

De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

January 2026

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

Planning. We have objected to a proposal to install a new 5G mast 15m high at the end of **Ellis Road**. This will be in addition to the mast on **Brickhill Drive**, though replacing one at the **Kimbolton Road/Putnoe Lane** junction. Although the grounds for objecting to new 5G infrastructure are limited by central government, there is a requirement to consider siting and appearance and existing infrastructure.

E-bikes and e-scooters. The police have finally started to take the dangers of e-scooters and illegal e-bikes seriously and have activated their powers to seize and destroy illegal vehicles. The definition of “illegal” in the context has caused some confusion so the police have issued some clarifications. All e-scooters driven on the public highway in the Borough are illegal, but many e-bikes are legal, for example, when they have power assistance (can only provide power when the rider is pedalling). If you notice nuisance vehicles in your area, you can report them by visiting <https://www.beds.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> and providing details about the incident and the rider.

Rooksmead Pond. We are pleased that the Rooksmead Pond has been cleared and have asked when the fountain will be operational again.

Other environmental issues. We supported a **Mallard Hill** resident with fly tipping issues, including furniture, a TV and other electrical items. We have also reported graffiti on utilities in the Mallard Hill area and welcome ongoing reports from residents. We have been told the Graffiti machine that was out of action for some months but is now operational 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 January 2026

- Saturday 10 January:
 - Chiltern Avenue shops at 1pm
 - Fox & Hounds on Goldington Road at 2pm

*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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