



Galley Hill Residents Association

Dear Neighbours, what a delight the VE Day celebrations were and a triumph for the GHRA events team. It was an exhausting journey for the chairman visiting every court with his wife saying hello and collecting photographs for possible publication in the newsletter and shared online here <https://photos.app.goo.gl/w2d8uorS8mjFwiap8> Having been locked down everyone was keen to chat with someone else for a change.

GHRA needs your help, we cannot survive without it.

Here is the opportunity for you to make a difference for the community by helping the Galley Hill Residents Association. At our next meeting (AGM 21st May 2020) the current committee resign and we will be seeking volunteers who are able to support the Association, possibly offering themselves for the committee positions going forward either as assistant or full officers.

If lockdown restrictions are not relaxed we will hold the meeting online via Zoom.us, if you need help to enable you to join the meeting please call 01908 973073 and leave a message.

We currently hold monthly meetings, normally early evening where we can meet up with any residents, talk over any concerns, and try to help or at least guide them in the right direction. These are sometimes attended by police, Town and MK Councillors who will try and help if they can. We run a weekly coffee morning every Tuesday along with several functions that are run for Galley Hill residents throughout the year, along with producing a monthly newsletter which always needs ideas, articles as well as help with distribution.

During the time the Association has been in existence we have developed a network of contacts with a wide variety of organisations that help them to understand the needs and aspirations of the Galley Hill residents. These organisations include (but are not limited to)

NHS, Milton Keynes Council, Stony Stratford Town Council, Fullers Slade RA, Beanhill RA, Bradville RA, Coffee Hall RA, Eaglestone RA, Fenny Stratford RA, Lakes RA, Leon RA, Loughton RA, Moor Park RA, Netherfield RA, Peartree Bridge RA, The Mill RA, Tinkers Bridge RA, Community Action MK, Walnuts Care Centre, Thames Valley Police, Police & Crime Commissioner, Neighbourhood Watch, local councillors, Age UK, House of Champions Ministries SMP, St Mary And St Giles School (South), Stony Stratford Community Church (apologies to those we have not mentioned)

We require a dynamic new committee to help and replace those who have served their time. Experience is not required but dedication, resourcefulness and ambition are, training in all roles can be provided. See job descriptions here

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/housing/getting-involved/resident-association-resources>

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The Future

We realise the pandemic will cause significant hardship for those may lose their jobs and some of us have experienced this during the 70's when mortgages interest rates reached 15%. We relied on our neighbours sharing skills and resources to survive. MKDC had provided us with decent local facilities that enabled us to share skills and tools within the SMP workshops and to hold social events in the SMP hall.

Anything is possible if people put their minds to it and get stuck in, there is no better example than Kennedy taking man to the moon in the 60's.

Residents could achieve the following:

- a) Restore the small meeting place and workshops
- b) Restore the swimming pool
- c) Develop a Galley Hill neighbourhood plan that determines what residents want and not MKCouncil and developers.
- d) Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Galley Hill

Without your help the VE Day event might be our last.

If you want to see the GHRA survive and prosper then please join the committee at the AGM.

Please contact us if you would like to join the committee or want more information call 01908 973073 or email committee@ghra.uk

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On behalf of GHRA Committee 12th May 2020