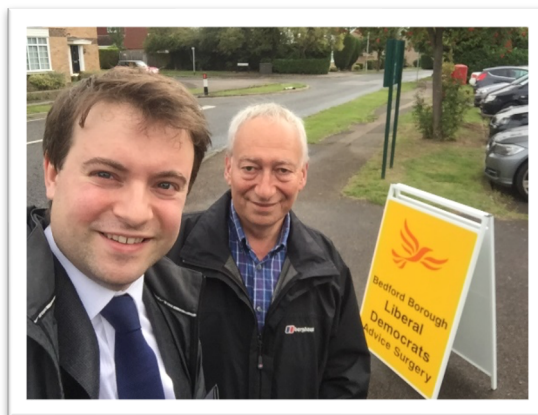


De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

July 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

Bus services. Residents are probably already aware of reductions in our Stagecoach bus services. For example, Number 5 is now terminating on Norse Road and no longer serves Waitrose/Lidl/Tesco or the Caxton Road industrial estate, and Number 7 is reduced to hourly rather than 30 mins and rerouted so that it goes down Rowallan Drive and Kimbolton Road rather than use the stops in Brecon Way and Putnoe Lane. Whilst the Council has no direct control over service provision, we continue to campaign against cuts to local bus services that affect Brickhill residents.

Brickhill Drive/Manton Lane junction. Traffic light timings at the have been flagged for review to improve pedestrian safety.

Cricket nets in Bedford Park. We have supported a proposal to install cricket nets in the area adjacent to the new pay-for-use tennis courts and the Bedford Park border, following the rejection of our proposal to reinstate free courts. Pinetum. We continue to support Brickhill Parish Council in their efforts to ensure their input on tree types and placement in the new Pinetum is properly considered.

Drinking and related anti-social behaviour outside Brickhill Drive shops. Residents' concerns about this have been reported.

Rooksmead pond fountain. This has been reported for maintenance due to a lack of water—potentially due to recent low rainfall.

E-bikes and scooters. We are campaigning against the lack of regulation of e-bikes and scooters, which remain illegal for use on roads and pavements within the Borough.

Graffiti and overflowing waste bins. Ongoing issues including across the ward are regularly reported for action.

2. Updates on previous items

Drug dealing and anti-social behaviour. We are working closely with our community policing team—who now attend our ward surgeries—to address criminal behaviour, including drug dealing and 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.

3. Standing items

Surgeries in July and August 2025

- Saturday 19 July, Brickhill Drive Shops at 10am*
- Saturday 12 July:
 - Chiltern Avenue shops at 1pm
 - Fox & Hounds on Goldington Road at 2pm
- Saturday 16 August, 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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