

Buckden Parish Council News

Council Website

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. Buckden Parish Council would like to offer the Royal Family our heartfelt condolences.

Flood Group

We have now established an Advisory Group to develop a village Flood Plan. We are keen for one or two villagers particularly those who have experienced flooding to join the group. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk

How to Report Issues in the Village

If you identify an issue in the village e.g., potholes, streetlights not working etc, it can be very confusing who to report it too. We have developed a table on page xxxx which sets out who is responsible for what and how to report the issue. This information with more detail is also on our web site.

Valley Lake

BPC is pleased to report that over the summer it purchased an established floating island which has been installed in the Valley Lake to help mitigate the effects of the very hot weather which had caused the stream which feeds the lake to dry up and water quality in the lake to deteriorate. The roots of the plants on the floating island extend 1.5m into the water, providing shelter and sucking out pollutants. The island will provide cover for fish and a natural food larder for insects and invertebrates whilst also filtering water, removing excess nutrients, phosphate and nitrates.

The purchase was made in consultation with the Buckden Village Hall Trust (BVHT) which owns and manages the Valley and its lake as well as the playing fields. BPC supports the Trust's efforts to raise further funding to protect the Valley Lake through its go-fund-me page. Further joint projects for extending recreational facilities on BVHT land will be considered over the coming months between BVHT and BPC."

In 2022, BPC published its Biodiversity Strategy, and this purchase supports that as well as BPC's Climate Mitigation projects, and this purchase meets the objectives set out in both those areas of the work of Buckden Parish Council.

All of the papers and reports for Council Meetings are available on the Thursday before meetings on Council website www.buckdenpc.org.uk. This provides the opportunity to see the agenda, reports of work carried out by the Council as well as reports from out County and District Councillors. Any questions or comments on this report should be addressed to the Parish Clerk at: Buckden Parish Council, Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Rd, Buckden, PE19 5UY. Telephone 01480 819407 Email: clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk.

The Valley's 11 acres of land, 4 acres of which is naturalised, are Buckden's largest open-air nature area in the village. The recent renovation of the Valley has greatly increased biodiversity in the area.

BPC is working to address residents' desire to have more activities in the village for all age groups. The land in the Valley provides a unique opportunity to create a lasting legacy for residents, and we continue to work closely with the Buckden Village Hall Trust to realise that goal

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 11th October. The meeting will include a 15-minute open forum. If you want to speak at the meeting, please let us know what you want to say, by contacting the Parish Clerk. You will get a three-minute slot. The Council Planning Committee will also meet if required. Agendas for these meetings are posted on the Parish notice boards no later than the Saturday preceding the meeting.

Office opening hours

The Clerk is operating flexibly between the office and home. If you wish to meet with the Clerk, please call on 01480 819407.