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# Focus

on Newport Pagnell

**Seats on  
M K Council**

Lib Dem 22	Con 17	Can't win here
Lib Dems are the largest Party on Milton Keynes Council.		Lab 9

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## The people decide



*The Focus Team support the 'Yes' campaign*

On the 5th May voters across the UK will get to vote in the referendum to decide the future voting system for electing MPs.

A 'no' vote will retain the current unfair 'first past the post' system which currently returns two thirds of MPs to parliament on a minority vote. If you think that MPs should get the support of at least half their constituents before being elected to parliament under the fairer Alternative Vote (AV) system then vote 'yes'.

The 'yes' campaign has cross party support and in fact David Cameron, Ed Milliband and Nick Clegg were all elected to the leadership of their parties by the Alternative Vote system.

This is your opportunity to give power back to the people by voting 'yes' on the 5th May.

There are no local elections in Newport this year.

**Yes!** to fairer votes

## Good News - Extra money for potholes

Since the last Focus, the Council has received over £650,000 from Central Government to help fix potholes caused by the extreme weather in December.

In the last few weeks potholes have been fixed in Newport Pagnell, including ones in Union Street and in Silver Street.

The Council has also taken delivery of a new machine which is being used to do a good job of filling large numbers of potholes on the grid roads.

Please keep on reporting potholes to get them added to the Council's list. Ring the Council on 252570 or contact the Focus Team.



*Andy Maric inspects repaired potholes in Union St*

**Liberal Democrats working all year round**

# Liberal Democrats working hard for you

## Money for Brooklands



Derek Eastman and Douglas McCall at Brooklands

Cllr Derek Eastman and Cllr Douglas McCall have donated money from their small ward budget to The Brooklands Centre. Brooklands is a day centre for elderly residents in the town. The centre have used the money to purchase a projector and screen to be able to hold quizzes and film shows. The balance has been used towards the purchase of tables and chairs for the main function room.

## New Play Area

A new play area is to be built this summer next to the new houses at Papworth Close and Addenbrooks Road.

The new play ground will be in effect an extension of the adjacent play area in Hopton Grove.

Something for the children to look forward to.



Douglas McCall at the site of the new play area

## Lib Dem tax cut

Due to national Lib Dem policy all UK tax payers earning less than £100,000 are £200 per year better off from April as tax payers personal allowance has been increased by 1,000. This affects over 110,00 people in Milton Keynes and over 25 million UK wide. In fact 800,000 people across the country will no longer pay income tax at all, including 2,360 here in Milton Keynes.

This is the first step to increase the personal allowance to 10,000 during the life of this parliament.

**Yes!** to fairer votes

### 400 Club Winners

April £40 Mr C. Hines £20 Mr & Mrs Triggle

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