

A LITTLE HELP

Support for Hearing and Sight Loss



Are you living in Central Bedfordshire and experiencing sight loss or hearing loss?

Sight Concern Bedfordshire is here to help. As well as supporting individuals with sight loss, if you are a resident of Central Bedfordshire we can also support those who have hearing loss, helping people access information, services, and the support they need to live independently by supporting them with disability-related benefits and concessions and signposting to specialist services and local organisations for their varying needs. Our friendly team understands the challenges that sensory loss can bring and is committed to helping you live independently.

For further information regarding support for hearing loss for residents in Central Bedfordshire please contact us on: office@sightconcern.org.uk or **01234 311555**.

Have some spare time?
Want to help others and learn new skills?



Join the Timebank

Timebank is a free exchange of time



Try our tool to test how ScamSceptible you might be today and share it with a friend to stay ahead of the scammers.

www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/scamtest/

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Biggleswade Community News

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OUT and ABOUT



The **Secret Farm** is a family run business open seasonally offering 'pick your own' (PYO) fruit, vegetables and flowers. These are ideal for dinners, puddings, freezing, jam or just eating fresh and more. Set in attractive rural surroundings, on a hill overlooking Moggerhanger, the farm also offers food, refreshments and play areas on open events. **Watch Us Grow!**

<https://thesecret.farm/>



For timetables or detailed information please visit www.ivalsprinter.org.uk
Or Contact Chairman Kevin Wallis Telephone 07989 542781.

Fancy a coffee and a chat? Don't be shy! The staff & regulars look forward to seeing you. We welcome everyone. Even if you cannot afford to pay for your coffee!

We also have the Days Out By Bus leaflet and other leaflets available free of charge.



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www.biggleswadecommunitygroup.org.uk



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enquiries@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk



Future Action Biggleswade FAB (Future Action Biggleswade) campaigns for social and environmental justice: Thinking About People, Thinking Environmentally, Thinking Local www.fabweb.org.uk



Biggleswade Good Neighbours deliver this newsletter to their clients. Many are housebound and without Internet. Tel 07771 104255 or email biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com



Biggleswade Community Garden works to improve Biggleswade's green spaces and grow fresh food to share. Get in touch to learn more.

Email biggleswadecommunitygardens@gmail.com



Ivel Valley College students distribute this newsletter to pickup points around Biggleswade. Contact Dean Hawkins dean.hawkins@ivelvalley.beds.sch.uk 01767 512080



The Bigg Theatre as well as events, hosts a variety of community groups, meeting needs in Biggleswade.
www.thebiggtheatre.co.uk



Biggleswade Community Carnival Group
www.biggleswadecarnival.co.uk



Biggleswade Community Safety Group works with the Police and other services to help reduce crime:
Biggleswadecsg@gmail.com



Community Interest Company Reuse Project, Shop, Safe Place, Advice & Welfare for the local community.
info@preencic.org

urgently need to find new premises!
Please think about it and help to raise awareness.

WHAT'S ON

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, 31st October 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Shortmead Street, Biggleswade
SG18 0AP

Join us for a wonderful day of creativity and community!

- Handmade Crafts
- Local Artists & Makers
- Refreshments & Homemade Treats
- Christmas Gifts & Decorations
- Fun for the Whole Family

Free Entry

Friendly atmosphere & all welcome!

For stall bookings or enquiries please email Hera:
Cloue303@icloud.com
Charities email Rita:
plowles206@btinternet.com

Support local talent and find something special!

Early Years

Tuesday
term-term only

Toddlers 9:15-10:45
For all pre-school children

Baby Group 9:30-11:00
Pre-walkers only

Pals-Mums life & faith group 11:30-1:00
Everyone welcome, bring a packed lunch

For more information contact - adele@bbchurch.org.uk
Esther 07707 409402

All groups are free

Biggleswade Baptist Church

DUNTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION
The Pavilion, Dunton Recreation Ground, Horseshoe Close
FUNDRAISING EVENT

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN DISCO
Under 10's
Little Monsters (under 2's) go free

Saturday 31st October
6pm to 7.30pm
Tickets just £3 each
or Two for £5

For more information and to buy tickets
Please contact Heidi on 07730376560
(all children must be accompanied by an adult)

PRIZE FOR THE BEST COSTUME!

CASH BAR OPEN

This looks like fun!

Yes, Let's go down after trick or treating

DUNTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION
The Pavilion, Dunton Recreation Ground, Horseshoe Close
Presents

The Village Roast
Good food - Good Company - No Wasting Up
Supporting our village pavilion

OPTIONAL PUDDING £5

RAFFLE

Saturday 28th November
7pm, food served at 7.30pm
Just £15 each
Includes entertainment
Advanced tickets available to buy up to and including 21st November
For more information and to buy tickets
Please contact Heidi on 07730376560
Or email bookings@duntonra.org.uk

CASH BAR OPEN: Please be advised that, due to licensing restrictions, under 16's are not permitted in the bar area after 9pm



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BIGGLESWADE'S BIGGEST DIWALI CELEBRATION

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Celebrate the RADIANCE OF DIWALI

The Festival of Lights

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026
5.30PM UNTIL LATE

THE WEATHERLEY CENTRE, BIGGLESWADE

3-COURSE INDIAN BUFFET INCLUDED
BHARATANATYAM & BOLLYWOOD DANCERS
DJ & MC • LIVE DHOL • PHOTOGRAPHER • LICENSED BAR

TICKET PRICES

PHASE 1: **£30** **SOLD OUT**

PHASE 2: **£35** — UNTIL 4 OCTOBER OR ALLOCATION SOLD OUT

PHASE 3: **£40** • FINAL RELEASE: **£45**

CHILDREN AGED 5-15: **£15** • UNDER 5s: **FREE**

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Artisan CRAFT MARKET

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER
8AM - 3PM

Biggleswade Market Square

Explore unique, one-of-a-kind creations from talented local artisans, including handcrafted jewellery, pottery, textiles, home décor, and more. Come to support your local makers and experience the beauty of craftsmanship!

