

Warm Spaces Supported

Lib Dems have supported MK City Council to provide Warm Space grants to local Parish Councils this year. These allow residents to meet out of the cold and often enjoy a hot drink and a meal, served by friendly volunteers.

The Warm Space Club in Shenley Brook End offers cosy packs including a duvet and pillows. **Councillor Saleena Raja** wants to extend the support to other areas.



Cllr Saleena Raja at a Warm Space Club

Bins for Boys Installed



Following calls by Lib Dems MK City Council organised sanitary bins for men's toilets at the Council Offices, to support men who suffer from incontinence. **Cllr Robin Bradburn** said: "It's crucial that men have the facilities available to dispose of hygiene items easily and safely."

The City Council is urging other organisations to support Prostate Cancer UK's Boys Need Bins campaign by installing sanitary bins in male toilets.

Vital Work on Flooding Plans

After the floods of 2020 local Lib Dems have been working on flood support, including setting up local Flood Groups. The resilience of the flood plans were well and truly tested in January when flooding hit several areas across the city.

Councillor Tony Oyakhire said "These vital flood groups must be supported and the specialist equipment should be replaced where needed."



Cllrs Andy Carr and Tony Oyakhire inspect the river

OUR PRIORITIES FOR MILTON KEYNES



FAIRER DEAL FOR RESIDENTS

Help with the cost of living, support for Money Matters, warm space clubs and food larders.



CLEANER & GREENER CITY

Anti-flooding action plan, community litter picks, report sewage dumping and reduce air pollution.



SAFER COMMUNITY

Efficient and bright LED street lights, tackling knife crime, increase in police community support officers.

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Borrow It: When you need it

Borrow It is a Lib Dem driven pilot that allows people to borrow items, rather than purchase expensive equipment they use only occasionally. Residents will be able to hire all sorts of items, including; gardening and DIY tools, put me up beds, baking items, large children's toys for parties, sewing machines, and dehumidifiers.

Look online for more details:
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk



Graham Eaton borrowed a hedge trimmer

Rubbish strewn areas



The **Liberal Democrats** introduced roadside recycling in Milton Keynes over 30 years ago, using blue and red boxes. However, when plastic waste sacks were substituted in 2003, they were frequently torn leaving rubbish scattered about.

Cleaner streets and recycling UP!



In 2021 the **Lib Dems** proposed a new wheelie bin system, which was finally introduced in September 2023. This is proving to be very popular and an effective way to keep our streets clean.

Graham Eaton said: "I'm impressed that the new bin system has resulted in 37% more cardboard and plastics being recycled, and the residue of household waste in black bins, has also decreased by over 20%."

Fly tipping has not increased in that time.



BREAK: Cutting Knife Crime



Duncan Banks at Hazard Alley

Lib Dem initiatives such as the **BREAK** project and visits to the safety centre **Hazard Alley** have reduced knife crime and helped young people learn more about the risks they expose everyone to by carrying knives.

Duncan Banks commented: "The **BREAK** project was well received at the two pilot sites last summer. I will be pushing for **BREAK** to be extended across other areas of Milton Keynes this year."

Faulty Street Lights



Streetlights use a lot of energy, and we have a over 50,000 of them in Milton Keynes. The old orange sodium light bulbs also had to be replaced every 3 to 6 years, so faulty or dead street lights were a constant problem.

Switch to LED

Ten years ago we started a project to upgrade all of the streetlights to LED bulbs which use far less energy.

The new LED fittings have sensors which alert City Council to faults with the street light. Any faulty lamps can also be reported on the MK Council website.



Over £2m Saved!



Councillor Robin Bradburn and **Councillor Marie Bradburn** holding a new LED lighting unit. Marie commented; "The City will save more than £2 million every year on it's energy bills when the street light project is completed in the near future."

Work to Keep Estates Tidy

We have been working with local businesses to encourage more recycling and to help keep the local environment tidy.

Councillor Uroy Clarke has been talking to business owners about this and has had positive responses. "It's really important that residents can feel proud of how their estate looks" he says. "It's not right that some businesses can ruin the look of an area."



Community Food Larders Reduce Waste



The Milton Keynes **Food Larder** project, initiated by the Lib Dem City Councillors, is helping to support hundreds of people across the city with the Cost of Living.

A Food Larder is not a Food Bank but a food club run by volunteers and managed by the charity: SOFEA.

Anyone can join one of the 12 food larders across Milton Keynes and get two bags of shopping for just £3.50 a week, plus free fruit and vegetables see: www.sofea.uk.com

The food larder distributes surplus food from supermarkets, which helps to reduce food waste.

Eases Cost of Living



Graham Eaton at the Tuesday Downs Barn Food Larder

SOFEA also supports young people into work via it's fantastic education for employment programme.