

THE *Moreton Morrell* VILLAGER

October 2022

VILLAGE HALL

MANAGEMENT TEAM

An update from the Village Hall team.

The activities arranged for the end of summer holidays: making a puppet puppy dog was great fun for the helpers and the children that came, we had bright pink, a favourite colours rainbow & a brown with a big black nose, absolutely brilliant fun! Thank you for coming.

The board games and the table tennis were not attended so the junior bingo was cancelled.

The next event is Gardening Club on Monday 3rd October @ 7.30 . Our usual coffee morning is now the 1st Wednesday of the month @ 10am till 11.30 , please come & enjoy a tea/coffee & a biscuits.

The Village Hall is available to hire please call Diana or Mike on 651391 for charges etc.

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The Parish Council

Chair: Gerry Slora

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*Councillors: James Gordon, Robert James, Bernard
Keavy & Claire Monks*

County Councillor: Penny-Anne O'Donnell

District Councillor: Anne Parry

The next Parish Council meeting

will be on

Monday 21st November at 7.30_{pm}

and all are welcome to join

For more news from the Parish Council visit

www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk

Pick it up!

*Whatever some people may believe, there's no such thing as the
dog poo fairy. So dog walkers, bag that poo - any rubbish bin will do.
(This includes Box Field)*

Together let's put an end to this offensive, harmful litter.

Village Welcome Pack

The Village Welcome Pack is available to anyone who is new to the village or is perhaps returning after a spell away.

*If you would like to obtain a copy please contact
Jane Cleeton: j_cleeton@btinternet.com*

Or call 01926 651529

Or visit www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk to download.

Moreton Morrell



Welcome to Moreton Morrell Parish

News from the Parish Council

Thank you to everyone who came to the parish council meeting this month. It had to be postponed by a week owing to the sad death of HM the Queen.

The development of a new Parish Plan

Following the response to the questionnaire, Cllrs Parry and Edwards have spent a lot of time putting the plan together and we spent much of the meeting discussing their recommendations for an action plan. This will be shared in more detail with residents later in the year, but key points are:

- Exploring the possibility of installing electric vehicle charging points in some of the lampposts in the village*
- Working with the Village Hall management committee to identify potential improvements, particularly around the structural issues, so that the hall is as welcoming as possible.*
- Improving and updating our website and communications with residents, so that they know what the council is doing for the village*
- Improving awareness of local footpaths*

Transport

We know that there is limited public transport and this is particularly frustrating as we have no control over this.

However, the Parish Council does give a grant towards the UBUS service which is available to local residents – more detail can be found on the Warwickshire County Council website.

Footpaths

It appears that the footpath through to Wellesbourne has been blocked. We will be investigating what has happened and what we need to do to have it cleared and properly marked.

There was also concern expressed about the state of the Old Farm Drive behind Chestnut Grove. This belongs to Warwickshire College and they have agreed to cut it back, so we are hoping this will be done shortly.

Waste

Following the successful introduction of the new waste and recycling timetable, please do note that the litter bins in the village are only for litter, and are not for household waste. If you need an additional bin because of nappies or equivalent, then please get in touch with Warwickshire County Council and they will be able to supply this.

The full minutes of the meeting are available on

www.moretonmorrellpc.co.uk.

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123+ Waste Collection

The new service was successfully launched on 1 August 2022 and as anticipated in delivering to over 130,000 households, there have been a few hotspots where food caddies hadn't been delivered. However, myself and other Cabinet members went out delivering to homes which had been missed, as they may have been hard to find by the contractor, or the household had recently moved into the area. In the event that anyone has still not received their caddies please contact me.

The service was also hit by high absenteeism amongst the crew due to heat exhaustion during the heatwave, which has caused a few issues on missed bin collections, but is now starting to settle down with 99.5% of collections being administered on schedule.

Residents with smart phones are reminded to download the App and register their address to receive timely reminders of which bin/s to put out for the following morning. This can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play by searching www.stratford.gov.uk/app

I have had to report the issue of household waste being dumped beside or put into waste bins in the village, which is prohibited

and must cease. If anyone has an issue with their household waste collections please can they email:

streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk or contact me, thank you.

MRF

The new Multi-Recycling Facility is scheduled to be fully operational next summer. It will have the capacity to process 175,000 tonnes of waste although it will operate initially at around 125,000 tonnes with some of the capacity being sold to other local authorities and private companies at premium rates.

