

April 2024



## Borough Cllr Update To Brickhill Parish Council



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



### **Brickhill Green Wheel Project**

Following on from an initial phase of works at Rhineland Way before Christmas, footway works to the Green Wheel are to recommence shortly. This work is part of the Town Deal Green Wheel project made possible by funding secured by Mayor Dave Hodgson. There are maps and additional information which you can download here on our website,

[www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com](http://www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com). The works consist of pedestrian and cycling improvements on the internal footways between Hawk Drive and Kimbolton Road. The works have been programmed by Breheny Civil Engineering Ltd and are planned to start on 29 April and are expected to take 22 weeks to complete.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further details relating to this project and we will be pleased to help. Alternatively you can telephone the Highways Helpdesk on 01234 718003 or via email at [highways.helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:highways.helpdesk@bedford.gov.uk).

### **Commercial Vehicles Parking**

Since alerting residents to the difficulties involved in preventing the parking of commercial vehicles on residential roads we have received numerous requests for help from residents who suffer from parking problems. We have been pleased to offer advice wherever possible and will continue to do so if our residents are suffering from these difficulties.



**Planting funded by Brickhill Liberal Democrat Councillors**

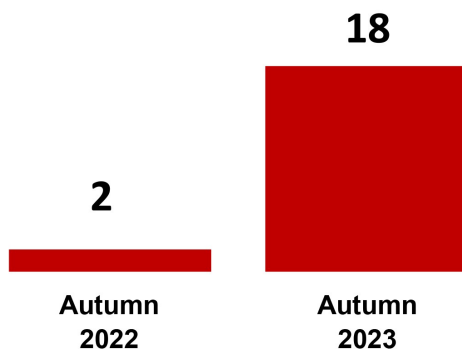
## Fly Posting

Flyposting starts off as one poster for a fairground or a builder, and can then quickly multiply until an area looks unsightly with posters on lampposts and railings everywhere. This is an offence and we have always reported those responsible and had advertising removed. We do not tolerate this in Brickhill and we are pleased when residents inform us of offences. You can also report flyposting direct by [clicking here](#) or visiting (<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/environmental-issues/keeping-bedford-borough-clean/graffiti-and-fly-posting>).

## Rough Sleeping

We have received more reports of rough sleeping and begging in Brickhill. Official figures show that the number of people sleeping rough in Bedford has increased from 2 to 18 since the Conservatives took over the Council and changed the services available. This is a shocking statistic and we are working on the council to force the Conservatives to reinstate the essential services which keep people off our streets. Having a place of safety with a roof over your head is a most basic human need and it is shameful that all the good work done locally over so many years is now being undone.

### Conservatives Responsible for 800% rise in Homelessness in Bedford



*(It' not a lifestyle choice)*



## Footpaths and Road Repairs

Liberal Democrats proposed an extra £3m for pavement and road renewal for our Borough. Disappointingly this was voted down by Conservative and Labour councillors. We know that residents deserve better and safer roads and pavements. Under the Liberal Democrats we have seen many years of high investment in our Brickhill Roads to try and get on top of what was left in such a mess by the previous County Council. Our Liberal Democrat councillors on the Council proposed releasing developer funds to pay for this

highway work as the money is not being spent! It is a disgrace that Conservatives and Labour rejected a sensible way forward to invest in badly needed resurfacing. Fortunately we did successfully stop the Conservatives reducing the budget for local roads and pavements by £1.2m, but more is needed.

## Police and Crime Commissioner

There will be an election on Thursday 2 May for a new Police and Crime Commissioner. We strongly support our local police officers but we recognise that they deserve better leadership that they currently receive. There are severe problems which have caused a collapse of confidence in the management of our police force by our residents and we do need change. We will be supporting the Liberal Democrat candidate Jas Parmar who is committed to putting more police on our streets and restoring local police stations.

## Help us keep in touch

It is always helpful to be able to inform residents with updates via our email list and if you have not yet signed up for this yet then please do so as this is the best way for us to keep in touch with local news. 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)

Please remember we always try and respond to residents the same day or within 24hrs. If you haven't had a reply to an email please call us because they can go astray.



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## ***Surgery at Woodlands Park***



**We would be pleased to meet you at our surgeries**

**Avon Drive Shops 4 May at 10.00am**

**Brickhill Drive Shops 18 May at 10.00am**

**Avon Drive Shops 1 June at 10.00am**

*You can also speak with us or another Lib Dem Councillor  
every Saturday morning 11.00am - 12 noon at Bedford Central Library*

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