopted at the start of 2021 we have started 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 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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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.

**The 2023 Village Directory has been compiled
by the following people:**

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Many thanks to all of them

**Do you want your club/society/business to
be in the 2024 Oakley Village Directory?**

It's free to get your details in here, or for a small charge you can advertise. What better way to help local people support you by telling them you live/work in Oakley!

Please contact Sara Fardon - OakleyVillageDirectory@gmail.com

Our History

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OAKLEY CARNIVAL 2025

The carnival committee invite you to get involved. We will be organising some social events over the next 18 months.

The committee are looking for enthusiastic and willing volunteers to support the carnival and give something back to our village.

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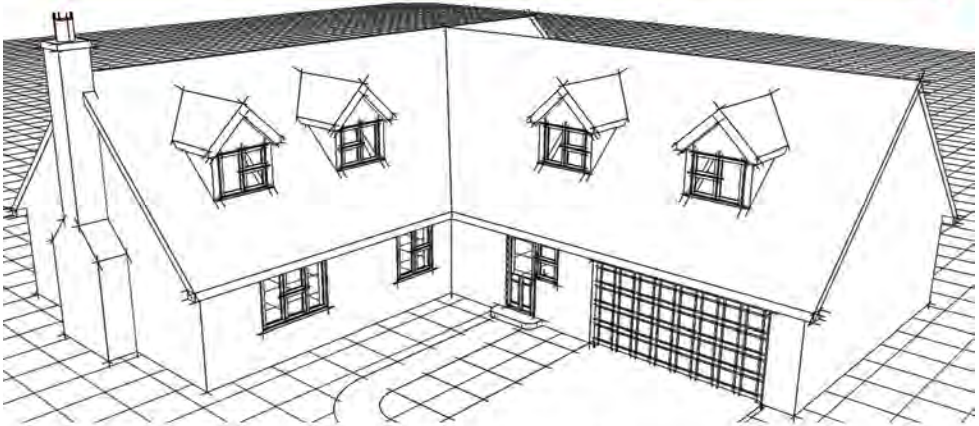
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