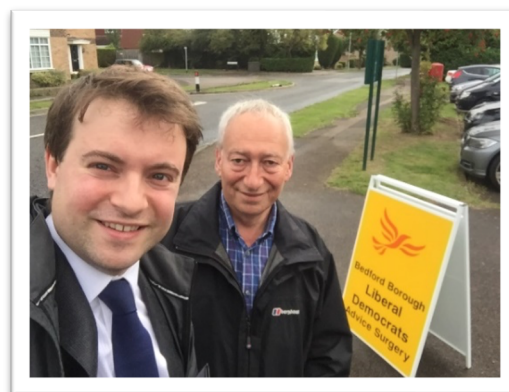


De Parys Borough Councillors Update to Brickhill Parish Council

September 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

Car parking in Rooksmead is a constant challenge for residents. Cars parking opposite driveways is a particular hazard, making entry and exit very difficult and forcing residents to drive over the grass verges, damaging the verges and making them very muddy in wet weather. Some time ago we investigated the establishment of parking bays, as in Mallard Hill, but this was not possible because of the presence of utility provision (gas, electricity and water). However, some progress was made recently, when some of the grass verge/path area was replaced with tarmac. We are investigating whether this can be extended to other properties.

Fly tipping (the illegal dumping of rubbish) around our local area is a continuing problem. We are aware of recent examples outside the **Mallard Hill** flats. Fly tipping includes waste such as household waste including white goods (washing machines, fridges etc), builders' rubble and garden refuse. It is a serious offence which can lead to those responsible receiving heavy fines and a prison sentence. Whenever we see fly tipping, we report it to the Council, and it is usually cleared up quickly. It is a particular hazard in the hot weather, potentially attracting flies and other animals. The simplest way of reporting fly tipping is to use the Council's online form:

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/environmental-issues/keeping-bedford-borough-clean/fly-tipping-dumped-rubbish>

Operation Scoot: Targeting illegal e-scooters and e-bikes. Operation Scoot is the police operation to seize and destroy illegal e-vehicles including e-scooters, which cause concern for many residents. There is an important distinction: ALL private e-scooters are illegal on our roads, but e-bikes can be purchased and ridden without registration, insurance or a driver's licence and are legal in certain specified circumstances, relating to power, speed and rider age. The police are continuing to tackle the illegal use of e-scooters and other e-vehicles in public places and offenders risk prosecution, fines, driving

disqualification, or imprisonment, and vehicles may be seized and destroyed if ownership or insurance cannot be proven. If you notice nuisance vehicles in your area, you can report them by visiting <https://www.beds.police.uk/ro/report/> and providing details about the incident and the rider. We spoke recently with the police about enforcement.

2. Standing items

Surgeries in September 2026

- Saturday 12 September:
 - Outside Chiltern Avenue shops at 1pm
 - Outside Fox and Hounds site, Goldington Road at 2pm
- Saturday 26 September:
 - 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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