

Focus

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

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Wheelie Bin Collections

Thank you to residents for their patience as the new system has bedded in. It's been a massive change across the whole city and inevitably there have been some teething issues. The council is delivering the last of the outstanding bins and sacks and the service is improving week-on-week as the crews get used to their new routes and ways of working



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Your 2023/24 waste and recycling calendar

New collection service starts from 4 September 2023

When will my bins or sacks be emptied?
Weekly collections will continue for black and green bins.
Blue and red bins or sacks will be collected on alternate weeks, blue one week and red the next.

- ✓ The black bin is for rubbish you would usually put in your black sack
- ✓ The blue lid bin is for plastic, metal and glass
- ✓ The red lid bin is for clean, dry cardboard and paper
- ✓ The green bin is for food and garden waste

On collection day, please...

- ✓ Put your bin out by 7am
- ✓ Ensure the bin lid is fully closed
- ✓ Return your bins to your property once emptied

* For more information on collection days over Christmas, please visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/collection-days

WEEK 1
WEEK 2

2023/24 WEEK COMMENCING

Month	4	11	18	25	
Sep					
Oct	2	9	16	23	30
Nov	6	13	20	27	
Dec	4	11	18	25*	
Jan	1*	8	15	22	29
Feb	5	12	19	26	
Mar	4	11	18	25	
Apr	1	8	15	22	29
May	6	13	20	27	
Jun	3	10	17	24	
Jul	1	8	15	22	29
Aug	5	12	19	26	
Sept	2	9	16	23	30
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[For a comprehensive A-Z list of what can be recycled](#)
[CLICK HERE](#)

Middleton, MK Village & Oakgrove

Broadband in Middleton

We're in contact with CityFibre about some areas that still haven't been connected to utilise fibre optic broadband.

Thanks to residents for highlighting these areas in Middleton that need investigation:

- *All of Woodall Close
- *All of Powell Croft
- *All of Sidney Close
- *All of Noon Layer Drive beyond the oval roundabout to the V10
- *All Poyning Lane evens

Email Uroy if you know of anywhere else:

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MK Village Fireworks Cancelled

We were very sorry to hear that the Parish Council has taken the difficult decision to cancel the planned firework display this year.

Due to the increasing numbers at the event and coupled with the cancellation of the fireworks at Campbell Park they really had no choice. The expected numbers would make it unsafe.

We want to put on record our thanks to all the volunteers over the years who made such memorable displays. We are sorry there won't be one this year.

Thank you for the last year of Oakgrove Litter Picks!

The next one's
on **Saturday 30th September**
10:30am

All equipment supplied and
children welcome if
accompanied by an adult.

Let Uroy know you're coming:

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Brooklands, Broughton & Broughton Gate

The completion of Fen St

Some of you will be aware that we recently had a traveller incursion on the unopened stretch of Fen St. This, coupled with the ongoing issue of lorries parked up is causing much frustration to residents living close to the stretch of road. We've contacted PfP again to stress the importance of getting this stretch open asap. We hope the process of removing the travellers from their land might give PfP some impetus to get moving on this. If you're experiencing problems due to this, please email us with pictures etc and we will keep bombarding the developers with this.



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Smartening up Tanfield Square

Uroy is going to see if the Co-op can suggest a better storage place for their roll cages. It reflects very badly on them, and messes up Tanfield Square. Key Conveyancing have moved from Tanfield Square. Uroy has asked if this alleyway can be cleared before the next business moves in.

He's also arranged to meet Places for People to press for better landscape maintenance in the streets around Tanfield Square that they look after. This is not what residents pay their service charge for!