Thurs 1st October
Noon – 1.30pm

Light Lunch



Homemade Soups with Roll
Slice of Cake/Pie
with Tea or Coffee

Only £6.00

A short 20-minute service will be held in the church at 11.30 for those interested



Trinity Methodist Church
Shortmead Street, Biggleswade

'Opening Doors for the Community'



JOIN US FOR THE

Mayor's Charity Dinner

OCTOBER 24 AT 7 PM

TICKETS: £45
Live entertainment & raffle

John O'Gaunt Golf Club
Biggleswade Rd, Sutton, Sandy SG19 2LY

In support of the Mayor's chosen charities:
Magpas Air Ambulance and Biggleswade Baptist Church Food Bank



Biggleswade Community Group Our main activity is the Monthly Newsletter. We are grateful to the Town Council for approving our grant application, so we can continue to offer printed copies free of charge.



If you receive this newsletter through your letterbox it is most likely because you, or somebody at your address, either is or has been a Biggleswade Good Neighbours client or volunteer at some point.

We are looking for newsletter distributors for the Furzenhall/Winston Crescent and Holme Crescent/Hitchin Street areas, plus Langford village. Many thanks to Gwenne and Jill, who have recently had to stand down from their delivery rounds, and also to Phoenix and Gary who have just started doing deliveries for us.



Future Action Biggleswade Many thanks to Martin, Andrea and Anna from the Co-op for helping out with the Fairtrade Fortnight stall at St Andrew's Country Fayre today. We had a really successful time with 44 leaflets handed out (and many more interactions on top of that) and over £35 donations for the Country Fayre charities. During the event we also submitted FAB's application for renewal of our Fairtrade Community status and applied for the "Connecting Fairtrade" badge. The banana tower building competition was as successful as ever.



GREEN We have nearly 7000 sq ft containing domestic reuse goods donated by the local community. Every month we receive around 60 tonnes of donations including furniture, furnishings, white goods and electric appliances, toys, books, clothing, bedding & curtains, craft supplies, pet stuff, garden pots and equipment, DIY spares and loads of bric a brac - if it's useful we'll save it. Open to the public and there's extra help for homeless, vulnerable and low income households who can't afford what they need. We are a "not for profit" community business that uses the stuff we get and the money we make to support local individuals, families, schools and community groups to make life in Biggleswade a little bit nicer. There's always something new to look at and we welcome all visitors to browse or buy - and maybe donate their useful stuff. Car parking on site - feel free to message us if you need help or information.

UPDATES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



Biggleswade History Society

Methodist Church, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade,
Doors open 7.30 for 8 pm start, Non-members £4.

No pre-booking required. biggleswadehistory.org.uk

5th Oct - 'Over to You' - A Members' Contributions Evening. Our members will be giving their own short presentations about the historical topics they are passionate about.



The Tuesday market now includes a stall selling Northamptonshire cheese and another with fresh fruit and vegetables.

Different cheese and fruit & veg stalls are also available at the Saturday market, along with fresh fish and other excellent stalls.

The Saturday Charter Market is held every week in the Market Square from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (weather permitting). The Tuesday Market is smaller on the hard standing between Century House and the War Memorial, running from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

<https://biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk/services/markets/>

Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society



Our October meeting is on Saturday 21st October in the Elgar Room at the Weatherley Centre, Biggleswade at 2.00 for 2.30 pm. This meeting is the Group's Annual General Meeting, and also the Group's 40th Anniversary. After the formal business, David Livermore will give a short presentation on the highlights of the

Group's activities over the past years. There is no charge for admission to the AGM.

November sees the start of our new season of talks. Our November talk will be on Saturday 21st November (note 3rd Saturday) and we are pleased to welcome back David Charlton who will be telling us all about the plants and gardens he saw whilst on a lecture tour of North America. Further details of this talk next month.

www.bedfordshirealpines.com



YOUR LOCAL CAMERA CLUB

The 2026-27 season has just begun, so do come along - you have only missed one meeting. On 1 October we welcome back Dave Stewart who will give a presentation on the photography he now enjoys after a successful career as a professional portrait and wedding professional entitled *Pleasing Myself*. The following week we will have our first competition of the season and on 15 October a Members' Evening where our members get an opportunity to present their work. All meetings take place at 7:30 for 8pm start in The Sullivan Room at The Weatherly Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade. You will be made very welcome. There are a number of additional groups within the club including a Zoom Critique Session to get advice on your images, a regular Studio Session, a monthly outing and a Photo Challenge with a new theme each month.

The 2025-26 season ended with our annual Image of the Year Competitions for the best images from the season. The winner of the Digital Image of the Year was Mike Hammond with *From the Deep Dark Wood* and the runner up was Mark Collins with *Whitethroat*.



Visitors are welcome to attend meetings with a view to joining the club, which has now been running for over 50 years. There is ample parking and the bar is open for hot, cold and alcoholic drinks. For more information, please see our website at biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk or contact the Secretary Tim Walton LRPS AFIAP CPAGB BPE3

at secretarybdcc@biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk

or telephone 01767 316176.

If you represent a local organisation please submit your news for us to publish online and consider for inclusion in our next monthly newsletter.