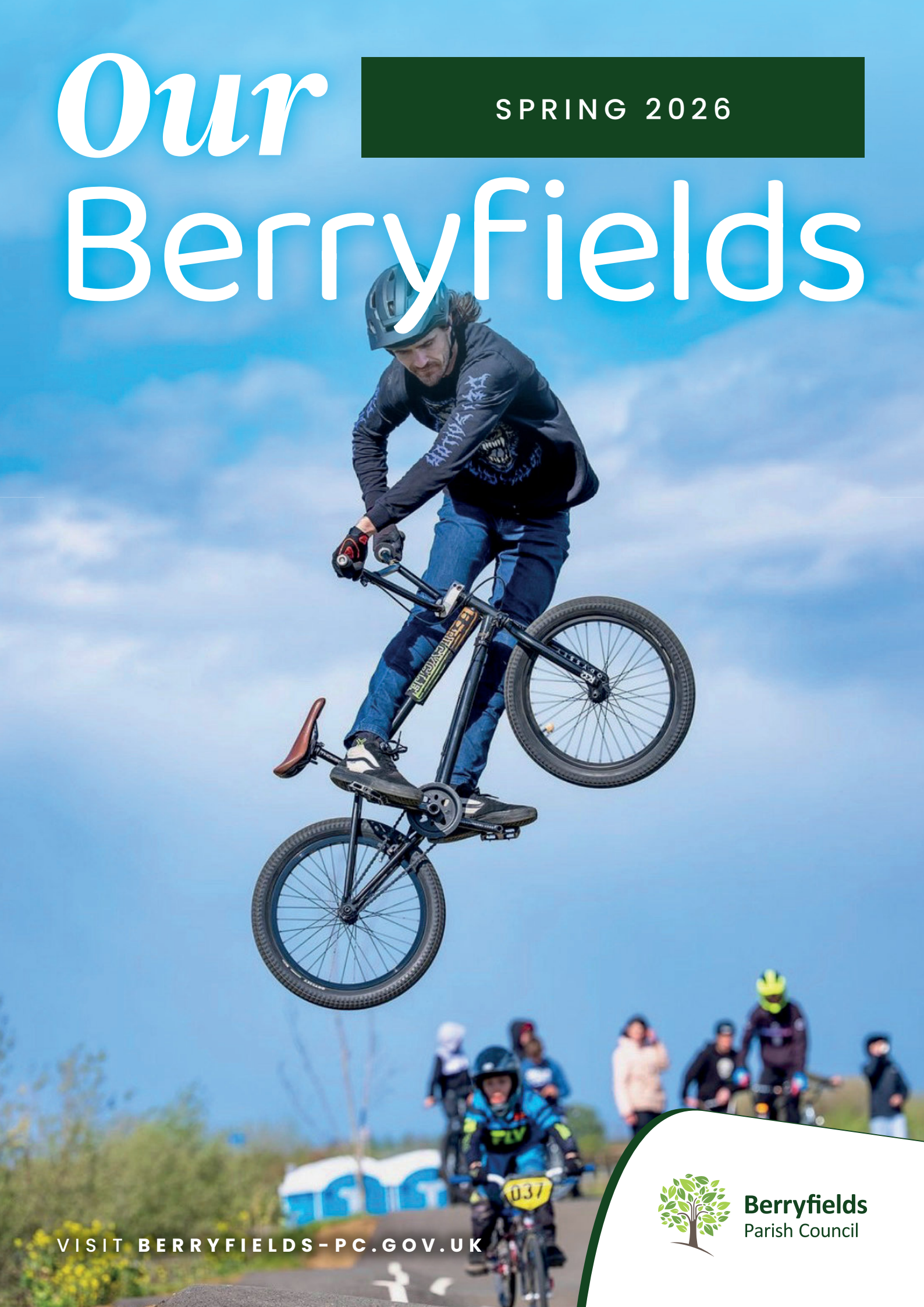
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Chairman's View



Arun Sekhar
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Dear Berryfielders,

Welcome to the Spring edition of Our Berryfields. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. As we finally trade our winter coats for the first signs of Spring, I am delighted to share that several projects promised in our last edition have now come to life.

Growing a greener Berryfields: Our commitment to a greener community has taken a huge leap forward. Following our successful application to the Woodland Trust, we received and planted 400 tree saplings and shrubs around the Roman Park allotments. These will eventually provide a beautiful natural windbreak and a vital haven for local wildlife for years to come.

