

Buckden Parish Council News

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Coronation of King Charles

Full details of events being held in the village will be published next month. However, we expect there to be an event at the Towers on Sunday the 7th, which will include a market and children's activities. There will also be a Seniors Tea Party on Monday 8th at the Village Hall. Further details to follow. We are still keen to understand any other plans to celebrate the Coronation.

Flooding

We have received a small grant from the County Council to purchase equipment for use in the event of flooding. A number of items have been ordered. Details of access and storage will be published once they arrive.

We are still keen to set up a network of Flood Wardens. These individuals would help us to identify issues and solutions and provide a point of communication to residents. It would be particularly helpful if you have had experience of flooding or live in a location prone to flooding, but this is not essential. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on 23rd May at the Village Hall. The agenda will be published nearer the time. Please join us, everyone is welcome.

Hedge Cutting

Now is a good time to tidy up before hedges start to grow again but please think about the effects on birds and other fauna when planning your work. It makes sense not to disturb wild birds when they are nesting. The main bird breeding season is recognised as being between March 1st and July 31st, so it is best not to cut/trim hedges/shrubs/bushes etc., between these dates. If you do need to do some work within this period, it is recommended you check the hedge for any signs of nest building first.

For most of us whose hedges constitute the boundary of our properties, there is no "law" about when you can or can't cut your hedge. However, the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) states that: "it is an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built, or to intentionally kill, injure or take chicks or adults, or intentionally take or destroy any eggs". This means that if you, or your neighbour, know that there is an active nest in the hedge and still go ahead and cut it, damaging or destroying the nest and its contents in the process, you have broken the law.

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 our 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.

If you would like to find out more about this topic, the RSPB website <https://www.rspb.org.uk/> and Natural England <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england> both provide advice about avoiding damage to bird populations through the inappropriate management of hedgerows.

Councillors

We have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you might be interested, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 14th March. 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. 07483 033357.