Oaktree Close

Inconsiderate parking continues to be an issue in Oaktree Close and this has been reported to both the Safer Neighbourhood Team and Orbit Housing. It has involved cars being driven across the green to park outside a few properties. As a result, Orbit are planning to install bollards to prevent such activity to ensure the safety of children and adults using the footpaths.

The Cost of Living Payment

The first tranche payment should have been received by now. In total, eligible households will receive £650 in two tranches – next one is in October and all other households will now start

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to receive the £400 off their energy bills rebated over the next six months.

Healthcare

The Minor Injuries Unit at Stratford is now opening at weekends as it can be staffed and there is a need. SWFT has continued its commitment to the Ellen Badger Hospital and will be building the Wellbeing Hub. This will contain all the remote services such as health visitors, district nursing, clinics and wellbeing work.

The media has been reporting about ambulance issues, but Warwick Hospital (or indeed UHCW) rarely have more than two ambulances waiting. The flow through them is good. The real problem with West Midlands ambulances is Birmingham – where they get backed up - which

of course has a knock-on effect to the response rate.

Awaiting an update on the situation regarding primary care in Upper Lighthorne and the knock-on potential consequences to GP practices in Wellesbourne and Kineton.

Community Safety

Delighted to advise that PC Catherine Morgan is back on patrol with the Wellesbourne Safer Neighbourhood Team and she and her colleagues need to know about any ASB issues and any other issues in and around the village. County Lines remains a key priority for the Community Safety Team across their patch with numerous interventions led by the Team.

Anne Parry

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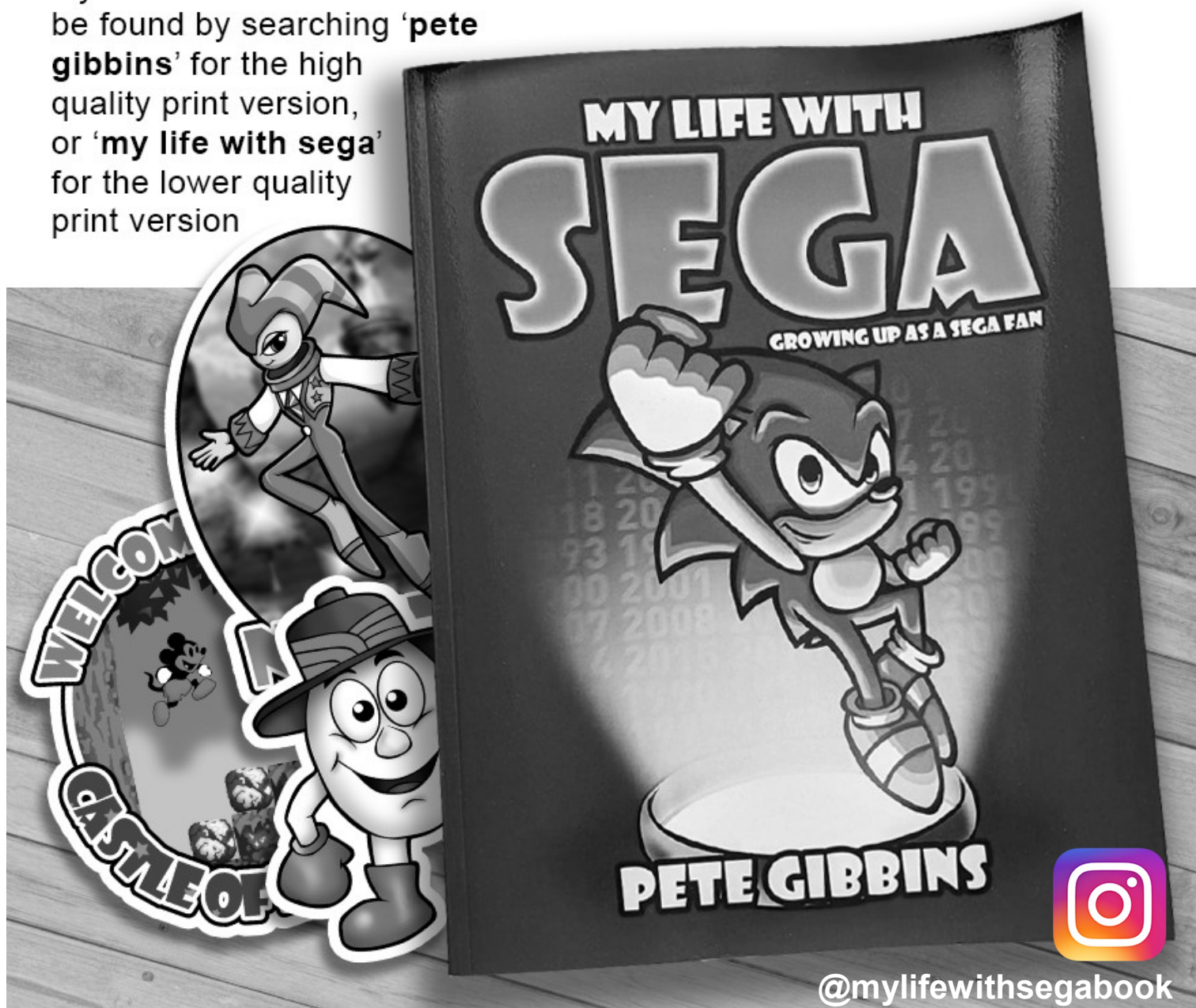
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Hi, my name is Pete. You might know me from such publications as... the one you're holding right now. I just wanted to take this opportunity to share the news that I have released my first book:

