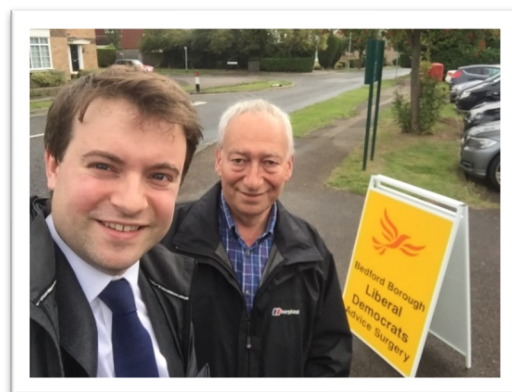


# De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

April 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

We are very concerned about possible cuts in Stagecoach bus services, full details not published yet, but some cuts are already expected. Many residents rely on buses for transport around the town and have suffered from the cuts in recent years. We have met Stagecoach and continue to campaign for them to make their services work for us.

Some changes on the **waste collection** front....

....As part of the new central government requirements, the Council is introducing weekly food waste collections for houses and flats from Monday 30 March, details here: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/household-bins-and-recycling/food-waste-collections>

....and there have been some bin day collection changes including Robin Hill, Mallard Hill and Rooksmead. Residents can check details here: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/household-bins-and-recycling/check-your-bin-day>

....and a reminder, green waste collections are now back on for the summer.

We have chased up a request for Advanced Stop Lines (ASLs) to be marked on **Kimbolton Road at the Polhill Avenue and Brickhill Drive** junctions. 3 ASLs are present at the Brickhill Drive junction but not the 4th, which is a safety hazard.

Following an injury to a resident, we have requested repairs to the footway/pavement between the bus stop on the south-east side of **Brickhill Drive** up to just opposite the **Mallard Hill** junction. The Council have initially rejected the area as in need of repair, but we are pressing for further inspections.

We are supporting a resident with concerns about **safer crossings and the junctions at Manton Heights**. This has received some press coverage and we

have asked for the lights to be monitored and additional crossing time to be included.

Double Yellow Lines at pinch points are being considered – particularly at the tight bends in **Mallard Hill** and **Rooksmead**. Any views on ideal locations in advance of consultations welcome.

Sadly, the Council continues to reduce the flowerbeds in Bedford Park, but separate to this, after some delays, some very good news, there is a provisional opening date for the **bandstand in Bedford Park**, Sunday 26 April, which will allow the footpath work and grounds to plant the boundary hedge to be completed. Watch this space.

## 2. Standing items

### Surgeries in April 2026

- Saturday 11 April:
  - Shaldon Court at 1pm
  - Outside Budgens, Kimbolton Road at 2pm
- Saturday 25 April:
  - Outside 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](http://www.bedfordlibdems.org.uk/sign-up)



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