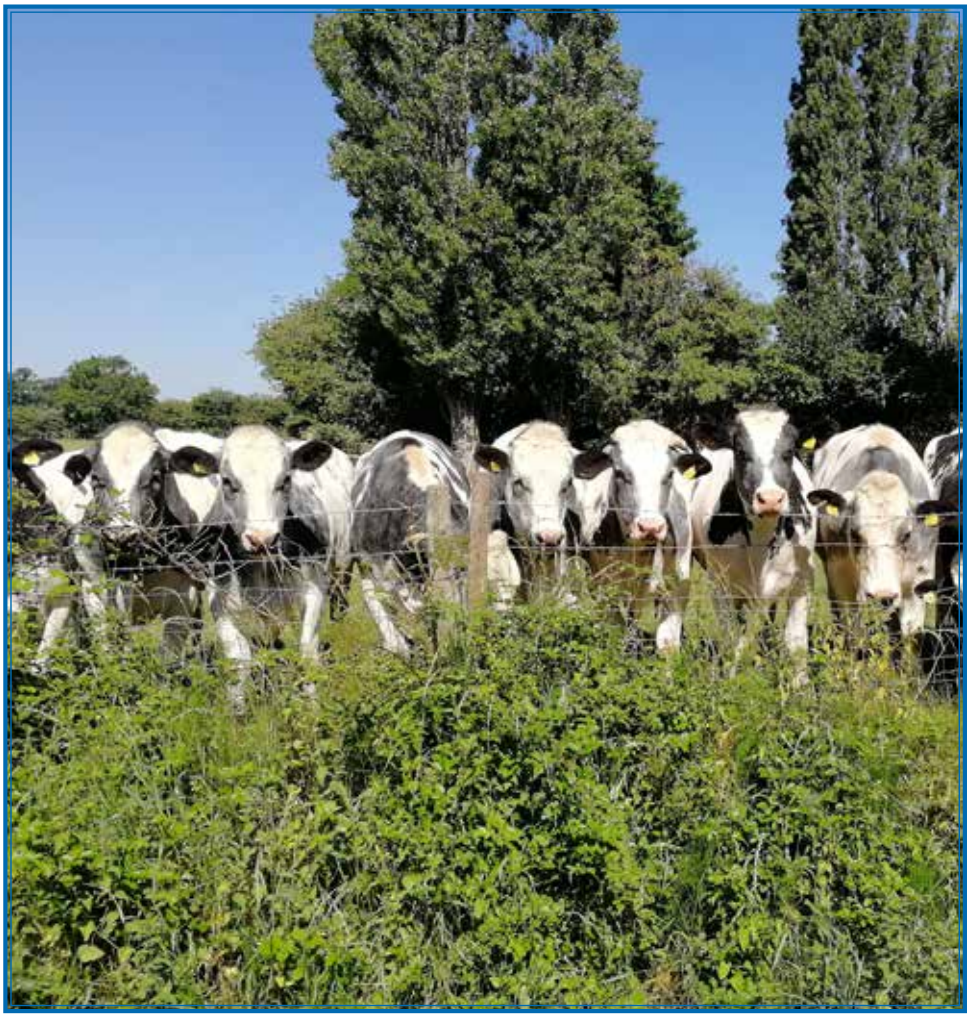
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should be sent to the Parish Clerk before

Monday 2nd November

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Chair's Report



Where do we start? First some good news. After last year's break with recent tradition, we reinstated the Best Front Garden Competition. As in previous years, your Councillors submitted suggestions for consideration. These were whittled down to a short(er) list, and then after another visual inspection, the two categories of Large and Small front gardens were judged on colour, variety, tidiness and effort. In the final decision, it was very difficult to differentiate between first and second in each class. I'll not spoil the result, as there is a separate picture article in this edition. But I'd just like to say, well done to everyone, and special praise goes to the eventual winners. It all helps to brighten up the village, and a beautiful show that you should all be proud of.

Now the annoying bits. By now everyone must be aware of the problems associated around visitors to the Village Green. With people seemly having too much spare time during the Coronavirus Lockdown, we have witnessed excessive numbers of visitors coming from afar, to swarm on our beautiful but tiny Village Green and its River access, during the recent hot weather. A perfect storm – people not at work, hot and sunny, easy access for Canoe, Paddle-board and Swimming, and FREE parking. Who wouldn't take advantage? Well just about the whole of south-east England seems to have "discovered" our little jewel in the crown, and then told everyone else on social media.

