

# THE SWAN INN GREAT HORWOOD

## OUR PROPER VILLAGE PUB

A little over a year ago The Ballard family moved into The Swan Inn, Great Horwood.

The pub like many others had been closed since covid had struck. Both Jon and George agreed, when they walked into the pub, whilst a little dusty and smelly from leaks and being closed for over 2.5 years, they fell in love with the charm of the building, adding you could feel that the pub needed to be a pub again. It was such a shame that such a quintessential institution such as a village country pub laid dormant and neglected.

Having worked for one of the largest PubCo's at a senior level for many years, Jon and George were frustrated with restrictions placed on staff to allow real hospitality to flourish, and believed they could make something magical happen, with nothing more than keeping it simple.

The now family run Pub is situated in a hidden gem of Buckinghamshire... little did we know the reason it is called GREAT Horwood!? It has a thing called community, a longing to be there for each other, not for gain, but because it is nice and the right thing to do, and GREAT Horwood has this in spades!

We have said time and time again, our pub is not anything special, we came up with the concept and the team have run with it, great atmosphere, great quality food and a great drink selection without flounce, just honest and affordable for all.

Since moving in, customers who were thinking of moving out of the village as it had become soulless, in need of a beating heart, have now firmly set roots again now the pub is open.

Others who have lived in the village for years, and had not met many people have become firm friends with fellow villagers. This is what a great pub does.

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 Carolyn Bayliss 715814

## PLEASE NOTE ALL SERVICES WILL COMMENCE AT 11.15

### SEPTEMBER. - Creation Tide

**Sunday 7th - Communion service - HARVEST FESTIVAL** - Traditional communion service with hymns - lasting 1 hour  
 All Harvest gifts whether monetary or non perishable foods and toiletries will be donated to the Winslow Food Cupboard. If you would like to donate a Harvest gift at any other time please leave in Church from Thursday 4th.

**Sunday 14th - Come & Praise** - more informal worship with live instrumental music - lasting 45 minutes

**Sunday 21st - All Age Communion** - a more informal communion service - lasting 1 hour

**Sunday 28th - Communion Service** - as above

**CHURCH KEY:** Ian Lamberton Tel: 715968. Please note the church is open from 9am - 5pm every day of the week.

## ST JAMES THANKS YOU ....

The PCC would like to thank everyone who was involved in the annual village Fête on the 5th of July. The list is long, the organising team, 'the setters up and takers down', the commercial stall holders, the donators of raffle prizes, Lou and Amanda running the Dog show, the Swan pub, villagers who manned the various stalls and games, and by no means at the bottom of the list all those of you who bought raffle tickets and generously spent your money at the event!

We are truly grateful for the money raised for the Church, along with the uniformed groups, dog charity, Great Horwood School PTFA and WI. Last year with the fete money we were able to purchase our new porch notice board and a bookcase for the community library inside the church. See photos from fete in centre pages

As we all know in maintaining our own homes all costs have risen at a scary rate. Maintaining an ancient building and churchyard in reasonable order is very challenging.

Unlike most other churches up and down the country we don't have a church hall to offer to groups and classes etc. to rent this means that we have no regular income.

We do know that St James, as it sits in the centre of the village, is valued by all and we are very grateful to all those who regularly help us, not least the hardworking grass mowing team and "Churchyard Choppers" who save us a lot of money!

However the **weekly** cost of just our insurance, electricity, water, pest control, gutter clearance, licences, and organ maintenance is **£437**, without the necessary repairs that regularly crop up!

September 28th - 5th October is 'Generosity Week' in the Church's calendar and in the past we have distributed 'Giving Day' envelopes in September's Focus. As there is an overload of information in this edition the donation envelopes will accompany next month's issue, but in addition on Saturday 4th October we would like to invite you to "A Day to Share".

We will be serving traditional Afternoon Teas in the Village Hall followed by a Children's Movie evening. Please look out for the poster printed in this copy of Focus, and displayed in the village, and to help us to plan book and pay via the QR code or by text and pay

**on the day.** There will hopefully be availability for a few 'walk-ins' on the day as well.

With grateful thanks

*Carolyn and Ian*  
 (Churchwardens)

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Dear Everybody

Why not join us for Macmillan Coffee Morning.

