



Drawing by Whitehouse Resident Siya (age 5) showing COVID-19 as a mountain you can climb and once you get to the other side, there is a play park with happy children playing there.

(WHCC: Thank you for sending us your beautiful drawing!)

**The Whitehouse Community Council
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News from your local Community Council

Meet our new Councillors

**Mira Patel
(Councillor)**



I moved to Whitehouse from London with my husband in December 2017 and we have a daughter who is 8 months old. I am a family Solicitor and have been qualified for over 14 years and am also a Partner in England's largest family law firm. I am based in the London office however, I also often work from home. I joined the community council as I am keen to make Whitehouse a great area to live in and for the area to flourish. With my legal background and experience, I am able to use these skills to assist the community. In my spare time, I enjoy travelling and socialising with my friends and family and meeting new people.

**Scott Dalziel
(Councillor)**



I am originally from New Zealand, but have lived in the UK for over 30 years. My background is in sales and I travel extensively around the UK.

I have worked in the electrical industry for over 20 years. My family and I moved to Milton Keynes just under 2 years ago and my daughter goes to Whitehouse pre-school. This is my home and its where I will be raising my family, so I want to roll my sleeves up and be involved for the long term.

The reason I would like to be a Community Councillor is to be part of building a community of which we all can be proud of.

Message from the Whitehouse Community Council

Another year is coming to an end soon and what a year it has been! We have all experienced the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in different ways, and we look forward to a new year with a return of what we all deemed as "normal" before.

When we look back over the year in Whitehouse, it is exciting to see how many new homes have been built, how many more families have been added to our community and the progress that has been made in establishing the growing Whitehouse area. We look forward to the new Heath Centre opening soon, with our first coffee shop opening there shortly as well. We also have the Watling Academy ready to go and finally "welcoming home" their students.

Throughout December there will be various events taking place throughout Whitehouse and we want to thank all of the groups and individuals who have committed to creating a special Christmas time for us all.

Whether this is your first Christmas in Whitehouse or your fourth, and whether you are spending time with family or alone, we want to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas time. Enjoy the time with friends & family, and we look forward to an exciting new year within our Whitehouse community.

A very merry Christmas from all of the Whitehouse Councillors and their families, to you and yours!

Whitehouse Health Centre - Opening in December

Hello Whitehouse!

We are delighted to be officially opening on the 1st December 2020.

We are really excited to be opening and we think our patients will like our model of care, which includes the use of technology. Our registered patients can enjoy the benefits of access to a GP via video consultation. This is provided by a service called LIVI. Our LIVI GP Team can provide medical advice, prescriptions and referrals, which will be bookable through our reception team.

In addition to the healthcare professional team, we have a Wellbeing advisor who is available to help and support with all of your lifestyle concerns, such as mental health, bereavement, carers support, weight management, smoking cessation and help accessing other services.

To register with our practice, please mail us at whitehousesurgery.mk@nhs.net or for more information please visit our website at <https://www.onemedicalgroup.co.uk/whitehouse-surgery-miltonkeynes>

We look forward to welcoming you to our service!

The team at Whitehouse Surgery



Our first Whitehouse coffee shop!



Kukucoffeehouse

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Kuku opened its doors with its first branch in Broughton Gate last November and the second branch opened in Monkston Park shortly thereafter.

We are very excited to be opening our third branch in Whitehouse very soon!

We want to be a place of comfort for everyone, whether you are meeting up with friends, having a business meeting or visiting someone in the Health Centre. We are expecting to open early in the new year within the Whitehouse Health Centre building and our opening hours will be 8am to 8pm every day.

We are planning on offering a wide selection of drinks, different breakfast and lunch options, a variety of delicious desserts, as well as a range of hot and cold drinks.

You can follow us on Facebook for further information:
@kukucoffeehouse



Community Survey Q4 2020

We have a new online survey we would like the Whitehouse Community to participate in and the survey is available on the Community Council Facebook page, as well as Community Council website. For those residents in the Whitehouse community who cannot access the online version of the survey available at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KGFX29T> , please complete the same survey here, so that we can include your feedback as well.. Please also include your contact detail below, so that we can reach out to you in case of questions or if we need further clarification.

First Name:

Last Name:

Email Address:

Q1. Which "development area" are you currently living in?

- Abbey Homes
- Bellway
- Bovis
- Cala
- Taylor Wimpey

Q2. What is your current view of the "state of the estate", e.g. cleanliness, quality of living, etc.?

- Very happy here!
- Somewhat happy here, but there are some concerns
- Not happy living in Whitehouse
- Comments (Please feel free to add any comments below)

Q3. We are facing challenging times due to COVID-19 and the ongoing restrictions / lockdowns. What can the local community do to assist you with any challenges you are facing due to

Q4. Which Management Company is active in your area and do you have any issues or concerns regarding the services you are receiving? Do you believe you are getting value for money from the maintenance charge?