MY LIFE WITH SEGA: GROWING UP AS A SEGA FAN.

After a year of writing, drawing, photographing and designing, it's finally complete! But why am I sharing this in the Moreton Morrell village newsletter you may ask - Well, I grew up here and the book contains a selection of stories from the early to mid 90s mentioning locations, events and people from this village. Also a lot of information on the video game company, Sega of course, covering 75 games (and another 75 honourable mentions) across 30 plus years of gaming history.

My Life with SEGA is available on Amazon and can be found by searching '**pete gibbins**' for the high quality print version, or '**my life with sega**' for the lower quality print version



From the Allotments

Well, looking back on the summer growing season, it has certainly been a hot and dry one. Despite this, my general understanding is that cropping has been good with one exception – runner beans. For those of us who had such plants in full flower just prior to the hottest day in record, we will know that the heat plus the wind after, stripped the plants of all flowers and hence no beans set. It was quite something to witness but disappointing. Still, as I always say, that is gardening. Always something there to learn.

The Allotment Association are very grateful to the Parish Council who have provided financial support for essential maintenance work. We now have gates at each end of the Brook Lane site with new posts and some essential hedge maintenance at the pub site has been undertaken. We would also like to thank John Mousley for various other voluntary maintenance tasks across the sites

We will be holding our AGM in November and the date will be published in next month's Villager. Members will of course receive individual notification. If you are interested in a quarter, half or full plot and are not yet on the waiting list, please let me know. Plots may well come

available for 2023.

I wasn't all that interested in gardening, but I planted a few seeds, and it grew on me.

John Moverley

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Your Church in Your Community

This month I am highlighting three forthcoming events.

HARVEST

Everyone is welcome to our harvest lunch of soup followed by apple pie after the harvest festival service on Sunday 2nd October, £5 for adults and £3 for children. It will be held in the Room. If you are unable to attend the service, you are still very welcome to the lunch. The service is at 10.30am and lunch reception from 11.30am. If you'd like to book a place please drop me an email (see below)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

*A forthcoming very important village event is on **Sunday November 13th** when we will once again be holding our service in church at 10am for those wishing to attend, before joining others in the village assembling outside the church gate at 10.50 am to remember those who have given their lives for the sake of others both in the World Wars and conflicts afterwards. It is also a time to reflect on the loved ones that have been lost and so many who continue to work so hard to protect our health and well-being.*

Wreaths will be laid by the Parish Council, the School, the College and our Church and a bugle call

will summon us all at 11am for two minutes silence to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. We hope as many as possible will once again support this important event for our community.

CRAFT FAIR

The 3rd annual Moreton Morrell Market will be taking place on 15th October in and outside the Church from 11am to 2 pm. We have a fabulous range of stalls including Arts ,Crafts and gifts, baskets, local produce, locally produced Lamb, honey, flowers, Artisan beer and Gin to mention a few! Refreshments will be available from the pop up bacon butty stall (vegan options also available) and teas and coffees will be served in 'The Room'. £1 fee on the door entitles you to a raffle ticket for a prize draw with fabulous prizes donated by the stall holders. More can be purchased and the proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Church (we have just had to have the ceiling of the chancel mended!)

Thank you

John Moverley

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Personal Memories of Meeting Our Queen

I count myself as very fortunate and proud to say that I met the Queen several times. All of these occasions are vivid in my memory – she was an incredible person, always engaging and interested. I thought one story might be worth telling.

