



Congratulations to all of the parish councillors who were elected to Brickhill Parish Council and also to our colleagues on the Borough Council, Cllr Phillipa Martin-Moran-Bryant and Councillor Stephen Moon who are responsible for the Woodland Estate which is in the Great Barford Ward. We look forward to working with you as we seek to serve the best interests of everybody in our community.

Policing in Brickhill

The police have identified burglary as the main issue for Brickhill in their priority setting. Please do let our police team know if you have anybody who is concerned about burglary. The police have offered to visit homes of residents to give advice regarding home security.

Transporting Bedford 2020

Manton Lane. Work has been continuing at Manton Lane on widening works. Work is behind schedule although works to install the retaining wall alongside the school playing fields has now commenced after some delay. Works in association with installing a gas main to the Fairhills development have been taking place over half term with Transporting Bedford 2020 works taking place overnight. Discussions are ongoing with the contractor to find ways of accelerating the programme and in particular to shorten the time required for utility company works.

Britannia Road – Works on Britannia Road will start on Saturday 20 July and continue through to the New Year. A one way system will be in place for the majority of the works period (traffic prohibited from travelling southbound on Britannia Road).

High Street – Consultation will be taking place for work to start next year

Amphill Road – Data is being collected on origin and destination surveys to be used to refine the traffic model to test possible layouts for Amphill Road.

Bromham Railway Bridge

Network Rail has announced when Bromham Road bridge will fully close to vehicles as work continues as part of the Midland Main Line Upgrade. From Monday, 24 June work will continue to divert utilities and services away from the bridge in preparation for the structure to be demolished and reconstructed at a raised height. To allow this work to take place safely, Bromham Road will be fully closed to vehicles until 12 April 2020. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the closure. During this time, a diversionary route via the A6 and Clapham Road will be in place. This will be clearly sign-posted.

The reconstruction will begin in Autumn this year and complete in December. This work will provide a safe distance for the overhead line equipment passing beneath, enabling the line between Bedford, Kettering and Corby to be electrified as part of the Midland Main Line Upgrade.

The demolition and reconstruction will be carried out using a crane which will be parked in Bedford station car park from Monday, 14 October until Sunday, 22 December. This will reduce parking at the station during this time.

Network Rail, Govia Thameslink Railway and Bedford Borough Council are working together on keeping disruption to a minimum whilst this takes place. For more information on alternative car

parking at <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/parking/car-parks-public-and-private/>

There will be a public information event for latest updates on Bromham Road and Bedford Station on 11 June, 3pm- 7pm at The Park Inn Hotel. Network Rail, and Stagecoach will be in attendance to answer any public queries. (Contact Jyoti Vara Communications Manager (Midland Mainline 07809 376 507)

Tulip Bulb Giveaway

With this year's change of the Embankment planting going into the summer, the council are giving tulip bulbs away to local community groups and projects. If you know of any groups or projects who would like some free tulip bulbs, please contact the Council at Env.Services@bedford.gov.uk"

Road and Pavement Re-surfacing

The north of Kimbolton Road has been resurfaced and this has made a significant improvement.

Speeding Vehicles Police speed enforcement has been taking place around Brickhill.

School Safety Enforcement has been taking place outside Brickhill Schools by Borough Council parking officers.

Summer Gardening Events at The Higgins Bedford

- 19 June: Lunchtime Lecture with Professor Christiana Payne – 'Round and Round the Garden'
- 23 June: Round and Round the Garden Family Afternoon
- 30 June: Your Garden Questions Answered with Jane Perrone, Kathy and Simon Brown
- 4 July: Lunchtime Lecture Edward Bawden – Art and Gardening
- 3 July, 25 July, 18 August & 7 September: Garden Tours - Transforming the gardens at The Higgins Bedford

There are lots of garden-themed events and activities at The Higgins Bedford this summer, inspired by the current exhibition *Round and Round the Garden – A Celebration of Horticulture in Art*. To book your place or make a donation towards the garden project, please email thehiggins@bedford.gov.uk.

Fantastic Weekend in Bedford to Start to the Summer!

The Bedford International Kite Festival and first Bedford Festival of Motoring were at Russell Park and the Embankment over last weekend, with an estimated 30,000 visitors coming along to this fantastic weekend of fun in the sun. On the Embankment around 300 vehicles lined our beautiful riverside, with veteran and classic cars, supercars, dragsters, motorbikes, off road vehicles, big red buses, and lots more in the first Bedford Festival of Motoring. This was also the first time we saw events on the river as part of the Kite Festival, with 'come and try it' activities by Canoe Trail. As your local councillors we will continue to work hard and keep you informed through regular deliveries of FOCUS, surgeries and our website where you can sign up for our Brickhill newsletter. www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com

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