



Swanbourne Village News

Newsletter No. 162 March – May 2023

SWANBOURNE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS



* QUIZMASTERS TREVOR AND ANDREW

Saturday
25th February 2023
7.00pm for 7.30pm start
THE VILLAGE HALL
SWANBOURNE

** Entry only £2 per person .

***Reserve your seat or teams table (4-6 people per table)
and a fun night out! Ring , text or email:

Julie 07919 852357 Email tj.jcgreen@yahoo.co.uk

** Raffle on the night. Raffle prizes most welcome in
advance please, contact Julie.

** Bring your own snacks and drinks

*** All proceeds raised to SCA - used to fund local
community events and causes

QUIZ NIGHT (contd. From P.1) Trevor and Andrew are the Quizmasters at the next Quiz night, giving Anne and Frankie a well-deserved break. Please ring or email Julie to book your seat as places are going fast (see poster on cover page). Entry only £2 per person, plus a raffle and some fun activities to raise funds for SCA our local Community Association. All funds raised are used to support local services and good causes. Bring snacks and your choice of tipples to enjoy. Hope to see you there!
Dee Thomas

FILM NIGHTS - We had another fun night on 11th Feb. with the film *Dirty Dancing* selected, and the Village Hall 'cafe seating' candles and decorations creating a welcoming vibe.



Next Film Night 25th March. We are inviting people to again indicate their preferences: *The Bodyguard*; *Top gun Maverick*; *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. Or something else! - Poster to follow soon
Contact Dee Thomas for info or to join the Si Swanbourne WhatsApp social group tel. 07903 695757 *Dee Thomas*

DIARY DATES

Sat 25th February – Quiz Night at the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm (See P1-2)

Mon 6th March - SCA Spring lunch 12.30pm for 1.00pm in the VH (See P9)

Sat 11th March – Lent Lunch in the VH, 12 noon – 2pm for Christian Aid

Mon 22nd March - Drop in for coffee at the Chapel, 10.30am (See P6)

Sat 25th March - Film Night in the Village Hall (See P2)

Tues 28th March - Book Club, 8pm at the Betsey (See P6)

Sun 7th May – Coronation Sunday PC event details to follow (see P4)

Mon 8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday Monday PC details to follow (see P4)

Mon 17th May - Drop in for coffee at the Chapel, 10.30am (See P6)

Sun 2nd April – Palm Sunday procession from the Chapel 10.40am (See P9)

Mon 3rd April - SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in Village Hall (See P9)

Mon 19th April - Drop in for coffee at the Chapel, 10.30am (See P6)

Mon 1st May - SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in Village Hall (See P9)

Mon 5th June - SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in Village Hall (See P9)

Mon 3rd July - SCA Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in Village Hall (See P9)

Parish Council Update and News

#MakeAChange

- Councillor Vacancy

You will have seen notice of the Councillor vacancy (deadline for applications Weds 22nd Feb).

After 22nd we will be in the process of appointing someone new to join us which we are looking forward to very much. Whilst previous councillors are missed hugely it is always good to welcome a new councillor and to benefit from a fresh presence and perspective.

Keeping in touch

It is easy to keep in touch with what we are doing and to ask anything you need to.

If you have any queries or matters you would like to raise, please email: clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com or drop a note addressed to us into the Village Shop.

Parish Council meetings are held in public (that is, they are not held behind closed doors – anyone can attend) and whilst non-councillors are not able actively to take part during the conducting of Council business, we very much appreciate your contributions during the public participation item. Community

input and feedback is critical to how we operate so please do come along if you would like to.

There is a new section on the website which explains fully how this works :

[SPC Public Participation Policy.pdf \(swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk\)](https://www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk/SPC%20Public%20Participation%20Policy.pdf).

The minutes of our meetings are always posted on the Parish Council website so you can keep up to date with what we are doing that way too.

