

Buckden Parish Council News

Council Website

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Christmas Lights

Many thanks to the Community Events Group for arranging such a well-attended Christmas event. Thanks too, to our Clerk Ramune and Asst Clerk Jess for coordinating the lights switch on and to CLM Electrical Solutions for managing a sometimes uncooperative electrical infrastructure.

Road Safety

We are seeking the views of residents about traffic safety in the village. We will be issuing a series of short 2–5-minute surveys asking your views on various aspects of road safety. We will use the information to prioritise projects in the village.

The first survey is in relation to speeding – to participate please use the QR code below or look for the link on our website. Your contribution is important to us! This survey will be available until the end of January.



Tree Warden

The role of the Tree Warden on the Parish Council is a volunteer role aimed at conserving the trees and woods in our village. This includes surveying local trees, gathering information about them and liaising with the local District Council, Conservation groups, the Parish Council, and the community.

For a number of years, we have had a very active tree warden Melanie Storey but she is now giving up the role, so we are looking for a volunteer to fill this important position in the village. If you would like to find out more about what is involved please contact Cllr Underwood cunderwood@buckdenpc.org.uk or Clerk clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Melanie for everything she has done as a tree warden over the last 5 years.

Making Memories group – seeking volunteers to assist with social interaction in these meetings.

We are planning to re-open the Making Memories group early in 2024. To make that possible we are looking for volunteers to help by attending the sessions.

The Making Memories sessions are run for the benefit of people with memory concerns who are referred through their GP practices. Sessions will be held at Buckden Village Hall. The day and time of sessions will be shared with potential volunteers and at the same time further details will be given to you about how we will support you in that role.

2 or 3 Volunteers per session will attend to support social interaction between the people with memory loss (not dementia), their carers and the volunteers.

- The volunteers' role is to make the group a welcoming place for all attending.
- Partners and carers for people referred to the group may act as volunteers.

Volunteers will receive support and training in safeguarding. To protect all involved including the volunteers, they will be required to follow our volunteering policy and procedure. These will be shared and explained before you are actively involved.

The group will meet each week, but volunteers will not be expected to attend every session as there will be a rota.

If you would like to find out more about this opportunity, please contact:

Sue Ashwell sashwell@buckdenpc.org.uk

Or write to Sue at Buckden Parish Council, Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden PE19 5UY marking the envelope "Making Memories"

Councillors

We currently have two vacancies for Parish Councillors. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 9th January. 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 operates flexibly between the office and home. If you wish to meet with the Clerk, please call on. 07483 033357.

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.