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on Newport Pagnell

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Lib Dems are the
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Keynes Council.

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Zero council tax increase



The Focus Team are delighted that weekly waste collections have been protected in a tough Council budget

The Council's budget for the coming year has focussed on protecting services to the vulnerable during these hard times. The Lib Dem budget also protected the waste service and special waste collections remain free. Unlike in many other areas, residents' waste will still be collected weekly.

There is no council tax rise this year. Milton Keynes residents will once again receive council tax bills below the national average.

Setting a Council budget this year was the most difficult that councillors can remember because of Government cuts. Much of the Council's money comes from central Government and this funding has been cut drastically, to help reduce the huge national deficit left behind by Labour.

AV is as easy a 1, 2, 3

Yes! to fairer votes

A referendum on changing the voting system to the Alternative Vote (AV) will take place on the 5th May.

What is the Alternative Vote? With the Alternative Vote system you rank the candidates in order of preference, it is literally as simple as 1, 2, 3.

AV is simple and effective. Millions of people voting in unions, charities and membership organisations already use it for that very reason.

It is the system of choice for politicians, used to select party leaders, the speaker of the House of Commons, indeed any role that requires the winner to have the widest possible support.



AV Campaigners in CMK on Valentines Day

Liberal Democrats working all year round

Liberal Democrats working hard for you

Pothole update



Town Councillor Paul Alexander got this bad pothole (inset) in Tickford Street repaired.

The Focus Team have reported many potholes in and around Newport Pagnell. Thank you also for the ones you have let the team know about. The Council is working their way through the large amount of potholes following the bad winter weather.

Cllr Douglas McCall personally proposed that additional money was added to last year's budget for potholes

You can report a pothole by ringing MK Council on 252570 or emailing envservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

Salt bin feedback

Thank you for all your suggested locations for new salt bins. These have all been passed to Milton Keynes Council for evaluation.



Cllr Andy Maric with a salt bin

Street lighting

Through the winter a number of street lights have failed to work. Some have even been alight all day. In both cases reports on faulty street lights can be made direct to MK council by e-mailing

street.lighting@milton-keynes.gov.uk or by telephone to 252838. When reporting faults it is important to identify the street light concerned by quoting either the single number and street name, or the series of letters and numbers, painted on the post.



Cllr Derek Eastman shows the number on a street light.

400 Club Winners

February	£40	Mr & Mrs Clare	£20	Mrs EA Gates
March	£40	Mr & Mrs Kirkin	£20	Mrs Pat Kersley

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