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Our oikos - our community: Life in Mildenhall

The word oikos comes from ancient Greek and means family or community. It's about the people, places, and connections that make life meaningful. When I think about my oikos, I don't just picture my house or my family - I think about the whole town of Mildenhall. It's where I go to school, where my mates live, and where ~~my~~ everyone seems to know everyone. My oikos is made up of people, places and moments that make Mildenhall feel like home.

Mildenhall is a town that might look small on a map, but when you live here, it feels full of life. You can walk down the high street and always see someone you recognise, whether it's a classmate, a teacher, or one of the friendly shop owners who always say hello. That's what I love about our oikos - there's a sense that we all belong ^{here} together. It's not like a big city where everyone rushes past each other. In Mildenhall people actually stop and talk, and that makes a big difference.

One of my favorite parts of our town is the mix between old and new. You can tell Mildenhall has been around for a long time from the historic buildings and the beautiful church near the river lock. When the sun sets, the old stone walls almost glow, and it makes me think of all the generations of people who lived here before us - their oikos was this same place too. But Mildenhall isn't stuck in the past. We've got modern cafes, shops and community projects that bring people together and keep things lively. It's like our oikos keeps growing while still remembering its roots.



Our oikos - our community life in Mildenhall

The river that flows through Mildenhall is another part of what makes ~~the~~ our community special. It's peaceful, calm and a perfect place to walk or sit and think. In Summer, families have picnics along the banks, children feed the ducks, and friends meet up to chat. It's such a simple thing, but it makes people happy. To me, that's what oikos really means - finding joy in the little things we share with others.

The people of Mildenhall are what make our oikos truly unique. Everyone seems to care about each other. You see it when neighbours help someone who's struggling, when local groups raise money for charities, or when the whole town comes together for events like the Christmas lights switch-on. Even when things get tough, our oikos stays strong because we look out for one another. It's like one big extended family.

Our schools are a huge part of this oikos too. They don't just teach lessons; they bring the community together. We take part in fundraisers, sports days, and fairs where everyone is welcome. Sometimes it feels like the whole of Mildenhall shows up to cheer people ~~on~~ on. Teachers encourage us to be kind, respectful and hardworking - the same values that make a good community. Being part of a school here means being part of something bigger than yourself.

our oikos - our community life in mildenhall

Something really special about Mildenhall is how many different people live here. Because of the RAF base nearby, we have families from all ~~all~~ around the world. That makes our oikos even more interesting. You can hear different accents, learn about other cultures, and make friends from places you might have ~~never~~ have never visited. It shows that being part of a community isn't about where you come from - it's about how you treat others and what you bring to the group.

Even though Mildenhall isn't huge, there's always something to do. There are parks, sports clubs, youth groups and local markets. You can join a football team, go to the library, or volunteer to help out at an event. I think that's what keeps our oikos connected - there are so many ways to get involved. It's nice knowing that whatever your interests are, there's a place for you here.

Of course, no town is perfect. Sometimes Mildenhall can feel a bit quiet, especially compared to big cities. But honestly, that's part of its charm. Because it's smaller, it feels safer and more personal. People notice when something changes, and they care enough to do something about it, even a quick trip to the shop turns into a chat because people here actually know one another. That's what makes our oikos different from every where else.

Our oikos - our community

Life in Mildenhall

When I think about what oikos means - family, community, connections, I realise that Mildenhall shows all of that. It's a place that ~~teaches~~ teaches you how important it is to care, share and be kind. The people here don't just live side by side; they work together, celebrate together and support each other through hard times. That's what real community looks like.

Looking to the future, I hope our oikos continues to grow stronger. I'd love to see even more spaces for young people to hang out, more events that bring people together, and more ways to keep our town clean and green. But most of all, I hope Mildenhall always keeps that welcoming feeling - the one that makes people feel like they belong. Because when you belong somewhere, you don't just live there; you become part of its story.

