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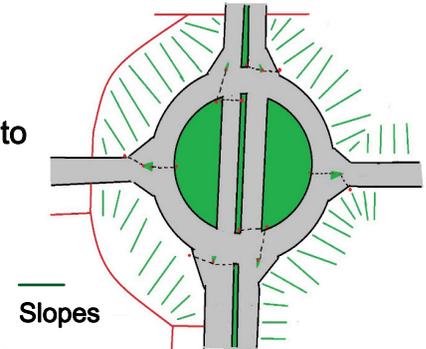
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Roundabout Works

The queues at the **Monkston roundabout (V11/H7)** and **Brinklow roundabout (V11/H8)** are building up dangerously and will continue to rise. MK Council is proposing signalling at the H8 roundabout near Kingston, as that roundabout sits on pillars, so adding extra lanes would be complex and costly. At the H7 roundabout they are asking about two options - extra lanes, or a "hamburger" roundabout with a through lane north-south across the roundabout. Both would have traffic lights. The extra lanes would cost more because they'd need to be built out over the underpasses, and would deliver less improvement. Please have a look and give your view on the Council's Consultation pages at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations by **14 September**.



If approved, the work on the H8 would be carried out over this winter, and the much longer work on the H7 would start next spring.

Prune that Hedge!

Many thanks to the resident who pruned this hedge on **Crowborough Lane, Kents Hill** after Duncan pointed out that it was blocking the pavement. Such hedges are often the householder's responsibility, even if they're outside the garden fence or wall, so please check the boundaries on your deeds or lease.



Duncan at the hedge in Crowborough Lane, Kents Hill

Assisted Rubbish Collections

Ben helped a disabled resident in Dunchurch Dale get her assisted collection sorted out and her black bin returned after it went missing. If you are disabled and having problems with an assisted collection, please contact us.

In Brief..

Be warned: MKCC will be enforcing parking rules outside **St Bernadette's** and **Monkston School**. Please park safely, or better, walk your children to school.

If you still use red/blue sacks for recycling, you should have received your new annual roll by now. If not, please contact the Focus team.

Disappearing Landlord!

Duncan helped a newcomer to Walnut Tree after a scam landlord stole her deposit and left her homeless! Deposits must, by law, be placed in an account covered by a tenancy protection scheme, so if you're given a private account number, ask for the protection details. If you have been scammed by a landlord, or have other problems with them, please contact the Private Housing team at MK Council.



The property in Walnut Tree let out by a scam landlord

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20 mph on Walton Park?

Residents along Chase Avenue, Walton Park are asking for a 20 mph limit because they can't see approaching cars round the bends. Labour are likely to want to extend this to the whole estate. 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.



The New City Plan

MK City Council is revising the Local Plan. The first draft, called the City Plan, with the strategic policies, is on the Council's website for consultation now, and they are holding consultation events locally:

Kents Hill Conference Centre, MK7 6BZ
Tue 10 Sep 2-8pm

Wavendon Community Hub, Dankworth Way,
MK17 8ZN Fri 20 Sep 2.30-7.30pm

Open University to Stay at Walton Hall

The Open University have completed their initial study, and concluded that moving their present operation to CMK and opening a full scale face-to-face university is not feasible. They are still investigating a smaller face-to-face option in CMK but most existing functions will stay at Walton Hall. They are likely to free up part of their current site and sell or let the rest out, but details won't be known for a few years.

In Brief...

Jenni has asked MK Council to replace the broken fence by the play area at **Ulverscroft, Monkston**.

Duncan helped a resident in **Pomander Crescent, Walnut Tree** get the Housing Association's permission to change her front door.

Jenni has asked for the grass around the cross-over into **Pondgate, Kents Hill** to be added to the mowing list to keep sight lines clear.

Jenni has got the OU and MK Council to prune their respective vegetation along **Church Lane, Walton Hall** so that people and vehicles can get through.



Above: the fence by the play area, **Ulverscroft, Monkston**
Below: Jenni at the crossover to **Pondgate, Kents Hill**.



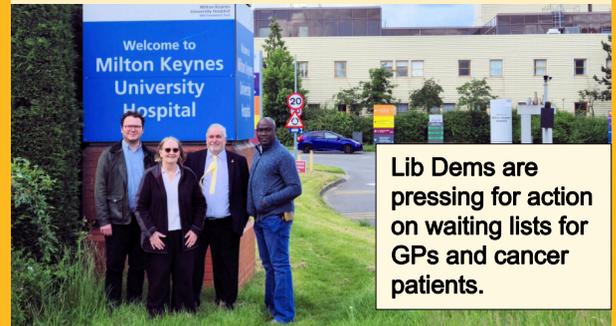
James testing the river at Monkston Park for sewage earlier this summer. Lib Dems are calling for stronger penalties for leaks

Westminster Watch

With 72 Lib Dem MPs at Westminster now, Lib Dems are the largest 3rd party there in many years. And they're putting plenty of pressure on the Government. In speeches they have pressed for:

- Shortening the waiting times for GP and cancer appointments
- Taxing the water companies to fix the sewage leaks
- The urgent need to reform Social Care
- Removing the 2-child benefit cap which keeps many of our families in poverty

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Lib Dems are pressing for action on waiting lists for GPs and cancer patients.

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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