Roman Park improvements: In more good news for Roman Park, the planning application for the new car park has been approved. The tender process has officially commenced and we anticipate works beginning by this summer.

Fostering love of reading in our community: I am also thrilled to announce that two new Book Swap Stores have arrived! Following the Easter break, these will be installed at AVA and Green Ridge Primary schools. This initiative has been bolstered by the Church of Berryfields, which has generously offered to donate a curated collection of books. A huge thank you to the Church for their support.

Standing firm against unsustainable development: On a more serious note, Berryfields Parish Council joined forces with Buckingham Park and Watermead Parish Councils to formally object to the Buckinghamshire Local Plan. The current draft proposes approximately 95,000 new dwellings in Northern Buckinghamshire - a plan that lacks the necessary transport infrastructure and ignores previous planning decisions that protected the Weedon Ridge. We are fighting to ensure our local landscape is protected from poorly planned urban sprawl.

Prioritising road safety: To help keep our roads safe, we have now installed a new solar-powered electronic speed sign on Paradise Orchard. I am deeply concerned by ongoing reports of speeding within the estate. We have recently heard from parents whose children were left shaken by "near miss" incidents caused by excessive speeds. Please, for the safety of our community, keep your speed down and ensure you are parking responsibly.

Looking ahead: As always, we are "cooking up" a fantastic schedule of summer events. Watch this space and our social media for the full reveal soon! I look forward to seeing many of you enjoying our green spaces over the coming months.

As ever, your feedback is welcome. Please do get in touch with your thoughts and suggestions.

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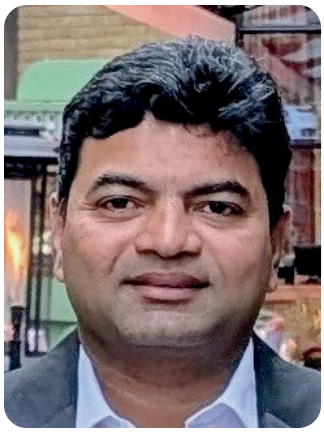
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Own & Manage 5 play parks and Roman Park, remaining parks, open spaces and ditches in process of being adopted and are currently under the management of the developers

Liasing with Developers & other Key Stakeholders

Day to day management of the Parish, all assets, staff and contractors

Regular safety inspections and maintenance of all playgrounds

Grass cutting, maintenance and repair (on adopted land)

Dog Poo and Litter Bins (except for those on Bucks land)

Annual audit and compliance with regulations

Statutory consultee of planning applications

Roman Park Hall: Hall hire and ongoing park projects

Management of the Parish budget, precept and statutory duties & powers

Youth Club

Professionally qualified staff, Parish Council holds General Power of Compentence

Allotments

Community Events including:
New Year's Party,
Christmas Afternoon
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Food Bank

Community grants

Book Swap Store

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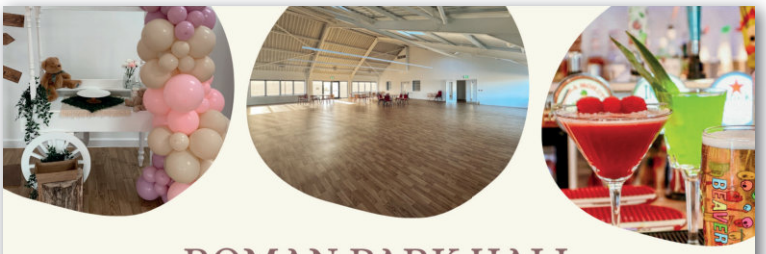


Through hard work, dedication, and a real sense of community spirit, we've transformed the space into somewhere that not only produces fresh fruit and vegetables, but also brings people together. From first-time growers to experienced gardeners, everyone has played a part in shaping what the allotment has become today.



It's more than just a place to grow food—it's a place to connect, learn, and support one another. Seeing how far we've come makes us immensely proud, and we're excited to keep growing, improving, and welcoming new faces in the future.

Joanne, Tenant at the Berryfields Allotments



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I started to working for Berryfields Parish Council 6 months ago. I had previously worked for them a few years before but decided to retire. I felt my work was not done and so I returned. My varied role includes caring for the plants and shrubs in the barked beds. Weeding is my forte. I try to keep on top of the weeds growing through the gaps on the paved areas and in the flower beds. But it's not just about the work I do it's the contact that I have with the residents of Berryfields. Being a dog lover I can't wait to see the regular walkers that use the park. People will always stop and talk and allow me to fuss their treasured pets. I am regularly seen on my knees weeding.