You will have lots of fun and enjoy a group of people.

Take part in our raffle, lots of good prizes.

**Where at:** Swan Inn Public House Great Horwood

**Time:** 10am - 1pm

**When :** Friday 26th September

**Entry fee;** £3.50 (coffee, tea and a cake)

Kind regards

*Georgina Ballard*

## ARTS AND CRAFTS GROUP COFFEE MORNING 15TH NOVEMBER

Save the date!!

Look out for more exciting details in the next Focus.

The Arts and Crafts group meet regularly giving opportunities to learn new skills.

Some of us are new to craft and we are patiently supported, guided and encouraged by those who are just brilliant and continue to amaze us with their embroideries, knitting and crochet skills and other projects.

One of our group projects was the knitted soldiers (displayed for the Coronation- and then converted by the magic of wool into Santas) .

We also bring our own projects to work on.

You are welcome to pop in the Village Hall any Friday morning between 10am and 12.30 to see what we are up to.

# THE HORWOOD SHOW



**WHEN**  
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### **BAKING**

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## THE SWAN INN... CONT FROM PAGE 1

This is the importance of pubs, and why we love The Swan and love this industry. You can walk into a cafe or coffee shop, get your product and sit at a table, all alone enjoying your coffee or food, which is fine, everyone needs a little bit of 'me' time. But you walk into a pub, there will always be someone to have a conversation, someone willing to join you for a social drink, someone that can become that dependable lifelong friend, someone who can help with that job you need doing. This is why pubs and the vital role they play in society must be protected and supported. We are fortunate to have some amazing local independent pubs around us, all fighting with rising costs and working tirelessly to keep the doors open. All the owners have the love of the industry, and all require you to vote with your feet and visit to keep this industry alive.

Saturday 21st June something unbelievable happened. Our beautiful little country pub, The Swan Inn, Great Horwood, that does nothing more than welcome regulars and new faces in to our home with a warm atmosphere, great home cooked food without flounce just made with passion, a firm belief not to reinvent the wheel, but just to oil the cogs and do it right, has won the 'The Best Pub' in Milton Keynes and surrounding areas at The MK Inspirational Awards.

There were 3000 entries, some big chains and fellow independents. We are so proud to have been awarded the title of BEST PUB! George & I are the driving force, but this award must be for our team, who listened to our vision, what we wanted to achieve and ran with it.

Without these guys we would not be here, from our super chef Dan who sends out passion on a plate, day in day out from our little matchbox of a kitchen, to June and all the other KP's right through to John, Jo, Vicki, Graci and the rest of our Front of House team! We are so incredibly proud of them all.

Want to see what all the fuss is about? Come along and see for yourself, from our beer garden, great home cooked food, Traditional Sunday Roasts, Two for One Burger Nights, Lunch Clubs, Art & Craft Evenings, free pool to live music and events, The Swan Inn has it all, as we always say 'Bring conversation and laughter, we have the rest covered'.

To see our menu please visit <https://www.innvigorate.uk/main-menu> or check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/theswangreathorwood/> for an up to date overview of what's coming up.



## HORWOOD SHOW

Good morning Great Horwood!

On Saturday, September the 6th Little Horwood will host the 45th Village Show at the Memorial Hall on Mursley Road.

So What (!) I hear you say.

**Well here's what....**

For the first time in its history the show will be open to the good folk of Great Horwood, and not just the residents, but also any children who attend the school or go to Scouts or Brownies (or Beavers or Rainbows) in Great Horwood.

**What's it all about?**

Well it's a traditional village show with classes covering vegetables, flowers, fruit, preserves, cooking, crafts and photography as well as a section for children.

There's a friendly atmosphere and although the judging is taken seriously, it really is about the taking part and not the winning (although there are cups to be won, so it's not all about the taking part!)

If you need advice or want to know more please just contact any of the numbers below or alternatively you can talk to our "inside agent" Lynda Syrett who will also have schedules nearer the time.

