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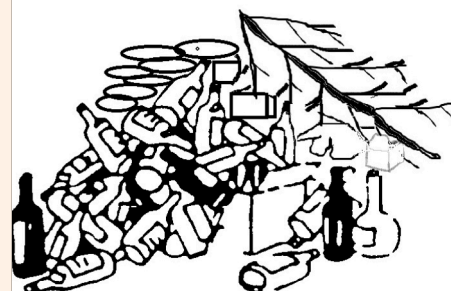
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Rubbish!

Thanks for your patience over missed collections over the past few months. New crews took time to learn the rounds. Things should be improving now, so please put your rubbish out in good time and report any missed collections. If they miss two weeks running, let us know. Thanks.

Remember that rubbish collection days will change over Christmas, and it's likely that both blue and red bins will be collected after Christmas too, & Christmas trees. Check the Council website nearer the time for details.



Going to Play

Duncan has got MK City Council to clear the broken fence and cut back the hedge by the play area at Ulverscroft, Monkston. Sadly they are not going to replace the retaining fence, so please report it if the hedge overgrows seriously again.



Duncan at Ulverscroft
play area, Monkston
where the hedge has
been cut back

Paying the Bills

Many people are struggling to pay bills. If you're on Universal Credit you need to apply separately for the Council Tax reduction.

And if you are a pensioner on housing benefit or on less than the new State Pension, you may be entitled to Pension Credit. Some benefits aren't counted.

Search for "struggling to pay" on MK City Council's website for more information.

Beware Loan Sharks!

Many people have to borrow money at this time of year. If you're paying high interest, or getting threats, contact the Council's loan shark unit for help. The Swan credit union offer cheap loans.

Trees and Bushes

Ben has helped a resident get this dangerous tree in Tunbridge Grove, Kents Hill removed after its roots rotted.

Ben has got MKCC to cut back hedges around Lutlemarsh in Walton Park to improve sightlines of people using the redway.

It's time for the winter pruning, so make sure you report any Council trees or bushes that are blocking paths or pavements to MKCC. If you're not sure whether the Council owns them, let us know and we'll find out.



Ben got this dangerous tree at
Tunbridge Grove, Kents Hill removed.

Success!

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20 mph on Walton Park?

A majority of residents we've talked to want 20 mph on the whole of Walton Park. If we've not talked to you yet, please let us know what you think about 20 mph for Chase Avenue or for the whole estate. Thank you.



Bow Brickhill Station to Close?

East West Rail have started their consultation, and you can find details on their website at eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation2024. Options include closing some stations, including Fenny Stratford and Bow Brickhill, and improving the others - or not! A bridge replacing the V10 level crossing will depend on traffic modelling. See the website for times of the exhibitions on 15 & 17 January. If you're affected by it - have your say!

Yellow Lines in Walnut Tree?

We have asked Walton Community Council to back a request for double yellow lines at the entrance to the Jupiter House car park by Walton High School in Walnut Tree, as residents were getting blocked in during events.

MK Council is considering putting double yellow lines all round Fyfield Barrow, Walnut Tree to stop the congestion and dangerous driving caused by parked cars during school times.

Watch out for the consultation notices.



Above: Duncan at Fyfield Barrow, below Jenni outside Jupiter House, where double yellow lines are proposed.



What a Stink!

Sewage flowed out of the burst manhole off **Dalston End, Monkston Park** once again during the storms this autumn, and all the manholes along the river side of the estate were bubbling sewage.

Jenni has asked the Council to find out what Anglian Water is doing about it as new sewage systems shouldn't be affected by storms. In Parliament, Lib Dems are keeping up the pressure to get Labour to get tougher about sewage leaks.

Jenni at the broken sewage manhole in Monkston Park, and the water flowing along the path the day after the storm.



CMK Post Office to Close?

CMK post Office is on a list of 115 the Post Office plan to pass to private hands or close. If you want to keep it as a main Post Office, sign our petition at www.mklibdems.co.uk

Childrens Health & Care Plans

Please let us know if you have requested an assessment for a Health and Care Plan and nothing has happened. Don't wait till you want to make a formal complaint! The system is overloaded but we'll try to speed things up.

Wanted: NHS Dentists!

Lib Dem Daisy Cooper MP is keeping up the pressure on the Government to reform the contract to attract more NHS dentists. In MK a third of our children have not seen an NHS dentist recently and dental problems are the main reason for child hospital admissions!



Lib Dems help where YOU Need it

The local Lib Dem team want to hear from you on any issue, big or small, that you'd like help with.

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