So when oikos, I don't think about ancient ~~greek~~ greece - I think about Mildenhall. It's the people who smile when they see you, the teachers who encourage you to do your best, the friends you grew up with, and the places that make you feel safe and happy. That's my oikos. And I wouldn't trade it for anywhere else.

One of my favorite hangout spots is gaspols it's so fun to swim and jump in the water with friends because of the water ball thingy it's a nice place to sit and relax as well.

MY COMMUNITY

The Romany and Traveller Community!
for the 'Oikios' competition

By Dolly M Buckley
please enjoy!



This is a perspective of my community.

My community consists of vibrant heritage, tradition, family values and culture. The Traveller and Gypsy community! My community has many members from young to old. From England, Wales and Scotland. My ancestors traveled from India in search of a better life, bringing their horses and wagons, tarot reading, hunting and strong superstitions of which we still follow to this day.

Although now my family has stopped travelling and we live in a bungalow here in Suffolk. Travelling and living in wagons or caravans, living campsite to campsite or even stopping in hedgrows and farmers fields is still practiced to this day, however the safety of our journeys and stopping places has greatly reduced. With speeding cars, vandalism and lack of education and understanding is making living the traditional Romany way more difficult. So many from the community like myself and my family have opted for a settled home in a house. This provides more safety and stability. I moved from our caravan on a site when I was 7 years old. It was very different to my nomadic life but I soon adjusted and made lots of new friends in the wider community. Still keeping my Romany roots close as my family bought land close to where I live and we keep our horses there all 20 of them!

My Community is Strong and resilient, diverse and hard working. Our community believes horses and dogs are family. My mum breeds Show traditional Gypsy cobs and has successfully shown all over the country with our cobs. I am an aspiring 5th generation horse woman, learning the trade of horses and have been showing since I was 5 years old with great success and recognition in the showing scene.

I have many family members from the Travelling community and although we may not see each other often, our core values remain the same. Stick up for each other and always stand together - family is everything to us.

We mostly meet at gatherings such as Appelby horse fair, where many of the Buckley family embark on journey by horse and barrel top wagons to meet at the fair and practice traditions. Men in my community are seen to be providers whilst women take the homemaking role, however in more recent times it is more accepted for women and girls to pursue school or work. I am one of the few females who has decided to stay in school and chase my dreams of becoming a vet. Helping my community with animal health and care. Our community has been kept secret and many rumors or worries have formed about us and our way of life but we are very similar to the wider community. Although we have faced struggles such as prejudice, our community prides itself on family - equines, get togethers and most importantly morals. We believe treat everyone how you wish to be treated. That's something I wish to spread to my extended family here at MCA.



by Dolly Buckley.

Our Oikos

The ancient Greeks really had very interesting words. For example, Oikos. No, it wasn't dramatically named after a Greek God or Goddess, although that would be pretty cool. Oikos is an ancient Greek word for families and communities. It can be larger than a single house and it is the root word for economy ~~or ecology~~ and ecology. Isn't history just fascinating? Anyway, in this short article, I will be writing about our community and what makes it special to me.

What makes our community unique?

Our community is unique due to its rich history (thanks to the Romans and Anglo Saxons), including places like the Anglo-Saxon village and the ~~mede~~ medieval castles. It is also GREAT because of the amazing opportunities we have, such as a wide range of jobs and multiple educational opportunities. We also cannot forget the wonderful people you can meet. In my school life so far, I have met several great people, from the students to the teachers, who make me feel like I belong. Sure, there are a few rude people, but they're everywhere; everyone is kind at heart. Another suggestion is the landmarks it has. Suffolk is home to many landscapes, such as the Brecks and Fenlands. It also features a good mix of woodlands, numerous rivers and fascinating farmlands.

What is it like living in this area of Suffolk?

