

Brickhill Borough Councillors Update July 2018 From Wendy Rider and Charles Royden



The no-verge parking zone in Bourneside

We are pleased that this is now in place and hopefully we will see our verges protected from the muddy ruts which have been common place in this area over the past few years

Parking Restrictions. Following requests from residents we have asked for parking restrictions in Waveney Avenue, Pipit Rise and Ashmead Road. These are currently being advertised.

Manton Lane Improvements. Work is continuing on modelling the junction layouts for this scheme to deliver maximum traffic flows. Please remember to visit the Transporting Bedford 2020 website for updates and to contribute to the consultation on projects.
http://www.bedford.gov.uk/transport_and_streets/highways/transporting_bedford_2020.aspx
This is the largest ever investment in Bedford Town Centre roads which will deliver improvements in traffic congestion and also significantly contribute towards the town economy with major improvements to area such as the High Street.

Stagecoach Bus Services. New buses have been brought to Bedford to help tackle the issues of reliability and punctuality. Services are better but not right yet, we are keen to hear from residents about any ongoing issues as they arise. We will continue to raise complaints with the management of Stagecoach until this is sorted out.

Tyne Crescent Speed Humps Residents are concerned about the severity and size of the new speed humps on Tyne Crescent. We complained about the poor quality of the resurfacing and the contractor agreed with us that some of the work was not of an acceptable quality. We did not want premature failure of the road surface and subsequently the contractor carried out the resurfacing at no cost to the council. However the speed humps were clearly enlarged and this is causing an unacceptable hazard for some residents who have reported to us that their vehicles made contact with the humps at low speeds. We are working with the council to have the contractor reduce these speed humps to a less intrusive height.

Avon Drive Shops We are pleased that our request for resurfacing of the car park at Avon Drive shops was carried out quickly once the surface broke up after the severe winter weather. This is now looking much better and encourages people to shop locally.

Grass Cutting Over the summer we are also monitoring the cutting of the grass to make sure it is of a high standard. If you have any areas of concern the please let us know as occasionally areas can be missed as happened in Mallard Hill recently.

Electric Vehicle Charging Mayor Dave Hodgson has announced the introduction of 300 electric vehicle charging points, on 150 posts, across Bedford Town Centre for electric cars over the next 3 years, a massive increase on the existing number.
Working in partnership with Chargemaster, the UK's largest charge point manufacturer, the Council will install the stations on street and within car parks. Both fast and rapid chargers will be installed as part of the project and installations will begin in the coming months.
The 300 charge points installed within this agreement will be added to POLAR plus, the UK's largest charging network, operated by Chargemaster who have recently been taken over by BP. Normal car park charging rates will apply.

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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