

De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

February 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

1. Current developments

Planning good news. We have been successful in objecting to the proposal to install a new 5G mast 15m high at the end of **Ellis Road**. This would have been in addition to the mast on Brickhill Drive, though replacing one at the Kimbolton Road/Putnoe Lane junction. Thank you to the residents and Parish and all who worked together on this.

Rooksmead Pond fountain update. The Rooksmead Pond has been cleaned and improved by the fountain is not working. We have been chasing the council and the latest update is below. We will update residents and Parish Council when we know more.

“Our team have attempted to get the fountain up and running but there seems to be an electrical wiring problem that needs more detailed reviewing, this has been referred to another department, and we are awaiting a confirmed resolution timeframe.”

Graffiti: Following reports last year we discovered the Council’s graffiti machine was broken. It has been back in action in January and we will follow up on reports as some seem to have been marked as resolved when actually not yet fixed – please do let us know of any reports.

E-bikes and e-scooters. We attended the police priority setting meeting on 30 January and agreed that the priorities for the next 6 months should be anti-social behaviour on St Peter’s Green and drug related crime. The police are also prioritising e-scooters and speeding. The police are now exercising their powers to stop and seize e-scooters, which are all illegal if they are driven on the public highway in the Borough. If you see them, 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.

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. You can also share details with us.

3. Standing items

Surgeries in February 2026

- Saturday 14 February:
 - Shaldon Court at 1pm
 - Outside Budgens, Kimbolton Road at 2pm
- Saturday 28 February:
 - Outside Brickhill Drvie 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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