It's not too bad, actually. I have beautiful horses casually

trotting down the street daily, it basically seems like ~~or~~ I'm living in a story. Living in this part of Suffolk (which is basically around Mildenhall) is like being part of a historic tale. This area of Suffolk has been welcoming and accepting to other nations, seeing as we have a U.S. Air Force base, making it a diverse part of our local population. We have a strong sense of teamwork and vibrant, natural countryside. Mentioning our whole country in total, sure, we have a LOT of rainy days, but that ~~doesn't~~ doesn't stop us from enjoying our lives here! People usually ~~stere~~ stereotype British people, but I haven't seen ANYONE who matches the ~~stere~~ stereotypical descriptions! Suffolk and ~~the~~ England are just purely amazing.

Living in Suffolk has been a great experience for me. My family is amazing, my friends ~~are~~ are wonderful, everything is just great! I love visiting different places here and this community is just awesome. One of my most favourite events here is when I visited Bletchley park in primary school as a school trip! It was a wonderful experience as I got to learn about how Britain helped multiple countries during World War 2. This community includes different cultures so well! We have the St Mary's Church, multiple foreign restaurants and even a Gurdwara! The diversity of this community impacted me a lot, as now I have a bunch of friends ~~And~~ if this country didn't support people from other nations, I probably wouldn't live here. I love meeting new people with different cultures and traditions, I could listen to them talk for hours! In fact, most of my best friends are from ~~different~~ different countries!

I have recently joined the MCA community. It's really nice

here; the teachers are lovely, the lessons aren't boring, it's just brilliant. In my primary school (St Mary's C of E Academy), our principal held a ~~summer~~ summer fair every year ~~in~~ where people could do raffles or bounce in a bouncy castle. Anyone could go with their kids. I hope you enjoyed reading this short article and I hope you have a nice day.

- Hannah Singh (Year 7)

Leila Christopoulou Wednesday 15th October 2025

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another community. There could be so many things I can talk about but I've only limited it to family and friends which is the most important thing to me.

Inclusion is a very important thing to consider. Inclusion is where you include ~~every~~ everyone no matter what. Everyone should feel included and shouldn't feel left out like they have no one. If you see someone being left out then you should make sure they're okay and then make them feel included in whatever you're doing. They should feel like they have someone to rely on and not keep feeling left out. Feeling left out is a bad feeling and even if you don't like the person you should still make them feel included in what you're doing. People can be included in anything you're doing and there's no excuse as they should be doing whatever you're doing. They might really want to help but they might not feel included or wanted where they are. Everyone should be treated the same unless if they've done something really bad, even so they shouldn't feel like that. You have to imagine if you ~~was~~ were feeling left out and not included how would you feel? No matter if they have a disability or ~~the~~ even the colour of their skin or even if you don't like the person. Make everyone feel included in things.

"Community"

10th October 2025

There are ^{hundreds} ~~millions~~ of languages in the world. There are millions of words in the world.

But nothing, no word could compare to the word - "Community". A simple word, a bundle of letters, conjoin to make such a beautiful and complex aspect of ~~life~~ every human, animal and life.

The word Community has been sparked and formed from all different sides of the globe.

~~No~~ Countries that have faced a dreadful handful of horrors, countries that believe opposite things. But However, ~~in~~ all of these countries and groups of unique ~~people~~ intelligent humans, all ~~make~~ make, use, and feel this word.

I'd like to believe that this word could be interpreted in thousands and different ways - but most of these individuals, ways - all come down to this key, main point:

A group of people who feel like home.

No, I don't mean a house, I mean home. A place where you belong. A place where you feel safe and unjudged.

And the beautiful ~~part~~ part of community is that it's ~~are~~ rare. So rare.

That's what makes it special.

It's not just a group of people you like talking to, it's ~~a place that you~~ special people who you respect and value their respect for you ~~at home~~ - Home.

And although it's rare. I believe all people find community, more than one even, and each and every community you classify as "Community" should be valued, loved and ~~enjoyed~~ given in.