Visitors often comment on the work I'm doing, which puts a smile on my face and hopefully theirs. I litter pick on my days I am there. I have noticed the a big fall in the amount of litter I now pick up. That is a tribute to the people that use the bins or take it home with them. Bins have been sited on the park and visitors are using them. Occasionally I will need to remove doggie doodles but the majority gets picked up. There are areas of ground under repair as I try to make the front of the building more attractive to visitors. Again with your support the grass is starting to look more like a lawn than a field of dandelions.



A few years ago I was invited to create the snake made from stones that had been decorated by children during lockdown. It still remains in shape but some of the stones have lost their decoration. I would love to tidy this up and even extend the snake, so any decorative stones can be left at the hall and I will endeavor to use them. I love my time at the Park and if we can smile it makes my day.

John Hillier

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We would like to say a sincere thank you to those in our community who quietly go the extra mile to look after our shared spaces - whether that's helping to tidy an area or removing graffiti.

These small acts of kindness don't go unnoticed and really do make a positive difference to everyone who lives here. While these efforts are very much appreciated, we would gently remind residents that any such activities are carried out independently and not on behalf of the Parish Council.

If you are thinking of helping in this way, please do take care, particularly when working around Parish Council property, as some cleaning methods or products can unintentionally cause damage. Alternatively, if you spot something that needs attention, you are always welcome to let us know and we'll be happy to help arrange for it to be dealt with.



Thank you again for helping to keep our community a place we can all be proud of.





COUNCILLOR SURESH RAYAPALLI

I have been a proud resident of the wonderful Berryfields community, which I have called home since 2015. I am a devoted husband and father, and I work professionally as a software engineer with over 20 years of experience delivering projects across the banking, financial, and government sectors.

Outside of work, I am a fun-loving individual who enjoys cooking, photography, travelling, and spending quality time with family and friends. I am also a movie buff and play badminton regularly to stay fit. I am actively involved in various local community services and am always available to offer my time and support to the community. Serving and contributing to the well-being of our neighbourhood is something I deeply value.

