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Borough Cllr Update To Brickhill Parish Council



**Brickhill Borough Councillors
Charles Royden & Wendy Rider**



Town Deal Green Wheel

Plans are well underway for the delivery of a major upgrade to footpaths through Brickhill as part of the Town Deal Green Wheel. This is being delivered through funding achieved by Mayor Dave Hodgson to provide significant improvements to shared footpaths to encourage safer walking and cycling. The Brickhill investment will connect

Kimbolton Road, Avon Drive and Hawk Drive. The initial phase of this above project will involve construction of a raised table and associated footway works on Tyne Crescent by Rhineland Way by the council contractor Breheny Civil Engineering Ltd. These are planned to start on 6 November. More information on the Town Deal Green Wheel for Brickhill can be found on our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com

Charles and Wendy are campaigning for an additional safe crossing to be provided on Avon Drive between Tyne Crescent and the roundabout on Kimbolton Road. This would be particularly helpful to assist people crossing on journeys to school, The Pheasant and Mowsbury Park.

Overgrown Footpaths

We have requested the council work to cut back several pavement areas at the request of residents, these include, public footpaths off Kimbolton Road and Bourneside.

Woodlands Park - Ponds and Ditches etc

Following our requests work has commenced on clearing ditches of trees and bushes. Work is expected to begin on the balancing ponds hopefully from 13 November, weather permitting. We have raised a number of issues including the cancellation of the bus service, street lighting in Crispin Drive and the ongoing pursuit of adoption of the roads.

Flooding and Drainage

It is important to make residents aware that the flooding which occurs in areas such as Larkway happens due to the need for action by Anglian Water. The main sewer which belongs to Anglian Water in Brickhill Drive, Larkway, Pipit and Kingfisher cannot cope during prolonged heavy rainfall and the flooding that takes place in Larkway/Pipit/Brickhill is not due to leaves, or detritus. This is purely the lack of a substantial correctly working Anglian Water sewer system. Anglian Water are aware of this and are yet to provide a solution, or provide a timescale for their works. Along with the Borough Council we continue to chase for a resolution. Without a correctly working main sewer not only are residents in the local area faced with inconvenience and potential property flooding problems relating to this, the council are also forced to direct resources away from other areas to try and assist in addressing this issue.

Where leaves build up on the surface or inside drains the council cleansing department are responsible for removing/sweeping away. This can be reported online with links from our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com or go direct to <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/environmental-issues/keeping-bedford-borough-clean/street-sweeping>

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Reporting this will help in normal rainfall conditions, however it should be noted that clear drains will speed the inflow of water into the main sewer more quickly, which will increase sewage escaping from the main sewer in the middle of the road. This is why it is so important that Anglian Water address the lack of capacity in the sewer without further delay.

Clyde Crescent BPHA Development

We have been advised that the tender for the new bungalows has been issued and we expect an update towards the end of November. We are pleased that BPHA are keeping us well updated on progress.

Roads and Footpaths

We would value the Parish Council assisting us in advising the most pressing need for resurfacing of roads and footpaths. We have asked for works including Tyne Crescent and Waveney Avenue areas and footpaths on Nursery Gardens and Kimbolton Road.

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Wendy Rider



Charles Royden

Surgery at Woodlands Park



We would be pleased to meet you at our surgeries

Brickhill Drive Shops Saturday 11 November 10.00am

Avon Drive Shops Saturday 25 November 10.00am

Brickhill Drive Shops Saturday 9 December 10.00am

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