



Wendy Rider



Charles Royden

BRICKHILL FOCUS

including Woodlands Park

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Listening to you...

Dave Hodgson's Roads & Pavement Resurfacing Boost

... You said - we acted



Mayor Dave Hodgson has recently announced that he will allocate an extra £1m to road resurfacing and an extra £1m for pavement resurfacing this year. This is in addition to the increase that was already included as part of this year's council budget.

Dave Hodgson said, "I have always made looking after our local environment a top priority and that includes the roads and pavements we use day in day out. This is important for pedestrians as well as cyclists and motorists. I hear time and again how this is important to residents and I want to make sure we do everything we can despite government funding cuts to continue to improve our local roads and footways."

Wendy Rider & Charles Royden have backed Mayor Dave Hodgson's boost to the resurfacing and renewal programme.

Charles said, "It has always been one of our top priorities to get the state of local roads and pavements improved. If you know of particular roads and pavements that you think should be a priority for work just let us know by email or using the slip over the page so that we can bring them to the attention of the Highways Engineers."

Extra funding is able to be included thanks to good financial management of the council under Mayor Dave Hodgson.

Extra £1 million for Road Resurfacing & £1 million for Pavements



Putting the 'Bee' in Brickhill

Brickhill Drive 'Bugs and Bees' meadow area has won national recognition as part of the government 'Bees Needs Champions Award.' Rebecca Pow MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) offered congratulations to the council for the Mayor's Bugs and Bees Project. She praised 'exceptional work done to help pollinators survive and thrive.'

Charles Royden said 'We have managed grass growth on Brickhill Drive but maintained cut paths to allow walkers. This has also deterred illegal campsites, it's win, win!'

Pavement repairs

Tyne Crescent is one of many areas where Wendy and Charles have asked for pavement resurfacing. Wendy Rider said 'We have asked for repairs and resurfacing to make Brickhill pavements safer and Mayor Dave has allocated council savings to be directed towards urgent repairs.'



NHS Waiting Time Survey

Our local NHS staff are working flat out every day to keep us safe but the government has left NHS services on the brink.

Wendy & Charles want to hear from you about your experience of NHS waiting times. Please let us know at www.Bedfordlibdems.org.uk/NHS



Protecting Services - Keeping Council Tax Down



4th LOWEST percentage rise in Council Tax of all unitary councils since 2009

If Council Tax rises in our Borough had kept pace with the AVERAGE percentage increase of all unitary Councils since 2009 then Band D council tax would be £97 more per household.

Under Mayor Dave Hodgson and the Lib Dems services are protected and you still get to keep more money in your pocket - especially important in these challenging times.

Help with Cost of Living Crisis

Wendy and Charles are urging everyone to make sure they get all the help they are entitled to to deal with the Cost of Living Crisis.

Locally, as well as keeping council tax rises lower than scores of other councils, there is extra help for those on the very lowest incomes as well as support for families entitled to income related free school meals. You can find out more on a dedicated council webpage: www.bedford.gov.uk/costofliving

Wendy said, "The increase in costs for food, energy and other necessities is hitting local people very hard and the government is doing too little too late. Please check out the council resources to make sure you aren't missing out on help you are entitled to."

FOCUS Team Advice Surgeries

- Saturday 25th June 10am Avon Drive shops
- Saturday 9th July 10am Brickhill Drive shops
- Saturday 23rd July 10am Avon Drive shops
- Saturday 6th August 10am Brickhill Drive shops

- ◆ Mayor Dave Hodgson's Surgeries - Second Tuesday of every month 4 - 6pm - for an appointment ring (01234) 718620



www.BedfordLibDems.org.uk/surgeries

Safer Junctions

Wendy and Charles have asked council highways for a full review of all junctions on the Woodland Estate. Wendy said 'Residents have suffered from poor design agreed by the government planning inspector and it is important for a review to try and make junctions and roads safer.'



Bottle Banks

Brickhill has seen a huge increase in the use of bottle banks which fill up rapidly. Wendy and Charles are calling for additional sites, please tell us your views on this location in the car park at Ashmead Road.

News Updates

Foster's Brow Wendy and Charles have secured grant funding to enable repairs to Foster's Brow.

Falcon Avenue Street Trading We successfully supported residents in objecting to a street trading application to allow sales of snacks from a van as late as 11.00pm in Falcon Avenue. The application has now been withdrawn.

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Phone

Email

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Yes I would like to help by:-

- ☐ Delivering FOCUS in my street
- ☐ Displaying a poster at election time
- ☐ Making a donation
(Payable to North Beds Liberal Democrats)
- ☐ Joining the Liberal Democrats

Please return to Wendy Rider at the addresses above

Can we keep you updated about the Liberal Democrats' campaigns and ways to get involved?

Yes please ☐ No thanks ☐

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