Updates and News

- **Streetlights**

- As you will have seen Swanbourne finally has a complete set of working streetlights!
- This has been a long time coming; we have all been frustrated about it and with you, owe huge thanks to our clerk, Jo Tudor for her tenacity and patience in sorting it out.
- We really hope that there won't be any issues for some time now, but if you do have anything to report please email clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com

- **Dog Wardens!**

- We would remind you again that Bucks County Council dog wardens have been seen patrolling locally. Please be aware that they can, and do, levy on the spot fines of £1000 if they see that you don't pick up your dog's poo immediately.

- **Active Defibrillator – located outside the Betsey Wynne**

- Please note that Swanbourne's working defibrillator is located outside the Betsey Wynne
- The older device that was previously located outside the Village Hall has been decommissioned

- **Swanbourne Celebrates the King Charles' Coronation Weekend**

- Exciting plans are underway for a Swanbourne Party in the Park during the bank holiday weekend that is to mark our King's Coronation
- The event is being designed to be for everyone – our whole community is encouraged to come along (don't worry it won't clash with screening of the actual Coronation so you will be able to do both!)

- More information will be circulated soon, but please pencil it into your diaries in the meantime
- **Village Precept Annual Review**
- In line with Buckinghamshire County Council the precept is to increase by 5% as of April 1st this year

NB We all pay the precept as part of our Council Tax; this element of our Council Tax is allocated specifically to our village and provides funds for necessary village maintenance, repairs and improvements both routine (e.g., dog waste collection, and playing field maintenance), and exceptional (e.g., footpaths and streetlighting).

- **Potholes**

- The potholes are awful at the moment.
- They have been reported and most have been highlighted with spray paint ready for repair
- They fall outside Parish Council remit, but we are monitoring the situation closely and doing all we can to speed the repair process
- If you have a particular concern, please report it to fixmystreet.com or email clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com

- **Litter Picking**

- Cllr Roger Hatcher regularly arranges litter picking in and around Swanbourne
- The more people who help the better and it is a rewarding and sociable activity – if you would like to join Roger please let our Clerk, Jo Tudor know (clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com) and she will pass on your details
- Many thanks to all who do help with this – it makes a big difference

- **Concerns, Ideas, something to say?**

- We encourage you to be in touch. If it falls within our remit, we will take it on, if not we will make sure that the right person/organisation is made aware and gets your message
- Email clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com, or leave a note in the shop and it will be passed on to us

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th March.

We look forward to hearing from you before then, and to seeing more of you out and about as the days get longer and the weather warmer.

Swanbourne Parish Council www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk

BOOK CLUBBERS

Hope you are all well. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th March at 8pm at the Betsy Wynne and the book we will be discussing is *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri.

'Nuri is a beekeeper; his wife, Afra, an artist. They live a simple life, rich in family and friends, in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo - until the unthinkable happens. When all they care for is destroyed by war, they are forced to escape.

As Nuri and Afra travel through a broken world, they must confront not only the pain of their own unspeakable loss, but dangers that would overwhelm the bravest of souls. Above all - and perhaps this is the hardest thing they face - they must journey to find each other again.

Moving, powerful, compassionate and beautifully written, *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* is a testament to the triumph of the human spirit. Told with deceptive simplicity, it is the kind of book that reminds us of the power of storytelling.'

Everyone is welcome to the meeting whether they have or haven't read the book.

Please let me know if you have suggestions for books for future meetings. Take Care, *Jane Rowe*

Email: jane.rowe101@btinternet.com

Drop in for morning coffee at the Chapel

These monthly coffee drop-ins at the Methodist Chapel in Nearton End have been a growing success and our next one is on 22nd March followed by 19th April and 17th May. We meet at 10.30am.

We enjoy coffee, biscuits and chat in an informal gathering and everyone is very welcome.

Frankie and Ken

AYLESBURY FESTIVAL CHOIR (*Notice from Jean Tuer*)

Aylesbury Festival Choir's next concert will be on Saturday 22nd April 2023, in Aylesbury Methodist Church, starting at 7.30pm. We will be singing the ever-popular Faure' Requiem, Panis Angelicus and Durufle' Requiem.