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For me, I have 3 main communities.

My most important community, my family. I could write essays upon essays about my family, for they are the first people I knew. My brother, my dad, my mother, I was born into such a family, they are quite literally all I've ever known. They built, layed out and played an enormous role in who I am today.

However, they aren't my community just because of this. Again I was ~~born~~ born into this family, they didn't choose me for me.

They are my community, my most important community, because I believe they would always choose me. And even though I think my family is pretty boring, I ~~be~~ would choose them in every lifetime - genuinely.

They are my home, and most importantly they feel like home.

After I'd say my second most important family would be my school. Which is something I'd never think I would write. I know alot of people don't enjoy school, which I somewhat understand. I think being in my year is difficult and school can be very socially and academically demanding.

~~However~~ they, although, school is responsible for something I very much prioritize in life. Education. Every number I know, every formula, all the critical thinking, literally the reason I can even write this essay is because of school.

And it's crucial to remember it's not only these academic ~~things~~ skills they give me, but also, suprisingly, ~~my~~ the

Social aspect of who I am. School has set out every expectation of what people are like, speak, and think. Mica, has given me something so important in my life; my friends. Friends that make me happier to put it simply. Friends who ~~also~~ give me reason to go into school when ~~it~~ I really do not want to go in. I really value school.

And lastly, but not least. The place where I grew up = Suffolk, specifically Redlodge.

A place where my family is located and a place where I went to school.

Redlodge/Wildenhall, in my opinion is a very inclusive place to live, and I am actually not just saying this. To ~~try~~ win this competition, I genuinely believe this. ~~And~~ I've come from another country, I moved to England when I was 3, I experienced first-hand what acceptance and inclusion looks like, for the area I live in, and the people who ~~live~~ live here have all given me. ~~What~~

I remember, trying to learn English and instead of people ~~giving~~ making fun of me, they helped me. ~~These~~ these people have got me to ~~the~~ this level of English, and I am so grateful.

In essence, I know my communities are ~~being~~. I have been apart others, I couldn't tell you about Punjab, Portugal, but I have 7 minutes left, so I ~~have~~ given you my ~~most~~ 3 most important communities.

For because of these communities, I have learnt what love, inclusion, and ~~acceptance~~ acceptance looks like and I couldn't be more grateful.

So when you ask me, "what do we mean by

inclusion," I hope that by reflecting on this essay you will see what I ~~mean~~ mean.

And no,

not every community is perfect. — in fact none is.

There are struggles, pain, and ~~intolerance~~ fear.

However these issues help you value the positive aspects of communities.

We must not let these struggles invalidate our communities.

Instead we must find and learn the difference between a group of people and community.

Thank you so much for reading.

—Margarida Gonsalves

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My Oikos



My name is Georgia Bailey and I live in Beck Row. In my community we have many fun events that take place throughout the year, such as Easter egg hunts in the nature reserve, where you get a map and have to follow it round the woods to find clues, and at Christmas, someone dressed up as Santa goes round the village in a sleigh and hands out sweets to children. Because my dad also goes on the sleigh, dressed as one of the presents, when he goes, my mum pretends he is going to the shops or something along the lines of that, but I can always tell when ~~his~~ he is going because we will leave the house a few minutes later to go and see him!

In the nature reserve opposite my house, there is a play park with a children's area and a shelter for parents, dog walkers and teenagers. There is also an exercise area and a basketball court.

The main thing you notice



is that everyone is really friendly; there is a lady we see almost every day when we walk to school, cycling to her allotment, and we always say hello!



There is a large children's nursery next to my house, and they have a swimming pool where you can have lessons. I used to go there after primary school because it was close by and everyone is really nice there.



Across the road from me there is a church, a graveyard and a hall where I used to do dance classes. When I walk home from school, I sometimes go through the graveyard to see my great-grandmother's grave. Every Wednesday in the hall there is a toddler group, with games, squash and biscuits, and on Saturdays there is a breakfast club run by Lightwave.