After the public viewing (2.30-3.15) prizes are given out and then any items left by the exhibitors are auctioned off, proceeds going to the Memorial Hall.

The classes you can make a start on now are preserves, crafts, children's and Photography. So to get you started, here are the photography classes in this year's show

67. A photograph of Village Life

68. A photograph of Wildlife

69. A photograph "It makes me Laugh"

70 A photograph "my Best Friend"

**Is that it?**

Yes, for now, but we'll keep you updated as the date speeds closer.

Thank you for your time

The Horwood Show Team, over and out!

**Contacts**

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## RECTORS THOUGHTS

As we step into September, the golden hues of autumn begin to creep into our days. The leaves, once vibrant green, begin taking on their autumnal hues, and there is a sense of calm and rhythm with everything returning to normal after the busy pace of August, which for many clergy, is a month like any other, and sometimes even busier with summer weddings and other events such as village fayres, fêtes, and dog shows which fill up the July and August calendars.

For many, September marks a time of new beginnings. Children return to school with sharpened pencils and fresh uniforms, some perhaps with nervous excitement as they start lessons in a completely new school. Older brothers and sisters may be preparing to leave for university, saying farewell to their families and friends as they embark on this new and momentous stage in their life, or embarking into the world of work, with all the potentialities that affords them for new friendships, relationships, and a monthly paycheque for the first time ever perhaps.

Most adults, certainly of working age, are settling back into their work routine after well-earned holidays, and in church too we begin to shift our focus.

September brings the resumption of our 'normal' activities, so it is a spiritual "new term" for us too of sorts. This all makes September a good time to try something new or reconnect if you've been away over the summer or even to come and try church out for the first time. In this month's Focus you will find

news of the many activities coming up in the next few months as the evenings begin to draw in, the TV becomes boring as broadcasters stretch out their budgets with repeats until Christmas, and we prepare for winter by moving seamlessly from Remembrance Day to Advent, Christmas, and the New Year once more with much planning and preparation taking place for these as we speak!

September is of course, also a month of thanksgiving as the fields begin to offer up the fruits of the farmer's

labour. Apples, blackberries and other fruits ripen, and our Harvest Festival beckons – a little earlier this year, though perhaps, given climate change and the recent warm weather, it is at least in line with the changing seasons which seem to come earlier each year. This year our harvest festival will be on Sunday September the 7th at 11.15am, and at 5pm on Sunday the 14th of September in St Mary's Addington.

Harvest is a time to pause and give thanks to God for the abundance of creation and the work of those who tend to it, which is why September is now often known as 'Creationtide', and our service liturgies change to reflect this and give thanks to God for all that he has made, with a renewed emphasis on environmental responsibility and our care for the fragile biosphere we call home during our services.

But not everyone finds this season easy. As the days grow shorter and the weather cools, some may feel more isolated or anxious about venturing out in the evening, so let us keep an eye out for neighbours who might need a chat, a helping hand, a warm invitation for a cup of tea, or a lift to a parish event if they have difficulty or are wary of venturing out alone. Pets too can find bonfire night stressful, so be careful to keep them indoors and check bonfires for any wildlife which may have decided to overwinter in what seems like a convenient and attractive shelter from the wind and rain.

As we embrace this season of change, may we find time to reflect, give thanks, and support one another for all that we have been given, whether it's in the crunch of leaves underfoot, the smell of a freshly picked apple, the red, gold and russet colours of autumn foliage, or the comfort of familiar hymns and prayers as we thank God for the abundance of the harvest. Having worked all summer, I will be taking some time off in September and October, though back for the many special occasions these months bring. In the meantime, enjoy what remains of the good weather, and see you at one of our many autumn events or services soon.  
*Reverend Steve*

## MEN IN SHEDS

A memorable Summer for MISW with nearly 40 Sheddies turning-up to a BBQ to mark our tenth birthday. Although well-established in Australia, in 2015 Men's Sheds were still very much a novelty over here. A Shed for Winslow did seem like a good idea but nobody could be sure the idea would catch on. We need not have worried.