In 1997, The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited a college in Lancashire where I was Principal to open a new building. After the formal proceedings, we left the stage with me accompanying the Queen and behind us my chairman of governors and the Duke of Edinburgh. Imagine my surprise when I heard the Duke say to the Queen ‘Where shall we plant the tree, at Windsor?’ To which the Queen replied ‘No, I think Frogmore’. As they paused to sign a portrait, the discussion continued unbeknown to the audience. As they left us, I took a deep breath and asked the Queen if she would like two trees. She replied ‘No that will not be necessary’. A few days later I received a letter from her Equerry informing me that the tree was to be planted at Frogmore!

In 2002, she visited Preston and, unexpectedly, I was asked by the Lord Lieutenant to shake hands

with her alongside many others. Someone had apologised at the last minute so I was the substitute as it were! When she reached me, she shook my hand, paused and then said ‘Ah, John, the tree is growing well’. My fellows in the line were somewhat impressed, did I know the Queen that well?

Fast forward again to 2004 when I was so privileged to receive an award from her at Buckingham Palace. We were told of the protocol. Approach her, bow, receive the award and when she shakes your hand, take two steps back and leave. All went well. She shook my hand but, just as I was about to step back, she said ‘Ah, the tree you presented to us has done so well’ Taken by surprise, I cannot exactly recall what I said but I forgot the protocol entirely. Her reaction was to smile broadly and I to stumble and laugh. All of this was captured on the official video tape. I still have it. And yes, I did say video tape!

As I said she was an incredible person. When you think of the many people that she met, I still marvel at her ability to recall so much. She leaves a lasting legacy and so many memories.

John Moverley



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
1926 — 2022

Nature Watch

By Steve Harvey

It was 3.30am when I heard them; not the first time I've been woken by Owls.

The Cedar tree was bathed in moonlight as the Tawny Owl called. Not far away a youngster answered. The Owlets have just about got the "Keeick" call perfected now.

Further into the park another of the family joined in. The calls became charged with excitement as they all moved off into the park. I reckon they'd hunted and fed, then rested to digest and now they were off on the hunt again.

Now just as I was beginning to scribble about the heatwave (that did no one any good) there was a rumble of thunder and the heavens opened.

Hedgehogs suffered in the heat, apparently many baby Hedgehogs were brought into rescue centres dehydrated and starving as food and water dried up. A lovely neighbour got a tiny Hoglet to me. It ate a bowlful of food in one go. Its now being cared for by experts we know until it is big enough to be released in the cooler Autumn. Badgers would have found it just as hard in the drought. Livestock are running out of grass and

having to be helped with winter supplies.

The Horse Chestnuts between Ashorne and the Banbury Road were in full blown Autumn mode in mid-August because of leaf blotch disease. Its only been in the country since 2002. The fungus doesn't kill the tree but restricts its ability to photosynthesise. So it slows it down and shortens its growing season. Not good news if your tree is a Horse Chestnut.

House Martins numbers are still down compared to a few years back. I'm seeing lots of unused nests. Bishop's Tachbrook, Wasperton and Honnington still have strongholds. When you think they can do up to 12,000 miles (no idea what that is in kilometres) in a round trip each year. They cross the Sahara twice and the desert is growing, making each trip more perilous. Bad weather during migration can account for many of them too.

I'm hearing Swallows are down in numbers too. Having said that I've seen loads this year with groups of more than 60 gathering in the evening flying over our village chattering and feeding.

Nature Watch

Its been a good year for Hummingbird Hawkmoths. I usually see one a year but so far I've seen four. The plume of warm air we've had has wafted extras here. I love the way they dart from flower to flower, often Valerian and Lavender, just like a Hummingbird.

Many a Frog has stayed in the pond all day to get out of the heat, coming out at night to feed.

Robins always start to sing again in the first few days of August. This year I heard one on the 1st of that month right on cue. They've had their kids, got them

out of the way, changed their feathers for new ones and are back establishing territories for the Winter.

My mates, the Jackdaws, (yes, we are the only ones in their fan club), have had their Summer break off the fields having party time eating spilled grain each day. They return each evening after spending the day with the Rooks.

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The College Update

Floristry tutor shortlisted for major award

A Moreton Morrell College tutor has been shortlisted for a major award from a leading industry organisation.

Jane Benefield has been named as a finalist for Tutor of the Year at the British Floristry Association Industry Awards. The tutor is one of 10 finalists from across the country and the sole representative on the list from the Midlands.