Next Litter Pick on Brooklands

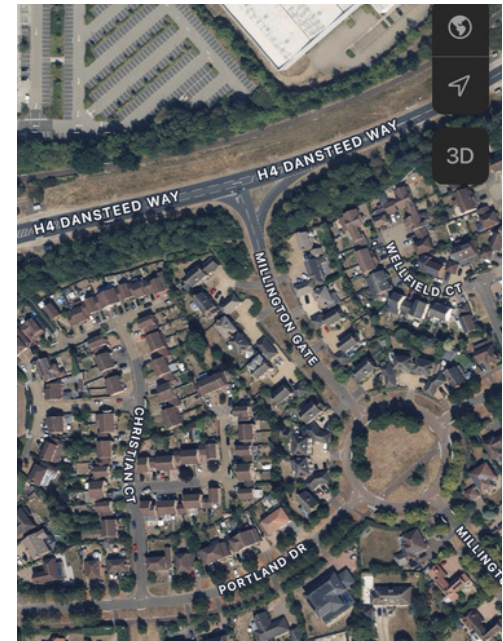
Saturday 30th
September 2pm.
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Willen & Willen Park

Meeting with Highways

Sam & Uroy have arranged a meeting with the council's highway department in September to discuss traffic mitigation schemes in Willen to mitigate the impact from MK East. This follows on from our continued work with Willen residents on mitigating the impacts of the new development on the local area. This meeting is the first stage of utilising the million pounds set aside for highways schemes. One particular area of concern is the Millington Gate junction. We'll update you on the discussions in our next Focus.



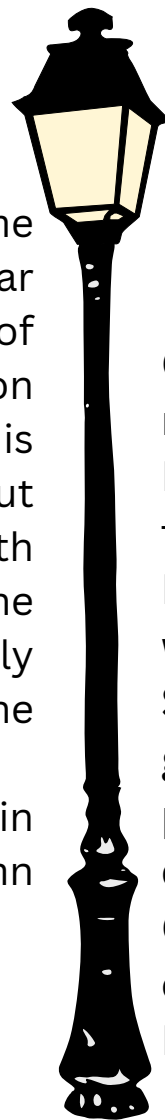
Street Lights

We're still chasing the council to fix some street lights that haven't been working for far too long. There's a group on the north side of Willen Lake and a group in Willen Park on Japonica Lane. Unfortunately the council is reliant on 3rd party as we're told they're out due to cabling faults that have to be dealt with by Western Power. We appreciate that the nights will be drawing in soon so it's a really priority that these get fixed before the Autumn.

Let Uroy know if there are any others out in your area (It's helpful to include the column reference on the light)

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Robert Hooke Heritage Centre

Congratulations to the Willen residents who have won National Heritage Fund support for a study to assess the potential for a Robert Hooke Heritage Centre associated with St Mary Magdalene church. Sam Crooks has obtained a small grant from MK City Council to purchase exhibition materials to display some options of what a new Centre might look like. These options will be on show during MK Heritage Week 9 - 17 September.

Latest National Updates

Cut Energy Bills!

Rishi Sunak and his Conservative Government are making a choice. They could afford to cut bills, but they are choosing not to. These plans would pile more misery on people who are already struggling with rising mortgages, rent, taxes and shopping bills.

It's the wrong choice for our country, and Liberal Democrats will fight to change it.

We are calling on the Government to introduce our plans to reduce the average energy bill to £1,971 - the level it was last April, saving the average household an estimated £270 on their energy bills over the next 12 months.

People deserve a fair deal - with a large cut to their energy bills, paid for by a proper windfall tax and a one-off tax on the bonuses of oil and gas bosses.

[Click here to join the campaign](#)



GP Guarantee



Ed Davey and the Liberal Democrats are calling for urgent action to make sure people can see their GP within a week, or within 24 hours if in urgent need.

5 million patients in England waited more than two weeks for a GP appointment in September. Our health service is being run into the ground by this Conservative Government.

Behind these statistics are so many people and families anxiously waiting for an appointment for worrying symptoms. Doctors are working as hard as they can but they've been let down by the Conservatives. Patients are paying the price.

The Lib Dem plan would guarantee people can see a doctor quickly. And we'd introduce a new 24/7 hotline so people could book a GP appointment anytime.

Let us know your bugbears about where you live:

Tell us what's bugging you about where you live. We love our local area but we're always working to improve things for our residents.



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Did you know?

We're the biggest ward in MK and we represent over 13,000 people.