As we enter our second decade, our membership stands at about 60 and our twice-weekly attendance numbers are typically around 20 or more. Even on our quietest days during the August holiday season, numbers have still been sufficient to just about keep up with a steady demand for making and mending. Kind donations for this work and a tide of support and goodwill from local people and businesses have helped us with the materials, resources and premises we have needed to establish and grow - we can look forward to the next ten years with well-placed optimism.

Among the many summer jobs to occupy us has been Derek's complete re-construction of an ornamental dovecot. An outstanding and inspiring piece of work but not something many Sheddies feel brave enough to copy! St Laurence Church have also kept us busy with a batch of card tables to refurbish and re-baize as well as signs and a rather special large oak notice board. We've sourced some locally grown and seasoned material for this job so making it will be a labour of love for sure.

**The Shed is open every Tuesday and  
Thursday from 10:00 – 4:00**

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## GREAT HORWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB 2024/25 AGM

July 18th 2025 @19:00hrs

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, madam President and welcome to this years AGM. Thank you Darren (Sid) for arranging tonight and our thanks to the Cricket Club for the use of their Clubhouse. I'm delighted to report that overall the Club had another exciting year, increasing the number of junior age groups playing, as well as picking up some silverware.

Focussing on last season's Junior team performance's: All of our junior teams delivered some good results and have highlighted areas for improvement.

**The u18's** had a very good season....more about that later.

**The u12's**, coached by Nick, had a classic roller coaster of a season, finishing 5th in the league, after a 0-0 result with the eventual winners and carry plenty of momentum into the start of this season.

**The u11's**, coached by Fran (our first female coach) also had a fabulous season, having played 23 games, resulting in two losses, two draws and 19 victories. This was Fran's first experience of coaching the u11's and based upon these results it looks like she has taken to coaching like a duck to water. Next year should be really exciting.

**The u8's**, coached by Sid, consisted of players who had never partaken of organised football training and matches in the past. With the expert guidance of their manager, all the players worked hard and improved throughout the season culminating with a win. The team spirit is great and they are looking forward to this coming season.

It's good to see the junior section growing and looking towards the forthcoming season, which will soon be upon us, I'm delighted to confirm that we have the following 6 age groups partaking U8's, 9's, 10's, 12's, 13's and U18's.

Now focussing on the senior section of the Club.

The highlight of the season was the reserves winning the League Cup, beating the league champions Grid City 3:2. This was a great performance and my respect to all involved.

In the league, the reserves finished 7th out of 13. It's fair to say that when all players are available for selection, this team can beat all other teams in their league .

The first team who play in the top Premiership division finished 3rd out of 12.

They played 22 matches, won 14, drew 4 and lost 4. The top 3 teams were close throughout the season with Stewkley finishing top having won 18 of their games.

Both squads would benefit from some new blood, so put your feelers out and see if we can recruit a few more players.

The Vets also had an enjoyable season and will be back again this year.

Now onto matters off the pitch.

Another enjoyable Race Night fundraising evening in conjunction with the Cricket Club was had and funds generated. We continue to work closely with the Cricket Club, be that using this facility or sharing ground maintenance equipment. We received a Worthy Cause grant from the Parish Council and this, together with banner sponsorship monies and a kind donation from the

village quizzes, enabled us to purchase a new (second hand mower) which we share with the Cricket Club.

As always, we are very grateful to all of our sponsors who generously cover the cost of new strips, banners and horses on race night. This support goes a long way to ensuring our balance sheet remains healthy.

Moving onto behind the scenes matters.

We continue to benefit from a small but dedicated team of volunteers, who carry out the vital behind the scenes work of attending committee meetings, complying with league requirements, cleaning the clubhouse, general maintenance and grass cutting....without whom, the Club would not be able to operate.

My sincere thanks to all those individuals, but a special mention this year for the junior u18's manager Martin (Waggy) Waggott and his son Dylan, who between them, managed to raise a team, purchase the kit, fund other costs and managed the team through to a League Cup semi final spot and 3rd place in the league.

Great effort.

With this in mind, I was very pleased to announce that Waggy had won this years Clubman of the Year trophy at the recent end of season awards presentation.

