

# FOCUS

on Shenley Brook End Ward

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**Listening, Caring and Working for you all year round across Shenley Brook End, Shenley Lodge, Emerson Valley and Furzton**

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## Saleena Raja joins the Focus Team

"I am delighted to have joined the local **Focus Team**. Working with **Peter, Sophie and Richard** on the team has meant I've been able to continue working hard for residents across Shenley Brook End ward over the last few months."



**Saleena Raja** has joined the Liberal Democrat **Focus Team**

"As an MK city councillor until last May, and in my current role as Chair of the local Parish Council my priority has always been to work for the community and put residents before party politics."

"The past few years have been tough for all of us, getting through the Covid pandemic, and many people are now really struggling through the cost of living crisis. The Conservative government has failed to deliver help to those who really need it, and I could no longer support them."

"For a long time I have felt that the Liberal Democrat **Focus Team** has the same priorities as me, working hard for residents in our area, and ensuring MK Council does all it can to help people in most need."

"I am glad to continue serving the community as a member of the **Focus Team**, working for Shenley Brook End Ward together."  
*Saleena*

## Get out of the cold: Parish Winter Drop-In

This winter, two days a week the **Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish Council** are opening their doors so people can visit for a drink and snack.

During opening times people and families can come along for a free hot drink and biscuits and/or soup and a bread roll.

The drop-in sessions will be on Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm, and on Fridays 11am - 1pm, at **Westcroft Pavilion, Cranborne Avenue, Westcroft, MK4 4GB**.

There will also be parish councillors and community officers there who can listen to any concerns and worries.

For more information (including other help they can offer), contact the Parish Council Community Officer. Email [karen.wheeler@shenleybookend-pc.gov.uk](mailto:karen.wheeler@shenleybookend-pc.gov.uk) or call 01908 521 538 and select option 3.

## Overgrown Paths for Clearing

The team checked the overgrown hedge by **Howe Park School** in **Emerson Valley**. MKDP who own the land have not fixed it, so **Saleena Raja** has asked the parish landscaping team to cut it back.



**Saleena, Sophie and Peter** checking on the overgrown bush near **Howe Park School**

## Residents Parking Scheme on Bilbrook Lane

After long term problems for residents, **Bilbrook Lane** in **Furzton** now has a residents' parking scheme. New signs have gone up and residents can apply for permits enabling them and their visitors to park. Other cars will receive a parking ticket.

While this has helped fix problems on **Bilbrook Lane**, unfortunately there is now increased parking in **Rutherford Gate, Hauksbee Gardens and Joules Court** in **Shenley Lodge**. Please let us know if this is causing you any issues.



**Saleena Raja and The Focus Team** checking out the parking on **Bilbrook Lane** in **Furzton**

## Gayal Bushes Cut Back

Earlier this year the bushes around **Gayal Croft** in **Shenley Brook End** were overgrown and blocking paths. In the summer **Saleena Raja** arranged for the Parish Council to cut the bushes back so the paths could be used.

We hope the housing association's new landscaping contract which started in October will keep the bushes tidy from now on.



The **Focus Team** checked out the tidied bushes in **Gayal Croft**

## Shenley Lodge Board Walk Repaired

The **Focus Team** recently arranged for the damaged parts of the board walk near the pond in **Shenley Lodge** be repaired after a plank broke. This should make sure it is safe for people using it.



**SUCCESS!**

**Saleena Raja, Peter Cannon and Sophie Bell** check on the repaired board walk in **Shenley Lodge**

## Lib Dems Overtake Tories on MK Council

In September the Lib Dems took another MK council seat from the Conservatives in a by-election after the resignation of a Tory councillor.

This now means that the Lib Dems have moved up to 16 seats on MK Council, while the Tories have fallen to 14 seats.



**Tony Oyakhire** was elected as the 16<sup>th</sup> Lib Dem Councillor on MK Council on 22 September

## Helping at the Food Bank

Following the record breaking MK CAN event to support the MK Food Bank, volunteers including **Sophie Bell** and other Lib Dem councillors have been helping sort the donated food cans.

If you might be able to help call **Sophie Bell** on 07955 209989 and she can put in you in touch.



**Sophie Bell** and other volunteers helping sort donations to the MK Food Bank

## LOCAL HELP THROUGH COST OF LIVING CRISIS

If you are struggling, or if you know anyone who is, there are a number of local schemes which can help residents.

### MK Food Bank

If you're struggling to afford food, you can contact the MK Food Bank Helpline on 0300 303 4933 to see what help is available. They also offer a 'top up shop' of 10 items for £2.

For more information, including if you are able to donate to help keep the Food Bank running, visit

[www.mkfoodbank.org.uk/](http://www.mkfoodbank.org.uk/)

### MK Community Fridges

The Community Fridges accept donations from individuals or businesses and share it with struggling residents rather than going to waste. Visit [www.mkcommunityfridge.org](http://www.mkcommunityfridge.org) to find out when the different community fridges are open.

### MK Storehouse

The MK Storehouse provide free donated clothing for adults and children who are struggling financially. Visit [www.mkstorehouse.org](http://www.mkstorehouse.org) for more information.

*The Focus Team give their thanks to the charities and their volunteers providing much needed help to struggling residents through another hard winter.*

## Contact Your Focus Team

If you see problems in our area get in touch with the Team!



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