



## Waveney Green and Play Area and Brickhill Community Centre

On 3rd May, Brickhill Parish Council officially signed leases for Brickhill Community Centre and Waveney Green from Bedford Borough Council. Councillor Mark Fitzpatrick, Chair of Brickhill Parish Council said 'We are grateful for the support of Mayor Dave Hodgson in supporting the local community in this way'. The leases are for 99 years and are intended to ensure that the Green is preserved as an open space for the benefit of local residents, removing the threat of it being built on. Likewise the aim is to ensure that the Community Centre continues to thrive, providing a service to all local residents.



Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick, Acting Clerk Alison Southern and Cllr Stuart Green - signing the leases

## New Parish Council after May elections

All of Brickhill's Parish Councillors were up for election on 5th May. 11 were elected unopposed. Councillors Stuart Green, Ray Seymour, Stuart Buchanan, Pat Marriot and Joanne Laybourn stood down. New councillors elected were Corinne Royden, Linda Darbon and Jane Josephs. Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick has been re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year; he thanked the former councillors who had retired for their service to the community, in particular Cllrs Green and Seymour who had been members of the former Brickhill Urban Community Council, the fore-runner to the Parish Council.

## Brickhill in Bloom

This year we will be entering the Urban Community category and are looking for groups and volunteers who would like to join the Brickhill in Bloom group. Whether you're an individual gardener, a business or a group why not talk to us about your green projects and be included in our portfolio? The Parish Council is co-ordinating this year's campaign for the group, if you'd like to be included contact us using the details on the back page. Judging takes place on 11th July.



## New Clerk for Brickhill Parish Council

Francesca Johnstone started work as Brickhill Parish Council's new Clerk on 1st June. Francesca previously worked for the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity.

Francesca has taken over from former Clerk, Delia Shephard. Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick, thanked Delia for all her work on behalf of the Parish Council and the local community over the past seven years and wished her every success in her new job. He also thanked Assistant Clerk Alison Southern for working as Clerk between Delia's departure and Francesca starting.

## Tree Planting event

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the recent tree planting event in the new North Brickhill Country Park, which was jointly organised by BPHA and Bedford Borough Council.

Over 200 people turned up for the event which was a huge success and over 500 new trees were planted. Another event is planned for the end of this year so keep an eye out on the notice boards and our website for further information.



Planting trees for the future on 13th March

## SUMMER PLAYScheme AT BRICKHILL LOWER SCHOOL

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# Brickhill Community Plan - update

The Brickhill Sustainable Community Plan has now been finalised. It will be presented to the Bedford Borough Partnership board in June and copies of a summary of the plan will be distributed to every household in Brickhill. Full copies of the plan will also be available on the Parish Council website or in paper form from the Parish Council and elsewhere in the community.

Having collated the 1,159 questionnaires completed by local residents, the plan contains a series of actions to address the priorities identified by you. The work is starting now and will be spread over the next five years. The main sections of the plan are:

**A Greener Brickhill** - environment & climate change

**An Aspiring Brickhill** - children and young people,

**A Healthy Brickhill** - adult health and well-being

**A Safer Brickhill** - safer communities

**A Thriving Brickhill** - economic development, regeneration and enterprise

**An Inclusive Brickhill** - social inclusion, community cohesion and culture.

The Community Plan working group, chaired by local resident Simon Baldrey, will continue its work with the active support of the Parish Council. If you



Simon Baldrey and Jemma McLean (of BRCC) at the 'Planning for Real' event at Anjullita Court

are interested in being part of the ongoing work please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

News on progress of the plan will be reported in further issues of the Parish Council newsletter, on its website and noticeboards.

## A Healthy Brickhill

There are three main aims:

- To provide assistance to residents who face difficulty accessing services and facilities
- Increasing accessibility of medical facilities for Brickhill residents
- Help to maintain long term health and wellbeing of residents.

