

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the February 2017 Meeting

**LITTER BINS (HIGH STREET)** – A reduction in the frequency of the litter bins being emptied by Milton Keynes Council at the bus stops in the High Street has seen both the bins overflowing. Measures have now been put in place for both bins to be emptied by a local resident on a fortnightly basis.

**RURAL CRIME OPERATION** - The local Policing team from Newport Pagnell are running a Rural crime operation this month, and one of the elements is crime reduction. Along with our partners Datatag, we are pleased to be able to offer a significant discount on the 'Cesar Compact' system, which is suitable for Quad bikes, ride on lawnmowers and similar sized items. For more information, see <http://datatag.co.uk/cesar-compact.php>

If you require more information about this, please contact [MKNorthCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:MKNorthCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) and one of the team will be in touch.'

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING DAYS** - Following the success of the scheme in 2016, the Council's Road Safety Team will be holding more motorcycle safety training days this year. The assessment days are specifically designed to offer post-test training to all ages of motorcyclist to make them more confident and safer on the road and promote better riding techniques. Extra education for motorcyclists is being offered in response to the high number of biker casualties that have occurred over the last 24 months. In this period alone, 41 motorcyclists have been killed or seriously injured on Milton Keynes roads. The Council is subsidising the cost for the 1-day training course so it only costs £20 and is open to post-test motorcyclists in Milton Keynes.

Available course dates are as follows:

Saturday 18 March	Great Holm Fire Station
Saturday 20 May	Great Holm Fire Station
Saturday 17 June	Great Holm Fire Station
Saturday 16 Sept	Great Holm Fire station

After each session the course attendees will be entered into a draw to win an Institute of Advanced Motorists Motorcycle "Skills for Life course"

The training day will start at 9am and will include:

- Theory classroom session in the morning covering observation, acceleration,braking, gears, steering, positioning, cornering.
- Discussing situations and issues raised by actual cases of motorcycle collisions on MK roads.
- On-road assessment with trained motorcyclists

For more information or to book a place please contact Nigel Spencer on 01908 252806 or e-mail [nigel.spencer@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.spencer@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

**GREEN BIN CAMPAIGN** – The parish council signed up to the Green Bin Campaign for three months between December 2016 and February 2017. The food and garden waste collected in Emberton was up on the last few years; 0.15 tons up which is a 2.68% increase on the average tonnage for the last 3 January's.

The running total is also up (0.76% on previous years) so Emberton Parish Council are still on track to receive a bonus payment at the end of the campaign which will be put back into the community.

A new caddy or green bin are available by phoning the council's customer services (01908 25257) or online. **All** food waste can be put in the green bin including meat, bread, dairy (raw and/or cooked) as well as peelings and purpose designed paper liners and corn starch liners meeting standard EN 13432 can be used. Milton Keynes Council are urging residents to put out the green bin no matter how little material is in it.

**SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES** - The Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) were in situ for the most of January in two locations in Olney Road; one monitoring traffic heading in a northerly direction through Emberton to Olney and the other was opposite the junction to Hulton Drive, monitoring traffic heading in a southerly direction from Olney through Emberton. The results have proved startling, with more vehicles exceeding the speed limit (25.5%) coming into Emberton from Olney as opposed to those travelling through Olney (which could include those using the village to rat run). At both locations, the maximum speed was 59mph and 60mph. The full data is available to view on the parish council website (under Information) at [www.embertonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.embertonparishcouncil.co.uk)