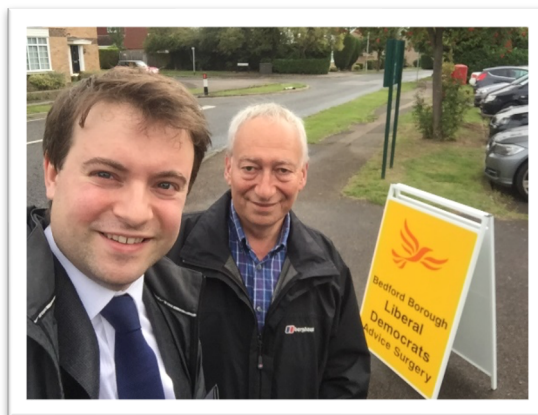


De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

March 2025

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

Parish report. This is a regular report from the Liberal Democrat Group on Bedford Borough Council and updates on more general activity. It should be circulated to Parish Councillors for information and if you have any questions, please do direct them to Henry. It is attached at the bottom of this report.

1. Current developments

Brickhill Drive. We have requested Double Yellow Lines for the bus stop bay outside the Pilgrims site, cars are currently parking in the bus stop bay, causing buses to stop in the carriageway, dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians. **Other suggestions from the Parish for improved parking regulation always welcome!**

Ward Fund projects. We will shortly be looking for suitable projects for the 2025/26 financial year but, in the meantime, we used last year's Ward Fund to plant bulbs alongside Brickhill Drive at Robin Hill and, with the recent spring weather, these will soon be blooming. **Watch that space!**

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.

Winter Wonderland: The 2024 event is now over, equipment removed, and park damaged, not as badly as last year, but will still take many months to be returned to good condition. Nearby residents conducted a survey that showed that the alleged benefits claimed by the portfolio holder (extra footfall in the town centre) did not materialise. We have again called on the Council to investigate more appropriate sites for the future.

3. Standing items

Surgeries in March and April 2025

- Saturday 8 March:
 - Chiltern Avenue shops at 1pm
 - Fox & Hounds on Goldington Road at 2pm
- Saturday 8 March, Avon Drive Shops at 10am*
- Saturday 22 March, Brickhill Drive Shops at 10am*
- Saturday 5 April, Avon Drive Shops at 10am*
- Saturday 12 April:
 - Shaldon Court on Barnstaple Road at 1pm
 - Budgens on Kimbolton Road at 2pm
- Saturday 19 April, Brickhill Drive Shops at 10am*

*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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