Recently, there was a Love your Village day, which is where you are assigned a part of Beck Row to clean, whether it be

litter-picking, clearing signs or
removing annoying cable ties! At the
end, we meet in the Parish hub
and have something to ~~eat~~ eat
and drink while we talk
about our progress, although last
time we did it, there was a big
thunderstorm and we had to
finish early! They occur 4 times
a year.

Overall, I love being part of my
community!



OKIOS Letter



I am a young person living in Beck Row, a village just 3 minutes away from Mildenhall. Personally and honestly our community isn't for everyone. The people are lovely but the downfall is how the nearest A&E is at least half an hour away. Apart from that, this is such an amazing place to live there are primary schools like: Beck Row Primary Academy, St. Margs, West Row academy and Great Heath academy with the only Secondary School being Mildenhall collage academy.

If you have kids there are loads of stuff for them like a youth club near Sainsbury's one pound to get in seven to nine pm.

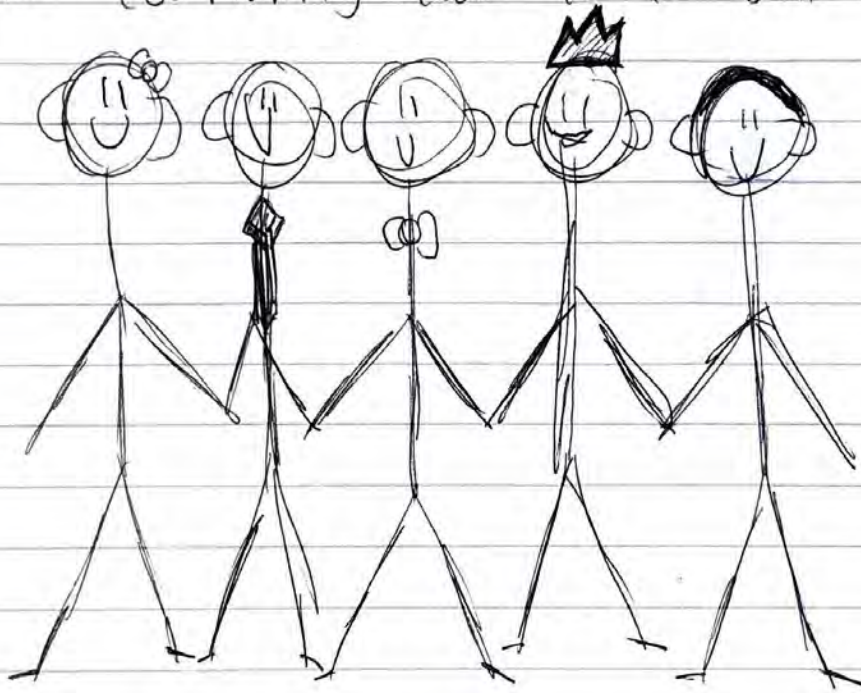
There are loads of parks like one in Mildenhall near Sainsbury's, a huge park in West Row and Beck Row. If you want a day out there are cafes a cafe near the doctors surgery called webs catours.

For allergies like gluten and lactose, shops like herons foods is cheap eg. 2 litre pepsi for one pound. There is also a b&M, Top G wings and a mcdonalds when you just leave Mildenhall. If your into sports there is karate, boxing, gym and swimming in the hub and football ect on the astro and a football club in town. I think our community is unique as we have a river I know plenty communities that don't have one you can't swim in it as there are ducks, swans, geese and river mice but its fine to feed the birds seeds try not to feed them white bread as it is not good for them. This community is very inclusive

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As we have loads of ramps and disabled parking spaces available for walkers, wheelchairs, crutches or any hidden disabilities like pots or chronic pain. I know of one church that is open every Sunday. What I think is inclusive is how in every ramadahn schools allow a safe quiet room for students if they need to pray. But if you really want to go shopping go to bury St edmunds, New market or Thetford.