In conclusion, as a Club, we continue to punch above our weight on the pitch and have a loyal bunch of behind the scenes supporters. However we are looking for and would welcome anyone from the growing local community, who would like to support the club, in whatever capacity, to step forward and be welcomed with open arms. Without these behind the scenes volunteers this Club would not exist.

But we do and we will continue to deliver great results both on and off the pitch, based upon a culture of respect and enjoyment for all. As your Chairman, I and the Executive Committee, will strive to ensure this Football Club continues to operate on a sound financial basis, is all encompassing, successful and that we continue to deliver, a great Club experience.

Thank you

Vyv Rudd

Chairman Gt Horwood FC

## GREAT HORWOOD & SINGLEBOROUGH WI

It's been a busy summer for Great Horwood & Singleborough WI. In June two of our members, Dee Albiston and Debbie Gale, organised a Fashion Show in the village hall, featuring Jackie's Mobile boutique. It was a very popular event and from the profits we were able to donate £225 to Great Horwood school for a project in their wildlife area, and £225 to the Medical Detection Dogs charity.

In July our very popular tombola stall at the village fete raised £91 for St James church. Artist, Fiona Balding, gave members a taster session into eco-printing at our July meeting.

This wonderful craft uses the natural dyes and tannins present in leaves to create spectacular prints on paper and fabrics such as silk, linen and cotton. "It is a very



*Fiona Balding gave a taster session in eco-printing at the WI in July.*

sustainable craft," said Fiona. "I use recycled fabrics and garments and 'used' leaves are composted."

Fiona runs a wide range of eco-printing workshops, often combining the technique with bookbinding, lampshade making, silk scarves and stationery items. Every attendee had a go to design a print on paper which they could take home, and the results were excellent.

Members also enjoyed a morning exploring Rousham Gardens in Oxfordshire, which is one of Monty Don's favourite gardens in the world, and afterwards lunch at a cafe. Designed by William Kent who was a painter, stage designer and architect who spent time in Italy, Kent was one of the pioneers of what was known as the 'New English Style of Landscape'. The gardens are delightful with doors opening into different vistas and designs with statues, ponds and follies to discover. In Monty Don's 'Around the World in Eighty gardens' he said, "Kent is the great genius of eighteenth-century garden design and Rousham is his masterpiece".

In August we held our annual picnic at the cricket club which was very enjoyable sitting outside in the sunshine. Our guest speaker for our September meeting is Andy Harding, talking about the Danube Delta.

Great Horwood & Singleborough WI meet every second Tuesday each month in the Village Hall, with doors opening at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Our group also offers twice weekly walks in the unspoilt Buckinghamshire countryside throughout the year.

If you'd like to join our friendly group or would like more information, please contact Ann Biggins at ghorwoodandswi@gmail.com.



*The WI raised money for the Medical Detection Dogs and St James School.*

*Photo shows WI committee member Dee Albiston, handing the cheque to Headteacher Paula Shaw, with WI President Ann Biggins.*



## PHOTOS FROM GREAT HORWOOD FETE 2025

With thanks to Nick Biswell



## GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL



**Great Horwood  
Parish Council**

### Useful contact details

#### Members of the Parish Council:

Please note that councillors now have a dedicated Parish Council email address. This is in order to comply with UK Data Protection Regulations 2018. From 1 January 2021 this is now referred to as the UK GDPR. It is good policy to keep council emails separate from private emails.

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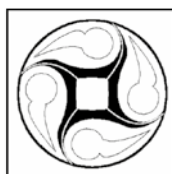
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## PARISH PUMP

### WORTHY CAUSES GRANTS

The Parish Council are now looking for local organisations who wish to apply for a Worthy Causes Grant for 2025. Last years recipients have been contacted to see if they wish to apply this year, but if you know of a local organisation or group that could benefit please get in touch – email the Clerk at clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk.



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### COUNCILLORS

We have two vacancies on the Council. If you think you might be interested in volunteering to serve your local community in this way, please get in touch and we can arrange to have a chat about the role and see if it is suited to you – email the Clerk at clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk.

