

Brickhill Borough Councillors Update May 2018

From Wendy Rider and Charles Royden

The 'The Beast from the East' took a severe toll on roads across Bedford and parts of Brickhill Drive and Kimbolton Road broke up in the sub-zero temperatures and needed large areas patching. We have asked for these to be resurfaced given how badly they were affected. After our requests for the remaining sections of Torridge Rise and Windrush Avenue to be finished we are pleased to be able to confirm that these will be done this year. We have also asked for the car park at Avon Drive shops to be properly surfaced as quickly as possible.



A High Court Injunction to prevent travellers on Waveney Green is a priority for us and we have been assured that the papers are before the court and just waiting for a court date. This will make it a criminal offence to set up an encampment on the land and spare local residents the nuisance and the cost of clearing away the mess left behind.

The no-verge parking zone has been introduced in Moriston Road and a new enlarged zone will shortly be placed on roads off Bourneside and Avon Drive. Please do not park vehicles on the grass as this can damage utilities and it creates unsightly muddy verges which then requires maintenance. If you wish to report illegally parked vehicles on verges or elsewhere then call Borough Council Parking Services on 01234 718359, they will respond whenever they are able to do so. We have now also invested in enforcement cameras which enable prosecution when motorists park on zig zag lines outside schools. This area is the most dangerous for the safety of children. Ten motorists were prosecuted outside Brickhill Primary and St Thomas More Schools in April.

We have asked Highways Officers to look at what can be done to provide a safe crossing on Kimbolton Road especially for children going to Brickhill Primary School. It is not easy because where people cross is not where a crossing could be safely located. Efforts are being made to see what can be done.

Work has already begun on Manton Lane to tackle the long delays at school times. Hedging along Manton Lane has been removed already so that nesting birds would not be affected. 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.

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