

MILTON KEYNES - A TIMELINE:

1960s

- 1966 Plan for a new major town in North Buckinghamshire announced.
- 1967 January 23rd formal designation of the new town Milton Keynes
March, MKDC is established
Llewelyn-Davis, Weeks, Forestier-Walker & Bor appointed as master planners
- 1968 Grid network of roads decided – A little Los Angeles in Buckinghamshire
- 1969 The Open University is established moves in Walton Hall.

1970s

- 1970 March 17th – Master Plan for Milton Keynes released
The first section of new city grid road system is built (H2 from V4 Watling Street).
Derek Walker appointed as chief architect
- 1971 First major housing scheme (Galley Hill, Stony Stratford).
- 1973 Bletchley Leisure Centre opened
- 1974 First major grid road is finished (V8 Marlborough Street connects Bletchley to Stantonbury)
Work begins on the Shopping Building (now *The Centre:MK*);
The first balancing lake (Willen Lake) is finished.
Stantonbury Campus opens – first secondary school in the England not to have a uniform
Borough of Milton Keynes created (as a district of Buckinghamshire until 1997)
- 1975 The first office building in Central Milton Keynes (Lloyds Court) opens
The dial-a-bus initiative begins – where mini-bus driver would pick you up in your street
22 miles of new roads have been built
- 1979 First concert at Milton Keynes Bowl
Margaret Thatcher opens the Shopping Building – the first 'shopping mall' in the UK
The west's first Peace Pagoda is built in Willen.

1980s

- 1981 Central Library and Gallery opened
- 1982 Central Milton Keynes railway station officially open.
- 1983 Caldecotte balancing lake ready.
- 1984 A421 road connects to M1 motorway at Junction 13;
Milton Keynes General Hospital opens (renamed Milton Keynes University Hospital in 2015).
Lord Campbell opens the UK's first urban park in 50 years.
- 1985 Britain's first multiplex cinema, The Point, opens.
- 1986 Tree Cathedral created by Neil Higson. Energy World Housing exhibition at Shenley Lodge opened
- 1987 Woughton Marina opens.
- 1988 100,000 citizen born
- 1989 Furzton balancing lake
Bradwell aqueduct (first aqueduct on the Grand Union in over 100 years).

1990s

- 1992 Milton Keynes Development Corporation wound up, replaced by Commission for New Towns

- De Montfort University, Milton Keynes Campus opens
- 1995 The 50,000th new house for the new city is built since 1970.
- 1996 National Hockey Stadium opens.
- 1997 Borough of Milton Keynes unitary authority
- 1999 Milton Keynes Theatre, Art Gallery, and new Visitor Centre.^[54]

2000s

- 2000 Xscape opens.
Central Milton Keynes (CMK), the Council and English Partnerships (EP) appointed Thomas Heatherwick as Lead Artist for Central Milton Keynes.
- 2001-2 Grennan & Sperandio '*Personal Views*', a collection of comic strip postcards created during a residency by the artists that illustrate people's views of the Public Art
- 2003 Wimbledon F.C. moves to the former England National Hockey Stadium.
- 2004 ("MMIV") Wimbledon F.C. renamed and relaunched as Milton Keynes Dons F.C. Milton Keynes Partnership is created to oversee new development.
- 2007 Stadium:MK opens and Milton Keynes Dons move in.
- 2007 The Hub & Vizion developments are completed at the western end of the town centre
- 2008 University Centre Milton Keynes opens.^[55]

2010s

- 2007 40 year celebrations
- 2010 Milton Keynes Shopping Centre is grade II listed.
- 2010 First IF - MK International Festival
- 2016 MS Series no 1 by Bernard Schottlander and Wendy Taylor's Octo are listed as a result of a national assessment of post-war sculpture by Historic England.
- 2017 MK50 anniversary celebration

GENERAL TIMELINE:

1960s

- Harold Macmillan Conservative Prime Minister 1957-1963
- Sir Alex Douglas-Home Conservative Prime Minister 1963-1964
- Most UK houses now have a refrigerator and a cooker
- A season ticket to see Manchester United cost £8.50
- First supermarkets opened
- 1964 Harold Wilson Labour Prime Minister 1964-1970
- 1967 BBC2 first channel to have colour
- 1969 First man on the moon

1970s

- 1970s Sir Edward Heath Conservative Prime Minister 1970-1974
- 1971 Britain went decimal. Before this, there was 12d in a shilling, and 20 shillings in a pound
- UK population is 54 million
- E-mail is invented
- The pocket calculator is invented
- 1974 First domestic microwave sold
- Harold Wilson becomes Labour Prime Minister 1974-1976
- 1975 The digital camera invented
- 1976 James Callaghan Labour Prime Minister 1976-1979
- 1978 VHS recorders go on sale
- 1979 Sony began selling the Walkman personal stereo

Baroness Margaret Thatcher Conservative Prime Minister 1979-1990

1980s

- 1981 Compact disc – CD invented
- 1982 Falklands War
- 1982 50% of UK households have a telephone
- 1985 Windows programme invented by Microsoft.
- 1988 Digital mobile phone invented
- 1989 World Wide Web first proposed by Tim Berners-Lee

1990s

- 1990 Sir John Major Conservative Prime Minister 1990-1997
The World Wide Web/Internet protocol (HTTP) and WWW language (HTML) created by Tim Berners-Lee.
- 1994 Sony PlayStation launched
- 1997 Tony Blair Labour Prime Minister 1997-2007

2000s

- 2007 Gordon Brown Labour Prime Minister 2007-2010
- 2010 David Cameron Conservative Prime Minister 2010 - current
- 2016 Teresa May Primer Minister (Brexit brief)
- 2017 General Election

Milton Keynes - Public Art Time Line

1966-8 Bernard Schottlander '*3B Series No 5*'

1978 Liz Leyh creates the '*Concrete Cows*' at Stacey Hill Farm. Artists were commissioned to work with communities and schools to make works collaboratively for their local area.

1979 Bill Billings '*Triceratops*'

1980 Wendy Taylor '*Octo*' commissioned

1996 Bill Woodrow '*Sitting on History*'

1999 Central Milton Keynes undertook major developments such as the Theatre and Gallery and the Midsummer Shopping Centre, new site –specific collections of art integrated within one environment were commissioned and includes work by Alison Turnbull (*Moon*, 1999) and '*Theatre Curtain*' by Janet Stoyel.

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2013 *The MK Rose* sculpture by the artist Gordon Young at Campbell Park features a calendar of days important to the people of Milton Keynes.