

**Date: 6/8/24**

**Send in your Pillar Nominations NOW!**

The Milton Keynes Rose is marking its tenth year since opening and nominations for a new Pillar dedication unfurling more about MK's story are being sought now. In the past a Pillar Panel has met every two years to look at new suggestions coming forward from the community to grow and expand what's remembered or celebrated. For more details about how to nominate a Pillar

[How to Nominate a Pillar \(miltonkeynesrose.org.uk\)](https://miltonkeynesrose.org.uk)

An engraving will take place in 2025 with our next engraving planned for 2030. If you can think of a date significant in the lives of people or organisations associated with Milton Keynes past or present with reasons for your nomination please send this to [miltonkeynesrose@gmail.com](mailto:miltonkeynesrose@gmail.com)

This tenth Pillar dedication is part of a year long celebration marking ten years since the opening of the Milton Keynes Rose. Memories and Memorabilia are also being sought to form an Archive. A Film Screening telling the story of the Milton Keynes Rose and Pop-Up Exhibition will take place at MK Gallery during Heritage Open Days on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2024.

To see details of all existing Pillars see [www.miltonkeynesrose.org.uk](http://www.miltonkeynesrose.org.uk)

Closing date for nominations Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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**About the Milton Keynes Rose:**

The Milton Keynes Rose located in our central city park Campbell Park, is a public space designed for commemoration, celebration and contemplation. Developed in partnership by The Parks Trust and the Cenotaph Trust, with support from Milton Keynes Council, the Milton Keynes Rose was created as a central civic space to host events significance and occasions of remembrance.

Created by internationally renowned artist Gordon Young in 2013, the Milton Keynes

Rose is an open-air circle with markings based on the mathematical beauty of a flower. Upon installation 106 granite pillars of varying height were mounted in positions to create the art piece. 68 pillars have been engraved with dedications, one with a Bronze Plaque marking the visit of HRH The Duke of Cambridge during MK's 50<sup>th</sup> year, leaving 38 for future inscriptions.

For more information, images or interviews call Emma Thompson at The Parks Trust, T: 01908 255362

### **Notes to Editors**

The Pillar Panel meeting in October 2024 will be chaired by HM Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire, The Countess Howe. The Panel is further made up of Artist Gordon Young and members of the local community, Parks Trust and the MK Rose Trust.

### **The Milton Keynes Rose Trust**

The Milton Keynes Rose is managed jointly by the Milton Keynes Rose Trust and the Parks Trust and in partnership with Milton Keynes Council. The Trust is privileged to work with many people and organisations in promoting the use of The Milton Keynes Rose, a venue for all and a space to just be....

**Milton Keynes Rose Pop-Up Exhibition** September 13<sup>th</sup> MK Gallery Event Space  
1200-1700 free admission.

### **About The Parks Trust**

The Parks Trust is an independent charity that cares for over 6,000 acres of parkland and green space in Milton Keynes. This includes the river valleys, ancient woodlands, lakesides, parks and landscaped areas alongside the main roads, all of which make the city such a great place to live, work and visit.

- About 25 percent of the new city area is parkland
- In addition to parkland, The Parks Trust takes care of the landscaping along the main grid roads – 80 miles of trees, shrubs and flowers

The Parks Trust is also committed to delivering environmental education for both children and adults, providing exciting leisure and recreation facilities and events.

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