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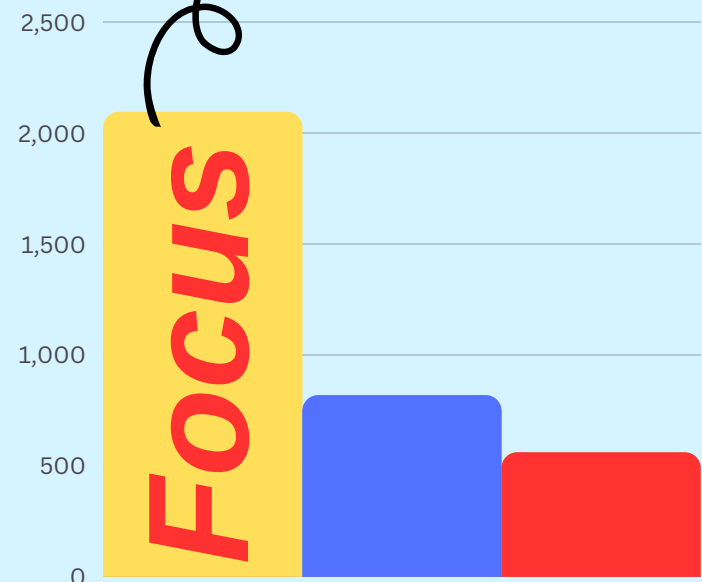
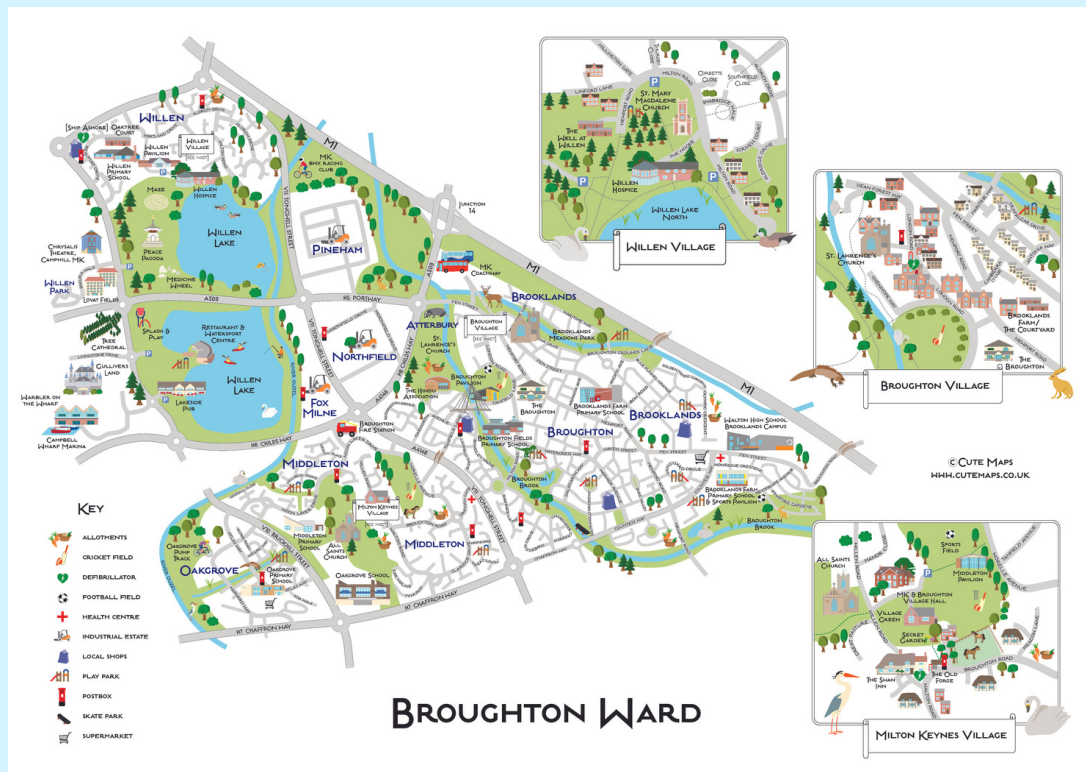


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