



# FOCUS

On MONKSTON WARD

## VOTE



**BANKS Duncan**



## Making Taxis Safer

Around 200 taxis and hire cars from Wolverhampton operating in MK will be safer now that MK Council and Wolverhampton Council have come to a joint agreement about enforcing safety checks.

And in a second initiative, MK taxi and hire car drivers have been invited to White Ribbon training about preventing abuse of women to improve behaviour towards women.

**Duncan** commented: It's just appalling that women don't always feel safe in taxis. These two ground-breaking initiatives will make a real difference but please don't put up with it: report any incidents to [taxienforcement@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:taxienforcement@milton-keynes.gov.uk). Thank you."



## 20 mph for Walnut Tree

Many thanks to the residents who responded to the Council's consultation. The vote was around 2:1 in favour of making the whole of Walnut Tree 20 miles per hour plus a few suggesting smaller areas. 20 mph will now be brought in across the whole estate.



## Free Bus Travel? But at what Price?



Some residents have told us recently that ticket machines aren't working on buses. That may be great for that free journey, but it means operators claim there are too few passengers, and want to close the service down, so please let us know if a ticket machine is not working. We need the route, date, time and ideally the bus number or registration. **Vanessa McPake**, long time campaigner for buses, says "Please help us to keep our buses!"



**Jenni** got Council officials to meet with the residents on **Kents Hill** and agree solutions after Council failures left a hedge badly damaged and a garden needing remodelling.

**Ben** worked with MK Council to get companies to remove the new fake charity clothing bins placed on **Kents Hill** after the first bins were removed following court action.

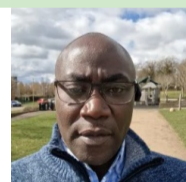


**Ben** got the bins removed from around **Kents Hill** shops.

**Duncan** got these vandalised and dead trees removed from **Parkminster in Monkston and Frithwood Crescent, Kents Hill**.



**Ben** helped two children with special needs get safe transport to school.



## Police and Crime Election

As well as the MK Council elections (vote on the yellow ballot paper) there will be elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley Police on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.



The Lib Dem candidate is **Tim Bearder**. His priorities are:

- Tackle violence against women
- Safer roads - action against reckless and dangerous drivers
- More Community Police to fill the gaps left when many PCSOs applied to become Police Officers.

# Working hard all year round





# Duncan Banks and the Lib Dem Team Fighting for Monkston Ward



Jenni helped residents get an application for overnight pizza deliveries restricted to allow residents a night's sleep.



Jenni and Vanessa helped relaunch Neighbourhood Watch in this area as two new groups started up.



Jenni dealt with this pit on Monkston left open by vandals, and Duncan helped a Walnut Tree resident investigate a dangerous crack in their wall.



School visits to the MK Safety Centre, sessions for children at the Ride High charity, funding Scouts who can't afford camp, more advice for residents from MK Money Lifeline, and a startup grant for Kents Hill Park PTA are all things funded by the Councillors' ward budgets this year.

The wheelie bins came in after a Lib-Dem led trial had improved the scheme. The Focus team helped hundreds of residents deal with the initial problems and now recycling is up and waste, litter and fly-tipping are all down.



Helped by residents, Jenni exposed a contractor who had massacred 7 hedges without finishing the job. 4 sites have been made good and the rest are in progress.

A nationwide campaign forced the Government to leave more services with local Post Offices helping keep them open.



Ben and Duncan helped residents to get the area cleared up after vandals attacked Lichfield Down with offensive graffiti.



The dangerous Lichfield Down area in Walnut Tree was finally made safer with more parking restrictions, and a 20 mph speed limit to come.



**A record of action for Monkston ward...**

**... and a promise of more.**

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**Dealing with hundreds of local issues**



**Keeping you informed**

## Postal Votes Arrive Soon

If you applied for a postal vote by 18<sup>th</sup> March, then the vote should arrive soon after 17<sup>th</sup> April. There have been some changes to returning your vote this year:

- You can only hand in up to 5 postal votes at Polling Stations or the Civic Offices
- If you do hand your vote in, you'll need to fill in a form, so don't try to post it through the door.
- But you can send votes back by post, without a stamp.

So be smart, and fill it in early and send it back by post!

## 3 Things to Remember

- ✓ Lib Dems work hard all year round
- ✓ Lib Dems keep you informed through Focus and emails
- ✓ Labour have only ever come third in this area in MK Council elections

## Contact the team:

Please contact us for any issue we can help you with.



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**On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, make the workers the winners!**



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