



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."

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"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.

## **THANK YOU from Linda Jack**

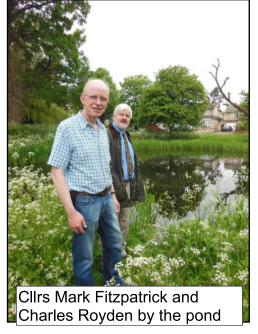


"I want to thank everyone who voted for me in the recent Police & Crime Commissioner election" said the Lib Dem Candidate Linda Jack.

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.

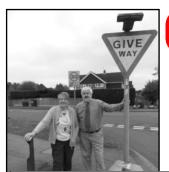
Dave Hodgson said "Linda was an excellent candidate and she had a great reception from people across Bedford Borough. I want to join Linda in thanking everyone who supported her this time."





# Rooksmead 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

Team

### 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 'giveway' sign in **Tyne Crescent**, and more besides.

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## **Can you help Bedford** Lib Dems' "In" Campaign?



Tim Farron, with Dave **Hodgson** & **Supporters** Launch the Bedford Lib Dem Campaign for a remain vote in the EU referendum

Sign up below to show your support for the Lib Dem campaign to keep Britain IN Europe.

## **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

### www.PuttingBrickhillFirst.com

### **FOCUS Team Advice Surgeries**



### **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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Yes I would like to help keep Britain in Europe by: Or if you have a local issue please get in touch. See contact details above

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