

Buckden Parish Council News

Council Website

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Silver Street Development

Our Planning team have had initial discussions with Morris Homes the developer for this site. The plans are available on our website. Whilst the discussion was constructive, we have serious concerns about the development. These include:

- Poor access to and from the site via Silver Street
- The significant proportion of 4 and 5 bed properties proposed
- Lack of any retirement housing
- Lack of environmental sustainability features.

No progress appears to have been made in relation to the A1 roundabout. Houses cannot be occupied until a solution has been approved by National Highways and implemented. Discussions will continue.

Introduction of a Charge for the Green Bin

The introduction of a charge for the Green Bin service has been approved by HDC and will be implemented in April 2024. We are discussing how the impact of this can best be managed with our District Councillor and will provide further updates.

Weed Killing

We have received many complaints about the failure of Cambs County Council to deal with roadside weeds. This service was stopped without local consultation. CCC will be reviewing the impact of the change and discussing this with Parish Councils so please let us know your views. More information is available on our web site.

Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights in the High Street and Hunts End will be switched on at 4pm on Sunday 26th November. Plans for a road closure and market were under discussion at the time of writing and a further update will be provided.

Buckden Speedwatch Volunteer Team

We took a break from holding sessions over August. However we are ready to resume our bi-monthly sessions within the village once more.

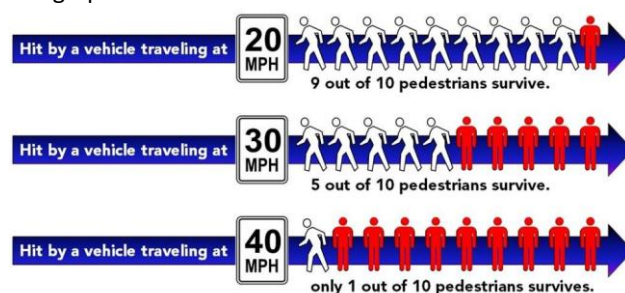
The data from the six MVAS units placed around the entry and exit points to the village shows that most drivers are very conscientious about adhering to the given speed limit. However, there is still a small percentage of drivers who vastly exceed the speed limit - shockingly, speeds of over a 100mph have been recorded on the units on Mill road - which is within a 50mph speed

limit zone - and speeds of over 90mph on Perry road - which is within a 30mph speed limit zone.

During Speedwatch sessions we have also recorded several drivers exceeding the given speed limit within both the 20mph and 30mph zones. This data is sent to the local constabulary who act accordingly in response to the submitted data.

It is important to highlight that the 20mph zone within the central part of the village - since it encloses the primary school and immediate area - is placed there to protect the safety and wellbeing of all residents.

The comparison of the impact of being hit by a car at different speeds is very clearly demonstrated in the Infograph below:



This is sobering data.

We want everyone in the village to feel as confident and safe as possible as we go about the business of our daily lives. One way to ensure this is to always drive safely within the designated speed limits in our beautiful village - so that potential and unnecessary fatalities can be avoided.

Waste Minimisation

Hunts Waste Busters is a voluntary group set up in 2021 to share ideas and develop projects to help spread the waste minimization word. Based upon the principles of the three "Rs", Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, the group have produced a number of useful resources which can be found at <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/waste-minimisation/>

Their current campaign is a "pledge to fight food waste". We are all being told that reducing food waste is a relatively simple way of saving money and reducing our carbon footprint. But just how much difference can it make? Some interesting "facts" from the website suggest that we throw away as much as 6.6 million tonnes of food and drink each year, much of which could have been consumed. This costs each household in Britain about £800 a year and when you consider that food waste emits more greenhouse gases than any individual country in the world except for China and the USA, it's not so good for the environment either! Makes you think, doesn't it? If you would like to find out more about how to reduce your food waste, go to

<https://www.recap.co.uk/pledge-to-fight-food-waste>

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Village waste bins

We are pleased to report that a contract is now in place with HDC's Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance services to empty these bins weekly. The waste will be removed by the contractor and taken to their waste recycling centre to be sorted and recycled. If any parishioners become aware of bins which are full / do not appear to have been emptied, we would be grateful if you could e-mail the clerk to the parish council to let her know (clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk). Each bin is numbered, and it would help enormously if you could take a note of the bin number and include that along with its location in your e-mail.

Buckden to Brampton Cycleway

Whilst it looks as if the target date of 14th September may be missed, really good progress has been made towards completion.

Councillors

Allan Jones has resigned as a Councillor. Allan has made a major contribution to the Council over several years particularly in the area of Climate Change mitigation and would like to thank Allan for his efforts and to wish him well.

Mark Williams has been appointed as a new Councillor.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 10th 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 both 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.

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