

Latest National Updates

A selection of recent Lib Dem national policy plans

Social Care

Proper reform of social care is one of the biggest challenges facing our country. It cannot wait any longer.

Our plan would:

- Ensure no one has to sell their home to pay for care by introducing free personal care, based on the model introduced by the Scottish Liberal Democrat-Labour government in 2002.
- Introduce a more generous means test and assistance for those unable to pay for their accommodation costs.
- Move towards a preventative approach to social care, so people can stay in their own homes for longer.
- Introduce a real living wage for care workers and invest in skills, professionalisation and accreditation of the workforce.
- Provide a package to support unpaid carers.

Read more here:
www.libdems.org.uk/news/article/our-plan-for-social-care



5 Ways to Reduce Food Prices

1. Invest an extra billion pounds in British farms, to boost food production
2. Cut energy bills for farms and businesses
3. Let our farmers and fishers recruit the staff they need
4. Investigate profiteering by big food corporations and supermarkets
5. Free school meals for every child in poverty

<https://www.libdems.org.uk/news/article/tackling-soaring-food-prices>

Solving the Energy Crisis

Our plan:

- Boosting renewable energy by increasing funding for wind, solar and marine power, and removing the Conservatives' restrictions on new schemes.
- Giving local authorities more power to build community renewable energy.
- An emergency programme to insulate all Britain's homes by 2030, cutting emissions and fuel bills, and ending fuel poverty.
- Cutting energy bills to £1,971, the level they were last April.
- Changing the structure of energy bills to decouple the price of electricity from the gas price.
- Looking into a social tariff for the most vulnerable.
- Building a closer relationship between the UK and EU on energy issues, including building more interconnectors, working with member states to develop a renewable energy industry and linking into the EU emissions trading scheme.

<https://www.libdems.org.uk/news/article/solving-the-energy-crisis>

Thank You

For supporting Kerrie and The Focus Team in May's local election. Kerrie was re-elected with 2093 votes.



Did you know?

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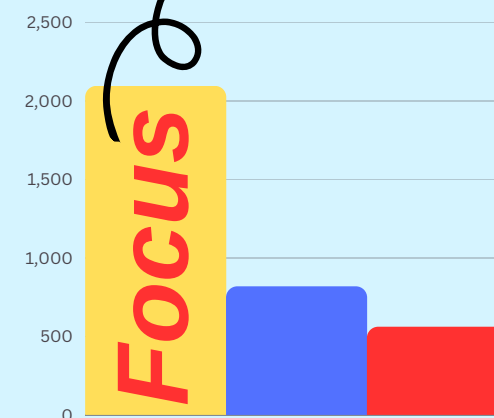


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Focus

Written by Kerrie Bradburn. Printed on recyclable paper & delivered by volunteers.

#404 on Broughton Ward
Brooklands, Broughton, Broughton Gate
Middleton, Milton Keynes Village, Oakgrove,
Willen & Willen Park

Roll on the bins...

By now you should have received notification from the council as to whether you'll have the new wheelie bins or sack collection. Bins will have started being delivered from 5th June. They'll arrive taped up with a reminder not to start using them before the 28th August (for first collection w.c 4th September). The black bin will have a leaflet taped to the lid which tells you what to put in each bin. There will also be a handy calendar which shows which recycling bin to put out each week.

If you've submitted a review as to whether you're getting bins or sacks, these won't be completed until the end of June so you may have the bins/sacks delivered before the final decision has been reached. Any items that won't be needed will be collected by the council before the new service begins.

Area	Delivery dates
Brooklands, Broughton, Broughton Gate, Middleton & MK Village	22 June - 10 July
Oakgrove	7-26 July
Willen & Willen Park	5-22 June



Police Forum & Community Safety Survey

Uroy and Sam attended the latest community forum with the police on 19th May. Anyone experiencing anti-social behaviour must continue to report these incidents. The police can only provide resources for areas there are known to be issues. If things aren't reported the police won't know what's happening...



The SaferMK Community Safety Survey 23/24 is now live and can be accessed here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/VAbikysFb5>

The survey allows residents, to provide feedback on anti-social behaviour and crime concerns across all of Milton Keynes to the SaferMK Partnership.

