

## Equality Report 2012

### Council's commitment.

Walton Community Council aims to provide equality of access through good practices; and actively promote fair treatment and opportunity, regardless of a person's age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, gender, and /or sexual orientation. Our equality aim is to ensure that no member of the public or employee is disadvantaged by our actions. The Council have adopted a Council Plan for 2012 onwards. This has been published and is the Council's pledge to residents on future activities and services.

### Council's services.

Walton Community Council provided the following services to residents during 2012:

1. Opening of a new allotment site for the community.
2. Management and provision of four allotment sites, one of which has plots allocated for those with mobility problems.
3. Provision of a waste disposal service for dog excrement.
4. Media communication forum for residents on any matter through website, Facebook and twitter.
5. Links with local schools and NAG groups to promote community engagement.
6. Setting up of specialised committees to handle Environment & Recreation, Planning & Development in greater detail within the community
7. The establishment of a Finance and Administration committee to better focus time & energy of best practise and management of the Council.
8. The establishment of a Community Engagement group with the task of building relationships with local businesses, schools, groups & residents, to engage with the Ward councillors and organise , support and sponsor community events.

### Council's activities.

Below are some of the activities funded by Walton Community Council during 2012:

1. Funding a youth group organised by Milton Keynes Council.
2. Provision of grants to local organisations to help parishioners.
3. Production of a quarterly newsletter which has increased in size to 16 pages with the commitment to free advertising of local groups and services to the community .
4. Funding for summer play schemes and organised summer youth activities.
5. The funding of a half pipe skate park for the youth

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*Serving the areas of: Browns Wood, Caldecotte, Old Farm Park, Tilbrook, Tower Gate, Walnut Tree, Walton Hall, Walton Park and Wavendon Gate.*

### **Council staffing.**

Walton Community Council employed 1 part-time member of staff in 2012.

### **Council's future activity pledges.**

1. Promotion of healthy lifestyle choices through provision of an outdoor gym trail sponsored by donations and grants
2. Provision of youth play facilities in the form of a skate park
3. Continued provision of a Youth Cafe for any 11-17 year olds in the community
4. Provision of a centralised office facility to provide residents with a drop in facility, localised advice and improve engagement with residents, businesses, schools and social groups
5. Working with NGO's to provide services for residents
6. Continue to work on bettering the level of service our residents expect from the Community Council and Unitary Authority.
7. Acquire the assets placed on the Milton Keynes Council Community Asset Transfer scheme and ensure they continue to provide a service and facility for local residents.