I hope this explains everything but I love this community even if it isn't for everyone.



A Community by Caitlyn Davenport, S5, Miss Stirges

A community. When you say those words what do you think of? It's true meaning : 'Community – living in the same space as someone else or sharing particular characteristics', well that's its true meaning but to you and me it might mean something different

To me a community is: helping someone even if you don't know them; it means protection; and it means working as a team. The TRAITS are a perfect example of what it takes to be a good school community, which matters most as it is where children spend most time. School teaches children education but also life skills and how to grow up and be successful adults .

We all know about our county, Suffolk. I enjoy living in Mildenhall, Suffolk because there are shops; things to do; places to see and there is even an Anglo Saxon village locally for people to bask in the past and enjoy their weekends or holidays. Although we live there, that does not draw boundary lines on the world because people move from county to county or even country to country!

We might leave our county once in a while to participate in certain activities such as: clubs for people to maintain a healthy wellbeing; outings to the shops or for a dinner; to meet others. However this also creates new friendships and communities where people have similar interests.

Although I enjoy living in Mildenhall, there are things which I think could be improved. For example, clearing up after yourself. There is lots of litter and I think we could make BIG difference if we would use the bins around school or out and about. Another thing which should be changed is the Mildenhall Market. It is a lovely community event however it should be on a Saturday or Sunday as people are at school or work on the other days of the week so they can't participate. With children going on a Saturday, it would be busier and we could add some more child-appropriate stalls such as: another toy stall, a beauty stall or a face painting or petting animals stall.

In conclusion, we have a beautiful community with many schools and community sites (parks, shops, doctors, dentists and more) but some things should be more child-friendly and the town could be cleaner. Overall I enjoy living in Mildenhall and attending M.C.A.

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Almost every night in ~~Hasting~~ Worlington is silent and ~~peaceful~~ night except the occasional quiet hooting of the owl's in the trees that surround us. Every house in walking distance and you can ~~at~~ sometimes even see sheep in the fields. When it's nearing summer you can simply walk outside and pick blackberries for a snack. The yard is a great place to walk your dog or have some thinking time.

There is a restaurant and a cricket club so you have somewhere to go. Every summer the cricket club holds a beer festival with food, karaoke and activities to do. They even get a band to play music and drinks for kids and adults. A small but nice playground is always next to it.

Hedge cutters sometimes come and everything looks nice again, there are also a range of different size and colored houses. It's not uncommon to see bees ~~or~~ or butterflies during warmer days. Worlington ~~is~~ rarely has much news but in my opinion it's better that way. It doesn't have much drama so it's a peaceful, tranquil place to live and the different flowers and trees give a nice and homey feel to the place. It's nice for children adults and elderly. When it's winter all you can do ~~is~~ is wrap yourself up in blankets like you a burrito and make a cup of warm hot chocolate, ~~on~~ turn on a movie then fall asleep.

Finley Stewart - 7x1 - Mea

In ^{My village} Red Lodge I feel privileged to have glimmering, majestic jets to wake me up as they soar over my sturdy home. My family are very close as we are extremely close to a military base. Education is very good as we have 2 strong big an academically brilliant. I feel sure as I can ensure I have good fun and intimate memories at either one of the 4 exquisite playgrounds.

For shopping the council could put our taxes into building a bigger shop such as tesco or asda on one of our massive pieces of green land. At the moment all we have is a nisa local and a tesco express. For food however we have a delicious fish and chip shop that's well priced! We also have a brilliant pizza and kebab and mouth watering chinese restaurant. Not to mention the steakhouse that when you go in, is brilliantly themed and the smell of steak knocks you straight back as it hits your nostrils.

I never have to worry about not being treated for illnesses as we have a doctors surgery and pharmacy. The doctors surgery is decently sized gets best treatment and is never too busy in the waiting room due to the amount of rooms and doctors ready to make you better again! The pharmacy gets your medicine to you right away with great great service and kind workers.