I am happy to get tickets for anyone who wishes to come, telephone 07526 603080 or they can be purchased via our web site:-

www.aylesburyfestivalchoir.weebly.com

Village Planning News

22/00370/ALB | Listed building application for 3 new exterior doors | 15
Smithfield End Swanbourne, MK17 OSP - *Approved*

22/03329/APP | Householder application for erection of orangery | 4 Old
Drovers View, MK17 OFS - *Approved*

22/02542/APP | Demolition of redundant farm buildings and five new
residential dwellings and all ancillary works | Hensmans Farmhouse Narton End
Swanbourne MK17 OSL - *Approved*

22/02458/ADP | Submission of details of appearance, landscaping, layout,
scale and means of access for proposed agricultural dwelling pursuant to
outline planning permission 21/00359/AOP | **Buxlow Farm** Aylesbury Road
Swanbourne MK18 3LF - *Approved*

22/04164/APP | Single storey Extension and alterations to fenestration | 4,
Charlton Close MK17 OSX - *Approved*

23/00361/ALB | Listed building application replacement garden / boundary
walls | The Old House 6 Mursley Road Swanbourne MK17 OSH - *Pending*.

23/00289/APP | Householder application for internal works to ground floor
including fenestration alterations and first floor extension | 31A Narton End
Swanbourne Buckinghamshire MK17 OSL - *Pending*.

22/A1974/DIS | Submission of details pursuant to Condition 8 (planting plan)
relating to Planning Permission 22/01974/APP | The Old Vicarage 2 Winslow
Road Swanbourne MK17 OSW - *Does not satisfy/awaiting outcome*.

Community names, websites, email and telephone contacts

Swanbourne Village Hall – Please contact Hugo Gilbert to find out more and to book: telephone 07754181522.

Swanbourne Neighbourhood and Countryside Watch

Email swanwatch7@gmail.com or tel: - Mo on 720269 or Doody on 728161.

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Village information via email circulation - Information is circulated by email by Peter Hampton. If new to the village, you may add your name to the list. Notices should be forwarded to Peter at the following email address: - swanbournemail@gmail.com

Swanbourne Community Association – Tel. Frankie Fisher (Chair) on 720454.

Website: -www.swanbournecommunityassociation.com

Swanbourne Facebook Village Community Group: - Administrator: Deborah Barrow. Please email via the Parish Council website

www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk or direct message via Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/44360210626000/>

Swanbourne Estate - The Estate Manager is Tom Finchett. Tel. 720256 email:

office@swanbourneestate.co.uk

Swanbourne History Group – Tel. Ken Harris (Chair) on 720454, email

ken.kelston1@gmail.com History Website: - www.swanbournehistory.co.uk

History Webmaster is Clive Rodgers, email Swanbourne13@gmail.com

The Store and Post Office – Jean-Claude and Julie Blanc are the proprietors. The Store is open from 8.30am to 6pm on Monday to Friday and from 8.30am to 12.30pm on Saturdays. The Post Office is normally open from 9.00am until 1.00pm from Monday to Saturday swanbourne.store@gmail.com Tel. 720288

Betsey Wynne Pub - www.thebetseywynne.co.uk Tel. 720825 Reservations for dining are usually made on-line.

Swanbourne Parish Council – Parish Clerk (Jo Tudor) Email: -

clerkswanbournepc@gmail.com Parish Council Website:

www.swanbourneparishcouncil.co.uk

Play Out and Sports Swanbourne - Sasha Savage, Vicki Price and Ria Deane. Call

Sasha on 07949973626 www.facebook.com/playoutswanbourne

Playing Fields – Please contact the Parish Clerk if issues arise.

Church Wardens - St. Swithun's Church; David Blunt and Jon Walker

Swanbourne Burial Authority – Swanbourne Parochial Church Council, tel. David Blunt 720397 email: david.blunt@hart-house.net

Medical Prescription Deliveries from Winslow Dispensary - The online system

for requesting repeat prescriptions is now through the Evergreen Life system. If

there are any queries you may email: - 3whealth.patientaccess@nhs.net

Alternatively, you may telephone 713434 to request a repeat or email: - prescriptions.norden@nhs.net listing the medication requested.