In previous years, on warm sunny weekends there had been a lot of pleasure boats using the moorings, and several people sitting around enjoying the picturesque setting next to the medieval Scheduled Monument and Grade I Listed bridge. But they have often left a calling card by way of litter. Extra bin collections and volunteers bagging rubbish had helped. The regular wild water swimmers do help litter pick, and they are only parked for a short time, so they are not a problem.

But this year has just been extraordinary. Loads of picnickers, that's fine, but when the bins are full, why not take the excess rubbish away with you?



Canoeists and Paddle-boarders arrive early, and insist on parking as close as they can, then disappear on the river leaving vehicles parked inconsiderately for long periods to the annoyance on locals and through traffic. We have had several incidents where Combine Harvesters have been unable to pass, Woodpecker Close residents have been unsighted trying to exit onto New Road, and a Fire Engine attending a Combine and field fire had trouble accessing the water hydrant.

Not acceptable. So the Parish Council has been monitoring, and instigating several initiatives – a big thank you to our Clerks for coordinating the effort and going well beyond the call of duty:

• **The Double Yellow Lines**, actually requested last year, are now finally in place to protect the river side of New Road and allowing safe queuing traffic at the lights. But obviously these do not stop people parking around Woodpecker Close entrance in defiance of Highway Code section 243 "do not park opposite or within 10m of a junction". So we have asked BBC Highways for assistance, to which they have supplied around 40 "no parking" cones. These are deployed around Woodpecker Close entrance, and because displaced cars then caused a problem on the High Street by the Church, cones have been placed here as well. We may have to investigate more permanent yellow lines, but these are unsightly when not required most of the year.

• **The litter issue** would be resolved if only people took their rubbish home, but as we can't rely on people doing the decent thing, we are looking at changing the bins. The current ones are emptied three times a week by special arrangement with the BBC Environmental team. Various bin ideas are being

Chair's Report

considered, and will have to be properly discussed and agreed by the Parish Council.

• **The Police** have been informed and are well aware of the issues we are experiencing. They have paid several visits regarding overcrowding and antisocial behaviour.

• **BBC Parking Enforcement** now pay us routine visits, and have issued Parking Enforcement Notices.



• **The Environment Agency** controls use of the river and have been proactive in maintaining their property, and supplying new signage for "no swimming" at the lock. They also reminded us they are responsible for licensing all water craft that use the waterway, even Canoes and Paddle-boards. They have installed a new sign on the New Road railings to remind users – and they will enforce this. Is your Canoe / Paddle-board correctly registered and licensed?

• **Facebook** is being used to communicate regular updates, to inform and keep residents up to date with what is happening.

We've even had a meeting with Mayor Dave Hodgson to discuss the issues. He was very supportive and has agreed several actions for BBC to undertake, including combined enforcement action with the Environment Agency, investigating prevention of people jumping off the bridge and other structures, possible parking solutions, what to do about litter, and even considering closure of the Village Green.

The Village Green actually has considerable protection in law under the Victorian statutes of the Inclosure Act 1857 and Commons Act 1876. Note that the right to take part in lawful sports and pastimes on a green extends only to local inhabitants, not the public at large.

Please note the Village Green is owned by the Parish Council who hold the fishing rights, the EA has 48 hour mooring rights, and the slipway structure is privately owned and built on a parcel of land leased from the Parish Council for that sole purpose. Locals have limited slip access rights, but otherwise fees may be applicable and paid to the owner.

On a slightly lighter note, BBC Highways should be installing two, back to back, flashing speeds signs on New Road just north of Woodpecker Close. We all know there are speeding issues along New Road, so we hope this will be an active reminder for motorists to slow down.

If you haven't already noticed, the broken Fishers Close road sign has been replaced.



After Coronavirus Lockdown put a hold on Neighbourhood Plan activity, you can read about progress later in this edition.



And lastly, strictly speaking not our Parish, but for dog walkers and those out for a leisurely stroll, you may be interested to note some volunteers from the Ramblers Association have cleared the Right of Way footpath that passes under the bridge on the far bank. Not only have they cut back the mass of tree and bush that had been blocking passage for a couple of years, but they have also cleared the connecting footpath that runs along the south side of the bridge, up to the Willington Road traffic lights. Enjoy your ramble.

