

Another Year of Service

Support Uroy and the *Focus* Team on May 2nd
You elect one of us each year...

We know you like our newsletter for the local information it provides but at this time of year we must get a little political for a month and ask for your support at the upcoming local elections.

Our team work all year round, not just at election time and this year we ask that you **support Uroy**.



Uroy Clarke, first elected in 2021, leads the team this year. He has lived and worked in Milton Keynes for most of his life, based in Broughton Gate with his family. He is a university lecturer and also runs a college helping less fortunate people gain qualifications. On the Council he is a member of the Budget & Resources Committee, Planning Committee and the Audit Committee. Uroy is a former President of the Milton Keynes Equality Council with a particular interest in homelessness and mental health.

Sam & Kerrie



Sam and Kerrie were re-elected in 2022 and 2023 respectively.

This year we need your support to re-elect Uroy and keep the *Focus* team together. Our priorities are your priorities and we work for all our residents all year round. Keep the workers the winners!



Register to vote here: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Did you know?

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



Your Focus Team: Sam, Kerrie & Uroy

We'll be out talking to residents in the newest areas of 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 rota.

Contact Us:



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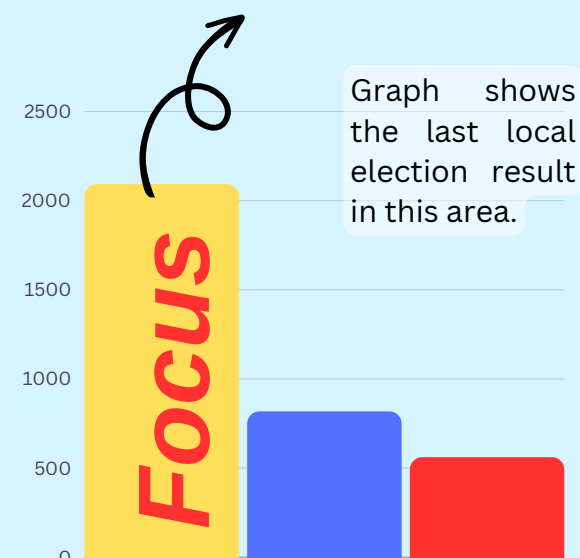


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People in this area know they are best served by Uroy and the *Focus* Team.



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9 issues a year, not just at election time.

Focus

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

Annual Report

Our Year in Review

- ✓ Estate handover report completed and recommendations accepted by the council.
- ✓ Wheelie bin roll out successful and recycling up more than 35%
- ✓ Continued engagement with residents and stakeholders on MK East
- ✓ Litter picking network expanded

Persistence with casework issues on behalf of our residents which cover issues such as:

- Street lights out
- Potholes
- Inconsiderate parking
- Estate handover issues/developer maintenance issues
- Missed bin collections
- Localised flooding
- School admissions
- Landscaping

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 who we gave money to:

(In alphabetical order)

- Broughton Beaver, Cub & Scout Group
- Broughton & Brooklands Explorer Scouts
- Little Amigos, Broughton
- Lovat Fields Gardening Club
- Middleton Beaver, Cub & Scout Group
- Middleton & MKV Community Association
- Milton Keynes Hindu Association
- Oakgrove Community Association
- Willen Residents Association
- Willen Village Heritage Association
- Willen Seated Chair Aerobics Club

If you've a suggestion for next year let us know

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Middleton, MK Village & Oakgrove

Litter pickers assemble

Thank you to Steve and Suzie (and little helpers too!) who are continuing the monthly litter picks on Oakgrove. Please do consider giving up an hour to help them. They're usually held on the last Saturday of the month at 10:30am and they meet outside Costa. We can supply litter grabbers, high viz and rubbish sacks if you're in need of some equipment. Let Uroy know: focusteam@live.co.uk / 07803 036656

V10 Dangerous Drop offs

We've been contacted by residents concerned by parents dropping off students at Oakgrove school using the bus stops on the V10 rather than the school car park. This is putting people's lives at risk and causing gridlock. We're seeing what options are available to put a stop to this. If you've any pictures of the situation please email/text Kerrie

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Good news!



We're pleased that, with lots of persistence from residents, an overgrown path in Finch Close has been cleared and we've been assured that this is included in the new landscaping contract with Suez and will receive attention 3 times a year.



Looking good

Middleton Pavilion has had a makeover with fresh paint work and a new noticeboard. Why not visit their new cafe which is open Tuesday-Fridays 9am-2:30pm



Thank you to the resident who contacted us about the broken fence at the play park in Wrens Park. It's likely that this will be made safe and removed. If there's something we can help with please let us know:

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Brooklands, Broughton & Broughton Gate

Estate Handovers

The final report and recommendations on estate handover issues have been accepted by the council. We'll be keeping pressure on this issue so it remains a key priority for the council. Thank you to every resident who contributed. Email/text Uroy if you'd like a copy:

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Quick Action



As well as expanding our litter picking network, Sam and Uroy were first on scene during the traveller incursion last summer. Uroy organised the clean up with local residents and collected 13 bags of rubbish!

Progress

We managed to get the lorries parked on the closed bit of Fen Street moved down, not as far as we'd like, but we keep pushing PfP to get the road open!

Brooklands Health Centre

Although the council is not responsible for the running of Brooklands Health Centre (that lies with the Integrated Care Board) we are still very concerned with the level of service that residents are reporting. We're in touch with One Medical Group who now run the centre and we can pass on complaints directly if you email us. One Medical Group had promised residents monthly meetings with their CEO so we'll be keeping the pressure on them to follow through on these. focusteam@live.co.uk 07803 036 656

No Parking Signs

We've contributed towards No Parking Signs for Ferry Meadows Close to help protect resident spaces when big events are held.

Sad to report

We were really sorry to hear about the closure of Shrimp & Doodle on Brooklands square. Kayleigh worked tirelessly with us to hold RMG to account in keeping Brooklands Square clean and getting the bins emptied. We will continue to monitor this and push RMG to fulfil their obligations.

Willen & Willen Park

MK East Latest

Technology called MOVA was introduced on the Northfield roundabout to allow the phasing of the traffic lights to reflect the amount of traffic at any particular time. Teams are now starting work at 7 am on the A509 and continuing up to 5 pm on Saturdays whereas previously they had stopped at 1 pm.

The procurement for the new Phase 2 of the MK East contract (dualling the V11 Tongwell Street and the bridge) hasn't yet started. This means that it is "highly unlikely" (I quote the project director) that anything will happen there this year, the only thing that might start is some level of vegetation clearance.

There have been some issues with letters not being circulated across Willen which the developers have apologised for. To stay up-to-date with what's happening with the development and associated road works the best thing to do is download an app which updates with all the relevant info. We've got the details so email Uroy if you'd like us to send you the link focusteam@live.co.uk / 07803 036656



Sam's been on to the Internal Drainage Board about the flooding on Milton Road again and we'll circulate any update when we get it. February was the wettest on record for more than 200 years...



Happy Retirement & Thanks



To Jan Cook who has put down her pen and will no longer be writing the Lovat Fields' Willen Warbler after 15 years.

RIP

We were sorry to hear of the death of Colin Lund who lived in Lovat Fields and delivered Focus for us over many years. Thanks for everything you did for the local community Colin. You will be greatly missed.

We know there are a number of street lights out across Willen, thank you to those who have sent us column references and FS references of outstanding requests. We're doing our best to get these fixed and find out why so many are out. If you'd like us to report one please let Uroy/Kerrie know the column reference and we can follow this up

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