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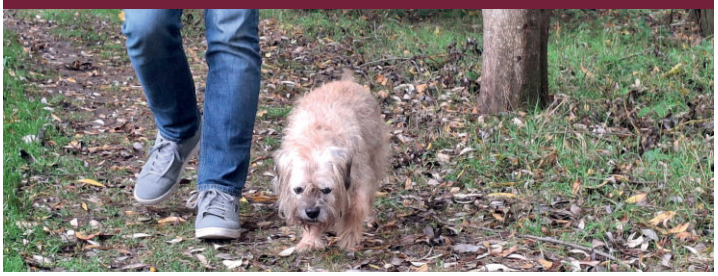
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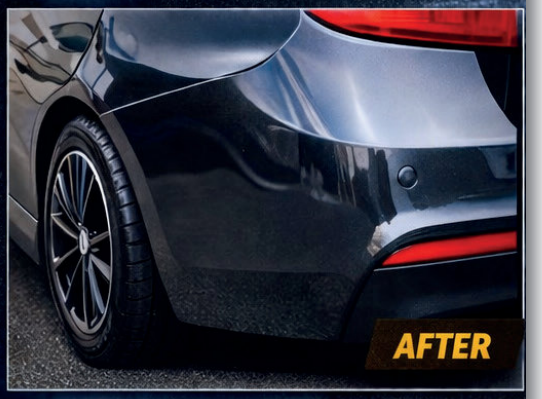
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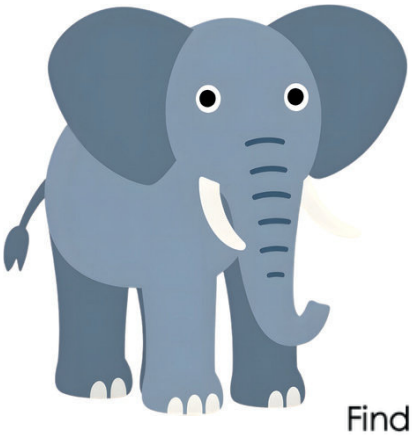
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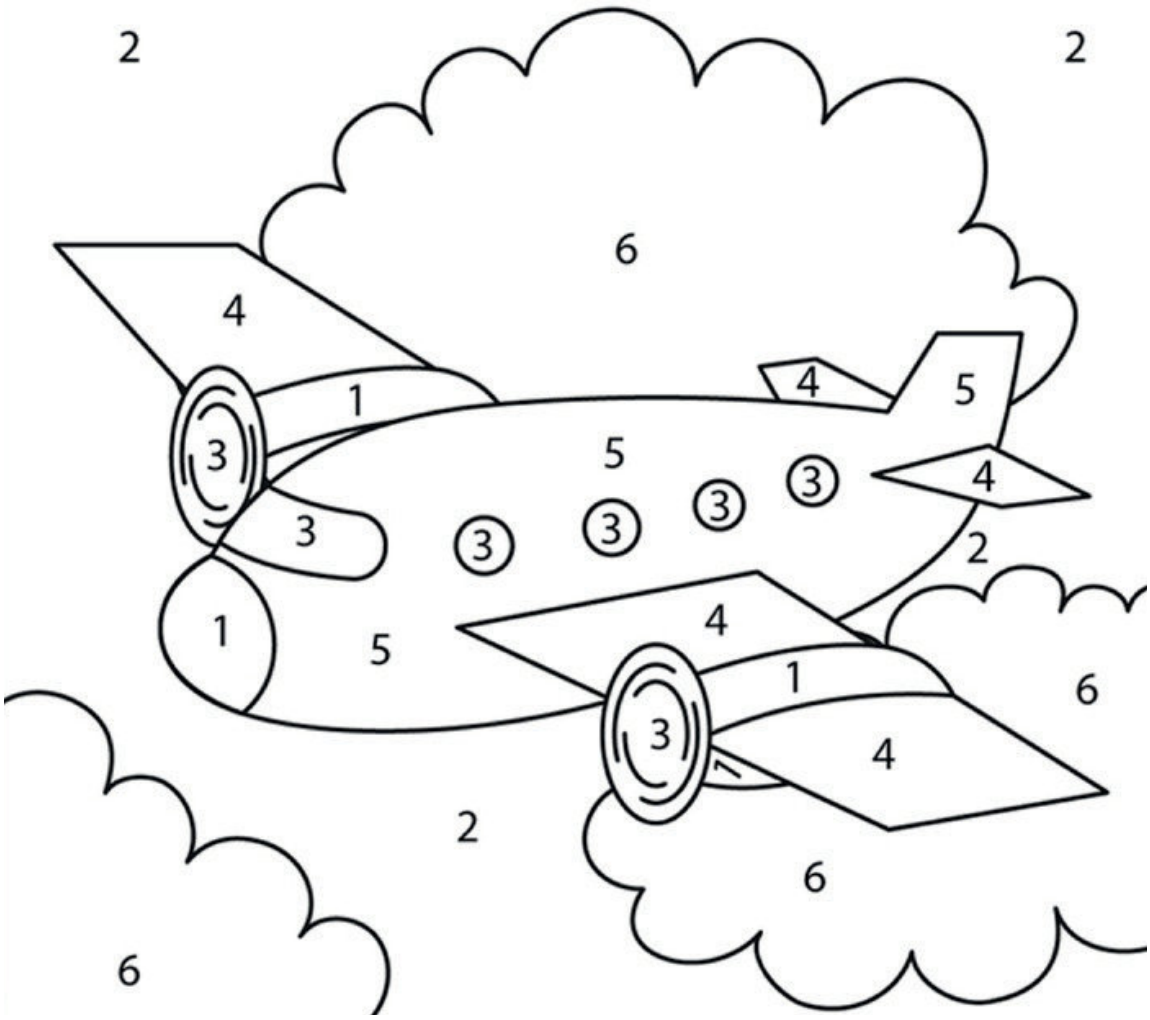
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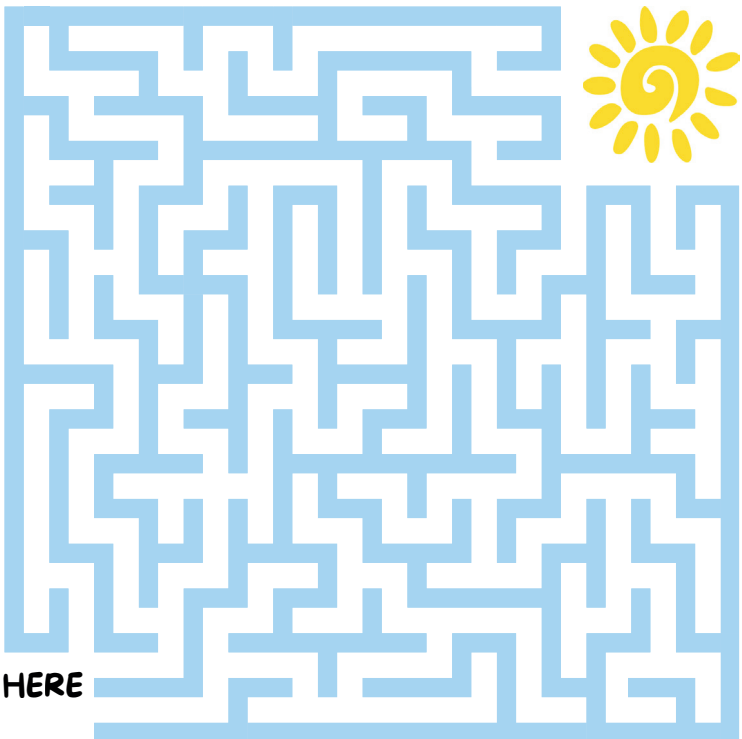
