

Buckden Parish Council News

Council Website

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Coronation of King Charles

Details of current plans are included on the next page.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on 23rd May at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be published nearer the time. Please join us, everyone is welcome.

Speedwatch Update

After a break due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Speedwatch sessions re-started in January. We currently have a great team of 15 trained and active volunteers on the rota. Our current aim is to run 1-2 regular sessions per month - weather permitting! To date, we have run four sessions; two in January, two in February with two further dates booked in for March. As the weather improves, it should be easier to maintain frequency of sessions.

Each session requires a minimum of three trained volunteers and runs for approximately 90 minutes during daylight hours. We record the speed of passing vehicles which exceed the speed limit, and the data is submitted to the police.

We are currently allowed to operate in seven different locations within the village which are agreed by the police. The locations have been highlighted by residents as areas of concern about speeding. We are in the process of being granted additional police agreed locations within the village.

It has been good to receive positive acknowledgements from residents who have spotted us out on the last few Speedwatch sessions! We do appreciate your positive support.

We are keen to have fixed Speedwatch Notices installed at various entry points to the village. To retain the Notices, we must run regular Speedwatch sessions. So, if you have some time to spare during daylight hours Mon-Fri please contact cgrigg@buckdenpc.org.uk. Training, created by the Speedwatch team of Cambridgeshire Constabulary is easily accessible via an online video — and lasts about 25 minutes.

Parking and speeding in the village.

Many residents are concerned about both speeding and dangerous parking. We have contacted our local police who have explained that they have very limited resources. Within the St Neots team there are only 3 PCs and 1 PCSO covering a significant area. Parking is

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something that they do tackle but on a sporadic basis. They have added Buckden to their list of problem areas and will look to attend and issue tickets where appropriate. If you have significant concerns about parking this link to Cambridgeshire Constabulary gives advice on reporting the issues

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/nuisance-parking/>

Friends of Buckden Footpaths

We set up a "Friends of Buckden Footpaths" scheme last year and several volunteers adopted a section of footpath which they check regularly to ensure that it is passable and well signed. Some volunteers also carried out litter picking and cutting back to help residents access the paths. Many thanks to those who have done this over the last year.

We still need a few more volunteers to cover the whole footpath network. If you are interested in helping with this, please email the Clerk with 'Friends of Footpaths Group' in the subject line. We will then let you know which paths still need cover and to ask what level of support you can give. We would be very grateful if you could spare some time to help our community in this way.

Swift Boxes

We are planning to put up swift boxes next year. To choose the best sites we need to know where they currently nest. If you spot swifts and know where they are nesting, please let us know via the Clerk. or on our WhatsApp chat group Buckden Swift Spotting on <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KDpDi9z2AjsFjZmBiLUXCT> The RSPB also have an excellent Swift Mapper webpage and a swift information leaflet. Here is a link to their page: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/conservation/conservation-and-sustainability/safeguarding-species/swiftmapper/>

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 11th April. 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.

Coronation Weekend Events



Saturday 6th May

12pm onwards - 'Bring & Share' picnic

Buckden Village Club

Bring along a picnic to share with friends whilst watching the Coronation on the big screen.

Sunday 7th May

12 - 6pm - Coronation Celebration

Buckden Towers

Food & drinks stalls, local crafts, music & children's activities. Spend the afternoon relaxing in the grounds of Buckden Towers!

Monday 8th May

10am - 'The Big Help Out' Volunteer Day

Grafham Water

Come along and plant a flower in the new ' King Charles Garden before it's official opening at 11am. All volunteers will be offered a free round of miniature golf for themselves and 3 others.

3pm onwards, Seniors Tea Party*

Buckden Village Hall

An invitation to the senior residents of Buckden to enjoy afternoon tea in the company of friends.

*There is no charge but booking is essential - please email buckdencoronation@gmail.com to book