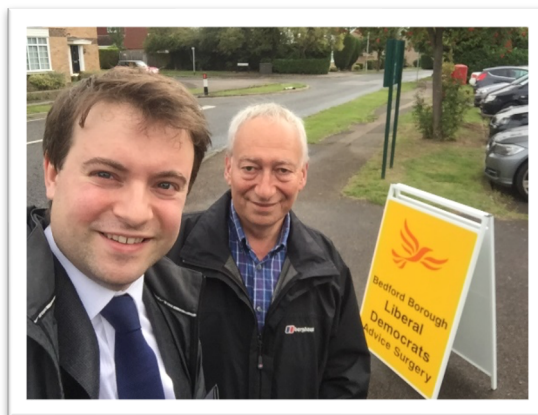


De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

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

Community Speed Watch. Speeding traffic in our residential streets is one of the highest causes of complaints that we receive. We respond to these complaints in two ways: we highlight speeding to the police as a community priority, and we support Community Speed Watch, a scheme set up by Bedfordshire Police for the public to report locations where they're concerned about speeding and, with police training and support, to record the details of offending vehicles. The police will then write to anyone caught speeding informing them of their offence and take further action against repeat offenders or those severely breaking the speed limit. If you would like to set up or join a Community Speed Watch group near you, or want to know more about the scheme, you can find more information at

<https://www.beds.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/community-speedwatch/community-speed-watch/>

Pedestrian crossings. We continue to receive complaints about difficulties for pedestrians in crossing at the traffic lights at the **Kimbolton Road** junctions with **Park Avenue** and **Brickhill Drive**. Not all elements of the crossings have a pedestrian cycle. We raised this with the Council's Highways department when the lights were replaced some years back and were told that the arrangement had received a satisfactory safety audit and that Highways were not prepared to take any further action. We continue to feedback residents' concerns to Highways but remain concerned that they fail to take proper account of these important road safety issues.

Rooksmead Pond. A regular contributor to our monthly email! The pond is currently very dry given recent lack of rainfall, and we have requested a general clean up, including clearing out the debris and weeds and also sorting out the pump which has collapsed again.

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 September 2025

- Saturday 13 September:
 - Chiltern Avenue shops at 1pm
 - Fox & Hounds on Goldington Road at 2pm
- Saturday 20 September, 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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