



**Wendy Rider**



**Charles Royden**

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# Brickhill FOCUS

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Labour don't win in Brickhill

Lib Dem

Tory

Lab

Brickhill Result 2015

Results for the 3 largest parties only shown  
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## Investing in Local Schools

### Over 200 New Classrooms Built So Far!

Good News



Scores of new permanent classrooms have been built in this massive project investing in local education

The incredible classroom building project spearheaded by Mayor Dave Hodgson has taken another big leap forward this year.

For many years local schools and their pupils have had to put up with temporary "mobile" classrooms. However, under the leadership of Dave Hodgson and the local Lib Dems this is becoming a thing of the past.

Across Bedford Borough scores of temporary classrooms have already been replaced with new permanent buildings. On top of this many new classrooms have been built for the two-tier change and to create extra capacity for the growing numbers of pupils. There have been six new schools opened since 2012, which are not included in these figures!

**Charles Royden** said "In the past when the Tories ran the county council the temporary buildings were allowed to become commonplace. Now we are overturning that and getting them all replaced and making sure we build extra permanent classrooms as well as new schools for the growing number of pupils locally."

New classrooms in our area at:  
Brickhill Primary, Scott Primary, Castle Newnham.  
Coming soon: \*\*\*\*Mark Rutherford \*\*\*.

## Hawk Drive - road safety

Charles Royden writes: "After parents reported cars driving over the pavement in Hawk Drive, we have had more bollards installed. CCTV enforcement cameras will be introduced soon and additional zig zag lines."



Wendy Rider and Charles Royden by new posts in Hawk Drive

## Putnoe Walk-in Centre Saved!



Councillor Wendy Rider at the Putnoe Walk-In Centre

Thank you to everyone who signed the FOCUS petition to save the Putnoe Walk-In Centre or took part in the consultation.

The FOCUS petition had 1,600 signatures and it is clear that it was instrumental in persuading the NHS commissioners, who had

proposed to close the walk-in centre altogether, to do a U-turn and keep the service.

The Putnoe Walk-in Centre will now remain open with the award of a new two-year contract to the Putnoe Medical Centre. However, the opening hours are being reduced on weekdays to 8am-2pm only (weekend hours are remaining as 8am-5pm). This is a disappointing reduction in service. We believe this could have been avoided had the commissioners handled this much better right from the start.

**Wendy Rider** said "Having faced total closure, this is a MUCH better outcome than we once feared, thanks to everyone who has fought for the Putnoe Walk-in Centre. We can assure you that we will continue to work with colleagues to argue for improved access to health services in our area over longer hours."

## Rooksmead pond



Charles Royden & Wendy Rider at the Rooksmead pond

Wendy Rider reports "We asked for the fountain to be switched off during the summer because the water level became lower than anybody can remember. We have taken the opportunity to have the pond tidied up with silt and rubbish removed. The pond will fill up when we eventually have some rain and the fountain will then be switched back on".

### Ashmead Road murder

Brickhill is an area with a low level of crime, so the murder of Cem Yilmaz on 16th September in Ashmead Road was a shock to all local residents. The police have made a number of arrests. If you have any information about this incident, you can call the police on 101 or online at [www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report/Report](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report/Report), quoting Operation Powells.

# Brickhill Action File

## Avon Drive road problems

We have reported quite severe depressions in Avon Drive between Dove Road and Waveney Avenue. The Borough Council will start excavations soon to find the cause; it might be due to a water leakage. Road signs have been put up as a warning to motorists. Please take care.



Wendy Rider & Charles Royden in Avon Drive

## Brickhill Drive road safety



Low branches hid the sign at the Brickhill Drive/Kestrel Road roundabout. At our request, the Borough has trimmed the branches to improve visibility.

## Kimbolton Road school crossing

A range of school crossing safety measures are to be introduced on Kimbolton Road to keep children safe. We have asked for a school crossing patrol officer, a temporary 20mph speed limit and also junction improvements when Kimbolton Road is resurfaced this Autumn.



Mark Fitzpatrick & Wendy Rider in Kimbolton Road at the Avon Drive junction

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# Push for Council to End Use of Throwaway Plastic

Single-use plastics are to be phased out of all buildings and services at the council, thanks to a proposal from Mayor Dave Hodgson and his cabinet.

**Dave Hodgson** said "We have seen the impact of plastic waste in our oceans and the wider environment, so we must act to turn this around. We will be replacing throwaway plastic with reusable or more sustainable alternatives across the council."

The Lib Dem party nationally have called for the government to initiate negotiations in the UN for a legally binding international treaty on plastics.

Lib Dems have said that the government should lead from the front and start weaning the world off plastics, adding that instead of leadership on the environment, all this Conservative government offers is empty words.



Throwaway plastic pollutes our oceans and wider environment.

# Tories Letting Bedford Down

Conservatives at national and local level have been accused of letting the people of Bedford Borough down time and time again:

- Cut funding for local council services - with councils like Northamptonshire on verge of financial collapse
- Inflicted rail chaos on commuters
- Removed our fast peak-time intercity trains
- Threats still hanging over Bedford Hospital
- Closed our courts
- Supported a southern sprawl of 9,000 houses merging villages south of Bedford

## FOCUS Team Advice Surgeries

### Liberal Democrat Councillors Surgeries

#### Local Brickhill surgeries

Avon Drive shops: 10am, Saturdays 13th Oct & 10th Nov.

Brickhill Drive shops: 10am, Saturdays 27th Oct & 24th Nov.

#### Bedford Central Library

Every Saturday, 11am-12noon.

### Mayor Dave Hodgson's Surgeries

Second Tuesday every month 4pm-6pm at Borough Hall

For an appointment ring 718620



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