GRAHAM PENDREY
Chair, Parish Council

Borough Councillor Report

Borough Council

Council has kept operating through Coronavirus and meetings are being held online with the options to join online or by phone if you would like to listen in or ask a question at the beginning of a public meeting. Please see the Borough Council website for more details **www.bedford.gov.uk**

Village Green and New Road

The pressure from visitors, mainly non-locals and often from a long distance away, to the river over recent months has been enormous. The consequences have been inconsiderate parking and litter, although the word litter doesn't do justice to the fouling of the bushes and wooded areas from people staying all day and sometimes all night. The parking issues on New Road have been extreme and, on several occasions, have blocked or delayed farm and emergency vehicles. There is now double yellow lining on part of New Road and a rash of yellow bollards as a temporary measure on part of the High Street and around Woodpecker Close. It is a longer term problem which the Parish Council is working hard to deal with but its powers are very limited.

Litter and bins

This has been an issue during the past few months across most villages in the ward and we have raised this repeatedly with the Council as we know have members of the PC and members of the public. The officers have been pretty stretched and so they haven't been able to undertake more collections. Phillippa has highlighted this issue in the Bedford Independent (https://www.bedfordindependent.co.uk/view-from-the-villages-littering/)

Bin collections have now returned to normal, and the tip is operational with the booking system still in place.

Local Plan Consultation

The first round of local plan consultation has now closed. The consultation considered the time period that the plan should cover and the broad locations for growth and was responded to by the Parish Council and many individuals. The plan is likely to be very similar to the one up to 2030 just completed but the Borough was ordered to produce another because the 2030 plan did not deal with issues such as the pressures from the "Oxford -Cambridge Arc" and the East-West Rail developments. The pressures arising from the growing population and the attendant housing shortage are considerable but one bit of positive news is that the government's targets for housing in Bedford are likely to be revised downwards which will help relieve the pressure on villages such as ours.

Pavement Parking

This has been a long running problem affecting many parts of the village, unfortunately all too often by the time any enforcement action by the Borough Council is taken the offending vehicle has moved on. However, the Government is now running a consultation on pavement parking nationally with three options:

1. Improving the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process, under which local authorities can already prohibit pavement parking.

2. A legislative change to allow local authorities with civil parking enforcement powers to enforce against 'unnecessary obstruction of the pavement'.

3. A legislative change to introduce a London-style pavement parking prohibition throughout England.

The third option will make enforcement much easier. This consultation runs until 22nd November 2020

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Neighbourhood Plan Update

With the Coronavirus lockdown came the early government regulations that were very strict on only essential travel, not meeting people outside of your household and keeping a social distance if you did go out. For a group that regularly meets to discuss and compile reports for our Neighbourhood Plan, we didn't know how to continue. The initial reaction was to put everything "on hold" and hope we would get back to normal after a couple of months. No such luck. So we tried swapping some ideas via email, but that was tedious and not productive.

Our next step was, and still is, to prepare for the Regulation 14 Stage, Public Consultation on our Draft Neighbourhood Plan. We had been holding fire, hoping for a relaxation of social distancing, and reopening of public meeting places, as our intension was for a public display in the Village Hall as a kick-off or drop-in session for Reg 14. The feedback from this consultation was going to be primarily paper based, but we are investigating how this may be conducted in a "virtual world".

With no end of Covid restrictions in sight, and with guidance to Parish Councils saying we are still unable to meet face to face, we had to turn to on-line virtual meeting. Technical IT issues still throw gremlins at us, with some without suitable on-line access, and those that can have had trouble with video and audio setups. But time is marching on, and we need to get the Neighbourhood Plan process back on track.

Grant Funding runs on the financial year, so we had to close off the previous Grant, repay some underspend, send an end of term activity report, and then submit an application for another Grant to Locality. This has been provisionally accepted, so we now need to get it finalised.

Pre-lockdown, we had met with BBC NP Officers to discuss preparation for the Regulation 14 Stage of the Neighbourhood Plan process. BBC are happy with what we are doing, and gave guidance on the set of technical documents that are required to support the current status of our Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

We need to record a screening process for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). This gauges what impact our NP, and its policies, will have on the local environment, and will need to be reviewed by the statutory consultation bodies of:

- Natural England;
- Historic England; and
- Environment Agency

But first the SEA needs to include an explanation of our NP policies, so it is important we work with our NP Consultant, to ensure our Draft NP is up to the level required for this, and the first statutory 6 week public consultation, at the Reg 14 Stage.