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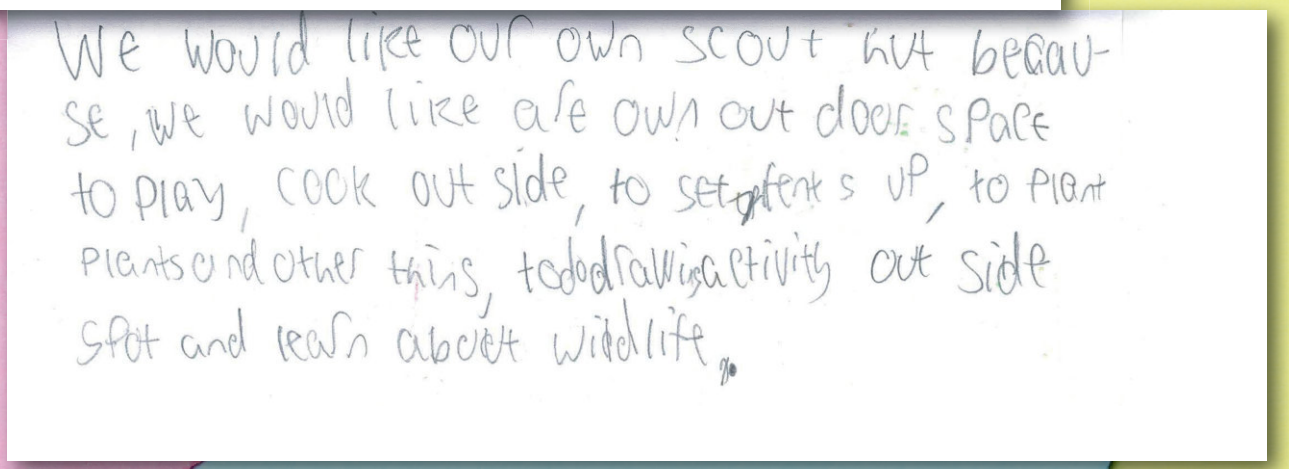
Hello Everyone! I'm one of your elected councillors for Berryfields Parish Council, and I'm proud to represent our growing and friendly community. I've lived in Berryfields for nearly eight years with my wife and our daughter, who we welcomed in November 2025. I'm passionate about supporting our community and helping it grow in a way that keeps its welcoming, family-friendly feel.

