

Buckden Parish Council News

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Buckden Parish Council's Thermal Imaging Camera

Now that winter seems to have arrived, you might have noticed a few cold spots or draughts in your home. Sometimes it's not easy to tell where they originate from so that you can do something about preventing the heat loss. Thermal imaging can vividly show where your home is leaking heat, revealing problems with insulation, the origins of draughts, damp and more. Buckden Parish Council has a compact thermal imaging camera which is easy to use and FREE to borrow. You use it like an ordinary camera. For example, if you think you have a draught around a door just point it at the door and take a picture. If there's a cold area it will show up blue or purple against the oranges and yellows of warmer areas. A temperature range at the edge of the image tells you how cold this area is relative to those warmer ones. Then it's up to you to decide what to do about it – be it a curtain if draughts are coming in around the door or a good old fashioned "snake" type draught excluder. Both save you money by lowering your energy bills, not to mention your carbon footprint!



We can provide a quick session on how to use the camera/how to interpret your pictures or you could sign up for a free online session with Cambridge Carbon

Footprint at cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/thermal-imaging. They also have a series of videos available on YouTube which show you how to use the camera <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErqhcSJhxNs> and a recording of a training course <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8luQOEBCRY> which gives you plenty of information about how to go about doing your own survey and interpreting the images once you have them.

If you would like to sign up to borrow the camera or would like some more information, please contact us clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk

Buckden Christmas Lights switch-on

Despite the stormy weather the High Street was packed for the switch-on of our Christmas lights. Many thanks to those stall-holders who came, to the Buckden Community Events Team and the staff of the Parish Council who ensured that it went well.

Highway Maintenance

Cambridgeshire County Council has asked if we wish to highlight any roads or footpaths where we think capital

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 07483 333557 Email: clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk.

investment is needed. We have suggested that the footway running the length of Mill Road from Greenway to Carters Boatyard needs improving and widening.

Cemetery flowers

This may be a little early, for which we apologise, but In early February our groundstaff will be removing Christmas Wreaths and dead flowers from the Cemetery.

Flooding

The flooding from the Great Ouse that was experienced in September was repeated at the end of November, although for a shorter time. A petition has been launched demanding that the Environment Agency reinstates Flood Prevention Measures. It already has well over 2,000 signatures and has been supported by the Parish Council. Details of it can be found at <https://chnng.it/XtG9RF5tLF>

Christmas and New Year

As this is the last "Roundabout" for 2024 we would like wish everyone Season's Greetings and to thank the huge number of volunteers in the village that make Buckden such a good place to live. We would also like to place on record our thanks to the devoted and small team who bring you "Roundabout" every month.

Book Exchange

Two Parish Councillors have volunteered to be part of a rota to manage the Book Exchange in the old Telephone Box in the High Street. This is valuable service for the village and if you would like to join this team please let the Parish Clerk know.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 14th 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 and Village Maintenance Committees will meet as required. Agendas 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 07483 333557.