We may also need to obtain a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening for the NP, but it is unlikely our parish will have any impact on strategic/national habitat sites. There may already be sufficient reference to Great Barford in the BBC LP2030, so we need to review what's there, else commission a screening report.

A Consultation Report of all public communications so far, will also be prepared. This will list everything we have done to engage with the public and publicise our emerging NP, from Village Fun Day stands, to articles in the Bugle, interactive workshops, surveys, and public information events we have undertaken.

After the Reg 14 Stage, our goal will be to submit the NP for examination by end of year.

From the Great Barford & Roxton Village Agent



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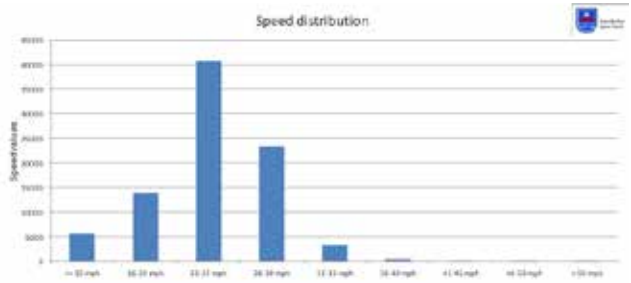
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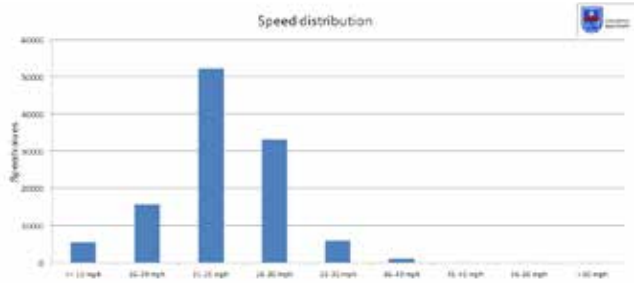
The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was moved from mid High Street, opposite the old school, to a position still on the High Street, but nearer the cross-roads. It was attached to a lighting column by the crossing between Willoughby Close and Pyms Close. The SID was installed on Saturday 14 March at 11:30 and in operation until the battery ran flat on 31 March at 07:00. It was left in place as moving it is a two man job and we were into early Coronavirus lockdown essential journeys only restrictions and strict social distancing.

High Street – going towards the Cross-Roads



Arriving: about 1 in 20 vehicles were speeding, with a maximum of 55mph and average of 23mph, the 85th% was 28mph. Some speeding is seen throughout the day, with a bias to evenings and early mornings. Only 4.4% were over 30mph, and just 0.7% would have been prosecutable.

High Street – going towards the River



Departing: about 1 in 16 vehicles were speeding, with a maximum of 63mph and average of 24mph, the 85th% was 28mph. Some speeding is seen throughout the day, with a bias to evenings and early mornings, but a couple of extreme cases were recorded around 17:30 on Mondays. Only 6.1% were over 30mph, and just 1.0% would have been prosecutable.

There is a near identical speed profile in both directions, but with about 33% more traffic flow going towards the river.

SUMMARY	Total Count	Daily ADT	mph Vmax	Mph Vavg	mph 85th%	30mph Violation(%)	35mph Violation(%)
Arriving Vehicle	13,678	811	55	23	28	4.4	0.7
Departing Vehicle	18,135	1,075	63	24	28	6.1	1.0

Increased vehicle movements were seen at the normal morning and evening commute times, with greater concentration late afternoon/early evening. It was noticeable that the vehicle count drops in the week leading up to lockdown, and then further reduces to about 1/3 normal from the lockdown weekend at end of March. Bearing the effect of early lockdown on restricting peoples movements in the last few days of operation, the total vehicle count is somewhat less than expected from pre-pandemic times - perhaps 40% down, but it does show more vehicles travel towards the river than towards the cross-roads. It is presumed much of this difference is vehicles turning into Silver Street.

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3. Who is the oldest Milliband brother - Ed or David?

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5. Which town in Bedfordshire suffered an earthquake in early September 2020?