As a Development Manager, I bring professional experience in finance, human resources, and organisational development to my role on the council. That background helps me take a practical, people-focused approach to local issues — from making sure projects are delivered efficiently to ensuring residents' voices are heard in every decision we make.

My priorities are all about community: improving local facilities, supporting events that bring us together, and helping Berryfields remain a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable place for everyone.

Berryfields is a fantastic and a vibrant place to live, full of energy, ideas and people who care about where they live and I'm committed to keeping it that way — by listening, working together, and making sure every resident's voice counts. If you see me around the parish or at the council meeting, please do stop and say hello — I'm always keen to hear your ideas and feedback!





1ST BERRYFIELDS BEAVERS

The parish council was invited to attend a presentation by the 1st Berryfields Beavers.

As you can see from their wonderful pictures they would very much like their own scout hut within Berryfields.

The parish council has taken this request away and consulted with the consortium who is happy for the PC to progress this. This is early days and planning consent will need to be sought. But watch this space.....



We would like our own scout hut because...
From First berrfles Thea and Jamie



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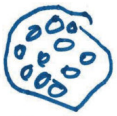
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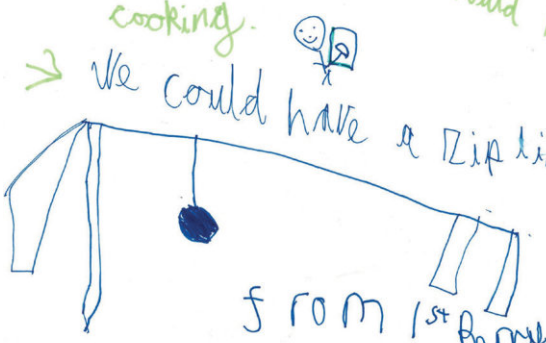
Sleep over

Dear Parish Bucks Council

We would like to have a Bakers kitchen because...

We ~~can't count could~~ would do cooking.

We could have a Zip line.



from 1st Berry fields



we would like a hut to cook in and roast marshmellows

please may we have a pool.

from first Berryfields scout

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PUMPTRACK

After a long time we've finally got round to organising an event at the Berryfields pump track. It's been a long process but we've got over the line!

The driving force behind this is local lad James Allen, he's taken most of the organisation on board and pulled out all the stops to deliver a great day.

With the help of myself and Miles (fellow raddadtv founder) James has managed to organise a mini festival that paves the way for far bigger and better events.

The pumptrack is a fantastic local asset and the amount of local kids that turned up to take part in the many competitions (that were free to enter) and PUMPTRACK laps was a great indication of how the locals have embraced a great outdoor physical activity on their doorstep.

We kicked off the day with an absolute Classic of bike competitions, the bunny hop! This involves hopping as high as you can from flat ground. The winner was a local rider Matt Angrisano, hopping way over 30 inches to take home the prize! Then followed an amazing musical interlude by the punk band Hypoxic Angels, a young local collective of girls that absolutely killed it. Along with some of the finest drum and bass dj's that kept the tunes pumping all day and got the riders stoked even though the wind didn't stop howling!

After some more pump track laps we had more competitions including longest skid, won by Josh Eastwood & Kaira De Mesa. Limbo, won by Jakub Wnuk and high jump on the track, won by Finley Guiseris and Henry Coughlan.

Massive thanks to everyone that made this possible including, prizes from raddadtv, t77bmx, Berryfields Parish Council & bike track, coffee served up the Coffee Caddy, ice creams from Jays Ices, Daniel Ince for the dj set up, big Ross for cuddles, Church on Berryfields for a great tuck shop and anyone else we've forgot to mention.

Keep your ears open and your eyes peeled for the next event when the sun is shining and the wind has dropped off. It'll be bigger and better than ever!





The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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The Aylesbury Vale Academy: A School at the Heart of Its Community

The Aylesbury Vale Academy is proud to share the outcome of its recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection, which highlights the school's deeply rooted commitment to serving and strengthening the local community. The report recognises that AVA "sits at the heart of its diverse community" and lives out its Christian vision by enabling pupils and adults alike to flourish.

Central to this success is the school's ethos of respect, aspiration and resilience, values which shape daily life and guide every decision—from the curriculum on offer to the exceptional pastoral care provided for students. Inspectors praised the "culture of care" that permeates the school, noting the exemplary support offered to vulnerable students and the commitment of staff to student wellbeing.

But AVA's influence extends far beyond the school gates. The academy works closely with the local parish church and maintains strong partnerships with a range of community organisations. Students play an active role in supporting others, whether through food bank collections, mentoring younger pupils, preparing care packages for those affected by global crises or advocating for local issues such as road safety. These opportunities allow young people to understand their place in society and contribute positively to the world around them.

The report also recognises the school's rich curriculum and wideranging enrichment opportunities, ensuring that every child—regardless of background—can participate in clubs, visits, performances and leadership experiences that broaden horizons and strengthen community bonds.

The SIAMS inspection affirms what many in Aylesbury already know: The Aylesbury Vale Academy is more than a school. It is a welcoming, compassionate and ambitious community hub—one that nurtures children, supports families and continues to make a lasting, positive impact across the local area.

The Aylesbury Vale Academy Sixth Form: Growing Together

At The Aylesbury Vale Academy 6F, we pride ourselves on creating a supportive and inclusive environment where every learner is known, valued, and encouraged to succeed. Our Sixth Form continues to grow year on year, reflecting the strength of our community and the trust families place in us. We offer a blended pathway that combines both BTEC courses and A-Levels, allowing students to build a programme that suits their ambitions and learning styles while preparing them for university, apprenticeships, or employment.