Norden House maintains a patient delivery service for prescriptions the over 60s in Swanbourne (except for patients who collect from Lloyds Pharmacy) which is not available if registered at Whitchurch.

Winslow Community Bus - Normally, you can get the Community Bus in Winslow any Friday or Saturday morning at 9.15am to get to Aylesbury for just after 10 o'clock – dropping off by Sainsbury's or the bus station, then return 12.15pm depart from bus station (+ High St pick up on a Friday). Free with a bus pass. Full details on the website:

[Bus Services - Winslow and District Community Bus - Winslow and District Community Bus, Winslow, Buckingham \(winslowbus.com\)](#)

Alternatively, telephone Lynne King on 07483 336440.

Newspaper and Magazine Deliveries - Get newspapers and/or magazines delivered in the morning to your home anywhere in Swanbourne! Wedelivernews.com Ltd. is based at 52, High St., Winslow. If you wish to go on their delivery list, phone or text Sue on 07834902196 or email info@wedelivernews.com

Karate Club - The club is run by Sensei Tom Finchett a 2nd Dan British Karate Association, with over 30 years of experience in Karate, tel. 07974 029961 or hakagurekarate1@gmail.com

Book Club - This is organised by Jane Rowe; for further details email: jane.rowe101@btinternet.com

Swanbourne Community Association Lunch will be on Monday March 6th 12-30 for 1pm in the Village Hall. We shall serve pies from "The Bell", Winslow with potatoes and veg. (A veggie alternative will be available), with a selection of home-made desserts. £6 to pay on the door. Phone Frankie on 720454 to book a place and come and enjoy a splendid meal! Afternoon tea dates for the other 2 months are; April 3rd and May 1st.
Frankie

Methodist Chapel - Palm Sunday is April 2nd. We shall have a procession with pony (in role as a donkey!) from the Chapel, Nearnton End leaving at 10-40am We shall sing and wave branches, arriving at St. Swithuns for a Family Service led by Frankie Fisher. This is always a fun occasion and suitable for all ages!
Frankie

Self Defence - Krav Maga self-defence Classes at Dodley Hill Farm, Station Road, Swanbourne MK17 0SR Tuesdays at 8.00pm £7 per session (first lesson free)

Krav Maga is about being aware of your surroundings and being able to recognise a situation before it unfolds, allowing you time to react and avoid the situation. Krav Maga encourages you to avoid a confrontation whilst training you to be able deal with an attack, if the confrontation cannot be avoided. The club is for all people, of all abilities, male or female, of both the younger and older generation. No experience necessary. Please check out our website: www.wkma.co.uk Or for more info contact Trevor Payne on 07941 021494 Trevor@wkma.co.uk Or Tom on 07974 029961

Doggy Diaries Spring 2023 (March – May)

Hello Swanbourne 😊

Spring is most definitely springing, and I LOVE it - Yippee!!



Longer, warmer, drier days = longer, warmer, drier (you know my feelings about getting wet) walks and more time outside. I think it might be my favourite time of year, or perhaps summer is, or autumn, hmmm... not sure about this. Or winter...? I don't know, but I do know that I love springtime.

I have had a very busy time since I last wrote to you. In January I went to a conference with Ma (a Purina dogfood conference of all things – you can imagine the smell of it), and to other things where she has had to do talking about me, and I have had to do being me (my favourite thing). Last week we were in a big room with 50 ten- and eleven-year-old children – now that was fun. I showed them some things I do to help Ma, like taking my coat off and fetching her keys and her bag. She was also very clumsy and kept on dropping things, so I had to pick them up for her – I hardly had a break! Ma told the children other things too like how I help get my own dinner and that I (ahem) wee and poo on command (I felt that was a bit personal, but the children seemed to love it). I was very good at staying by Ma's side and carrying my own lead – this made the teachers say "Awww..." which made me very waggy. I had about a gazillion cuddles afterwards – talk about exhausting.

