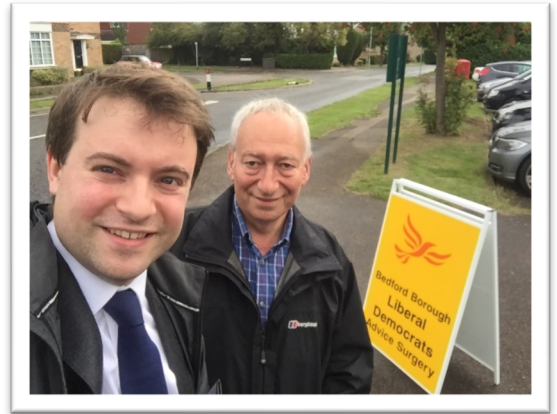


De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

November 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

Traffic lights. There are 2 sets of traffic lights going southbound on **Kimbolton Road** at the **Putnoe Lane** junction and the second set can be green (allowing traffic out of Putnoe Lane) when the first set are red. We continue to receive reports of cars going through the first set of red lights when the second set are green, causing near misses. Better screening of the second set of lights (so that they are less visible from a distance) has been requested.

Ward fund. The councillors' ward fund has been terminated by the Council, reflecting the Council's dire financial situation. We have used this fund to support many local projects over many years, including the defibrillator outside **St Andrew's Church** and many dropped kerbs and additional yellow lines, and we are very disappointed that this financial support will no longer be available. We have been told that current applications (including the Christmas lights outside the shops in **Brickhill Drive**, lawnmowing equipment for **Bedford Bowling Club** and more dropped kerbs and yellow lines) will be honoured.

Rooksmead Pond. The pond has dried up due to of the hot and dry summer although, with some recent rain, it's just starting to have some water. The Council's grounds maintenance team have cut back the vegetation around the pond and were also planning to scrape some of the silt out of the base of the pond, although this was delayed due to a breakdown with the required digger and the pond is now starting to fill up again. We have also arranged for the rubbish and other debris to be removed. When the pond has refilled the fountain will be reset.

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 November 2025

- Saturday 8 November:
 - Chiltern Avenue shops at 1pm
 - Fox & Hounds on Goldington Road at 2pm
- Saturday 8 November, 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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