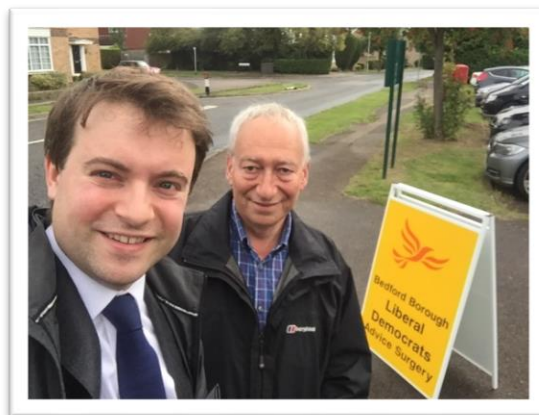


De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

February 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

Ward Fund: The Ward Fund will be funding two Speed Indicator Devices further south on Kimbolton Road, which – whilst not in Brickhill Parish – will be of relevance to local residents. Site visits have taken place.

Council budget: For information: the new Mayor's proposed budget will go to Full Council on 8th February. It includes proposals to cut funding for welfare support, the local Ward Fund, and shrub maintenance. In addition, borrowing is proposed to increase by £56m and Council Tax will increase by 4.99%.

Parish Briefings from the Liberal Democrat Group of Bedford Borough Council:

These are circulated to Parishes and we would like to check that they are circulated to all Parish Councillors.

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. Following the press announcement on 22 January, <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/ParkTennisCourts>, confirming the proposals for the loss of facilities in Bedford Park, we continue to encourage Parish Councillors and residents to sign our petition: <https://www.bedfordlibdems.org.uk/petitions/save-bedford-park-tennis-courts>

Winter Wonderland: We are very disappointed by the state of the site following the removal of the equipment, which will take many weeks to return to its proper condition. We will be asking the Council to find more suitable sites for future events.

3. Standing items

Surgeries in February and March 2024

- Saturday 3 February, Brickhill Drive Shops at 10am*
- Saturday 10 February:
 - Shaldon Court on Barnstaple Road at 1pm
 - Budgens on Kimbolton Road at 2pm
- Saturday 2 March, Brickhill Drive Shops at 10am*
- Saturday 9 March:
 - Chiltern Avenue shops at 1pm.
 - Fox & Hounds on Goldington Road at 2pm.

*shared with Brickhill Ward Borough Councillors

You can also speak with us or another Liberal Democrat 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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