

The Lib Dem *Focus* Team Working & keeping in touch all year round

Voter ID and Elections

Despite much opposition, it has now been confirmed by the government that photo ID will be required for voting in elections from now on. The first election these changes will impact will be the May 2023 Local Elections. Please email us if you'd like to know the full list of acceptable identification documents to ensure you can vote. Postal votes remain the same, so if you're worried you don't have correct ID we suggest applying for a postal vote to ensure you're not disenfranchised! Email/text us and we can help with applying.



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Wheelie bins are coming

The new waste collection system has been confirmed and will be rolled out in the autumn of this year. Houses that can accommodate wheeled bins will receive two recycling bins and one bin for residual waste. There's lots of information about this on the council's website here: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/new-waste-collection-service-2023



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 !

Annual delivery of recycling sacks has started



This should be completed by end of April. The number of sacks provided has been reduced slightly to take into account the move to the new waste collection system in September. If you don't get them let us know.

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Ward Budgets

Each year the Council gives every councillor £1,000 to spend on local organisations or activities in their ward. This year Uroy, Sam and I pooled ours so there was £3,000 to spend across the seven estates we represent. Here's what we spent in Brooklands, Broughton and Broughton Gate:

Broughton and Brooklands Connectors - £250
Shrimp and Doodle (Period packs) - £150
Ride High (supporting Broughton users) - £100
City wide
MK Food Bank - £300
Kinship Carers - £300

Special Edition

400th Edition!

Focus



Focus #400 on Brooklands, Broughton & Broughton Gate
9 issues a year since 1979, not just at election time.
Written by Kerrie Bradburn

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Litter, litter everywhere...

Our estates look a mess. Recently, we helped residents get RMG to clean up Brooklands Square but there's so much litter all over the place. We're going to be **expanding our litter picking network** and we are asking for suggestions as to where to send the council's new **litter wardens who can issue on the spot fines**. Working together with developers, the council, schools, businesses and residents **we can wage war on litter**. If you'd like to litter pick on your street as part of our litter picking network or want to suggest locations for the litter wardens then let us know:

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Local little ones Arin Sharda, Georgia Wheeler, Kian Mistry, Narissa Mistry, Fathima H cleaning up Brooklands Square. Well done!

Work in Progress

- Northfield roundabout upgrade.
- A shelter for the bus stop in Brooklands square.
- Ferry Meadows Close road widening, improving access to the Hindu Centre.
- Litter around Magna Park and the issues caused by lorries parking at the end of Fen Street.
- Keeping pressure on the police to enforce local speed limits.



The yellow lines on Tanfield Lane are working

Estate Handover Working Group

As part of my campaign highlighting the issues faced by **residents living on unadopted estates** (when maintenance hasn't been handed over to the council from the developer) I have persuaded the council to set up a working group. If you'd like to come and give evidence about the issues you face let us know.



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Good News

- Both **Brooklands and Broughton Pavilions** have reopened and are taking bookings. (Broughton is run by the Parish Council and Brooklands by MK Dons Sports and Education Trust).
- The **Community Speedwatch** group has been reformed.
- The yellow lines over **Tanfield Lane Bridge** have finally been painted!
- Our petition to RMG about litter got **Brooklands Square** cleaned up.

We'll be out talking to residents in Brooklands on Sundays during March. Let us know if you want us to come and knock on your door and we can add your street to our rotation.



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Stronger Economy, Fairer Society Opportunity for Everyone

On our 400th edition, looking back...

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

Today

Campaigning against boating on Willen Lake

Three times residents had to fight against a helicopter services to Heathrow from Pineham. The Broughton Villagers won a public enquiry against all the odds.

There were issues with Anglian Water back then too...

Raising money for Willen Hospice.

Sam was first elected in 1980 and has served on MK Council for more than 30 years.

In 1991 we were working to improve parking outside Willen Primary. It was finally agreed that parents could use the surgery car park. Parking outside schools still present problems today...

We supported the Pharmacy Action Group in their, eventually, successful fight for a pharmacy on Willen.

Fighting for clearer verges in Harmans and Dormans Close, MK Village

The late Chris Pym represented The Focus Team for nearly 20 years.

The very first edition, then called 'Pineham People' back in 1979

Imagine if our campaign to save the V10 had failed...

We organised a petition against the Pagoda car park charges

In 2002 we were right about the need for new schools

2019 saw Kerrie elected and Sam became Mayor of MK

In July 2019 Kerrie proposed that The Council trail wheelie bins and they're being rolled out this year.

The team from 2013 writing Focus 300...

Kerrie, Uroy and Sam. Keeping in touch all year round and working for you.

Since the new estates have been built we've been campaigning for better road safety

Kerrie sat on Countess Way to get the HGV ban imposed

Serving the local community for over 40 years

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