

Brickhill Parish Council News

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CONFIDENT COMMUNITIES

Last year Brickhill Parish Council was allocated £15,000 to be spent on a new community safety initiative funded by Bedfordshire County Council and focused on reducing the fear of crime within local communities. Following local consultation the Parish Council prioritised spending on two key areas: 1 Crime Prevention/Visible Deterrents and 2 Services for Young People. The money was spent as follows:

- 2 vehicle activated speed signs to be located on Brickhill Drive and Kimbolton Road these will be installed no later than December 2008 (cost £11,000)
- Extension of the Bobby Van service (support for vulnerable and elderly people (cost £2,900)
- 10 x 2 hour sports activities for young people based in the community after school or in the holidays (cost £500) to take place during Autumn/Winter 2008
- Provision of a mobile climbing tower for young people - two days during the recent August school holidays (cost £600).



The Parish Council has received positive feedback about the provision of these services. We hope that once the Vehicle Activated Speed Signs are installed we will experience a significant reduction in speeding offences which will improve community safety for all residents. We are also considering campaigning for 20mph speed restrictions around our local schools.

If you have views on any aspect of community safety please contact your Parish Councillors who will be pleased to hear from you (details on back page).

ENHANCED PARISH PARTNERSHIP

In a separate initiative from the County Council the Parish Council was allocated £11,000 to spend on the maintenance of footpaths which were not already included in Bedfordshire Highways current 5 year programme. This money was spent on upgrading the footpath on the east side of Avon Drive from William Harpur House to Waveney Avenue including the links to the central reservation point to the shops. The work was completed during July.

BOBBY VAN SERVICE

Are you over 60 and living in Brickhill? **Are you worried about burglary or doorstep crime?** Do you know someone else who fits this category? You could be eligible for a free visit from the Bobby Van for advice on crime prevention methods and installation of safety chains etc.

Please contact the Clerk on **01234 271708** for information and to arrange your visit.



CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Joanne Laybourn was formally co-opted to Brickhill Parish Council on 3 July 2008. Joanne has lived in Brickhill for 3 years and is already actively engaged in the community running a Rainbow unit within Brickhill and acting as Vice-Chair of the Governors at Scott Lower School.

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FINGERS CROSSED - UPDATE ON POST OFFICE CAMPAIGN

The campaign to save Brickhill Drive Post office came to a climax over the August Bank Holiday weekend. A last minute flurry of activity ensured that the Parish Council's submission was delivered to Post Office Limited on deadline day the 26th August.

Our submission document, setting out the reasons why we thought the proposal to close the Post Office was fundamentally flawed, eventually ran to 17 pages of factual overview and closely reasoned arguments backed up by 15 Appendices and a pull-out map. Also included in our 4 kilogram bundle were 335 individual letters of protest from local residents and businesses plus petitions containing some 2,500 signatures.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this massive demonstration of our community's opposition to the closure. Let's hope it has some effect. We shall know our fate by the end of the month.

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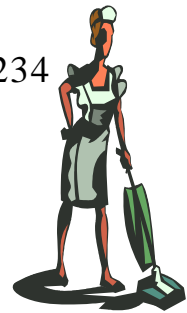
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NEW BUS SHELTER NEEDED?

Do you use the bus stop near Curlew Crescent on Brickhill Drive? The Parish Council has been asked to lobby for a bus shelter in this position. What are your views? Please contact one of your Councillors to let us know (contacts on back page).

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Do you agree that Parish Wards should be established in Brickhill?

Brickhill Parish Council has proposed establishing Parish Wards in Brickhill. At present there are 13 Parish Councillors elected onto Brickhill Parish Council, with all electors in Brickhill voting for every Councillor at planned elections and at by-elections. Establishing parish wards will enable Parish Councillors to represent the individual areas that make up the parish and therefore may improve democratic representation. For by-elections between the normal four yearly planned elections, the costs to be met by the Parish Council will also be significantly less than would be the case now.

The proposal is to create three parish wards (as indicated on the map) which we have provisionally named Brickhill East, Brickhill North, and Brickhill South & West Parish Wards. The elected Parish Ward Councillors would still come together to form Brickhill Parish Council, and the number of Councillors elected would remain as 13. It is envisaged that East Parish Ward would be represented by four Parish Councillors, North Parish Ward by four Parish Councillors and South & West Parish Ward by five Parish Councillors.

As part of the Borough Council's commitment to democratic engagement we would like to hear from residents of Brickhill who will be affected by these changes.

What are your views on these proposals?



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**Brickhill Parish Council
Meeting Dates**

Meetings will be held at St Mark's Church
Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill.

Full Parish Council Meetings 7.30 pm: 2 October

Planning Committee Meetings 6.45 pm if on the
same day as a full Parish Council meeting
otherwise 7.00pm: 2 October

**BRICKHILL WRVS
OVER 60s AFTERNOON CLUB**

**Every Tuesday Afternoon
2 - 4 pm**

**At Brickhill Community Centre
Avon Drive**

**Social chat, cards, scrabble, bingo
outings, tea, cake and raffle 80p**

NEXT MEETING 9 SEPTEMBER

ALL WELCOME

Contact Pat on 346505

if you would like to attend or volunteer

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