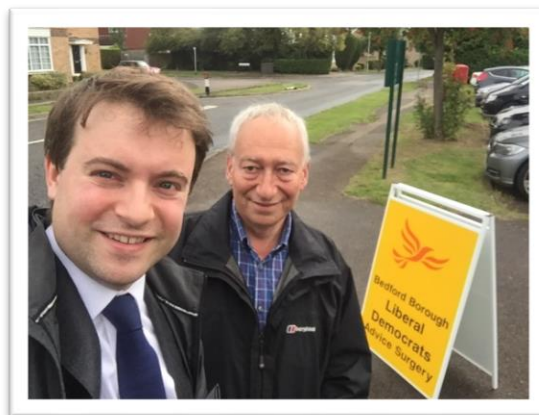


De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

January 2024

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

1. New items

Streetlights and speed indicator: The streetlights that had been disconnected have been fixed near the Allotment entrance on Brickhill Drive and Officers have tested the Speed Indicator Device (SID) and have confirmed it is now working again.

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.

Winter Wonderland: We would welcome feedback on this event in Bedford Park.

Casework items: The Borough Council are being slow on the cleaning / clearing of footpaths in Mallard Hill. The damaged utility box on Brickhill Drive near the Rooksmead Pond has been reported for repairs.

Buses: We are now in touch with Stagecoach and if the Parish have any specific issues or suggestions to raise, we are happy to raise these. We have already raised the issue of driver recruitment and irregular journeys.

Communication to Parishes from the Liberal Democrat Group: These briefings are helpful and the latest included information on the Local Plan 2040 (which the Government have blocked until A421 works can be agreed to by National Highways) and the Council's budget consultation.

2. 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. We remain concerned and encourage Parish Councillors and residents to sign our petition: <https://www.bedfordlibdems.org.uk/petitions/save-bedford-park-tennis-courts>

3. Standing items

Surgeries in January and February 2024

- Saturday 6 January, Brickhill Drive Shops at 10am*
- Saturday 13 January at 1pm
 - Chiltern Avenue shops at 1pm.
 - Fox & Hounds on Goldington Road at 2pm.
- Saturday 3 February, Brickhill Drive Shops at 10am*
- Saturday 13 February
 - Shaldon Court on Barnstaple Road at 1pm
 - Budgens on Kimbolton Road at 2pm

*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



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