

FOCUS

on Ouzel Valley Ward



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Out and about in MK

Summer is here and there's lots to do and see in MK, much of it free!

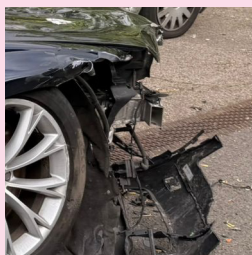
- The Midsummer Festival is back on 22nd June. Enjoy street food, art, theatre and much more, much of it free on Midsummer Boulevard.
- The Parks Trust offer a programme of free events and activities around the city - including a few near us. Details at theparkstrust.org.uk
- Bucks Art Weeks, 7-21 June - many local artists and craftspeople open their studios for free viewing. Details at Bucksartweeks.org.uk

Missing - Drain Grills!

Many gully covers - the grills over gutter drains, have been stolen in the west of the city recently. If you find any missing here, please report them to MK Council immediately or let the Focus team know, with the street and nearest house number. The council will cone the space off until a replacement cover is fitted.

Safety First

Jenni contacted the Council to check that this car was being removed from the roadside in **Waterside** to stop cyclists and children being hurt on its sharp edges.



Rent Problems?

If you are trapped in housing you cannot afford, please contact the Council for help as early as possible. If you meet the Government's criteria, they top up your rent or pay the interest on your mortgage.

If you're threatened with eviction, they can sometimes negotiate for you to remain in that property until they, or you, find something viable. But despite the Lib Dems' campaign, no-fault evictions are still legal at present.

In brief

Jenni has asked the Parks Trust to clear the ditches in the **north east of Simpson**, after a resident told us that they were blocked.

Jenni has asked the Council to prune the tree blocking the light on the footpath over the canal from **Waterside, Peartree Bridge**

Jenni has asked for advice for the resident on removing the graffiti on **Newport Road, Woughton Park**.

Walking Safely

Jenni has asked the council to remove the dangerous broken pieces and replace the railing by **Peartree Bridge Marina**.



Clean!

MK Council have cleaned the graffiti on Ashland reported by Macsene and Uroy.



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Stop PIP Restrictions!

Personal independence payments (PIP) help pay the extra costs you incur if you're disabled and have to pay people to do jobs, or for transport, etc. Many people qualify because of the total result of a number of disabilities, but the government is now proposing to limit that, and insist that a single disability must score fairly high (4 points). We think this will cause massive hardship to lots of people and Lib Dems are opposing it in parliament. Please contact your MP, Emily Darlington if you're worried too! Email emily.darlington.mp@parliament.uk

Removing the Litter

Jenni got MK City Council to clean up the square in Ashland after litter built up badly.

Please don't leave rubbish beside bins. It blows everywhere. Please take it to the next bin - or home to your bin.



And Duck!

Macsene has got the Council to prune these low-hanging trees along the path by Woodley Headland, Peartree Bridge.



All-in-1 Goes Smart!

The MK All in 1 concessionary pass for young people just got smarter! With the new Smart cards, you just tap with the card as you board, and you can top it up and load period passes via the website. For more details and to apply for one, see <https://getaroundmk.org/on-board/smart-ticketing>. The old cards will be phased out by the end of this year.

Scooter Safety

E-scooters have a QR code on them to report them to the providers if you find them being parked obstructively or ridden dangerously.

And electric scooters run silently - please use the bells!



Let there be Light!

Jenni has reported street lights out along the H7 past Woughton on the Green, Oakgrove and Monkston Park, and the V8 past Peartree bridge and Tinkers Bridge

Graffiti Art

The council thinks they can fund a new project to replace the graffiti art that was cleaned off by mistake. Please let your councillors know if you think it's important.

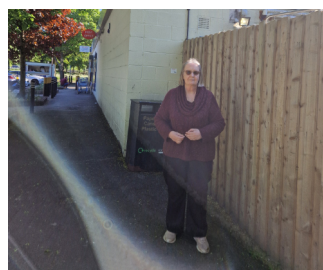
Fix that Grill!

Jenni has asked for the broken gully drain surround in Simpson near Mount Pleasant to be fixed.



Lighting the Way

Jenni has met with officers to ask for an extra light outside the shop on Tinkers Bridge and for the street lights on the path to Old Groveway to be fixed.



Your Voice Matters

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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