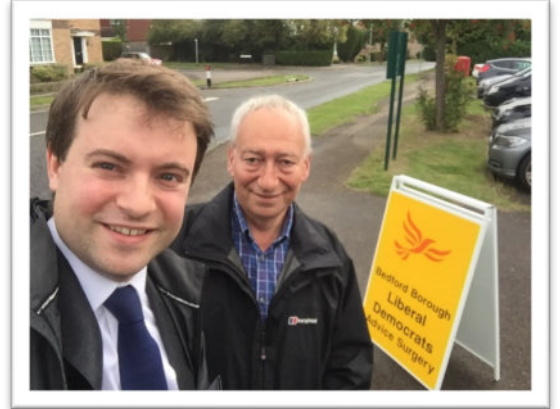


## De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

November 2023

*The area of Brickhill Parish that falls within De Parys Ward is best summarised as Brickhill Drive, Robin Hill, Rooksmead, Mallard Hill, and Eagle Gardens and Goldcrest Way.*



Councillors Henry Vann and David Sawyer

**Rooksmead pond:** As a further update, there are extensive reeds and some form of algae on the Brickhill Drive/Rooksmead pond, which smell unpleasant, we have requested the Council to carry out an inspection and are waiting for this to be completed.

**Tree in Brickhill Drive:** A tree in the upper section of Brickhill Drive with roots causing damage to adjacent properties has been inspected, pruning commissioned and advice provided about claiming for damage caused against the Council's insurance.

**Casework items:** We are still chasing the cleaning / clearing of footpaths in Mallard Hill, and we were pleased to see the replaced dog-bin at the top of Robin Hill near the entrance to the cemetery had been repaired although it has already been subjected to graffiti which we have reported.

**Bedford Park concerts:** We are awaiting a further update from the Council on proposals to improve traffic and parking and to minimise disruption in relation to these concerts.

### Updates on any previous items:

**Drug dealing and anti-social behaviour.** The Police are aware of continuing anti-social behaviour. Residents affected are asked to contact 101 (or 999 if appropriate) or make reports online and if any specific addresses or registration numbers of vehicles are known that is particularly helpful.

**Tennis Courts.** The Council are planning to reduce the number of courts at Bedford Park from 9 to just 3 and charge for access as part of a deal to secure Lawn Tennis Association funding (LTA). Whilst this investment may be welcome, it cannot come at

the cost of ending free tennis we have requested the Mayor to continue to provide some free courts. We would welcome support for our petition on this matter:

<https://www.bedfordlibdems.org.uk/petitions/save-bedford-park-tennis-courts>

**Ward Fund.** We are funding the Christmas lighting in Brickhill Drive, a new dropped kerb on Brickhill Drive at the southern-most junction with Mallard Hill, and speed indicator signs on the lower section of Kimbolton Road. We will continue to campaign for safer junctions and crossing and welcome any other suggestions.

### Surgeries in November and December 2023

- Chiltern Avenue shops, Saturday 11 November 1pm
- Fox & Hounds on Goldington Road, Saturday 11 November 2pm
- Brickhill Drive Shops, Saturday 25 November 10am\*
- Shaldon Court, Saturday 9 December 1pm
- Budgens, Saturday 9 December 2pm
- Brickhill Drive Shops, Saturday 23 December 10.00am\*

\*shared with Brickhill Ward Borough Councillors

*You can also speak with us or another Lib Dem Councillor every Saturday morning 10:00am – 11:00am at Bedford Central Library.*

**Email communication.** We keep residents up-to-date with developments in the ward area with our email list as a quicker alternative to FOCUS. If you have not yet signed up then please do so. We won't bombard you and you can unsubscribe at any time. Sign up here: [www.bedfordlibdems.org.uk/sign-up](http://www.bedfordlibdems.org.uk/sign-up)



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