Yesterday we went to Stowe gardens for a relaxing wander around. Have you been there? I love it and at the moment the snowdrops are so pretty, and the smells are so good. And they sell doggy ice cream too. I can't think of a more perfect afternoon!

I am looking forward to seeing you all around and about a bit more as we all begin to spend more time outside. What a lovely thought!

Until next time Swanbourne – look after yourselves, and each other, as always

With love



Barry xxx



SWANBOURNE'S WINTER REFUSE COLLECTION DATES

Date	Food waste	Recycling Bin	Waste Bin	Garden waste
<i>Tuesday Feb 28</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday March 7</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday March 14</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday March 27</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday March 28</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday April 4</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday April 11</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday April 18</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday April 25</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday May 2</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday May 9</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION
<i>Tuesday May 16</i>	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION	No Collection
<i>Tuesday May 23</i>	COLLECTION	COLLECTION	No Collection	COLLECTION

Right: - QR code access to Buckinghamshire Council Refuse collection rota



Changes to Buckinghamshire's Road Maintenance contract

Buckinghamshire Council has confirmed that Balfour Beatty has been awarded an eight-year highways maintenance contract worth £176m. Balfour will take over on 1st April 2023 when the council's current agreement with Ringway-Jacobs comes to an end.

The new contractor will work closely with the council and alongside newly appointed design contractors, who will be announced later this year, to deliver the ongoing programme of maintenance, investment and improvement to the county's 5,000km of roads, carriageways, footpaths and cycle routes.

Steven Broadbent, Cabinet Member for Transport said: "We are pleased to announce that, after a rigorous selection process, Balfour Beatty Living Places has been awarded this maintenance contract.

“We are determined that this partnership will provide a new model of highways services that achieves our aspirations for a faster and more responsive service for the needs of residents and road users in Buckinghamshire.

“Balfour Beatty Living Places has an excellent track record of managing contracts of this nature and we are keen to embrace their expertise and experience, whilst realising their delivery of innovation and quality onto our network.”

Ringway Jacobs has been working on the county’s highways for the last 13 years under the Transport for Buckinghamshire contract.

The council said Ringway Jacobs “will play a key role in ensuring the effective transfer of services to the new arrangements.”

Steve Helliwell, Managing Director of Balfour Beatty Living Places, said: “Today’s announcement builds on our longstanding expertise and commitment to providing best-in-class highways maintenance services, whilst offering customer-focused solutions in a collaborative partnership.

“Wherever we operate, we go above and beyond for our customers with an unrelenting focus on leaving a lasting positive legacy for the communities we serve; working with local supply chain partners whilst also creating numerous apprenticeship and graduate opportunities.”

In addition to maintaining Buckinghamshire’s highways network, Balfour Beatty will be responsible for the upkeep of street lighting, traffic signals, gullies and drainage, and winter maintenance services including gritting.

The new contract will run for an initial eight-year period with the option to extend for a further four years.

Source: - constructionengineer.com

Editorial comment: Until 13 years ago, Buckinghamshire County Council directly ran all road, verge and hedge maintenance using their own employees (Buckinghamshire County Council Engineers Department). Under an agreement reached with Ringway-Jacobs (a French/American owned company based in Essex), Ringway-Jacobs took over all road work in Bucks (excluding Milton Keynes) and many of the Bucks C.C. Engineers Department employees were transferred to the Ringway-Jacobs Group payroll.

However, the Ringway-Jacobs 13-year performance record has not been brilliant. In fact, Bucks has been named as having some of the worst roads in England, according to a recently published survey. Conducted by www.billplant.co.uk, the study focused on issues such as the number of pot holes and highway and transport expenditure right through to roads requiring maintenance in all the unitary authorities across the land. The survey places Bucks at 10th from the bottom. Not something to be proud of. At least Balfour Beatty seem to have stronger roots in Britain (they are in the FTSE 250). Bucks deserves better. Let’s hope they can deliver.

