



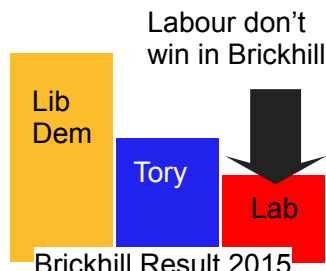
Wendy Rider



Charles Royden

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Car Park Charges Frozen Again!

There will be no increase in parking charges this year thanks to the decision by **Mayor Dave Hodgson** and colleagues.

This includes the two hours free parking deal. The deal was first introduced by **Mayor Dave Hodgson** in 2013. As well as two hours free on Saturdays in council town centre car parks, Queen Street car park is free for the first two hours every weekday as well.

Charles Royden said "This is great news for residents as well as our local town centre shops. I know that local people want to see a thriving town centre in Bedford and this free parking deal really helps. With the Queens Street Car Park offer, you can park for two hours free every day."



... and Free Parking Deal

Headlines:

- ☑ **Council Car Park charges frozen**
- ☑ **Two hours free on Saturday and ...**
- ☑ **All day free on Sunday in Council Town Centre Car Parks.**
- ☑ **Free for 2 hrs at Queen Street Multi-Storey on weekdays.**

Full car park information can be found at www.bedford.gov.uk/carparks

FLASHBACK

Remember when the **Tories** were involved in setting car park charges in Bedford?

*With the **Tories** Car Park Charges more than doubled in the 6 years before the new council started in 2009*

100%+ Increase

Kimbolton Road resurfacing



Wendy Rider in Kimbolton Road, by the junction with Tamar Road. This section of Kimbolton Road will be resurfaced.

The section of Kimbolton Road to be resurfaced is from the Pheasant roundabout to beyond the junction with Avon Drive and Rowallan Drive. Work is due to take place this Spring.

The Borough Council has just released the plan for the works. Detailed design and programming is under way. The scheme will then be handed to the Borough's contractor, Hanson. to carry out the construction. **Wendy Rider** and **Charles Royden** will be sent the finalised programme dates and pedestrian traffic management restrictions before the works start.

If you have any queries about this, please get in touch with us.



Flashback to our announcement of the plans in Focus May 2018: Wendy Rider & Charles Royden in Manton Lane

Manton Lane roadworks to start after Easter

Plans for changes to the A6 roundabout near Sainsbury's have been delayed to avoid adding to the congestion caused by the Bromham Road railway bridge works. However, work to widen Manton Lane outside Bedford Modern School will go ahead after Easter. See <http://tinyurl.com/Bed2020> for more details.

East West Rail Make sure your views are heard



Have you sent in your views on the East West Rail consultation? The route chosen will have a big impact on the areas it passes through and potentially on Bedford as a whole. How can this railway be integrated to the Midlands Main Line and made accessible for residents, including those who use public transport. The consultation ends on 11th March. To comment, go to www.eastwestrail.co.uk/haveyoursay or call 0330 1340067.

Brickhill Parish Council news

The Lib Dem led parish council has set its Council Tax for 2019/20, with a small reduction of 4p compared to last year. The total precept is £121,000 and the budget was agreed unanimously. **Mark Fitzpatrick** is the chair of the parish council: "Next year we aim to replace some play equipment on Waveney Green, continue to put on the free 'Gathering on the Green' event in the summer, invest in an additional CCTV camera, carry out more renewals at Brickhill Community Centre, as well as responding to whatever challenges that occur". More information about the parish council budget is on the parish council website: www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk.



See the Difference with Mayor Dave & the Lib Dems.

Proposed Council Tax Increases:

Tory-run Northamptonshire

5%

Bedford Borough with Mayor Dave

1.49%

These are average band D Council Tax increases.

The government have also introduced an additional Adult Social Care Precept that is 1% in Bedford Borough this year.

Northamptonshire council tax payers are going to be asked to stump up an extra five per cent on their council tax payments for county council services from April.

Northamptonshire Telegraph 6 Feb 2019

With Mayor Dave Hodgson and the Lib Dems, Council Tax rises have been kept under tight control, including 5 years of no increase at all.

This contrasts with our neighbouring Conservative-run council in Northamptonshire where they are proposing a 5% increase this year.

Dave Hodgson said "My priority is to protect frontline services without hitting the pockets of hard pressed local taxpayers. We do that by cutting costs at the council to protect the services that residents rely upon."

Rooksmead pond fountain switched back on



Spot the difference between this photo and the pond now? With the water level high enough, we've been able to arrange for the fountain and lights to be switched on once again.

Looking After Brickhill

If we find a problem in Brickhill we do our best to resolve it. If you spot something, tell us about it - see contact details on left.



We've reported this damaged street sign in Falcon Avenue to the Borough Council

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Liberal Democrat Councillors Surgeries

Local Brickhill surgeries

Avon Drive shops: 10am, Saturdays 30th Mar & 27th Apr.

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

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



www.PuttingBrickhillFirst.com

If you have a grumble please get in touch.

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