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February 2025

Twenty-five local businesses awarded Town Deal grants



Large clear inflated domes containing white and blue small balloons

An inflatable balloon-dome company, independent cafes and local energy efficiency installers are among 25 businesses in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford which have been awarded grants to drive growth and create new jobs for local people.

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The grant scheme, set up last year as part of the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Deal programme, aims to drive economic growth to the area. Start-ups will receive up to £2,500, and established businesses up to £5,000.

Owners of start-ups who have been awarded the grant will use the money for marketing, branding, training, business planning, financial management, sustainability measures or IT equipment. While owners of existing businesses will use the grant to buy new equipment, cover consultancy costs, staff training, rebranding, software development or repairs and maintenance of premises.

One business to receive the grant is BalloonyTyphoony, which supplies inflatable balloon-domes for events and parties. The owner plans to purchase equipment that will help ensure their activities are suitable for children with disabilities.

Leader of MK City Council, Cllr Pete Marland said: “We received such a diverse range of applications from businesses in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford which means these grants can support a real reflection of our community and the many brilliant businesses that operate here. We hope this help will give them the boost they need to reach their goals, and be part of our vision to grow the area.”

Owner of BalloonyTyphoony, Claire O’Sullivan said: “We are so grateful to Milton Keynes City Council for the opportunity to help us grow, and better serve our whole community. Our aim has always been to make our balloon dome business accessible to all regardless of ability or family circumstances. This grant has enabled us to move forward with our next chapter and we look forward to helping our community grow and thrive.”

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Projects' progress

With the new year well underway, the Town Deal team is working to progress the programme of works for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford - some of which will begin in 2025.



Map of Bletchley

Queensway

Informed by the feedback during the summer public consultations, the detailed designs for Queensway public realm improvements will soon be available to share. These will show, for example, where new trees will be planted, the placement of new street furniture, the measures to prevent the anti-social parking, bus routes, and improved accessible parking and wayfinding. The new layout and improvements to Queensway aim to make the street safer, more welcoming and improve dwell time, and help to promote economic growth on the high street and Bletchley as a whole. Construction is due to begin in early 2026.

Saxon Street

The Highways team at Milton Keynes City Council continue to research and revise the plans for Saxon Street. We'll be ready to share these with you in Spring 2025. The design will reflect the points raised during the summer public consultation. We expect the construction work to being in early 2026.

Aylesbury Street

The detailed designs for the public realm work on Aylesbury Street are being finalised and we aim to start this work in Autumn 2025.

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Engagement

If you own or run a business in the area we will be working with you to ensure that your business remains open and we'll work together to limit the impact of the construction programme.

To stay up to date with the programme news, go to the Town Deal website www.groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk and subscribe for updates.

Or, if you prefer to have a chat about the works, visit one of the drop-in sessions which are held on the last two Mondays of the month. It's a good opportunity to speak directly with the MKCC Town Deal community engagement officer and to take a closer look at the latest designs.

The February drop-in sessions 2-4pm:

- Monday 17 at West Bletchley Parish Council, Whaddon Way
- Monday 24 at Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council, Sycamore House

Some residents have kindly highlighted the need for an additional drop-in session outside of the working day and in a more central location. We are currently working on providing this and will let you know the details once they've been confirmed.

Vision in sight



We've been busy talking with local people and stakeholders about the positive future for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford.

We've reached out to councillors, town councils, ward councillors, students, community groups, faith organisations, residents' associations, city council officers and local business owners and invited them to share their views, hopes and aspirations. We've also been touring the town with statement and proposition boards for members of the public to react/respond to or add their own statements.

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And, on Monday 10 February we will be launching an online Bletchley and Fenny Stratford 2050 Vision Guide questionnaire so more people can have their say. The questionnaire will be running for four weeks on our community forum: [Community Forum - Groundbreaking Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Deal - Commonplace.](#)

We will also be running workshops for residents - so watch this space for details of how you can take part.

We're on course to publish and share the results of our research at the end of April.


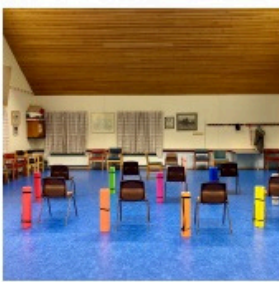









Adding thoughts to the vision engagement

Other News

Pathfinder initiative brings yoga for all to West Bletchley

Whether you are a complete novice or are familiar with yoga, please feel very welcome to join a class which is funded through the Pathfinder initiative.



Yoga State of Mind
Milton Keynes City Council
NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board
BLETCHLEY Pathfinder

Gentle Yoga classes in West Bletchley

Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm - £3/class

What to expect:

- Weekly in-person sessions (1,5 hour)
- Breathing practices
- Moderate yoga postures, with option on chair or mat
- Mindfulness and Relaxation
- Resources to continue home practice and cultivate positive habits for the body and the mind
- Beginners are welcome

Dates: 14, 21, 28 January
4,11,18,25 February
4,11,18 March

Time: 4:00-5:30PM

Location: The West Bletchley Community Centre,
3 Porchester Cl, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 6BH

Register interest at <https://yogastateofmind.wixsite.com/home>
Questions? Email the teacher: yoga4health.mk@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Free business networking evening



People in group discussions at the networking event

Our next monthly networking event for local Bletchley and Fenny Stratford entrepreneurs and business owners will be held at DaVinci Café, Queensway, on Tuesday 25 February, 5:30-6:30pm.

This popular event is an opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and learn more about what's happening in the town. Light bites and refreshments will be available throughout the evening. Places are limited so make sure you book your place by clicking [here](#)

Stay in the know

For more information on the Town Deal visit
<https://groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk/>

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