Beyond the classroom, our learners benefit from a strong personal development programme designed to build confidence, independence, and leadership. Sixth Form students regularly engage with the wider community, including fundraising for charities such as MIND, helping them develop a sense of responsibility and social awareness. With a strong emphasis on individual support and meaningful relationships, The Aylesbury Vale Academy 6F continues to be a place where young people thrive and grow into their future.

History





Our Year 10 and 11 History students demonstrated exemplary respect, curiosity and resilience as we navigated our way through a 3 day icy & snowy tour of Berlin 28 - 30 January which formed part of their studies of Germany 1890-1945 as well as coinciding with the whole academy's commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day.

Lessons From Auschwitz

Earlier this term, two AVA Sixth Form students, Megan Washington and Emily James, were given the valuable opportunity to take part in the Lessons from Auschwitz project, a charity initiative that enables post16 students to visit the former Nazi concentration and death camps in Poland. Thanks to the organisation of Mrs Leach, AVA's Student Parliament leader and Media Studies teacher, the students travelled to Kraków to spend a day learning about the history and human impact of the Holocaust. Their visit aimed not only to deepen

their own understanding, but also to help ensure that future generations continue to remember the millions who suffered.

At Auschwitz I, Emily reflected on the powerful experience of walking through the former military barracks and seeing the personal belongings left behind by victims—suitcases, children's clothes, prayer shawls and even two tonnes of human hair. The displays, alongside the testimonies and explanations given by their guide, revealed the scale of dehumanisation inflicted on Jews, political prisoners, disabled people and others targeted by the Nazi regime. Emily described the profound contrast between prewar footage of ordinary family life and the brutality that followed, emphasising how vital it is that we remember those who were treated as less than human.

Megan's visit to AuschwitzBirkenau, the vast extension of the camp system, highlighted the unbearable conditions in which prisoners lived and the enormity of the atrocities committed. Standing in subzero temperatures, she reflected on how unimaginable survival would have been for those given only thin rags to wear. Walking among the ruins of the gas chambers, destroyed by the Nazis as they attempted to hide their crimes, she learned about the small but powerful acts of resistance that helped many prisoners retain dignity despite the horrors around them. Both students agreed that the visit will remain with them forever, and they hope their reflections encourage others to remember that behind every statistic was a human life—just like ours.

Primary School Children reach out to the Community

Working in partnership with Greenridge Primary School, Buckingham Park Primary School and their secondary peers, the School Parliament representatives from AVA Primary have been considering the Big Question, "How might we build a future that is fair and equal for everyone?"

The project began in November when the pupils were invited to a presentation devised by prefects from the secondary school which was followed up with the opportunity for the children to discuss and record their ideas. The children said that they particularly enjoyed the opportunity to work with their older peers and it was great to see the maturity demonstrated by the secondary school students in organising and leading those much younger than themselves. Collecting their suggestions in the weeks since the project's launch, the children have been working to organise them into a PowerPoint presentation that will be delivered to their fellow pupils during a separate assembly to both KS2 and KS1 later this month. To engage the audience, the parliament representatives are planning to incorporate a series of questions before asking the pupils to reflect on what they could do to make their communities, including the school, a fairer and more equal place to live.

Thinking a little further into the future, the School Parliament would like to propose some new initiatives to the senior leadership in the primary school, these include establishing buddy benches at break times for lonely pupils, support local foodbanks in the run up to Easter and create a 'pledge' wall on the premise that tackles the question, "What can we do to make our community better."

AVA Careers Corner

Here at The Aylesbury Vale Academy we are aways looking for new businesses to work with. Please scan the QR code or speak to Miss Proud at vproud@theacademy.me and join our network!

In February we held our annual Careers Fair, which was visited by students in years 6-13. We hosted over 20 different businesses and further and higher education providers. It's always a buzzing event and our students enjoy walking around and asking questions to potential future employers.

Every month at AVA our students enjoy a range of Career related activities. However, in March it was particularly exciting with Careers Week being 2nd - 9th March. We were celebrating by running trips to The Bucks Skills Show, hosting our first ever Year 9 Work Experience Drop Down Day, an SEND workshop and visit to Aylesbury College and we also hosted The Royal Navy with our Year 8. One of our most anticipated events in March was our visit from a NASA astronaut followed by shows in the mobile planetarium, The Wonder Dome. It's was out of this world!

