

# Focus



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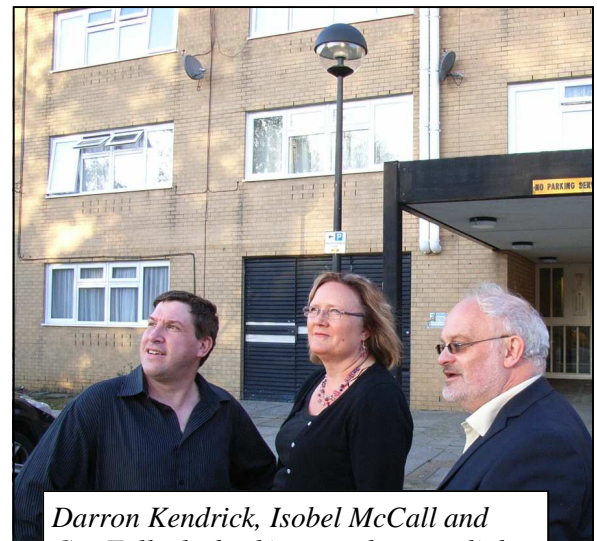
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## Tories put residents in the dark

Cllr Isobel McCall has challenged the decision taken by the Conservative Council Leader to turn off 240 streetlights in Central Milton Keynes. He claimed that the streetlights were in car parks, but the map provided by the Council, of the lights to be turned off, clearly shows that almost all are in residential streets.

The Lib Dem Focus team will fight to get this decision overturned as it will reduce safety in these streets where there are a lot of people about. It is also unfair that CMK residents should yet again be discriminated against.

The Lib Dems will also campaign against any move by the Council's Conservative administration to turn off streetlights in other residential areas.



*Darron Kendrick, Isobel McCall and Cec Tallack checking out the streetlights in CMK that the Conservatives have decided to switch off*

## Grit bin campaign update



*Darron Kendrick supported residents who wanted this grit bin moved to a better location in Pencarrow Place, Fishermead*

The grit bin that disappeared by one of the canal bridges between Springfield and Woolstone has still not been replaced. Without grit, this bridge will be dangerous in winter weather. Cec Tallack has been told it will be replaced in October.

The new Tory Council only planned to provide 12 new grit bins in the whole of Milton Keynes. Last year the Liberal Democrats put in over 160. Following a campaign by the Focus team and Parish Council, one of the new bins will be provided in Walbrook Avenue, Springfield, where there were severe difficulties last winter.



- Cec Tallack arranged for builders' rubble that had been dumped on Oldbrook Green to be removed.
- A dumped washing machine was removed promptly from an alleyway on Springfield Boulevard when Isobel McCall reported it to the Council.
- The Lib Dem Focus team has taken up residents' concerns about a fast food trailer that has been parked at a junction on Boycott Avenue, Oldbrook.

# Action and service all year round

# Liberal Democrats - keeping in touch

## Cheques saved



*Isobel McCall is delighted the Lib Dems have won their campaign to save the cheque*

The Liberal Democrat campaign to save our cheques has been successful. The banks have announced that they will not now stop them as they proposed, but they will be kept as long as they are needed.

The Focus team is delighted, as for many elderly and housebound people the cheque facility is a godsend as they don't have to keep cash or need access to internet banking .

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*Darron Kendrick has reported graffiti and the sad state of the lampposts in parts of Fishermead to the Council, including this one near Gurnards Avenue*

## Solar panel chaos

Cec Tallack has taken up complaints by some Woolstone residents who have installed solar panels. They have been getting letters from the Council completely out of the blue saying they need building control approval for the work. The residents had asked the Council whether they needed planning permission, and were told they didn't, but weren't told about what they did need.

People are to be congratulated for doing something really positive for the environment like putting up solar panels. The Focus team are working to try to prevent residents being frustrated by bureaucracy in future.

## Local action update

- Lib Dem Cllr, Isobel McCall has asked the Council to look at the parking situation at Turnmill Court, Springfield, as the few spaces available are sometimes used by non-residents.
- Some uneven paving slabs have been replaced in Graveney Place, following action by Isobel McCall. Isobel has taken up residents' concerns about the general poor state of the paving in this road.
- The Focus Team has chased up the replacement of missing street nameplates and of the stolen bus stop handrail in Kenwood Gate, Springfield.

## It matters what you think

If you have any issues or problems that you would like the Liberal Democrat Focus team to help with, please contact: Cec Tallack 506946; [cec.tallack@btinternet.com](mailto:cec.tallack@btinternet.com). Darron Kendrick 669067; [d.kendrick@sky.com](mailto:d.kendrick@sky.com). Isobel McCall 617761; [isobel.mccall@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:isobel.mccall@milton-keynes.gov.uk);

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