Help! Can I please ask a doctor?

Conversation with a Swanbourne resident who prefers to remain anonymous

“It was 14th December and I started to feel ill with abdominal pains soon after going to bed. I have some ongoing health issues and was worried that it might be serious. Also vomiting, the obvious point of reference to NHS advice was to telephone 111. After all, that’s what you are supposed to do, right? Well, nobody answered, so I just kept ringing. No answer after half an hour. No answer after 1 hour. No answer after 1 hour 15 minutes, and I was feeling worse. My partner checked out the 111 website as we gave up on somebody answering the telephone. The website showed a flow chart and this seemed to be what the call handlers might use. They are not nurses. I followed it through with my partner and the flowchart ended up with *Dial 999 and seek advice.*”

“I was reluctant to do that because it might put unnecessary pressure on the ambulance service. I wanted to first speak to somebody with a medical background (ideally a doctor) concerning my symptoms. My partner was considering taking me to A and E when I remembered I had previously used the *Walk In Centre* at MK Hospital some years ago. My experience then had been good, I was seen after about an hour or so. My partner telephoned them and they are now called the Urgent Care Centre (status and function was slightly changed a while ago). Yes, my partner could take me there but the waiting times were currently 6 to 9 hours and I had to wait on my own. They said that nobody else could be allowed in the building to wait with me because the volume of people was too great.”

“The pain wasn’t going away, but I just needed to speak to somebody with a medical background before resorting to putting more pressure on ambulances or waiting for hours and hours in A and E or at the Urgent Care Centre and possibly unjustifiably clogging up the system.”

“Then a light bulb came on in my head. I have a relative who is GP, I’ll refer to him as John. I know John’s under a lot of pressure, but would he mind if I asked his advice in the middle of the night? I was hesitant. Never done that before, but I was getting desperate, so I telephoned. He didn’t mind. His advice was to increase the number of tablets that I was already taking, also recommending an over-the-counter additional medicine to buy from the pharmacy if needed the following morning. I followed his advice and it worked. I rapidly started to feel a lot better. “

“I’d sorted myself out and avoided putting unnecessary additional pressure on the ambulance service, A and E and the Urgent Care Centre. But given the same circumstances, what would the majority of the population do?”

DIY Waste Disposal Charges

In April 2019, Buckinghamshire Council introduced a series of new charges to dispose of waste products produced by home DIY projects as a way of plugging a hole in their budget. Suddenly, it became quite expensive to dispose of items such as a cracked window that you may have changed yourself or kitchen tiles that you may have pulled up yourself. Some people believe this change to have indirectly contributed to increased fly tipping in Bucks. Payment is by card at the tip itself. For reference, the current charges for “Non-household waste” are reproduced below.

Non-household waste price list

Item	Price inc VAT
Hardcore & rubble <i>(per 25 litre bag)</i>	
Bricks, cement, rubble, concrete slab, tiles, sand, soil, turf etc.	£3.20
Bathroom items	
Sink, pedestal, bath panel, towel rail, & pipework etc.	£3.20
Bath & panel, cabinets, sink & pedestal, toilet pan etc.	£6.40
Shower tray, shower screen door, toilet pan & cistern etc.	£12.80
Kitchen items	
Sink, taps etc.	£3.20
Whole cabinets including door etc.	£6.40
Worktop etc. (equivalent to 2m x 1m)	£9.60
Wood items <i>(per item or equivalent to 2m x 1m)</i>	
Fence panel, pallet, floorboards, laminate flooring, decking etc.	£3.20
Window and doors	
Internal door etc.	£3.20
External door, window etc.	£12.80
Roofing Materials	
Roofing felt, pipes and guttering, loft insulation etc.	£3.20
Other	
Asbestos sheet per 1m x 1m (selected sites only)	£4.40
Plaster or gypsum per 25 litre bag (selected sites only)	£7.60
Plasterboard sheet up to 2m x 1m (selected sites only)	£9.00
Car or motorcycle tyre	£5.00

A full list is available on the site noticeboards and at buckinghamshire.gov.uk

All prices are per item and include VAT. Charges for non-household waste items not detailed in the full list will be decided by staff on site, based on current prices. Site staffs decision is final.