The survey will close on 30th June 2023.

Middleton, MK Village & Oakgrove

A reminder for scooter users:

We know that most scooter riders and cyclists are very considerate but please be mindful of pedestrians when using narrow paths around the estate! Consideration of others can go a long way in making sure everyone can enjoy our lovely surroundings.



Next Oakgrove Litter Pick

Saturday 24th June 10:30am

All equipment supplied and children welcome if accompanied by an adult. See you there!

Tuesday Afternoon Tea at Middleton Village Hall



Part of what was the 'warm space' initiative but renamed for the summer! All welcome! Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm Milton Keynes Village Hall, Milton Rd, MK Village FREE Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, crumpets/toast and biscuits Catch up with friends, old and new, play a board game or two, or just bask in the warmth. Further details from MKVHEvents@gmail.com

Latest on the cycle track

Work has started on this and the Parks Trust expect this to be finished by mid-July! Hooray!



Brooklands, Broughton & Broughton Gate

We're starting a monthly litter pick in Brooklands!

Following his impromptu litter pick with residents last month after the travellers left, Uroy is arranging one on Brooklands monthly. It will be on the last Saturday of the month at 2pm. The first one will be on 24th June, meeting in Brooklands Square. All equipment provided and children very welcome if accompanied by an adult. Tell Uroy where we should focus our efforts for July's:

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Ferry Meadows Close

Erection of a temporary marquee
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Whilst we're not objecting to the application, Sam has stressed that Ferry Meadows Close and Lealholm Way are an over 55 settlement with many occupants who are significantly older. He's also highlighted previous concerns relating to activity at the site including:

1. access
2. parking
3. the nature of the planned events
4. noise
5. adherence to the proposed event management plan

If permission is granted we've asked that the permission be rigorously conditioned in so far as possible to protect the residents' well-being in the light of these concerns, while not retarding the Hindu Association's need to make a success of their new venture.



Still no news on the completion of Fen St

Unfortunately we still don't have a concrete date to share for the start of these works. We followed up with PFP in May who said the following: 'PFP are reviewing the timing of these works and have now pushed back the construction date to later this year. Once we have clarity on timing we will share with all.'

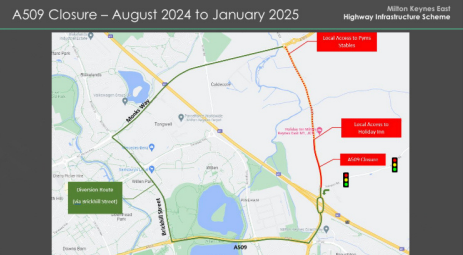
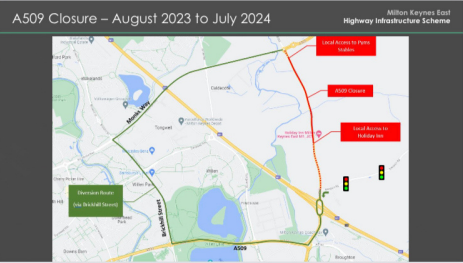
Warm space become warm welcome for summer!

Broughton Pavilion:
Community Cafe - Tuesdays 2pm-4pm
Warm Welcome - Fridays 9am-12pm

Willen & Willen Park

MK East Latest

Berkeley St James will be re-starting work on the MK East project shortly and met the Willen Residents Liaison Group earlier this month. Because of increasing construction costs the project has been re-phased. Phase 1 - involving the closure of the A509 for around 18 months - will start in August and continue into 2025. This will be carried out in two halves - first, from the Tickford roundabout going south to the Holiday Inn; and then from the junction with the road to Cranfield, to go north to the Holiday Inn. No decision has been taken yet on the timing of Phases 2 and 3. It is "very unlikely" that the trees bordering Tongwell Street on the Carleton Gate side of the estate will be removed before January next year. If you'd like a copy of the complete presentation contact Uroy on:



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Happy Birthday Lovat Fields

16 on June 23rd!



42 Portland Drive

The Enforcement deadline for completion of the work was 3 May so a surveyor visited the site on the 18th May and we are now waiting for their report, after which the Council will decide how to proceed.