Q5. A new Community Centre is planned to open during the summer of 2021. What would be your ideas / recommendations of what should be offered / hosted in the new Centre to benefit the Whitehouse community?

Q6. Would you want to see locally managed landscaping of the entire Whitehouse estate?

Yes

No

Q7. Would you appreciate seasonal decorations being used throughout the main streets in Whitehouse, e.g. Longhorn & Barossa, such as Christmas lights, spring flower baskets, etc.

Yes

No

Other recommendations for decorations in Whitehouse

Q8. What are the age ranges of all of the people living in your household?

0 – 5

6 – 11

12 – 18

19 – 30

31 – 45

46 – 60

60+

Q9. Please indicate which of the following services are important to you?

- Allotments
- Activities for young people
- Holiday play schemes
- Grants for community organisations
- Higher provision of dog bins
- Increased cleaning / litter picks
- Other (suggestions)

Q10. What types of shops would you like to see on the future High Street? Please indicate any types of shops, e.g. coffee shops, bakery, petrol station, etc.

Q11. Please rank the shops below in order of preference, with number 1 being your most preferred through to number 9 being your least preferred

- Aldi
- Asda
- Budgens
- Co-op
- Lidl
- Morrisons
- Sainsburys
- Tesco
- Waitrose
- Other

Q12. What contact have you had with the Whitehouse Community Council during the past 12 months?

- Telephone / email to the office
- The Whitehouse Community Council Facebook page
- The Whitehouse Community Council website
- Attended a Whitehouse community Council meeting
- Other (Please comment below)

Q13. Thinking about how the Whitehouse Community Council communicates with residents how effectively do you think this is done?

- I feel well informed
- I get just enough information
- I rely on friends in the area to keep me informed
- I struggle to find sufficient information
- I know very little of what is happening in the area

Q14. Please provide suggestions as to how the Whitehouse Community Council might improve the various communication routes to residents, e.g. more updates on Facebook, website or notice boards, face-to-face meetings (socially distant during COVID-19), text updates, flyers, etc.

Q15. Any other information you would like the Whitehouse Community Council to be aware of.

Thank you for your participation in this survey!

Once you have completed this survey, please remove your completed survey from the Newsletter and either mail or hand deliver to 11 Longhorn Drive, Whitehouse, MK8 1AH

News from Whitehouse Church



Please contact us if you would like to participate

A gift from us to you



look out for this special delivery through your door very soon!

A Whitehouse Christmas.

Join us live every Sunday, 10:25am on zoom.
Zoom ID: 417-918-590



We want to wish all of the Whitehouse Residents a very happy and blessed Christmas!



Welcome to Watling Academy!



From left to right, Ian Bacon (Head of School), Maureen O'Brien (Chair of Governors for Watling Academy), Jo Barford (Deputy Head) and a small selection of our new cohort of Year 7s on our first day of opening.

Watling Academy opened its doors to students on 7th September 2020 at our temporary home on the first floor of Fairfields Primary School. We will be moving to our permanent home in Whitehouse in 2021 and look forward to becoming an integral part of your community!

Since opening, the students have been involved in a wide range of curriculum activities, including:

- ◆ Evaluating the extent to which the Watling Academy site is environmentally friendly
- ◆ Writing a letter to their MP
- ◆ Going on a “Virtual Trip” to the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park, followed by a surprise visit by one of the ‘Starship Robots’ to deliver their certificates for successfully completing the challenges!



From left to right, Karl Bartlam (Computing Hub Lead /Computing Teacher, Ian Bacon (Head of School) Geoff Houghton (Science Teacher) plus a selection of the certificate recipients.

I am sure many Whitehouse residents have watched the Watling Academy site progress over the last couple of years with interest. Completion of the build is fast approaching, and the children and staff are all excited about the wonderful new learning environment that they will soon be moving into. Many local community groups and teams have already been in touch to discuss meeting and training in our new facilities, and we are looking forward to working with them.



As with many other schools, our open evening for Year 6 students and parents was held virtually this year, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and can be viewed on-line. Please visit [https://
watlingacademyopenevening.co.uk/](https://watlingacademyopenevening.co.uk/) to find out more about what Year 7 students in September 2021 can expect from Watling Academy.

We look forward to meeting many of you soon.

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For our Winter Newsletter in Q1 2021

For our Winter Newsletter in Q1 2021, we look forward to input & content from the Whitehouse Community! Please share with us any local community information & updates and we will gladly include this in our next newsletter!

We are also asking the Whitehouse community for any photos taken in and around Whitehouse that we can add to our Council website. This will allow future Whitehouse residents to get an idea of what Whitehouse is all about.

Please email all entries to media@whitehouse-pc.org.uk



Drawing by Whitehouse Resident Annabelle (age 6) showing a lion using his roar in the lion guard.

(WHCC: Thank you for sending us your lovely drawing!)

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