

Hello and welcome to the May newsletter

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We have all had to deal with a lot of changes in the past year since the pandemic started. Some have been very difficult but we have got wherever we are today because we kept going, kept fighting, kept carrying on. The residents of Tinkers Bridge make a fabulous community who care about each other and look out for our neighbours. The Bridge newsletter has been coming through your doors every month for a long time, to bring good news, bad news, interesting articles, poetry, competitions and events. The printing of our epic tome costs quite a lot of money every month. Unfortunately, we are just not able to keep up with the rising costs of printing 300 newsletters. Despite putting a questionnaire in last month's newsletter, which was delivered to every house, we received just a few replies. The funds spent on printing the newsletter could go towards making the improvements YOU want to happen on the estate.

So, to cut printing costs, we will be taking The Bridge online and reproducing it on our Facebook page instead of delivering it. If you want it delivered to your house you must let us know by either emailing us on info@tinkersbridge.org.uk or message Sarah on Facebook. We can also email The Bridge to your email address, please let us know, thank you. We plan to leave a few copies at the Post Office but that will be all.

Questionnaire results

The few replies that were returned mainly commented on the **fly tipping** that continuously blights the estate, from the builders bulk bags that just stay there forever to newly dumped bookcases and rubbish bags, which split open and blow around the estate. **Fly-tipping Fred is winning**, he has taken hold of Tinkers Bridge and he is spreading everywhere. If any of this sounds like what you have dumped lately, please take responsibility and clear up after yourselves.

Trees and verges were another concern for residents, with worries about overgrown trees and bushes. Trees with rotten or dangerous branches that need to be chopped down. There were also some points made about the size of some of the bigger trees, and possible effects of the roots on the foundations of houses.

Another point made was **cars being parked across paths**, blocking it for wheelchair users and parents with buggies, forcing them out into the road because of your selfishness. Verges were also a point of disdain, with all the recent rain, a car or van will cut up an entire verge with their tyres, again, making the estate look awful.

We, as a residents association, want to take action on these issues, so freeing up funds from printing, will go towards making the changes you want.

Scarecrow Festival

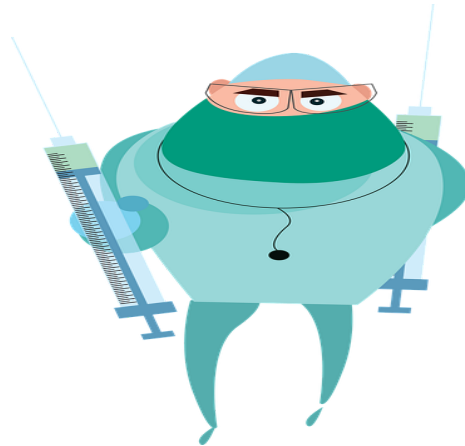
The Scarecrow Festival will be held on Saturday 5th June. Get your amazing creations out into your front gardens by 10am, then take a photo and send via Messenger to Sarah. All the photos will be put up on our Facebook page for voting. Voting ends at 5pm on Sunday 6th June. The Scarecrow with the most votes will win the fabulous Tesco gift card. Straw will be available from Sarah at the Community Garden on Friday at 4pm.



Milton Keynes Council has pledged its support for Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean campaign, and is asking more local people to be [#LitterHeroes](#). During the last year, people have relied on local parks and green spaces for walks, somewhere to exercise and to play. The charity has reported a massive increase in the number of residents who have started litter-picking during the lockdowns, with the number of Litter Heroes growing by a third in less than 12 months. The Great British Spring Clean runs from Friday 28th May – Sunday 13th June 2021. It calls on the public to help the charity achieve a million miles of litter-picking. MK Council is offering to lend local people and groups litter pick kits free of charge. Woughton Community Council have these kits available for residents to borrow, who have signed up to do litter picking minutes. Get your kit and grab a child size one and make it a family challenge or a gentle litter-picking walk.

The Jab

When we've all had the jabs
That they make in the labs,
Life will get back to normal
People are used to being formal
In and out of our locals shops
They can go for longer hops
Now, no more staying home
We are free to really roam
Let's hope it all can last
And say goodbye to the mask
By Terriverse



We are on [Facebook](#)

[Tinkers Bridge OFFICIAL GROUP](#) for local news, lost and found, and anything else of interest. Check it out for any local updates. If you need assistance or help it can be a good place to ask. We have lots of lovely, caring people here, so please ask! It can be used to help combat loneliness, if you just want a friendly chat or to make new friends!

[Tinkers Bridge - Free To A Good Home](#) is for all giveaways, freebies and unwanted items and in date food.

[Tinkers Bridge For Sale](#) is for items you are wanting to sell locally to friends and neighbours.

You can also access our Facebook page by using this link~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TBRA.MK>

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