6. Which two England footballers were dropped from the England team after breaching Covid19 rules in Iceland?

7. Who plays Ken Barlow in coronation street?

8. What was Little Mix's first no.1 Single?

9. Which is bigger; a gigabyte or a terabyte?

10. Who is the first character that Dorothy meets on her way to the emerald city in the Wizard of Oz?

11. What is the study of mushrooms called?

12. Name the two dogs in the children's tv show the tweenies?

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Twinning Partnership



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Anyway, as you may be aware like many other organisations we were hit by the restrictions and our visitors from Wöllstein sensibly stayed at home. However plans are going ahead for next year when we hope to entertain our friends from Wöllstein over the proposed May Bank holiday weekend from Friday the 29th May to Tuesday the 1st June when they will return home. Your committee have several options including repeating the cancelled plan of this current year. As soon as conditions allow we will be back raising money running events in the village hall.

The travel list from Wöllstein contained new participants who we would like to accommodate, so if anyone fancies taking part in this unique village asset please contact us via our website which contains lots of information and a small form which is linked to the committee secretary.

Times are very strange at the moment however as soon as life gets back to some sort of normal our friendship visits will resume again, like most other organisations we are marking time and preparing for the resumption of activities.

Disappointing news, just been informed that the proposed new street name of "Wöllstein Way" once agreed to be the main street into the ex "Rogers Engineering" site is now changed to Nightingale Way.

I look forward to seeing all our members and residents as soon as the situation allows, cheerio for now and stay safe.

JOHN VINCENT
Hon Chairman,
Great Barford Wollstein Twinning Partnership.
07766 510306

MATTHEW YOUNG
Hon Vice Chairman,
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Large Garden

Judging Criteria: colour, variety, tidiness, effort





First

54 High Street
Francis & Colin Darlow



Second

52 High Street
Carol & Roger Eyre







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36 Willoughby Close
Lynne & Richard Sadler

Small Garden

Judging Criteria: colour, variety, tidiness, effort





First

3 Woodpecker Close
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Taking social distancing seriously - the Triples Day line-up

Bowls and Petanque are back!

Of course, the members of the club kept in touch throughout the coronavirus lockdown. That's the type of people we get in the club: friendly, considerate and willing to do what they can. So, it is no surprise that as soon as some restrictions were lifted and in line with the Bowls England and Petanque England new regulations and national guidance, we started to play together again. The rigmarole of sanitising all the equipment is vital. But, with clever planning we have taken safety very seriously: having the same player using the "pusher" to push the bowls at the end of the "end"; having each lead with their own mat and jack - which took a bit of getting used to; and not high-fiving (would we?), shaking hands or patting backs. All games and practices have to be booked with our superb, easy to use online system to ensure social distancing is maintained and to comply with the best practice in tracking and tracing.

We have started with internal competitions. Like so many clubs with a long (and distinguished) history, we have had a number of trophies donated over the years. So, we have a full and interesting series of internal competitions. Obviously, singles and doubles competitions for both men and ladies, and a mixed triple but also the mixed handicapped singles and the following mixed pairs variants: two-woods, fixed jack and "Australian pairs". All the teams are randomly selected to ensure there is a fair opportunity for all.

2020 has been a surreal experience that few would have chosen to go through voluntarily, but some aspects of the crisis have been uplifting. The response of the members and their families, friends and neighbours has been more supporters and spectators than we are used to. Certainly, more than most premiership clubs can boast (Ha, Ha!). Starved of real social togetherness, it is pleasing to see friends enjoying a mutual interest in a responsible, socially distanced way. And hand-sanitisers available everywhere, including on the bar's counter!

So now we are open and actively encouraging new members to join in. What the future

will bring is anyone's guess, but the Club is here, and we want more people to join us in the social companionship and fun. Entering the 'New Normal' you may be looking for an activity with a social and health component. Then get in touch through the website at **www.greatbarfordbowlsclub.org.uk** or Facebook page **www.facebook.com/Great-Barford-Bowls-Club-927365523974564** or call **Joe** on **01234 871723** if you are interested in Bowls, or if you want more information about playing Petanque, or you wish to try your hand at it, please contact **Beryl** on **01767 449116**. The car park address is in Woodpecker Close, MK44 3BG or there is a pedestrian access through School Lane.

Between competitions the club house remains closed, apart from accessing the toilets and other essential items. Therefore, our other activities are still on hold. Again, check the website or Facebook for further information as "new normals" change.

Joe Lound-Keast



answers

bugle QUIZ!

