

**Brickhill Borough Councillors
Update
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From Wendy Rider and
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Putting the 'Bee' in Brickhill

Brickhill Drive 'Bugs and Bees' meadow area has won national recognition as part of the government 'Bees Needs Champions Award.' Rebecca Pow MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) offered congratulations to the council for the Mayor's Bugs and Bees Project. She praised 'exceptional work...done to help pollinators survive and thrive.'

We have managed grass growth on Brickhill Drive but maintained cut paths to allow walkers. This has also deterred illegal campsites which brought crime to Brickhill, it's win, win !



Bottle Banks

Brickhill has seen a huge increase in the use of bottle banks which fill up rapidly. We are looking for additional sites to seek facilities including this location in the car park at Ashmead Road.



Pavement repairs

Tyne Crescent is one of many areas where we have asked for pavement resurfacing. We have asked for repairs and resurfacing to make Brickhill pavements safer and Mayor Dave has allocated council savings to be directed towards urgent repairs.' This year we also expect work to start soon on Kimbolton Road.



Safer Junctions

We have asked council highways for a full review of all junctions on Woodlands Park. Following poor design agreed by the government planning inspector and it is important for a review to try and make junctions and roads safer.

Falcon Avenue Street Trading We successfully supported residents in objecting to a street trading application to allow sales of snacks from a van as late as 11.00pm in Falcon Avenue. The application has now been withdrawn.



Foster's Brow We have secured grant funding to enable repairs to Foster's Brow. This work will be completed by council highways contractors.

Average Speed Cameras on Brickhill Drive

These have now been installed and matters have passed over to the police for enforcement. These units often have a lot of prosecutions when initially installed so please do obey the speed limit.

Speedwatch

Motorists speeding through Brickhill often appear unaware of the danger they pose to other road users and pedestrians; especially the younger ones being encouraged to walk to school. Neither do

they appear aware of the impact their actions have on the quality of life of residents. Community Speed Watch is a scheme to help residents reduce the dangers, and impact, of traffic speeding through their neighbourhood.

Bedfordshire Community Speed Watch Groups.

Bedfordshire has an increasing number of Town and Village Speed Watch Groups; each one formed of local community volunteers, with the aim of making their, and your, community a safer, better, place to live.

Want To Get Involved? More information can be obtained from the Watch Scheme Development Co-ordinator by emailing watcheschemes@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk



Rooksmead Pond

We are pleased that finally the pond has anew pump and electricity feed It will not work if there is low water !

Come and see us at our surgeries

Brickhill Drive Saturday 9 July 10.00am

Avon Drive Shops 23 July 10.00am

Brickhill Drive Shops 6 August 10.00am

You can also speak with us or another Lib Dem Councillor every Saturday morning 11.00am - 12 noon at Bedford Central Library

As your local councillors we will continue to work hard and keep you informed through regular deliveries of FOCUS, surgeries and our website where you can sign up for our Brickhill newsletter. www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com

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