

# BRICKHILL NEWS

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Meet at the entrance to Owl Park on Ashmead Road.

We will supply the bulbs, litter-picking equipment and refreshments, but please bring your own gardening equipment.

Help us to brighten up Woodlands Park and keep your neighbourhood tidy!



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## Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday 10am—2pm**

## Parish Council meetings

Parish council meetings are open to the public and take place on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30pm (except August and December) at St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill MK41 7UY.

Councillor surgeries are held at 7pm before each Parish Council meeting.

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## Borough Councillors' update

**Wendy Rider** (wendyrider41@gmail.com; 01234 303254)

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Only a few years ago, street lights in Bedford were on their last legs; some were broken, others were on all the time, and many columns were structurally corroded. We had a vision to replace all these lights with new LED units and remove the failing columns and old concrete structures.

Thanks to government grants and council investment, every council street light across Bedford Borough is being replaced with the new reduced-energy LED lights. Not only are they great for the environment, but they also save the council over £260,000 a year on energy costs. Each light is connected to a central control unit which detects faults and can increase and decrease lighting levels. Other councils have taken the decision to turn lights off to save money; in Bedford, however, we are now saving money while retaining lighting, which is important for safety and security. Praise has also come from Bedford astronomers who value the reduced light pollution, enabling a fresh vision of the night sky.

Financial savings continue to be at the forefront of our minds on the council, as we face millions of pounds of further government cuts. We are committed to delivering services that make Brickhill a great place to live. Indeed, Mayor Dave Hodgson has invested an additional £1m this year to help us repair more roads and pavements. However, there is a decreasing amount of money available and the cost to the council of providing services such as care for the elderly and education means that we just cannot do all that we would like to do, so please understand the pressures we are facing to keep on top of roads and pavements in Brickhill.

As your local councillors, we will continue to work hard and keep you informed through regular deliveries of FOCUS, holding surgeries and updating the website [www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com](http://www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com), where you can sign up for a regular Brickhill newsletter.



## Community Safety Forum

Monday 16 October 7:30pm

Wren Room, St Marks Church  
Community Centre, Calder Rise, MK41 7UY

Guest speaker is Barry Garner, Housing Strategy Officer at Bedford Borough Council, who will talk about bringing empty homes back into use (including the possible use of compulsory purchase orders.)



## Unpleasant odours

If you are affected by odours coming from beyond North Brickhill Country Park, please report it to Bedford Borough Council's Environmental Services department on 01234 718099.

## Need more orange recycling bags?

These are now available from the foyer at St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill MK41 7UY.

## News from your local policing team

I am PC Ed Roswell, your new beat officer for Brickhill. I look forward to working with the local community and meeting you all. If you have any local issues, please make your local councillor aware who can bring this to my attention. I can then contact you directly.

I will look to attend local community meetings and be part of the community. I am currently based at Greyfriars police station, but will soon be relocating to Lime Street in the town centre.





## CCTV – what you need to know

Thinking about our daily lives, we may be captured on CCTV thousands of times a day: on our journey through traffic junctions or on the motorway, in shops, and even walking around our neighbourhoods. Chris Bailes looks at who controls CCTV cameras and why they capture video.

Closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras have been used for a couple of decades, and yet despite this, their purpose, use and accountability are often poorly understood.

In addition, legislation that governs the collection and use of CCTV images in public areas is rapidly evolving to keep pace with the technology.

In general, CCTV images may be collected by any organisation for almost any legitimate purpose. Most often, they are collected for the purposes of crime prevention or public safety. In the UK, the use of CCTV is overseen by the Information Commissioners Office and the new Camera Commissioner, and it is legislated by the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and Protection of Freedom Act 2012.

This means that data collected must be appropriate, proportionate to the perceived risk and protected from public disclosure, and the operators must be accountable. To support this, each location should have signage to explain who the operators are, the purpose of the video collection and contact details for members of the public to obtain further information.

Both Bedford Borough Council and Brickhill Parish Council are owner/operators of CCTV equipment in the area. In this case, the borough or parish council is the owner of the system (in DPA parlance *data controller*), whereas Bedford Borough Council CCTV administers the system (in DPA parlance *data processors*). The responsibility of meeting DPA obligations remains with the equipment owners, although the day-to-day running is deputised to the CCTV control room.

Although there are many forms of CCTV camera, for the purposes of this article we will concentrate on fixed installations used for crime prevention and public safety (i.e. not speed cameras or mobile/fixed traffic enforcement cameras).