Finally, the amount of greenery, plants and quality of the playgrounds make me feel like I can express myself and take in the british sun like no other place. Red Lodge is truly one of the greatest places to live. Come visit!

Wednesday 15th 10th October 2025

My Oikos

Our community includes not just people but jobs and animals in our area. Our community is kind and open to anyone whether they be black, white, gay, straight or disabled. I love my community. My community is called Middlesbrough Community College.

Our community is unique. Every person is different in their own way but that's what makes us connected. We're like a spider web all connected. Our values bind us together like a chain of respect. Unlike some other communities we listen to our Traits and our best which stands for be ready, engage, sit up and track.

Our community is a lovely place to live. With many shopping places including Sainsbury's and L & M. It also has a beautiful park and a glimmering river that runs through the middle. Combine that with our kind community and

School it makes the perfect community. Of course not everyone is always kind, and sometimes people can be rude like some people I know who plays the violin 24/7 and is extremely annoying and never shuts up (2 people actually). Although that's all true, overall our community is a great place to be.

You may ask us, what do you mean by inclusion? Well that's when I say inclusion means our community. Our community is the definition of inclusion. ~~Many~~ per

Brandon Community is a group of wonderful people supporting and making the town a better ~~place~~ place. The Community hosts frequent fun ~~for~~ going and events to boost morale and make everyone's day better. The people helped me when I first came to Brandon and supported me through ~~thru~~ when I needed help.

It ~~is~~ is a unique ^{we} group of they even ~~support~~ support people who go mushroom picking and wandering into deep forest. It's a lovely place to live in my opinion as you will be respected no matter who you are and where you come from or your background. I love everyone in my community and I love to live at this community because of all the ~~if~~ ^{if} you get mentally.

If you would like to be ~~resp~~ respected ~~and~~ then come to Brandon. We have ~~access~~ accessible rooms for everyone in need of it and if you need help getting around with navigation then just ask. I used to struggle ~~when~~ when trying to get to ~~any~~ anywhere but when I asked for help, I got enough help to permanently get around ~~any~~ anywhere.

We take care of our nature and wildlife with frequent checkups on our flowers and plants. You would see people planting flowers to make the town look ~~better~~ better for everyone. We also plant trees to try helping the planet and to replant nature.

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The area around mildenhall has been inhabited for a very long time, theres evidence of Stone age Settlement, and later finds from the bronze age. During Roman Britain, the region was reasonably well settled. perhaps the most famous legacy from this period is the mildenhall treasure. A hoard of Roman silver tableware (bowls, spoons, platters, etc) discovered near west row in 1942. Most of it is from the 4th century AD, and Many items are thought to have been made in mediterranean Workshop.

After the Romans left, through the Anglo saxon period the settlement developed. The name is first recorded in about 1050 as Mildenhale.

The meaning is likely "nook or corner of land belonging to a women called Milde (or Milde) or a man called Milda".

In 1086, the Domesday Book records Mildenhall, it belonged to the abbey of Bury St Edmunds, and had a church, a mill, 64 families, and a flock about 1,000 sheep. The manor was under the control of they abbey for many centuries, the abbots had considerable local power, including legal authority in some respects.

By the 15th century, Mildenhall had become established as a market town. A weekly market was granted by royal charter in 1412. There was also a fair, specifically a two-day timber and servant hiring fair, held on fair spot fields up until about 1850.

During the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the ~~may~~ manor passed from the Abbey to the crown. It was then sold to Sir Roger North of Kirtling. His son Henry North settled in Mildenhall after 1586 and built the Manor house.

The North family held it for several generations, then through marriage, inheritance. It passed to Sir ~~Tom~~ Thomas Hanmer, who was Speaker of the House of Commons. Hanmer extended the manor house and was responsible for charitable works such as almshouses and a workhouse.

