

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

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

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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Special Edition

400th Edition!

Focus



Focus #400 on Brooklands, Broughton & Broughton Gate

9 issues a year since 1979, not just at election time.
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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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MKCC litter wardens can issue on the spot fines



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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On our 400th edition, looking back...

1990s



Action in WILLEN
 Liberal Democrat campaigner Sam CROOKS supported WILLEN school governors when their Chairman spoke to last month's Borough Council Traffic Committee about risks to children arriving at and departing from school. He is also hoping to win the Committee's support to open urgent talks with the County. He is also hoping to win the Committee's support to help pay for a traffic-calming scheme outside the school. But the County's Road Safety officer John BOXALL has hit out at parents: "They stop on the pavement, dump the loved one and then drive off again—all without a sign or a look in the rear window. If parents really want to improve safety at schools, the way for them to do it is to leave their cars at home." What think? Phone Sam on 605763. Do other schools have any problems?
 Also in WILLEN, Chris PYM has been helping local residents with planning issues and dealing with requests for a bus to stop near centre and health centre (opening soon). Phone him on 6655

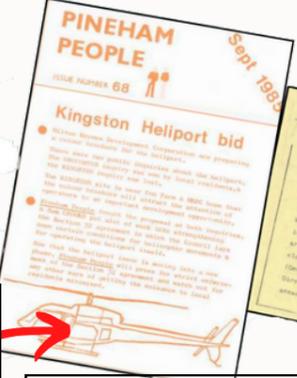


Sam was first elected in 1980 and has served on MK Council for more than 30 years.

WILLEN HOSPICE
 Willen Hospice is in Pineham Ward, and on Sunday 26th September, the Mayor's Marathon is being run to raise money for the Hospice. Every bed costs 1500 a week, and only one is financed by the NHS. That leaves 9 others for terminally ill patients, paid for by volunteers. Sam Crooks will be running in the Marathon and can be sponsored for as little as 1p per mile. Sponsorship forms are available from MK 653202 or MK 564375 (leave a message on the Answerphone) or from Sam Crooks, FREEPOST Stony Stratford, MK11 2BR (no stamp needed)

Raising money for Willen Hospice.

1980s



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.

PINEHAM PEOPLE
 No 34 October 1983
 Most people reading this will live in houses with main drainage - unless that is you live near the Cotter Valley - in Broughton - don't have main drainage themselves.
 PINEHAM HOSPICE has considered WOOD that a new effort must be made to get Broughton into the village. They have agreed to see Anglian Water to consider bringing their pipes to the village from the lake site in 1984 - 5. But why Broughton was to be exempt at the time 1984 or a few years later is laid to the village's water supply area - not this area will be the most water efficient solution.
 WOOD HOSPICE that means we have to go back to the start. We might have got it quite like that, but we agree with the committee. We will do it if it is the best solution.

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

PINEHAM PEOPLE
 No 34
 WILLEN HOSPICE
 Willen village and the Corporation will have to give the future of the hospice and how to fund it. Any suggestions, comments, offers and help should be sent to the Editor, Pineham People, 13 Alverton, Great Linford, MK14 5EF. We may also be contacted by email at pineham.people@libdems.org.uk. We will be happy to accept donations to help fund the magazine.

Campaigning against boating on Willen Lake

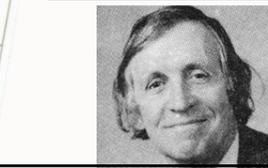
VIOLENT VERGES
 Families with young children in MK village, particularly those in Bopkins and Dormans Close are worried about their safety when going to the shops, for there is no clear indication where the road ends and the verges start. Now the Parish Council have taken up the issue and will debate it at their next meeting (April 11 at the public and we urge everyone to attend.
 PP will support the Parish Council on this as we are already doing on such matters as:
 - the need to make Harman's work within the terms of their gravel agreement
 - the importance of rationalising grass-cutting contracts
 showing MKDC that they are making a good use of their land and that they are making a good use of their money.

Fighting for clearer verges in Harman's and Dormans Close, MK Village

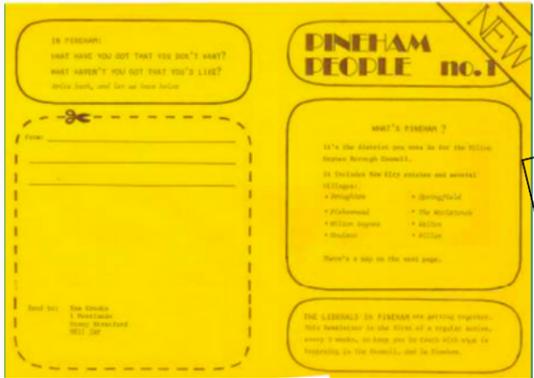
2010s



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



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



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

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.

2000s



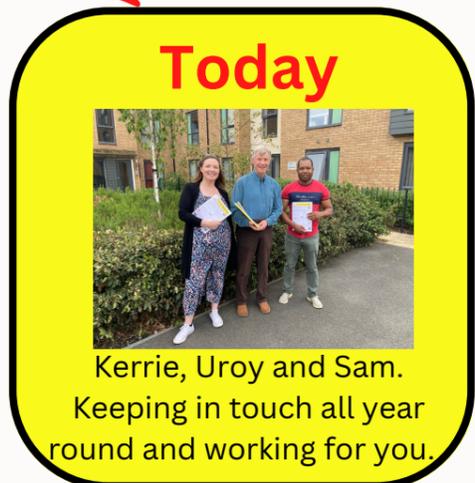
Imagine if our campaign to save the V10 had failed...



We organised a petition against the Pagoda car park charges



In 2002 we were right about the need for new schools



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



The team from 2013 writing Focus 300...



2019 saw Kerrie elected and Sam became Mayor of MK



Kerrie sat on Countess Way to get the HGV ban imposed



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

Serving the local community for over 40 years

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