### CYBER CRIME TEAM

Thames Valley Policy Crime Cyber team delivers free action packed online presentations each week on a variety of topics – if this is something that you are interested in attending you can sign up on their Eventbrite page.

### FIX MY STREET

Just a reminder to everyone that "FixMyStreet" is an online facility where anyone can make a public report for things like graffiti, fly tipping, broken pavings slabs, and potholes that they see in the Village. This information gets passed to Buckinghamshire Council for them to action.

The website address is <https://www.fixmystreet.com>

### WELCOME PACK

If you are new to the village and have not yet received a Welcome pack, please email the Clerk and one will be forwarded to you.

### FOCUS ONLINE

Did you know that there is an online edition of Focus. If you have mislaid your copy and can't find the information you need – just log onto the Parish Council website. <https://e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/focus-magazine/>

### NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th October 2025 at 7.30pm in the VillageHall.

There is always a public participation period when members of the public can have their say – please feel free to attend. The Notice of the meeting is advertised on the Parish Council website and the noticeboard in the High Street. Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website.: <https://e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/>

## GREAT HORWOOD AND SINGLEBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

We are now welcoming new bookings from September. The Hall is a valuable Village amenity and as such needs to be used by as many people as possible. As many of you know the Hall has been recently upgraded with the help of the local community and a number of grants and provides a warm and safe environment for a range of functions which have included business presentations, children's parties, Pilates lessons fashion shows, wedding and private celebrations. The hire rates for villagers are

very competitive and these can be seen on the website and poster outside the Hall.

For those of you that have yet to see the Hall a reminder that it is open every Wednesday morning from 9.30 to 11.00 for the popular mobile Post Office and refreshments.

Please contact me to discuss any booking enquiries

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**Aylesbury Market Bus** - runs every Friday and Saturday morning — from Winslow, through Gt Horwood, Little Horwood, Mursley and Swanbourne, arriving in Aylesbury just after 10am and departing 12.15pm. FREE with a bus pass, otherwise only £4.50 return. Drop offs at Sainsburys and Broadfields on request.

**Winslow Market Service 54abc** - runs every Wednesday morning.

This service picks up in the surrounding villages and then into Winslow, (Swanbourne, Mursley, Great Horwood, Whaddon, Nash and The Claydons). Pick up times vary according to village. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £3.00 return.

**Buckingham Bus Service** – Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages. 1 hour in town then 1 hour in Tesco, or 2 hours in Tesco. Door to door service. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return.

Tuesday 2nd September

Tuesday 7th October

**Westcroft Shopping** – Picking up in surrounding villages. Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Ring to book.

Thursday 11th & 25th September.

**Asda** — travel £5

Bus passes are not accepted on this trip and will cost £5.00. Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages. Asda Shopping with the option to drop at Stadium MK1 for M&S, Primark, Next and more.

Drop off at Westcroft on request.

Monday 29th September

Please contact the WDCB Coordinator for more details.

Timetables can be found online [www.winslowbus.com](http://www.winslowbus.com)

On notice boards outside the Town Council offices, Winslow Library or calling the  
WDCB Co-Ordinator 07483 336440



### Winslow & District Community Bus Needs Volunteer Drivers

The Winslow & District Community Bus relies on volunteer drivers to run all our services, excursions and hires.

We are always in need of volunteer drivers, especially at the moment! So, if you have a D1 on your licence, and have some spare time, please consider becoming a driver for your local Community Bus.

All of our scheduled routes start at around 9.00am and finish around 1.30pm. We pay out-of-pocket expenses.

We also run our own outings visiting all kinds of places, including garden centres, stately homes, shopping centres and countryside drives. The use of the bus is also available to local non-profit groups

**We offer certificated training to MiDAS standard**

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For more information, or to find out other ways you can volunteer your help, please visit the  
Volunteering page on our website [www.winslowbus.com](http://www.winslowbus.com) or call 07483 336440.



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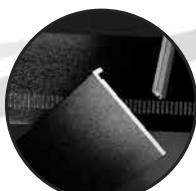
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**Deadline for returns is 13th October 2025.**