Later the Bunbury family succeeded and held the estate until the break-up of the manor of 1933.

Mila Galloway 9x2 English Oikos

Our community is unique because there are loads of different people from different countries and different backgrounds. In Suffolk, ~~people~~^{everyone} knows everyone either by family, friends or different communities within our Suffolk community. This community loves to include everyone whether they are a different race, disabled or if they have different interests or hobbies.

Living in Suffolk is like living in a traditional friendly neighbourhood, where all of the people collectively make an effort to be together and create fun events like carnivals, fairs, or even free car washes. In Mildenhall, everyone tries to get to know one another in this village. As a team. As a team, we work together to keep roads clear of litter, keep businesses stable, and take care of elderly. ~~the~~

Most people who live here are here because of family. Many people have family located somewhere around Suffolk. But some people don't have family here. So, as a community, we consider inclusion and we involve everyone who doesn't have family living here. As a community, we can achieve to be the best we can be to include everyone whether they are lonely or not.

Inclusion is the most important thing in any community. It is where everyone gets to be included and then they can feel like they belong here. Everyone living in Suffolk has a place in the community. This community is beyond family; it's about building friendships and relationships with one another.

Our Suffolk community really cares about the environment. There will always be a bin somewhere to put your rubbish in. Littering is something that is currently a growing problem all around the world, so this community is making an effort to help reduce the amount of litter on the streets. MCA is one of the places that also wants to help decrease the amount of litter. As a community, together, we can work hard enough to pick up any litter we see on the streets.

Our Oikos - Our Community

I live in Red Lodge, a small village near Bury St Edmunds. It's the kind of place where everyone seems to know everyone, and that's what makes it feel so special. Our community might be small, but it's full of kindness, connection and care.

One of the best things about Red Lodge is how people come together to help each other. We have a community Facebook group that keeps everyone in the loop. It's where we find out about events at the pavilion and the millennium centre, and it's also where people ask for advice or recommendations. Whether someone needs a local plumber, a babysitter, or just a bit of help, there's always someone ready to respond.

Events in Red Lodge bring everyone together - from family fun days to charity events and local markets. You can always count on seeing friendly faces and hearing lots of laughter. It's a lovely feeling knowing that wherever you go in the village, there's someone to wave to or chat with.

To me, Oikos means more than just where I live - it means belonging. Red Lodge isn't just a collection of houses, it's a community built on friendship and support. It's our little corner of Suffolk and I'm proud to call it home.

Red Lodge Community Group (UK)

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Our Facebook Page

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Millennium Centre



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Pavilion



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MY VILLAGE

Waking up, I can hear the developing construction community that surrounds my area. Where there used to be a flowering ~~+~~ open field, now there is ~~but~~ bustling building site constructing new houses to be called homes by many more. Within our area there holds a millennial centre which ~~some-~~ times holds ~~good & free~~ good and drink for those who might be in need of it. There also is ~~a~~ two wonderful schools, both perfect for any growing child.

Every year on Halloween the holiday is opened up with bellowing fireworks which creates a vibrant display in the sky for all to see. Red Lodge is a glowing example of festivity. This ~~example is no~~ is just an example though because every holiday is showcased in the most unique ways possible. When my family first moved in a couple of years ago, we were welcomed with open arms and the most generous and kind community. We fell in love with the caring neighbours, peaceful area, affordable house prices and so much more. There is also an amazing ~~steak~~ steakhouse, which has a mouth-watering aroma that just drags you inside. Adjacent to it there is an extremely accessible Tesco Express.

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Whether it is the constantly evolving structures, to the fragrant ~~in~~ Mighty Mug Cafe (which ~~is here &~~ has a vast array of sweets, beans and savoury cravings), Red Lodge is has always

been the perfect place for me, my family and many more. To put
in one sentence (if possible) Red Lodge is a modern yet
historic ~~landmark~~ landmark that I am lucky to call home.