Jane is a previous winner of the award, having won the title in 2015, and has led the floristry department at the college for more than 10 years. A total of 70 students came through her floristry courses last year.

Jane Benefield said: "Being on the shortlist is honestly a recognition of the work of the team I have around me. This should really be a nomination for the team we have at Moreton Morrell College, not just me.

"We have some incredibly talented students at the college and we pride ourselves on helping them to achieve their potential as florists.

"A lot of students have gone off to see successes in opening shops, freelance and working in established businesses. We had a record number of students last year too, which was fantastic."



Jane Benefield

College group awarded top careers standard

College group WCG has been recognised for its outstanding careers work and been presented with a major standard.

The college group, which includes Moreton Morrell College, has been awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard - awarded under licence by Ixion. The national Quality in Careers Standard is awarded to education providers who can demonstrate the importance they place on careers and how they support students to make decisions about their life after school or college.

Achieving the major standard shows how the principal, governors and leadership team at WCG embrace, promote and endorse quality careers education and recognise the part it plays in the overall success of the college and its students. Emma Williamson, Head of

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Careers and Information at WCG, said: “We have been working towards achieving this standard for the last 18 months and it’s fantastic to have now achieved our goal. “WCG recognises the important role college plays in helping students develop their knowledge, skills and experience so they can go out into the world and achieve personal success.”



From left to right, Emma Williamson Head of Careers and Information, Michele Squires (Careers Education Strategic Manager, Ixion Holdings), Nicola Perrett, (Director of Student Services, WCG), Claire Christian (Careers and Progression Adviser, WCG), Sunny Lalli (Careers and Progression Adviser, WCG) and Lucy Morley (Careers and Progression Adviser, WCG)

BTEC RESULTS DAY: Agriculture student achieves top marks

Students at Moreton Morrell College have been celebrating receiving their BTEC results.

An agriculture student who came into the profession with no background in farming has achieved the highest possible grade in his course at Moreton Morrell College.

Archie Badham, 18 from Coventry, achieved triple Distinction in his Level 3 Agriculture course. He is now set to head to Harper Adams University to continue his studies. He said: “I was expecting to do well at the start of the year but then slowed down a bit, so it was a nice surprise to see the results today.*

“I haven’t got any background in agriculture but have absolutely loved the course. The plan is eventually have my own farm but initially be a farm manager somewhere.

“I have a place to study agriculture with livestock management at University, but we’ll see if I decide to take a gap year first.”

The College Update

BTEC RESULTS DAY: Animal Management student plans conservation mission

A Moreton Morrell College student has set her sights on jetting round the world on a conservation mission, after a star performance in her college course.

Poppy Groombridge, 19, aced her Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management course, achieving a B1.

Poppy, who lives in Brackley, is off to University of West England Bristol next month to study Ecology and Conservation. She said: "I'm over the moon with my result, which now enables me to take the next step on the path toward working with animals full-time."

"The ecology and conservation course is an extension of the conservation module I've studied at Moreton Morrell, which is great."

"The course I've just completed was delivered expertly by my tutors. They explained everything so well, including the assignments. I always felt well briefed and more than comfortable speaking to them one on one."

"The aim is to go round different countries doing conservation work, doing my bit to protect different species. If I get a bit of TV work along the way while doing my thing, that would suit me just fine. Following in Steve Backshall and David Attenborough's footsteps would

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Moreton Morrell Gardening Group

Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm

in the Village Hall

New Gardening Group being launched in the village

Please come along on Monday to find out more and help shape the way the new group will run.

Everyone welcome, come and make some new friends, teas and coffees provided.

If there is enough interest shown, we plan to have monthly meetings with visiting speakers, practical demonstrations, plant sales, garden visits and hopefully an annual village show.

Other ideas include a community garden, what do you think? Lets hear your ideas about what you would find fun and interesting.



Transport

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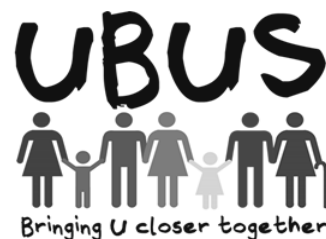
The UBUS dial a ride community transport service operates in Moreton Morrell and surrounding areas on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays between 09:30 - 14:30.

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Travel locally or into Stratford upon Avon to go shopping, visit friends or attend social groups.

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The bin is emptied by an external company and the school is paid an amount depending on the weight of the clothing.



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