



**Wendy Rider**

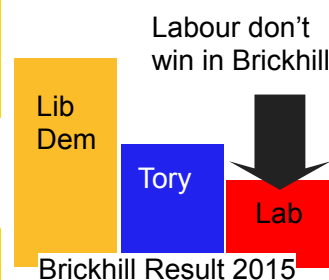


**Charles Royden**

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# Brickhill FOCUS

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## More Roads & Pavements to be Renewed!

**£25 million**  
**Programme Launched**

Mayor Dave Hodgson has launched a £25 million plan to improve the state of our roads and pavements.

**Dave Hodgson** said "Local people can see that in previous decades our roads and pavements were neglected by the Conservative-run county council. In many places you can still see the scars on our pavements from the cable TV work. Whether you are a pedestrian, driver, cyclist or motorcyclist we all need to use our roads and pavements."

"Over recent years, despite government funding cuts, I have made sure that work on our highways has been increased not reduced. Many extra roads and pavements have been resurfaced because of this. This new four year £25m programme will see even more of our roads and pavements fully resurfaced and renewed."

**Charles Royden** said "The £25 million is not for filling potholes but for proper renewal of the highway infrastructure. This is clearly better value for money than to keep patching the same roads over and over again. In Brickhill we have always made this issue a priority and listen to local residents about the areas most in need of work."



Councillors Wendy Rider and Charles Royden in Kimbolton Road

### Action to reduce traffic delays in Kimbolton Road

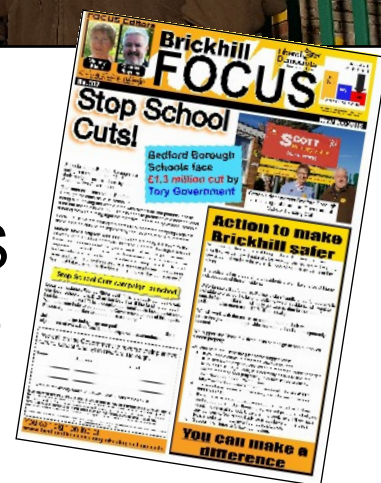
Residents have raised with us their frustration at traffic delays at the junction with Putnoe Lane and Brickhill Drive. The delays have been caused by old signals and traffic sensors not working correctly. The good news is that these will be replaced and the stretch of Kimbolton Road from Ellis Road to Kimbolton Road will be resurfaced in summer 2019. For more resurfacing news, see back page.

## Lib Dems win £1.3m fight for Local Schools



**CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!**

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the FOCUS Team campaign in the last FOCUS



In a massive U-turn, following campaigning by local Lib Dems led by Dave Hodgson, the government has agreed to reverse their plan for a £1.3m cut in funding for local schools in Bedford Borough.

**Wendy Rider** said "Schools still face national funding pressures, but this successful campaign will mean local schools avoid this massive cut that had been announced."

## Manton Lane improvements

Have you received the leaflet from Bedford Borough Council with news on the project to tackle traffic congestion around Bedford? Mayor Dave Hodgson says: "Never before has so much money been invested in our town centre roads. Please visit our website to find out more and give us your thoughts".

The next stage of the work in Manton Lane will see the footbridge re-instated at Bedford Modern School, the road widened by the school entrance to accommodate traffic signals and a passing lane for downhill traffic. For full details see [www.bedford.gov.uk/transportingbedford2020](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/transportingbedford2020).



# Keeping our libraries open



This year's Borough Council budget, proposed by Mayor Dave Hodgson, once again keeps all Borough libraries, and the mobile library service, open. Across the country 127 branch libraries closed last year.



Councillors Wendy Rider and Charles Royden at Putnoe Library

## New School Safety Cameras

Schools in Bedford Borough have raised concerns about the unsafe parking and stopping on school zig-zag lines by a minority of drivers. These areas are specially designated outside schools to protect children and young people as they travel to and from school.

To support making these areas safer Dave Hodgson and the Local Lib Dems have allocated additional council funding to install enforcement cameras where feasible outside of every school that has zig-zag lines. In Brickhill, Scott Primary, Brickhill Primary and St Thomas More will all have these cameras.

**Charles Royden** said "A minority of drivers are putting children's safety at risk. There can't be any excuse for parking dangerously outside a school and we want to do everything we can to support schools in keeping children safe."

# Brickhill Action File



Councillors Mark Fitzpatrick and Wendy Rider at Mowsbury Walk

## Road resurfacing in Brickhill

The Borough Council has announced plans to resurface these roads in 2019/20: Douglas Road, Hindburn Close, Connaught Way, Marlow Way and Norfolk Close.

**Cllr Charles Royden** says: "We want all roads in Brickhill brought up to standard. If you know of other roads needing repair, please get in touch."

**Mowsbury Walk** and some connecting footpaths are to be resurfaced. Work is planned between 28th January and 22nd February. Look out for diversions while the work is underway.

**Nick Hills** Many residents will remember former Liberal Democrat County Councillor for Brickhill, Nick Hills. We are sorry to say that he has passed away recently after a short illness. Our condolences to his family and friends.

## Mayor Dave Hodgson supports Action on Speeding

A speed detection vehicle commissioned by Mayor Dave Hodgson has been deployed in Brickhill and across the Borough to help tackle speeding on residential roads. The vehicle has already caught dozens of speeding motorists with some vehicles travelling at twice the speed limit.

**Wendy Rider** said, "The borough council cannot enforce against speeding as it is a police issue, however we are working with the police to identify speeding vehicles and passing the information to the police for them to record offending motorists. Information is stored on the police database and visits to the homes of offenders is a good deterrent which will help keep our streets safer."



Councillors Wendy Rider and Charles Royden with the new speed detection vehicle

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### Liberal Democrat Councillors Surgeries

#### Local Brickhill surgeries

Avon Drive shops: 10am, Saturdays 2nd Feb & 2nd Mar.

Brickhill Drive shops: 10am, Saturdays 16th Feb & 16th Mar.



**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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