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Want to know more about local issues?

Join Bletchley Park Area Residents Association (BPARA):

- Formed in 1990 to support the formation and preservation of Bletchley Park Museum.
- Membership is now open to all residents in the Bletchley area!
- We work with our MP, local Councils and Thames Valley Police to deal with matters affecting our community:
 - Bletchley Regeneration including the Brunel / Wilko / Ex-Sainsbury site via the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Deal Board – see inside for information.
 - East-West Rail/Bletchley Station and the Ex-Police / Fire Station sites.
 - The BPARA Chair represents residents on the Town Deal Board.
 - Parking, the Environment, Anti-Social Behaviour, and the Blue Lagoon.
- We also work with other residents' associations – please see www.bletchley.org.uk.
- We keep you informed via regular newsletters and updates on local issues.
- We are recognised by West Bletchley Parish Council and other official bodies.

*Join us
today!*



**FIND OUT MORE – YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DO ANYTHING,
OTHER THAN TO JOIN BPARA SO THAT WE CAN
REPRESENT YOUR VIEWS AND KEEP YOU INFORMED!**

BPARA

Bletchley Park Area
Residents Association

Established 1990

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BPARA is currently involved in a number of local topics...

Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Deal - £22.7m from the Government's Town Deal Fund

Town Deal Projects - summary

Innovation Hub will provide commercial space for start-ups and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The hub is part of a wider scheme being developed on the **former Police and Fire Station site**, adjacent to the railway station.

Revolving Development Fund facilitates the acquisition and re-use of strategic sites around the area that are key to delivering essential improvements. The most recent acquisition was **the vacant Sainsbury's site adjacent to the Brunel Centre**. MKCC have produced a development brief which will explore the opportunity to provide new housing, employment, and retail opportunities – see www.bpara.co.uk/category/bpara-news/. The fund will continue to identify other development opportunities in our area.

Transport Hub explores opportunities for upgrading Bletchley train station and providing enhanced connectivity to and from the town centre. Working with Network Rail, this project seeks to capitalise on Bletchley's central position on the East-West Rail route. **The preferred design options will shortly be presented to the Town Deal Board before public engagement gets underway.**

Public Realm Improvements along the main commercial streets of Queensway and Aylesbury Street.

Redways - funding the delivery of the Blue Lagoon Scheme Redways route. The presence of protected species delayed the start-date for construction to facilitate the relocation of these species and construction is in progress. A route to connect the Blue Lagoon to the **wider Bletchley area** is underway.

Tech Park is part of the **South-Central Institute of Technology (the SCIoT)** and will provide hardware and equipment to support digital skills development for the town, **helping to upskill residents and students**. Launch is Autumn 2023, welcoming schools, community groups, local business, and residents.

With Government and other funding, substantive works, including a refurbishment and extension of the Andrew Peck building at Bletchley College, have been completed and the SCIoT, based opposite Bletchley train station, is now operational. It will provide high quality learning environments,

offering students higher level technical qualifications for a new generation of digital visionaries. For more information visit <https://southcentraliot.ac.uk/>

Transformation at Bletchley Park – assisted the renovation of Block E at Bletchley Park to provide a new dedicated learning centre, with accessible classrooms and a high specification learning facility. The new Fellowship Auditorium will be the venue for the Government's AI Safety Summit in November 2023.

Fibre Connectivity will provide fibre connectivity to areas which have not been previously connected through commercial rollouts.

Active Marketing of Vacant Sites: MKCC are proactively working with local businesses to promote Bletchley and support the development and growth of the local economy.

You can learn more by going to <https://groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk/>

Other News

East West Rail

The East West Rail Company (EWR) published their promised Route Update Report at the end of May 2023. Several consultation events were undertaken by EWR along the route of the line to explain the new proposals including one held in Bletchley. For more information visit East West Rail's website - <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/>

The Blue Lagoon

MKCC is bidding for funds to improve the Blue Lagoon, with a view to making the nature reserve more accessible and enjoyable for residents and families. Currently, other than car park and paths, there are no built features for visitors. For more information, please go to www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/environment-parks-and-open-spaces/blue-lagoon

Voluntary Groups supported by BPARA

- **Friends of Bletchley Station (FOBS)** is a group of local enthusiasts, dedicated to keeping our local station attractive and friendly for all its users, and welcomes anyone who would like to help! Please see www.friendsofbletchleystation.org
- **West Bletchley Shed** is a group based in the former changing facility in Rickley Park, where you can learn DIY skills. The group also undertakes a range of community-based projects in the West Bletchley area – please see <https://westbletchleyshed.org/>
- **Community Sensory Garden** on St Marys Church Green is maintained by Brenda Hart and volunteers, but more volunteers needed - please contact BPARA for details. Awarded Britain in Bloom Certificate of Distinction by the British Horticulture Society.



the vacant Sainsbury's site



the former police station site



the new Fellowship Auditorium at Bletchley Park



Queensway in Bletchley



the South Central Institute of Technology



East West Rail

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