



Wendy Rider



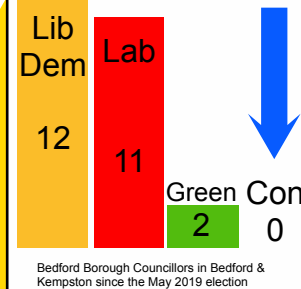
Charles Royden

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Brickhill FOCUS

Liberal Democrats

There are now NO Conservative councillors in Bedford & Kempston



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Getting Down to Work

Mayor Dave Hodgson and your Lib Dem Team set out new plans



Climate Change Fund

Following the successful election in May, Dave Hodgson has announced a series of new initiatives including a climate change fund, support for young people, local street scene improvements and further measures to attract people to Bedford town centre. Alongside the new initiatives, continued funding is also set to be allocated for the successful Bedford Jobs Hub. The initiatives will be delivered over the next four years.

Dave Hodgson said "Despite ongoing reductions in government funding, we are working to ensure every penny we do have is used for the benefit of local people and communities. The funding being allocated to these initiatives over the next four years demonstrates the strength of our commitment to making a real difference to people's lives.



Street Scene and Local Environment Improvements



Town Centre Initiatives

Young People Empowerment Fund

From the town centre to our local neighbourhoods, from our local to our wider environment, and from our young people to those of all ages seeking employment, this funding will have a positive impact on people and places right across Bedford Borough."



Jobs Hub

Brickhill Drive green

Following the recent unauthorised encampments on the green at the top of Brickhill Drive, your Borough Councillors have met with senior police officers to discuss their policy for handling these incidents. Charles Royden said "we are concerned that the Police did not use their powers to remove the encampment. We will continue to engage with the senior officers to achieve a more satisfactory outcome in future. Meanwhile, we have moved our CCTV camera to cover the green." Brickhill Parish Council is in the process of planning to install CCTV cameras to protect the allotments and the Scout Hut.



Cllrs Charles Royden & Wendy Rider on the green at the top of Brickhill Drive

Fighting for our Local Health Services



Dave Hodgson and the local Liberal Democrats are campaigning to protect and improve the vital health services local residents rely upon.

Cllr Wendy Rider said "NHS services in our area continue to be under threat of downgrading. We will continue to keep up the fight to get the services residents need. We have a long track record of success against poorly thought out plans from local NHS commissioners."

Current issues that we are concerned

about include:

- Putnoe Walk-in Centre's long term future
- Shortage of GPs & increased waiting times
- Closure of the Hydrotherapy pool at North Wing
- Closure of Bromham GP Surgeries

To keep up to date on news about all of these issues and other issues across Bedford Borough please sign up to our email news.

www.bedfordlibdems.org.uk/signup

Kimbolton Road crossing

A new pelican crossing is due to be installed in Kimbolton Road, just north of the junction with Rowallan Drive and Avon Drive. Charles Royden said: "this will make it safer for pedestrians to cross the road, especially for children and parents going to local schools. We are also urgently looking for local people for school crossing patrols. please let us know if you are interested."



Major Expansion for Electric Vehicle Charging

Mayor Dave Hodgson has announced the introduction of 300 electric vehicle charging points, on 150 posts, in Bedford Borough over the next 3 years, a massive increase on the existing number. Working in partnership with Chargemaster, the Council will install both fast and rapid chargers on street and within car parks.

Mayor Dave Hodgson said "Bedford Borough Council has always been ahead of the curve when it comes to protecting our environment. In 2018/19, the Council achieved a 50% reduction in carbon emissions in its own Council operated buildings, and is now looking to extend this and reach carbon neutrality by 2030. Electric vehicles are set to become an increasingly common sight in our towns and we are getting the infrastructure in place to help residents embrace this change."



◆ Dave Hodgson leads major expansion of electric vehicle charging

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Thank You! Two Lib Dem MEPs for our area

In May, the Liberal Democrats secured the best ever European Election result in the party's history, with 16 MEPs and second place in the national vote share - ahead of Conservative and Labour parties.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Lib Dems locally and helped elect 2 MEPs for the East of England.

This result follows on closely from the local elections where the Lib Dems became the largest group on Bedford Borough council with 6 gains and Dave Hodgson re-elected Mayor.

You can contact your new Lib Dem MEPs here:

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◆ Barbara Gibson & Lucy Nethsingha your new Lib Dem MEPs

The Votes in Bedford Borough

Brexit Party	32%
Liberal Democrats	25%
Labour	12%
Greens	12%
Conservatives	10%
Change UK	4%
Others	4%

In Bedford it was close between the Lib Dems and Brexit Party

These votes in Bedford Borough were added to all the other areas across the East of England to elect the MEPs

FOCUS Team Advice Surgeries

Liberal Democrat Councillors Surgeries

Local Brickhill surgeries

Avon Drive shops: 10am, Saturdays 17th August & 14th September.

Brickhill Drive shops: 10am, Saturdays 31st Aug & 28th September



Bedford Central Library
Every Saturday, 10am-11am.

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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- ☐ Displaying a poster at election time
- ☐ Making a donation
- (to Bedford Liberal Democrats)
- ☐ Joining the Liberal Democrats

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