Many respondents to the questionnaire said they would be willing to join a 'Good Neighbour Scheme' in Brickhill. A quarter of everyone who replied said that it could be useful to them. The details of the scheme need to be agreed, but If you are interested in volunteering, please tell the Parish Council using the form below or by email.

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## Good Neighbour Scheme

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Tel:

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I would like to be sent details of how I could give help to Brickhill residents .

Return to: Brickhill Parish Council, c/o St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford MK41 7UY or you can email us at [clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk)



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**Public drop-in** every Tuesday morning at St Mark's Community Centre between 10 am and 12 noon. The officers are also available by prior appointment at other times.

**Councillor surgeries** 7 pm to 7.30 pm before every full Parish Council meeting and on Saturday mornings (see noticeboards at Avon and Brickhill Drive Shops for details).

**Parish Council meetings** and committee meetings are open to the public who are very welcome to observe. A limited time for the public to address the council is also included, but time is very restricted. Please contact the Clerk if you would like information about how to participate in this session. For less formal opportunities to engage in discussion with the council contact the Clerk or attend a surgery.

**Full Parish Council meetings 7.30 pm**

7 July, 1 September, 6 October

**Planning Committee meetings 6pm**

9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September

**All meetings are held at St Mark's Community Centre** and advertised on our noticeboards and website.



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# Four steps to help make a safer Brickhill

One of the priorities of the Brickhill Community Safety Forum is to reduce daytime burglaries. Here are four simple things you can do to help improve your safety.

1. Use SmartWater on your possessions
2. Support the Community Safety Forum
3. Sign up for Ringmaster
4. Join Neighbourhood Watch



**SmartWater** is the innovative crime reduction tool designed to help protect property from thieves. Under ultraviolet light the SmartWater liquid glows to reveal its unique chemical signature, which means stolen property can then be checked on a database and traced back to its owner. Police routinely screen all prisoners as they come into custody to check whether they have come into contact with SmartWater. More information from [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com). Use the order form below to get your packs at cost price. By buying via the Parish Council you never have to make any further payments.

**Ringmaster** is a computerised crime messaging system run by Bedfordshire Police, which offers residents, Neighbourhood Watch members, businesses and Bedfordshire Police's partners, throughout Bedfordshire, details about crime and events in their local area.

- The service is free to everyone.
- You don't need to be involved in Neighbourhood Watch to join.
- You can receive information via email, view messages online, or receive messages via phone at a time to suit you.
- Receive crime reduction advice and help tackle crime in your local area.

To join ringmaster tel 01234 275288 or apply online at [www.safer-beds.org](http://www.safer-beds.org)

**Neighbourhood Watch** is a partnership where people come together to make their communities safer. It involves the Police, Community Safety departments of local authorities, other voluntary organisations and, above all, individuals and families who want to make their neighbourhoods better places to live.

For more information about setting up a scheme in your road, or to make contact with your Co-ordinator, please contact the Neighbourhood Watch central office at [bedfordneighbourhoodwatch@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:bedfordneighbourhoodwatch@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk) or telephone 01234 275165. Please include your Name, Address and Telephone number in your message.

## Community Safety Forum

Come to the next meeting, help decide the priorities to make our area safer. The Forum has a committee that helps organise meetings; new members are needed on the committee, which meets once a month. Please contact the Parish Council for more information.

## SmartWater Order Form

No. of packs ordered: \_\_\_\_ at £19.20 per pack. Total cost: £ \_\_\_\_.

Send your cheque payable to 'Brickhill Parish Council' to Brickhill Parish Council, c/o St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford MK41 7UY

Your contact details:

Name:

Telephone Number:

Address:

Email:

## Help the community - by delivering your Parish Council newsletter

Could you help the local community and Brickhill Parish Council by helping deliver the newsletter in your area? More volunteers would be welcome. It currently appears four or five times a year. If you can help, please get in touch either by returning the form, calling 01234 271708 or emailing us at [clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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