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on Newport Pagnell

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MK Council

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Lib Dems are the largest Party on Milton Keynes Council.		Lab 9

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Kitchen waste boosts recycling



Cllr Derek Eastman emptying his kitchen waste

Total recycling rates in MK are expected to hit a high of 57% this year, up 9%. The introduction of food waste collection, trialled here in Newport, has helped as has additional recycled items such as milk and juice cartons. Newport helps lead the way. Pink sack recycling for Newport has reached an average of 41% against a Milton Keynes average of 35%. Green bin waste average for Newport, including food waste, has reached 26kg per property. Milton Keynes Council is aiming for a total of 60% for all recycled waste for 2011/12.

Black bag waste, which is taxed by central government, has reduced significantly.

Remember too, food waste recycling helps eliminate problems associated with vermin attacking black sacks.

Tongwell Lane trees

Some residents have contacted us about trees being cut down in Tongwell Lane. Several poplars were removed by the Council as they were identified as posing a risk to property and the public. The majority of the trunks will be removed with the remaining stacked as habitat piles for wildlife. The Council will be replacing the lost trees with eight oak trees.

Town Clock

The Focus Team have financially supported the proposals to have a Town Clock with an Iron Bridge design erected near Boots. It has received planning permission and should be erected later this year. Congratulations to the organisers.

Coachway opens



Paul Alexander visits the newly opened coachway. You can get the number 24/25 bus from Newport Pagnell to the new coachway.

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Some supporters of the Alternative Vote Campaign in CMK recently

Fair Votes - Did you know....

Did you know that TWO THIRDS of MPs were elected to parliament with more of their constituents voting against them than for them? No wonder so many MPs are out of touch with ordinary people. Later this year voters will get the opportunity to vote in the AV referendum. This will give power back to the people as MPs will need to get the support of over half the people they represent to get elected - what could be fairer than that?

Support the Alternative Vote Campaign: yestofairervotes.org

Tackling graffiti



Cllr Douglas McCall got the graffiti removed from this bench

Graffiti isn't a big problem in Newport, but there are a few bits around. Let the Focus Team know about them so we can arrange to get them removed.

Children's Services in top four

OfSTED has placed MK Children's Services in the top 4 of fastest improving authorities in the country. Most of our local Children's Services have been assessed as "good or better", a radical turnaround from December 2008 when services were found to be inadequate. OfSTED has highlighted the rapid and sustained improvement of services that were "performing poorly" to "performing well", the second highest rating that can be awarded.

The continued improvement recognised by OfSTED is tremendous news for families in Milton Keynes.

More salt please



Cllr Andy Maric and the Newport Focus Team are pursuing the Council to try and get more salt bins in place across the town, particularly in Green Park and on the Poets where there are currently the fewest bins. Let us know where the Council should place them, if they get approved.

400 Club Winners

November	£40	Mrs M Spratt	£20	Annette Borner
December	£60	Mr & Mrs Maric	£40	Nick Warton
January	£40	Paul Connor	£20	Mr & Mrs Crombleholme

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