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New Bus Routes - New Evening Services



Dave Hodgson working with local bus operators

Stagecoach and Grant Palmer are introducing new commercial bus routes in Bedford from **August 21st**. At the same time Dave Hodgson has been working with Stagecoach to bring in new evening services running until around 11pm on some routes.

Dave Hodgson said "Over and over again bus users have told me that they want to see later buses running. I'm therefore really pleased to be able to work with Stagecoach to bring in services until 11pm. We will also be able to continue with the Sunday services that echo the weekday service routes."

Bus Changes in Brickhill

Thank you to all of those people in the Larkway area who assisted us by completing our survey of bus users. This followed news of the changes to the Number 10 bus which will no longer come through Brickhill. It is clear that this was a very valuable service especially to some elderly residents for whom it was a real lifeline. We have been working with Bedford Borough Council and Grant Palmer Ltd and can now announce that there is agreement to route the Number 28 bus into Larkway to assist Brickhill residents. The bus will come down Kimbolton Road and enter Larkway via Dove Road. The bus will then rejoin Brickhill Drive and return to Kimbolton Road, (more details www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com)

The Number 28 bus service into Bedford will operate Monday to Friday at 8.45am, 10.30am, 11.45am, 12.30pm, 1.45pm, 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 6.20pm and 6.45pm. The Service from the Bus Station to Larkway will operate Monday to Friday at 9.00am, 10.15am, 11.00am, 12.15pm, 1.00pm, 3.15pm, 4.15pm and 5.45pm

There will be a Saturday service with the first bus starting at 10.30am into Bedford and the last bus back to Larkway leaving Bedford at 4.15pm. There will be no Sunday service. You can see the complete bus timetable on our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com. We are also discussing with Bedford Borough Council how Brickhill can access community transport for those who would benefit from increased services. More information will be available on the website as soon as we have more details.

The Number 6 bus service to Brickhill

This service will operate with departures from the bus station approximately every 12 minutes from 0530 to 1811. It will then operate every 20 minutes between 1811 and 1911 and then extend to operate hourly from 1941 until 2241. The final journey in to the bus station will arrive at 2251. Service 6 will operate via the Rail Station at peak times. Number 6 will now serve the Woodlands development, replacing the existing Number 10. As a result, it will operate in both directions on Tyne Crescent but will no longer serve the section of Tyne Crescent between Ashmead Road and Avon Drive past Kennet Rise.

Remember these services don't start until AUGUST 21st

Tesco plans For Bird in Hand



Tesco has announced that it plans a Tesco Express at the Bird in Hand Pub. We are totally opposed to the manner in which Tesco has announced these plans. They stated, *'We can use the premises as an Express as it was previously used as a public house and such a change of land use is allowed without the need for planning permission.'*

We fully support our local shopkeepers in the existing shopping parade who have faithfully served our community for many years. We would like to hear your views about the proposals by Tesco for this development and would ask you to sign copies of the petition available in local shops. You can also send us your views direct by post or email. Details are available on our website www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com

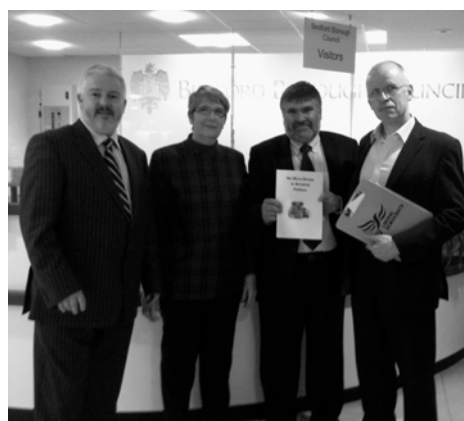
We are holding a public meeting for all of those concerned by the Tesco plans on Wednesday 17 August 2011 at 7.30pm at St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford. We will do our best to serve the interests of our community and support our existing shopkeepers, working with them to protect the future of all the shops in Brickhill.

Saving £2m on buying better

Mayor Dave Hodgson is shaking up the way the council buys goods and services to save millions of pounds. The council spends £160m a year on purchasing goods and services for local residents but too much of the buying has been uncoordinated in the past. By getting the right people to get the best deals £2m a year is planned to be slashed from that bill.

Michael Headley said "The council is facing a £36m funding gap over the next 4 years and money saving ideas like this are crucial. Doing everything possible to protect frontline services will always come first. However, the size of the savings that are needed means that tough choices will have to be faced as well."

Protecting Greenspaces



Presenting the 'No More Bricks in Brickhill' petition to Mayor Dave Hodgson at Borough Hall.

Wendy and Charles welcome the council's proposed new planning policies in the "Allocations and Designations Plan" that will give stronger planning protection to 300 green spaces. Many of these green areas are in Brickhill, such as the land off Tyne Crescent and Cleet Hill.

Wendy Rider said "Mayor Dave has kept his promise and supported our 'No More Bricks in Brickhill' campaign. It is crucial that we use the right planning policies to protect them for the future."

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FOCUS Team Advice Surgeries

Brickhill Drive Shops Saturday 13 August at 10.00am
Avon Drive Shops Saturday 27 August at 10.00am

Bedford Central Library Every Saturday 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Putnoe Library Saturday 20 August & 17 September
(and every 3rd Saturday) 10 -11.00am

Mayor Dave Hodgson's Surgery Held second Tuesday every month 4-6pm at Borough Hall *For an appointment ring 718620*



Remember we work all year round - Every Year - not just at election time. We are always pleased to hear your views and you can keep up to date in Brickhill by visting our website

www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com

Taking Care of Brickhill



Wendy Rider with one of the new recycling waste bins placed in Avon Drive shops. Recycling waste bins have been rolled out across the Borough

Liberal Democrats care about our communities and our environment. That is why we have been busy repairing roads and pavements and campaigning to protect our open spaces like Waveney Green.

Mayor Dave Hodgson has introduced the 'Why Would You?' Campaign, a zero tolerance approach to littering, dog fouling and fly tipping with prosecutions now taking place in court.

Please help us keep Brickhill a great place to live. Tell us about things like broken street lights, graffiti, damaged street signs. Or call the Council direct on 01234 267422

Cutting Clutter



Mayor Dave Hodgson has launched a crackdown on street clutter. The council will be removing old signs that have been left up unnecessarily. Let us know of any more that need removing.

Information

Brickhill Police Post Bedfordshire Police have decided to close the police post and police team at St Mark's Church Community Centre. We regard this as an extremely poor decision which will provide a much reduced service for Brickhill residents. The next meeting of the Community Safety Forum will be Monday 10 October, 7.00pm at St Mark's Church Community Centre - come along and share your views. In the meantime PCSO Roberto Bonforte can be contacted on ☎ 275229 or call the main switchboard ☎ 841212. Police surgeries take place at St Mark's on Thursday's 2.00pm - 4.00pm until October.

Home Insulation. This available at reduced cost or free to over 70s or those on qualifying benefits. For more information see our link at www.puttingbrickhillfirst.com or call 0800 043 5690

If you have a comment or query please get in touch

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Yes I would like to help by:

- Delivering FOCUS in my street
- Displaying a poster at election time
- Making a donation
(to Brickhill Liberal Democrats)
- Joining the Liberal Democrats