



Wendy Rider



Charles Royden

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Wendy & Charles say ...

Fight the Hospital Downgrade

Councillors Wendy Rider and Charles Royden are urging local residents to join Mayor Dave Hodgson and people from all political backgrounds in fighting for the survival of Bedford Hospital as we know it.

Charles said "Plans from NHS commissioners could mean the end of Bedford Hospital as a proper hospital. **We may end up with a so called 'Integrated Care Centre' not a hospital.** What is particularly worrying is that the downgraded A&E wouldn't be a full A&E at all, with any patients with a serious condition having to be driven miles away to another hospital."

Wendy added "The campaign is working. They have already been made to back down from proposals that the hospital would have no beds at all! But we must keep up the pressure or else we will end up with a huge number of the health services people rely on in a time of need moving to other hospitals in other towns and cities."

Services Under Threat

- Intensive Care axed
- No emergency surgery
- Downgraded A&E, only doing the easiest work
- Maternity services cut
- Children's ward cut
- Hospital Consultants only cover 12 hours a day

Source: Beds & MK Healthcare review

Save Bedford Hospital

I/we call on the NHS not to downgrade Bedford Hospital and cut the services available.

Name Address email

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Return to: Dave Hodgson, 37 Kathie Rd, Bedford MK42 0QJ

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You can sign online at www.savebedfordhospital.org.uk



Mayor Dave Hodgson is leading the fight to stop a devastating loss of services from Bedford Hospital

Up-to-date bus info



Cllrs Charles Royden & Wendy Rider in Tyne Crescent

The bus stops in **Avon Drive** (outside Irvine Court) and **Tyne Crescent** (opposite Carron Road) have now been fitted with real-time bus information displays, so passengers know when the next bus will arrive. The new displays show Grant Palmer buses as well as Stagecoach. Councillors Wendy Rider and Charles Royden have covered the cost of these displays from their Ward Fund. Brickhill Parish Council has asked the Borough that similar displays be fitted to the bus stops in **Kimbolton Road** (by Ellis Road) and **Waveney Avenue** (opposite the Catholic church).

Mahmud Henry Rogers - Chosen as Parliamentary Campaigner

Bedford and Kempston Liberal Democrats have selected local campaigner and former Councillor, Mahmud Rogers to stand for Parliament next year.

Mahmud Henry Rogers grew up and went to school in Bedford before studying at the London School of Economics. He has worked in the private and public sector as an accountant and from 2006 to 2009 he served as a Councillor for Goldington Ward.

Mahmud said "I want to work with local champions, like Mayor Dave, to support his vision to improve our town and Borough whilst protecting front-line services."



Action for Brickhill



Cllrs Mark Fitzpatrick & Wendy Rider outside Brickhill Community Centre in Avon Drive

Community Centre improvements

Brickhill Parish Council has completed refurbishments to Brickhill Community Centre. The total cost was over £22,000, including repairs to doors, floors and the upstairs toilets. **Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick**, Chair of Brickhill Parish Council, says "The improvements will make the Community Centre an even better amenity for local residents".

www.PuttingBrickhillFirst.com

Parking problems at junctions

Following consultation with residents, double yellow lines will be painted to stop parking at these junctions: Starling Way/Linnet Way, Curlew Crescent/Brickhill Drive, Mallard Hill/Brickhill Drive and Windrush Avenue/Severn Way.



Cllrs Mark Fitzpatrick & Wendy Rider at Rooksmead pond

20mph zones for Curlew Crescent & Mallard Hill/Rooksmead areas

Legal orders for these will be published in October. If there are no objections, then the 20mph zones may come into effect in January.

Rooksmead Pond

Some initial work has been done to open up the pond and tackle the smells that have affected the area over the summer. Your local Lib Dem councillors are asking for more work to be done.

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Councillors Charles Royden and Wendy Rider at Avon Drive shops. The car park is to be resurfaced shortly,



To keep up-to-date on news about Brickhill, do keep an eye on www.PuttingBrickhillFirst.com.

Mini-motos on pavements

We are working with police to tackle the menace of mini-motos driving over pavements around Brickhill especially in the Tyne Crescent area. The Police have agreed to act against this unlawful activity which is both dangerous and creates unacceptable noise. **Cllr Charles Royden** says "We have allocated the Brickhill wireless CCTV camera which we purchased with our ward funds and which has already been highly successful in tackling crime in Brickhill". If you have any information please contact Gail Mulvaney Local Policing Community Team, gail.mulvaney@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk or call 01234 275006

£48m Investment in Our Schools



Dave Hodgson has launched a £48m investment programme in our local school buildings. This includes a programme of **new windows, doors and roofs** where most needed. Also included is the welcome replacement of temporary classrooms with new permanent buildings. **Wendy Rider** said "We must give our children the best environments we can to support their learning. Unlike the previous Tory-run county council we don't think temporary portacabins are the right answer, so I'm pleased there is now a programme to replace them."

FOCUS Team Advice Surgeries

Liberal Democrat Councillors Surgeries

Local Brickhill surgeries

Avon Drive shops: 10am, Saturday 11th Oct & 8th Nov
Brickhill Drive shops: 10am, Saturday 25th October



LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Bedford Central Library

Every Saturday, 2pm-3pm.

Mayor Dave Hodgson's Surgeries

Second Tuesday every month 4pm-6pm at Borough Hall
For an appointment ring 718620

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