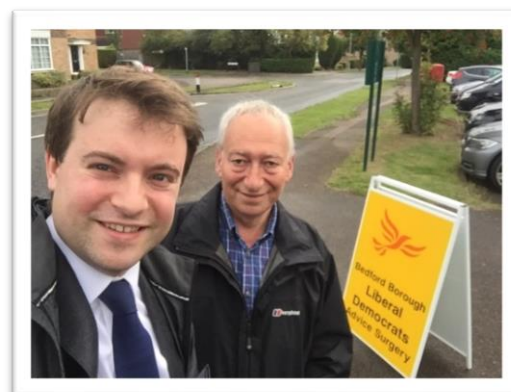


De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

May 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

Buses: Stagecoach have now announced their bus service cuts. This will have a negative impact on many De Parys residents, with the **withdrawal of Route 7**, which serves **Kimbolton Road**, and reductions in other services. Many residents rely on buses for transport around the town and have suffered from the cuts in recent years. We continue to argue strongly for better public transport. Please sign our petition to show your support:

[Stop the Bus Cuts - Bedford Liberal Democrats](#)

As residents look for alternative modes of transport, we want to remind you that Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (Beds RCC) offer their **Door-to-Door service** for people who are unable to use public transport due to a disability. This provides wheelchair accessible minibuses and is available for people living in the Bedford area. Passengers must register with the service before use and there is a minimum charge per journey of £5 (which may be cheaper than a taxi) or from £20 annually. For further information: **Website:**

<https://bedsrcc.org.uk/what-we-do/community-transport/road/door-to-door>;

Telephone: 01234 834933; **Email:** doortodoor@bedsrcc.org.uk

New food waste collections: Residents will know that the Council started the new food waste recycling service at the end of March. Most residents have received their kitchen caddies and food waste bins; if not, you can report it at:

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/household-bins-and-recycling/replace-damaged-or-missing-bins-and-food-caddies>.

During April, residents have reported that not all the waste bins are being emptied; you can report this:

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/household-bins-and-recycling/missed-bin-collection>.

We are also working with some residents in flats who have still not had their bins issued.

Crime: Following a serious knife crime in **Eagle Gardens**, we have requested the Council to provide temporary CCTV coverage to improve residents' safety and security.

Planning: We called in a planning application (so that it would be heard by the Planning Committee instead of being decided by officers) for a 2.5m high steel fence next to Pilgrims Pre-Preparatory School in **Brickhill Drive**. Residents were concerned that, whilst they fully understood that the safety and security of children were paramount considerations, a wall of this size and type would dominate what is currently a relatively open and green environment. The proposal also includes advertising signage. Sadly, the Council's Planning Committee approved this on Monday despite these concerns.

2. Standing items

Surgeries in May 2026

- Saturday 9 May:
 - Outside Chiltern Avenue shops at 1pm
 - Outside Fox and Hounds site, Goldington Road at 2pm
- Saturday 23 May:
 - 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



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