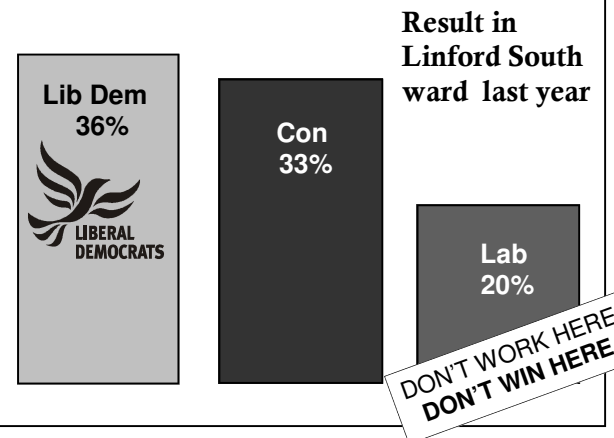


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Working hard in Campbell Park, Downs Barn, Downhead Park, Neath Hill, Willen & Willen Park

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RECYCLING GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Lib Dem campaigner **Dave Howlett** says “2011 is the 20th anniversary of recycling in Milton Keynes, and we are now leading the way across the country. Congratulations to Linford South residents for recycling so much more since the introduction of green & food waste recycling.”

In 2000 the Labour Council reduced collections to fortnightly, with recycling down at 11%. Since 2002 under the Liberal Democrat run Council, recycling has gone to over 56% of domestic waste. The Lib Dem council has protected **weekly waste and recycling collections** in our recent budget— just as you asked us to.

Want to see for yourself? There's a free public tour of MK's recycling facility in Wolverton at 6pm on May 4th— phone 252312 to book.

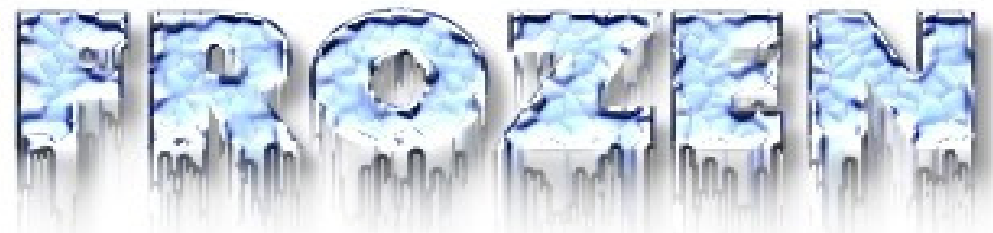
Could you use a blue bin for recycling glass and jars? Phone 252570 or see www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling

Milton Keynes is now the No.1 Unitary Authority for recycling in the UK!



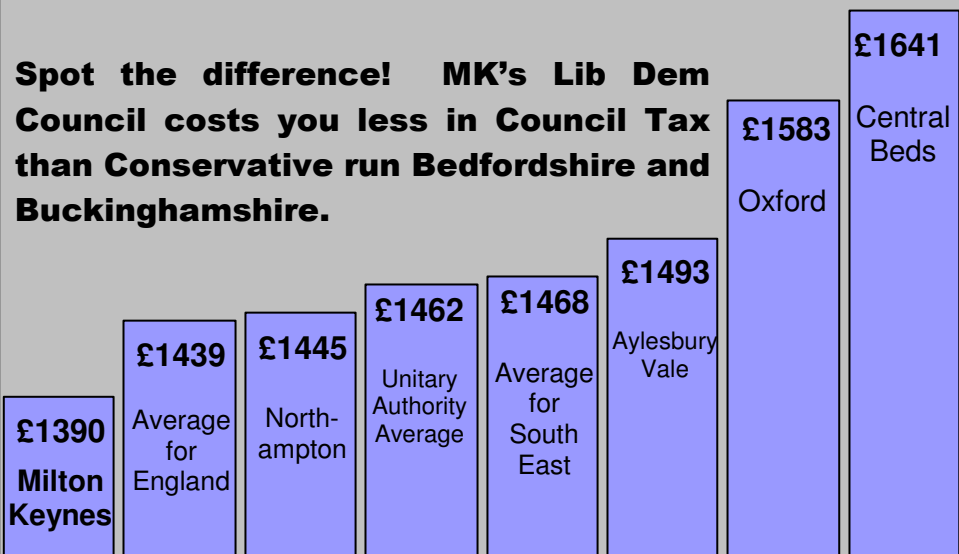
Lib Dem Dave Howlett encouraging the use of pink sacks for recyclable waste. “It’s not just good for the environment. Less waste going into landfill means significant savings which can be put back into the services that matter locally.”

COUNCIL TAX:



Band D council tax for 2011-12

Spot the difference! MK's Lib Dem Council costs you less in Council Tax than Conservative run Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire.



Our council tax remains lower despite the £23 million of savings we've had to make this year. **Your Lib Dem council—value for money and protecting your priorities.**

MK's Lib Dem council have confirmed that there will be **no** increase in council tax for 2011-12.

Campaigner **Dave Howlett** said “I know many people who are finding money tight at the moment—the Lib Dems' council tax freeze will be very welcome.”

Due to cuts in Government funding after Labour lost control of the economy, MK council had to make £23 million of savings. However we've managed to **protect vital services** such as care for the elderly, child protection, all libraries, and support for the unemployed. We have just received an extra **£654k** in funding to put into **improving our roads**—this will mean the council can repair more potholes more quickly.

A RECORD OF LOCAL ACTION - A PROMISE OF MORE TO COME



Dave Howlett in Campbell Park making sure that the most urgent potholes are addressed by the council's new planing machine. We've now seen improvements on the V9, V10 & H5, as well as within Campbell Park. The planing machine allows large areas to be improved more quickly and cheaply—once the grid roads have been improved it will begin work on improving our estate road surfaces.



Cllr. Ric Brackenbury investigating reports of overgrown redways in **Downs Barn**—we are also chasing up paths in Willen Park which need trimming.

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“This is the time of the year when a redway that is clear one week can quickly become overgrown without care. If you can't safely cycle past, walk with a pushchair, or drive an electric buggy along a redway near you, please let the focus team know.”

Cllr. Alan Mallyon shows our MEP Catherine Bearder an electric buggy

mid-charge. Last week, Milton Keynes was home to the national launch of the Nissan Leaf. This is one of the first family electric cars in the UK. At the same time, we switched on the first of the 50 public charge points for electric vehicles.

The goal is to see 1,000 electric cars on our roads by 2014. As well as offering subsidised charge points to business and individuals, the council is looking at options for using electric vehicles themselves.



Dave Howlett visiting Lovat Fields Village. The Lib Dems supported the village—despite Conservative opposition—and it has been **so successful** we are building a second one in Shenley.

Liberal Democrats give help where help is needed

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