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## On Ouzel Valley Ward



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## More Rights for Tenants



From 1<sup>st</sup> May The new renters rights bill passed recently will give almost all private tenants:

- Rights to stay in their home, and to give notice at any time
- An end to bidding wars when a property is let
- An end to "no fault, no reason" evictions
- Limit rent rises to one a year with an appeal against excessive rises.

Later on, the Decent Homes standard and Awab's law against damp will also apply to privately rented homes.

Lib Dem Jenni Ferrans says "After years of broken promises, this is a great day for over 25,000 private tenants in MK. Lib Dems will keep pushing the government to implement the rest of the reforms about repairs quickly."



The Renters Rights bill passed recently

## Cleaning Out the Mess

**Macsene and Jenni** got the bin stores emptied and the mess cleaned out in **Ladbroke Grove, Monkston Park** and one on **Oakgrove**. Please remember - ALL rubbish must go in the bins or sacks. Loose items will not be collected.



Jenni at the bin store in Ladbroke Grove

## Fixed at Last

**Macsene** got the pothole fixed at the bottom of **Lucas Place, Woughton on the Green**.



## Street lights

**Jenni** has been working to get street lights fixed - including many on grid roads around **Oakgrove**. The remaining ones are waiting for parts, or for the electricity company to fix supply lines.

## Sorted!

**Uroy** has got the broken netting replaced with a rubber surface on the play tunnel at the play area at **Lanercost Crescent, Monkston** until the grass grows in spring and **Jenni** got the graffiti cleaned off.



**Uroy** with the tunnel and **Jenni** checks the graffiti has gone at **Lanercost play area Monkston**

**Liberal democrats - listening - caring - working**



**Jenni and Macsene** got BPHA and St Bernadette's School to prune the trees that were hiding the street lights on the **redway behind the playing fields in Monkston Park.**

## Trees, Trees and More Trees!

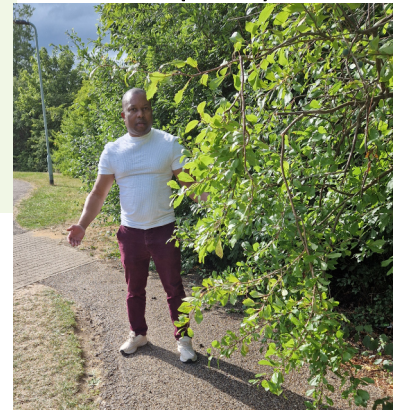
We're often asked to get "public" trees pruned. Remember that these aren't always owned by MK City Council - they can be owned by the Parks Trust, housing association or schools too. You'll find the "operational tree policy" on the Council's website telling you what they prune. They don't prune healthy trees just because of their size.

In some cases, residents have to arrange pruning themselves. This can be frustrating for residents who struggle to pay but really need the trees pruned. So the Liberal Democrats are campaigning for a new service to train apprentices in tree management. Whilst training they can be supervised to offer a service to residents, with a concession for those on low income. This would offer affordable help to residents, and local training and employment.

Now the government is bringing in new laws to allow strategic authorities to control bus services. Lib Dems have asked the Council to prepare now.



**Uroy** got the tree pruned off the road in **Harlesden, Monkston Park (above)** and off the redway behind **Tynemouth Rise, Monkston (below).**



## Buses

Years ago, the government took control of bus services away from most councils.

After COVID, passenger numbers fell sharply and the bus companies said that they would no longer run many services including the no 18.

## Beware of Cold Callers

There's been a rise in fraud cases from cold callers recently. Please look out for these warning signs:

- 'Too good to be true' quotes only for that day
- Services offered at the door
- No written quotes
- Requests for cash payments and asking for money up front

If you experience any suspicious knocks on the door or receive offers that seem unusual or untrustworthy, please report them to MK Council by calling 0808 223 1133

## Potholes!

Jenni got the potholes fixed near **Mt Pleasant** and **Abbey Road, Simpson** and on **Griffith Gate, Middleton.**



Above: **Griffith Gate, Middleton**  
Left: **Simpson nr Abbey Rd**

## Your Voice Matters

Please contact us if you have any issues you want to raise or need help with. You can also complete our survey using the QR code.



## Far Holme Adoption

Jenni met with officers to find the position and argue for residents issues. Details are on our website.

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