Within Brickhill, most CCTV cameras operated by either the borough or parish council are for crime prevention. In almost all cases, the video feeds are returned to a central borough council CCTV

control room in a secure location, where the video is either monitored live or archived for later retrieval.

It is not possible for the CCTV control room to retain video captured 24/7 from hundreds of cameras indefinitely, and the footage is kept for a rolling calendar month for each camera. If no appropriate request for access is received, the system overwrites older video. Most of the outdoor cameras are capable of capturing a passing vehicle number plate at speed, day or night and in all weather conditions, although this does not mean that number plates are routinely automatically captured.

In the UK, only the police are permitted to operate automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras. The process for recovery of a vehicle number plate from a video is manual intervention that requires post-processing of images, and is



therefore only performed on an as-required basis.

Saying that the CCTV system is for public protection does not obviously suggest that the CCTV system can under certain circumstances be called upon by members of the public.

For serious ongoing incidents, where there is immediate threat to safety or property, members of the public must call **999** and take further guidance from the operator.

For less-urgent incidents, members of the public should call **101**. Details should be provided to the operator and a reference number should be requested and recorded. In times of peak demand, you may receive a recorded message and be invited to leave a voicemail; it is important that you leave your number, contact details and a brief description. If there is no call back within eight hours, the incident should be reported to 101 once again.

The Data Protection Act 1998 prevents public disclosure of private information, preventing say a jealous ex-partner or a stalker from gaining access to sensitive information, but there are a small number of circumstances in which members of the public can request that CCTV footage be retrieved. Requests to the CCTV control room should then be performed against the police crime reference number. In all cases, you will be expected to provide the date/time/location of the incident, your name and address, and a brief description to help the CCTV operators identify the footage in which you are interested.

1. Where footage is directly of you, it is permissible to request details under a DPA subject access request. Along with details of the event, you will be expected to provide proof that the images capture either you or specific types of property (i.e. your vehicle or home). In some cases, the video may be redacted to remove unrelated members of the public or their property at the discretion of the control room.

2. Where footage provides evidence in support of a criminal investigation, it can be passed to a duly authorised police officer or otherwise in accordance with a court order. The police or court will be able to directly request the footage of the alleged crime. As the alleged victim, you will not be permitted direct access to the footage.

3. Where footage provides evidence in support of a civil recovery in incidents such as a road traffic



accident, such incidents should be reported to the police and your own insurance company. You will be asked for a crime reference number and details of your insurance company. For incidents where the police do not intend to prosecute, it is possible for CCTV control to work with the insurance company to provide evidence directly. As the complainant, it is unlikely that you will be permitted direct access to the footage.

The rules above prevent a malevolent third party from misusing the captured intelligence data and preserve the integrity of evidence. The rules are applied to all equally, and as with members of the public, the parish council or borough council is not permitted access to the captured video. The only methods that authorise use and in particular release to third parties are those described above.

In closing, the CCTV system is intended to ensure the safety of the public. Under the appropriate circumstances, the video captured can be used to support each and every one of us. Above all, its use, video collection and access are controlled and protected by statute, and its operators are accountable to the public.

*Chris Bailes is a Brickhill Parish Councillor representing Woodlands Park Ward.*

## Volunteers required!

Brickhill Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help deliver its newsletter.

Brickhill News is published five times per year and delivered to every household within the parish. This means we need lots of volunteers – could this be you?

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Bedford MK41 7UY

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#### **Brickhill Drive shops**

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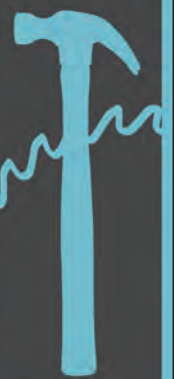
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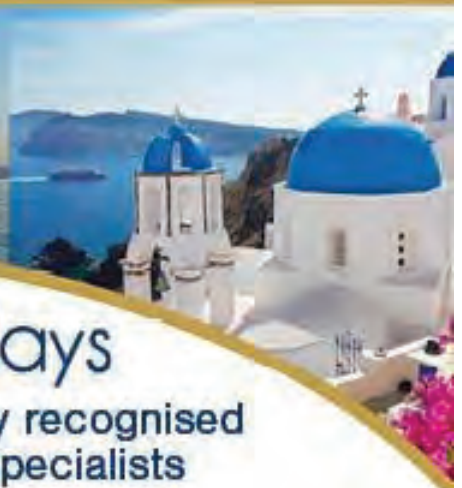
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