



Wendy Rider



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New Bypass Link Opens

Mayor Dave Hodgson opened the final section of the Bedford Western Bypass on 25th April.

As part of the official opening of the new bypass, named The Great Ouse Way, a Routemaster bus led a convoy of vintage and classic cars in a tour of the highway.

Dave Hodgson said "The final section of the Bedford Western Bypass has been completed on time and in budget. It's a great boost for the local economy, making Bedford Borough an even more attractive place to invest in and create jobs and growth."

"Whilst it will never solve all of Bedford's congestion problems, the complete Western Bypass will increase road capacity and route options to help road users to get into and around Bedford. That's why it's been in plans and strategies for over half a century, and we're delighted to have overcome the obstacles in the way and made this final section a reality."

This northern section of the Bedford Western Bypass, which links the A4280 at Biddenham with the A6 at the Clapham roundabout, completes a north-south route bypassing Bedford ending a 50-plus year wait since it first began appearing in local and national plans and strategies. Construction took place after Mayor Dave Hodgson took decisive action in launching the successful strategy of pursuing compulsory purchase order proceedings, which were successful in helping to clear the logjam blocking progress on the scheme.



Mayor Dave Hodgson opened the final stage of the Western bypass on 25th April. Dave is pictured here with Brickhill's **Cllr Wendy Rider**.



THANK YOU from Linda Jack



Linda Jack and the Local Lib Dems say "THANK YOU"

"I want to thank everyone who voted for me in the recent Police & Crime Commissioner election" said the Lib Dem Candidate Linda Jack.

The election was won by the Conservative candidate, but Linda received strong support, particularly from areas that have a record of backing active local Lib Dem FOCUS teams in their community.

Dave Hodgson said "Linda was an excellent candidate and she had a great reception from people across Bedford Borough. I want to join Linda in thanking everyone who supported her this time."

Resurfacing success



Brickhill's Lib Dem Borough Councillors, Charles Royden and Wendy Rider succeeded in getting the Borough to include **Starling Way** and **Merlin Gardens** in this year's resurfacing programme. They are now pressing for the resurfacing of **Plover Way** and **Rooksmead**.

Rooksmead Pond



Cllrs Mark Fitzpatrick and Charles Royden by the pond

The initial work to open up the area around the pond, to get more light to the pond, has gone well. The pond is looking good and the trees are looking in good shape too. The aim is to maintain a healthy environment, with the water level maintained throughout the year. If possible a fountain will be installed to keep the water aerated. This work is being funded by Brickhill's Borough Councillors from their Ward Fund.



Cllrs Wendy Rider & Charles Royden in Tyne Crescent

BRICKHILL LOCAL NEWS...

Your Lib Dem FOCUS Team has taken action recently: reporting out-of-order lights in **Browney Path** and **Tyne Crescent**, getting damaged footpath repaired along **Waveney Avenue**, reporting dangerous potholes in **Hawk Drive** and **Starling Way**, chasing for repair of damaged street sign and 'give-way' sign in **Tyne Crescent**, and more besides.

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Government Pushed into U-Turn on Forced Academies

Local Liberal Democrats have welcomed the government's rethink on forcing all schools to become academies.



Cllr Wendy Rider said "The original Tory plan to force all schools to become academies was ideologically driven and made no sense in education terms. It would be exceedingly disruptive here in Bedford Borough where 96% of local authority schools are rated good or outstanding. Schools can already convert to academy status if they wish. This was not about standards, but Tory dogma."



Fight Still On To Save Parent Governors

Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick added "We must now keep up the pressure to stop the Conservatives taking away parent governors from schools. It's vital that local schools remain anchored in our communities and draw on the skills, experience and local knowledge of parents."

Cllrs Wendy Rider and Mark Fitzpatrick outside Scott Lower School

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FOCUS Team Advice Surgeries



Cllrs Charles Royden and Wendy Rider discuss issues with a local resident

Liberal Democrat Councillors Surgeries

Local Brickhill surgeries

Brickhill Drive shops: 10am, Saturdays 11th June & 9th July
Avon Drive shops: 10am, Saturdays 25th June & 23rd July

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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Or if you have a local issue please get in touch.

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