Join Our Network! ***Partner with us to inspire the next generation.***

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- Staff development opportunities through mentorship
- Community outreach

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GREEN RIDGE
PRIMARY ACADEMY



Pupils from Years 4 to 6 at Green Ridge Primary Academy recently enjoyed an inspiring opportunity to collaborate with several local schools as part of a special community project hosted by Aylesbury Vale Academy. This year's theme, "The Future We Want," encouraged young people to imagine the kind of world they hope to help build.

The workshop was led by AVA's Prefects, who guided the children in exploring their ideas, values, and aspirations for a fairer future. Together, they discussed what fairness truly means and how everyone can play a role in supporting others. As a school parliament, they concluded that fairness means equal opportunities, treating everyone in the same way and supporting all children in the way that they require.

The pupils then reflected on practical ways they could demonstrate fairness in their everyday lives, deciding that sharing resources and equipment, being considerate to all, such as; holding doors open for people and adapting environments so they are suitable for everyone, especially people with disabilities. They generated thoughtful suggestions on how to make their school environment welcoming and equitable for all. Among their standout ideas was a "Kindness Week," designed to challenge children across the school to complete a simple act of kindness each day.

Looking beyond school life, the group also considered how they could improve their wider community and what their ideal world might look like in 2040. They especially loved the ideas of creating more green spaces for people to explore and enjoy.

To share their vision, the school parliament planned and delivered an assembly to inspire the rest of Green Ridge Primary Academy to help shape a brighter future. Their work culminated in the creation of a pledge wall centred around the question: How can we make a future that is fair for everyone in our community?

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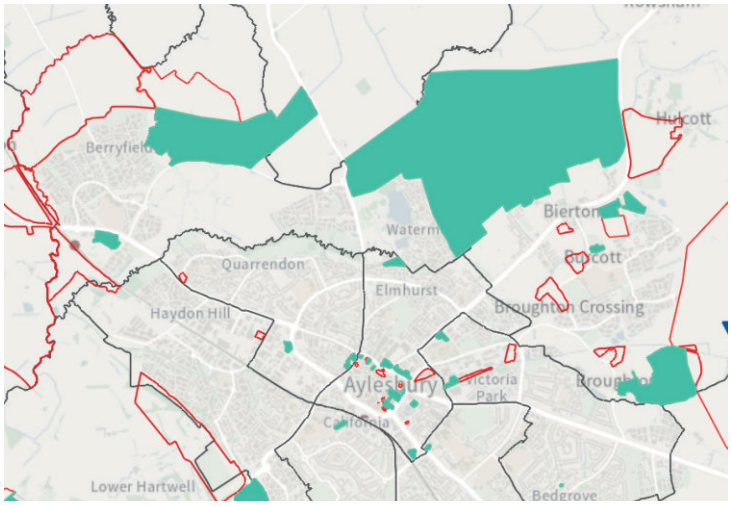
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Buckinghamshire Local Plan: Berryfields Update

What is the Buckinghamshire Local Plan?
Buckinghamshire Council is preparing a new Local Plan which will guide development across the county up to 2045.



The Local Plan will:
- Identify land for housing and employment
- Set out where development will take place
- Plan supporting infrastructure such as roads, schools and healthcare
- Be used to determine future planning applications

What is being proposed?
The emerging Local Plan proposes:
- Approximately 95,000 new homes across Buckinghamshire
- Significant growth within the Aylesbury area
- Proposed development sites within the Aylesbury Northern Board Area, including land north of Martin Dalby Way (1890 homes).

Context
A large proportion of proposed development is focused in northern Buckinghamshire, an area characterised by rural land and limited strategic transport infrastructure.

Previous infrastructure proposals, including East–West Rail (Aylesbury Spur) and the East–West Expressway, have not progressed.

Joint Parish Council Objection
Berryfields Parish Council has worked with Watermead Parish Council and Buckingham Park Parish Council to submit a joint formal objection to the Local Plan proposals.

Key Concerns
- The Local Plan is not currently sound, with concerns regarding the evidence base and site selection process
- The distribution of growth is unbalanced, with a large proportion proposed in the north of the county
- Infrastructure does not support the proposed scale of development
- There are concerns regarding the deliverability of the plan

Parish Council Position
The Parish Councils consider that the Local Plan, as currently presented, is not fit for purpose and requires further work to ensure it is robust, deliverable and supported by appropriate infrastructure.

Working Together
Berryfields Parish Council continues to work collaboratively with neighbouring councils to ensure local concerns are clearly represented and the impact on communities such as Berryfields is fully considered.

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