Gardening tips

Also known as the Cabbage Palms, if you have any *Cordyline* trees, they are likely to have suffered from the mid December frosts which were much heavier than usual, getting down to -8 degrees C for several days. If the crowns are going brown and their long leaves are starting to fall off then the growing tips have died in those frosts. However, you can rescue them because they are still alive. Don't cut down the whole tree, because they should come back. Cut off the dead growing tips down to the first definite wood and that should help new growing tips form in May. If you cut down the whole tree, the roots will still be alive and it will begin to come back from the base, but years of previous growth will have been lost!



Saw off all dead growing tips on frost damaged Cordylines.

A healthy growing tip



Walking to Local View Points

As we approach Spring, it's time to find new walks with view points (see map on back page). Find out where you can find some great local views (see below and overleaf).

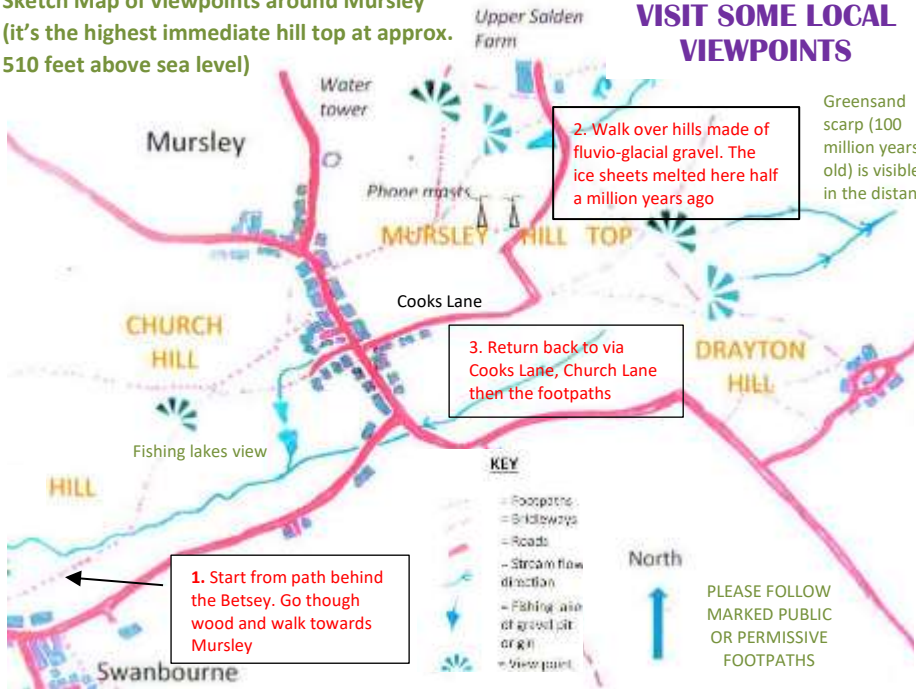
Below: View towards Gt. Brickhill; the public footpath from Mursley to Drayton Hills



Sketch Map of viewpoints around Mursley
(it's the highest immediate hill top at approx.
510 feet above sea level)

VISIT SOME LOCAL VIEWPOINTS

Greensand scarp (100 million years old) is visible in the distance



2. Walk over hills made of fluvio-glacial gravel. The ice sheets melted here half a million years ago

3. Return back to via Cooks Lane, Church Lane then the footpaths

1. Start from path behind the Betsey. Go through wood and walk towards Mursley



Walk across to the wood behind the Betsey and follow the public footpath past Mursley Lakes (originally gravel pits).



From the main road walk towards Mursley Village Hall then turn right onto the public footpath just before. These hills are made from a heap of meltwater gravels formed when the ice melted here half a million years ago.

Photo above: - Gravel exposed in tracks after rain washes off the mud. This thick deposit came close to being worked in the 1980s