

Out-and-About in Wolverton

Members of Still Green are keen to be involved in Wolverton life. There's something for everyone in this lively market town!

Note: Web-links for places, activities, public services and not-for profit organisations mentioned are listed alphabetically at the end of the document under section headings.

Wolverton's heritage

Wolverton Works was the first purpose-built railway town when it opened in 1838 and is the longest continuously open railway works in the world. Explore Wolverton's proud heritage by following the Heritage Walks and in Milton Keynes' Living Archives.



View a replica of the Bloomer, officially Number 1009 Wolverton, at Milton Keynes Museum. It stands alongside McConnell Drive, named after James McConnell, who was the designer of the 'Bloomer', railway innovator, Locomotive Superintendent at the Works and founding member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. (Image courtesy of Sammy Jones/Milton Keynes Museum).

Learn about the history of the wider locality at the Wolverton and District Archaeological and Historical Society, a group that carries out research, has a programme of monthly talks and organises outings.

Nature and physical activity

Visit, or help out at, Wolverton's Urb Farm and Wolverton Community Orchard (pictured – image courtesy of the Orchard). Admire the work of the Wolverton and Greenleys Britain in Bloom group - new volunteers always welcome. Find out about the group seeking to save swifts and martins via their Facebook group and



Instagram page and the Urban Bee-lievers, one of the Christian Foundation's social enterprise, which seeks to make Wolverton and Milton Keynes bee-friendly.

Join with other Still Green members hoping to share one or more local allotments, not far from where we shall be living.

Choose your sport: Wolverton Leisure Centre has a swimming pool, gym and exercise classes; there are tennis, bowls and cricket clubs, local yoga and pilates groups, dance groups and more.

Take time out to sit a while in one of Wolverton's two recreation grounds, the Secret Garden on the canal side (pictured) or in 'pocket park', which will be incorporated into the Love Wolverton scheme.



Walk through the beautiful Ouse Valley Park and nature reserve or follow the Grand Union Canal out of Wolverton to visit the site of a Roman villa and Milton Keynes' famous concrete cows! Find descriptions of these walks on our website.

Local shops, restaurants, services, community activities and places of worship

Shop locally at the variety of independent stores in Wolverton as well as Tesco, Lidl and Asda supermarkets. More independent stores are planned within the Love Wolverton scheme.

Explore a variety of cuisines in the restaurants and cafés in Wolverton: Japanese, Chinese, Indian, Nepalese, Mediterranean, including Greek and Turkish, South African and British. Café's include two run by social enterprises: Bar Bar Black Sheep (pictured) on the Square and Future Wolverton's Old School Café, Bed and Breakfast, community centre and training-based enterprises in Old Wolverton. A Community Fridge operates from The Old Bath House Community Centre, helping to reduce food wastage through the sharing of surplus quality food by residents and businesses.



There is a library, post office, chemist and dentists all close by and the Wolverton Health Centre is a 15-20 minute walk away or a short bus ride.

The local Town Council organises a number of annual town events, including an Easter Egg Hunt, Scarecrow Festival and Lantern Parade when the Christmas lights go on. The website provides lots of information on local matters and activities.

Future Wolverton is a membership-based organisation, focussing on local planning, the local economy and community energy in addition to its Old School project, already mentioned.

Foundation House, at the top of the Square, is the home of MK Christian Foundation, which runs a range of community enterprises involving young people who have struggled with mainstream education and offers work experience supported by accredited training.

Places of worship in Wolverton include: St. George the Martyr Church to the South of the Love Wolverton development; the Central Jamia Mosque and King's Community Church to the North on Church Street; St Francis de Sale Catholic Church and West End United Methodist and United Reformed Church are also nearby.

Buses and trains

From the bus stop on Church Street there are direct services to Milton Keynes city centre shopping, dining, MK Theatre and The Gallery, to Milton Keynes Hospital and many other destinations in Milton Keynes and further afield. Wolverton Railway Station is a 5-8 minute walk away from Church Street with direct trains to London and destinations further north via Northampton, Birmingham and Rugby.

Web-links to places, activities, public services and not-for profit organisations mentioned

Wolverton's heritage

Heritage Walks: <http://www.mktrails.org/wolverton.html>

Milton Keynes' Living Archives <https://www.livingarchive.org.uk/>

Wolverton and District Archaeological and Historical Society
<https://www.mkheritage.org.uk/wdahs/docs/aboutus.html>

Nature and physical activity

Allotments

http://www.wolvertonandgreenleystowncouncil.gov.uk/Allotments_2197.aspx

Dance groups – check out what is going on at the community centres and social enterprises listed below and at the Leisure Centre.

Save Wolverton's Swifts and Martins Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/274116550450328>

Instagram page @savewolvertonswifts

Urban Bee-lievers <https://mkchristianfoundation.co.uk/urban-beelievers/>

Walks to tranquil green places – walks are described in separate documents (*insert links*)

Wolverton and Greenleys Britain in Bloom group

<https://www.facebook.com/WolvertonandGreenleysBiB/>

Wolverton Bowls clubs:

- Wolverton Park Bowls Club <https://www.wolvertonparkbc.com/>
- Wolverton Town Bowls Club <https://www.facebook.com/wolverton.town.3/>

Wolverton Community Orchard <https://www.facebook.com/mixedfruitorchard/>

Wolverton Leisure Centre <https://www.wolvertonpool.com/>

Wolverton Secret Garden <https://www.facebook.com/wolvertonsecretgarden/>

Wolverton Tennis Club <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WolvertonTennisClub> bowls and cricket clubs, local yoga groups, dance groups and more.

Wolverton Town Cricket Club <https://wolverton.play-cricket.com/home>

Wolverton Urb Farm <https://www.facebook.com/growingpeople1/>

Yoga and Pilates groups – check out what is going on at the community centres and social enterprises listed below and at the Leisure Centre.

Local community organisations, social enterprise and public services

Bar Bar Black Sheep <https://www.blacksheepcollective.co.uk/bar-bar-black-sheep>

Foundation House, MK Christian Foundation <https://mkchristianfoundation.co.uk/>. Its social enterprises include the Urb Farm and Urban Bee-lievers, already mentioned.

Future Wolverton <https://futurewolverton.org/>

King's Community Centre <http://www.kccmk.co.uk/>

Old School Café, Bed and Breakfast, community centre and training-based enterprises <https://oldschoolwolverton.org/> Future Wolverton initiative <https://futurewolverton.org/>

The Old Bath House Community Centre <https://oldbathhouse.org/>

Wolverton Library <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries>

Wolverton Health Centre <https://wolvertonhealthcentre.co.uk/>

Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council
<http://www.wolvertonandgreenleystowncouncil.gov.uk/>

Places of worship

The churches and mosque in central Wolverton are mentioned above and all have web-links. However there are others nearby and across Milton Keynes centres of worship and groups can be found for people of many different beliefs and for those looking for ecumenical and inter-faith groups. There is a city-centre ecumenical church, Christ the Cornerstone, a Quaker Centre (where Still Green was born), a synagogue, Gurdwaras, a Hindu centre, mosques, a Buddhist temple and a stone 'medicine wheel' beside Willen Lake (a Millennium project) to name just a few.