1. Mali
2. Cressida Dick
3. David - 55 years old (Ed is 50 years old)
4. Royal St George's Golf Club
5. Leighton Buzzard
6. Phil Foden and Mason Greenwood
7. William Roache
8. Cannon Ball
9. Terabyte
10. The scarecrow
11. Mycology
12. Doodles and izzles

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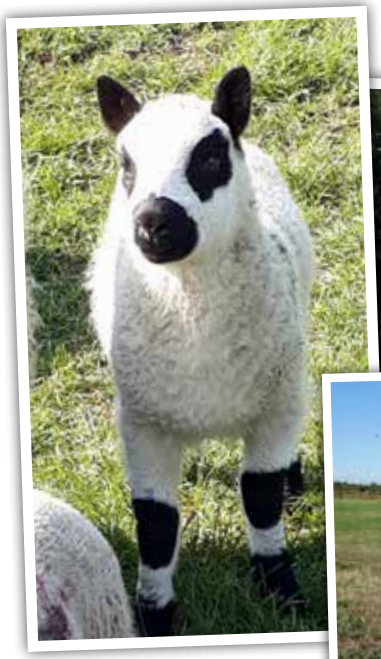
A. Base of original cross - Silver Street
B. Wind Turbine - Green Lane

Comet Newise

Photo's taken from Great Barford of the Comet Neowise.
The next scheduled one is due in 6800 Years time



around GREAT BARFORD











Winner Press Release





Press Release – 14 July 2020

Bedfordshire's Great Barford Post Office wins **'We're Stronger Together'** award for service during Covid-19 pandemic

- Great Barford Post Office wins Better for Customers category at the Post Office's 'We're Stronger Together' regional awards for the Midlands

- Awards recognise efforts made by postmasters across the region to keep branches open during Covid-19 pandemic and serving their community

Great Barford Post Office has won the Better for Customers category at the Post Office's 'We're Stronger Together' regional awards for the Midlands region. The awards recognise the efforts made by postmasters across the region to keep branches open during the Covid-19 pandemic and serving their local community.

The award was presented virtually to Postmaster Lynsey Webster who runs Great Barford Post Office, last night by Post Office Chief Executive Nick Read. Postmasters who operate branches in the Midlands region had the opportunity to share their experience of running their branch during the pandemic and hear directly about the Post Office's future growth strategy.

Post Office Area Manager Paul Mead, said:

"Great Barford won in this category because the Postmaster, Lynsey Webster, has continually gone above and beyond in helping customers. She has offered a home delivery service to customers, and kept updated stock levels on her Facebook, to make sure everyone has access to what they need.

On June 1 she celebrated her 14th year in business. She is very proud of her Post Office, and always goes the extra mile for her customers: a postmistress who ALWAYS has a smile on her face."

Postmaster Lynsey Webster, said:
"The award was an unexpected surprise and it was really nice that our branch was recognised. We have, like a lot of Post Offices and retail been through a lot these last few months. I couldn't have done it without the help of my family, our amazing Post Office and Retail colleagues and the support and understanding from our customers."

Nick Read, Chief Executive at the Post Office, said:
"I have heard many inspiring stories of postmasters going the extra mile and I have welcomed the opportunity to hear first-hand how postmasters in the Midlands have fared during the pandemic including Great Barford. All retailers have been affected and Post Office was no exception. The next few weeks and months will be a critical period as we try and return to a sense of normality. Post Office branches have a vital role to play in supporting their customers and communities, as well as helping small businesses and independent retailers get back on their feet."

Postmasters heard more about three areas of their business that could help them recover some of the lost trade as a result of the pandemic – Mails and Parcels, banking – cash withdrawals and deposits, and the return in demand for foreign exchange.

- Many people rely on easy access to cash. To spend that cash, businesses need to continue to accept it, and be able to conveniently deposit it into their business bank accounts. That 'cash cycle' will play a vital part in our economic recovery from Covid-19. Post Office branches are often the last counter in town where businesses can deposit a day's takings. Business deposits are growing between 10 - 20% week on week

- For small businesses, being able to get goods out to customers is key. Post Office's 'Drop and Go' parcel service has seen a 70% increase in use month on month.

- Last month, Post Office reactivated its online foreign exchange service and its branch pre-order operation. Customers planning trips abroad can order over 60 currencies online for next day home delivery or collection from all 11,500 Post Office branches. The option to collect in-branch helps increase footfall at our branches and on the UK's High Streets.

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