

Focus



Focus # 396 on Oakgrove

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Picture courtesy of the Sun newspaper

OAKGROVE LITTER PICK

Last Saturday of every month

Meet outside Costa **10.30 am Saturday 30 July**

Children very welcome if accompanied by an adult

Litter grabbers, gloves & hi-viz jackets supplied



Thank you to Costa for our complimentary coffee after the litter pick

HELP DELIVER FOCUS

We're looking for more helpers as our area keeps growing. Oakgrove's just one of our nine estates. We've 64 delivery rounds to cover, each about an hour in length, nine times a year. If you can help, please contact Kerrie on:

focusteam@live.co.uk or 07803 036 656

TRAVELLERS ON OAKGROVE

The travellers arrived on Friday afternoon, with around 27 caravans.

Because they were on private (school) land the procedures that Milton Keynes Council, the Parish Council and the Parks Trust operate together didn't apply.

But the Police are empowered to act where they believe that it is "*reasonable and proportionate so to do given the impact of the unauthorised community on the local settled community.*" They served notice on the travellers to depart by 11 am on Monday and then - when this hadn't happened - moved in that afternoon to enforce their Order. Four vehicles and three caravans were seized and two arrests made.

There have been some suggestions that the Police might have acted faster. But this wasn't a situation where a couple of constables could have enforced the Order. Officers had to be drawn in from outside the area, specialist equipment hired, and a plan of action agreed in case there was violence.

Longer term Kerrie Bradburn believes we need to take preventive measures to stop this happening again. There's a school on Walnut Tree, she says, which has driven two metre poles into the ground with only the top half metre showing. And they're only a metre apart. So nothing can get in between them. And they're dug in so deep that they can't be knocked aside.

Effective certainly, but also unsightly so not everyone agrees. What do **YOU** think? Let Kerrie know on:

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The Lib Dem **Focus** Team

Working & keeping in touch all year round

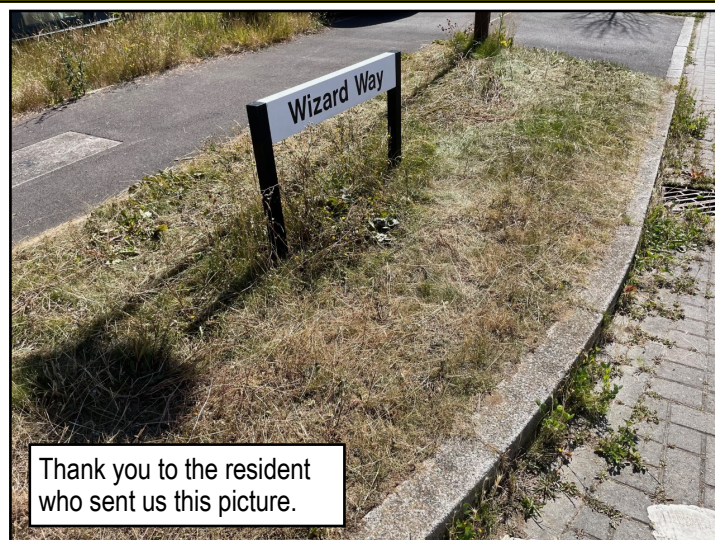
SUCCESS !

Thank you to everyone who signed Kerrie's **CUT THE GRASS** petition on our website. Crest Nicholson got the message and have agreed a regular maintenance schedule to cover:

- Cutting all verges.
- Cutting all overhanging vegetation.
- Sweeping all channels.
- Unblocking all gullies.
- Grubbing out all weeds in channels, blockwork and tarmac joints.
- Selective weed killing all grass verges.
- A litter pick of the entire estate.

Their first cut doesn't look great (*see opposite*) and there's been no weeding. But they say that was just to get the present over-growth "tamed," and that they'll be back. Kerrie's in regular touch with them. Let her know of any areas you're concerned about:

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Congratulations to the organisers of the **Oakgrove Big Picnic** on Saturday 11 June.
Wonderful day. Thank you !

UPDATE ON THE CYCLE TRACK

The Council have told us that - before they can start work - they're still waiting for some remaining issues to be resolved by Crest and/or the Housing and Communities Agency.

We've also just heard that the Parks Trust have some technical concerns which they are discussing directly with Crest. Kerrie's trying to find out what these are, and if they'll cause a further delay.



Kerrie, Uroy & Sam
The Lib Dem **Focus team**

We aim to reply to mails, text or calls within 48 hours. Texting's usually fastest. If we don't, please get in touch again in case we've missed your message.

Thank you !

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