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CHARLIE ALLEN

CHARLIE CALLS FOR THE COUNCIL TO STOP USING “KISSING GATES”



Charlie at the entrance to Hartley Gardens

Green campaigner **Charlie Allen** has been contacted by a local resident who is unable to access Hartley Gardens park because her mobility scooter isn't able to pass through the “kissing gate”. This type of gate has been installed at various parks and open spaces around Bury to stop scrambler bikes from accessing and racing around the parks. Unfortunately, in an attempt to stop this anti-social behaviour, these gates deny access to some mobility scooter and double buggy users.

Charlie says “Disabled persons and those with reduced mobility have the right to non-discriminatory access to public spaces. I asked the Council (at their meeting on 18th January) to reconsider the use of these “kissing gates” at park entrances, and to investigate alternatives which will allow everyone to enjoy our parks”. The Council said that they will see what can be done because they don't want to treat disabled people as second-class citizens. You can see the full response on the council meeting video (about 35 minutes in)

<https://councilstream.com/burycouncil/2147>

DOGS LIKELY TO BE ALLOWED ON TRAMS, BUT WHAT ABOUT BIKES?

After a successful trial period, it seems that pet dogs will now be allowed on the Metrolink permanently. The Greater Manchester Combined Authority is set to make the final decision, following a recommendation from Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM).

There are calls for bikes to also be allowed on trams. Sometimes, a destination is too far to cycle and the best way is to make the journey by public transport and bike. At the moment only folding bikes are allowed on trams, but TfGM says they will review this policy and hopefully a date for a trial period will be announced soon. **Charlie says** “bikes are allowed on many of the tram systems across Europe, including in Edinburgh, so why not in Greater Manchester?”. Bury Green Party will be supporting cycling campaigners who are pushing TfGM to permit bikes on the Metrolink.



Charlie and Lexie at the Metrolink

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GREATER MANCHESTER CLEAN AIR ZONE UPDATE

On some of the major roads in Bury, like many roads across Greater Manchester, we have illegal levels of air pollution. Poor air quality affects people's health, particularly children, elderly people and those with asthma, heart disease, stroke and some cancers.

Greater Manchester local authorities have submitted a new non-charging Clean Air Plan, which will tackle the air pollution problem, and are waiting for the go ahead from government. More information can be found on the Clean Air website:

<https://cleanairgm.com/>

A public consultation on the Clean Air Plan is expected to take place in early 2023. We'll keep you updated as more news becomes available, but in the meantime, here are some tips on how to reduce and avoid air pollution.



TIPS TO AVOID AND REDUCE AIR POLLUTION

Walk or cycle more – cutting down on time spent in your car by walking or cycling more will reduce air pollution.

Engine off when you stop – leaving your engine running when your vehicle is stationary makes air pollution worse.

Ditch the school run – can you walk or cycle with the kids? Or if you have to drive, park further away from school and walk.

Work out at the right times – if you run or jog, avoid traffic at peak times or use side streets where pollution is lower.

Work and travel smartly – avoid travelling at rush hour when pollution levels are much higher.

Choose quieter streets – walking or cycling on quieter streets can greatly lower your exposure to air pollution.

Move away from traffic – moving over on the pavement and putting some distance between you and the traffic can help.



Charlie on the slippery path

DANGEROUS PATH


Residents on **Humber Drive** alerted **Charlie** to the state of the path leading from Humber Drive to Walmersley Old Road which is covered in leaves and has become slippery and dangerous. **Charlie has reported this** to the Council, so hopefully it will be cleared soon.

CAN WE HELP? WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?



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If you have a council issue you need to raise, a comment or query about our area, Charlie would love to know.

There's never been a better time to get involved. Charlie and the Green Team are most effective fighting for local issues with your help. Can you help deliver newsletters to a street near to you every couple of months?

