

Buckden Parish Council News

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting, also known as the Annual Assembly, will take place on Tuesday 20th May at 7pm at the Village Hall.

Not only will the Parish Council be reporting on the past year and its plans, but we hope also to have reports from our District and County Councillors, the Village Hall Trust, the Police, Neighbourhood Watch and others.

An officer from Huntingdonshire District Council will be there to talk about biodiversity.

It is also the opportunity for electors in the Parish to raise issues and ask questions.

Vacancy

The Parish Council consists of 15 Councillors and 4 staff. We still have a vacancy for a Councillor. If you are interested in joining the Council to help take forward the many initiatives we are working on, please contact the Clerk, details below, for more information about what is involved.

A chance to get out and about

Now the weather is improving it is an ideal time for you to make use of the many footpaths that are in and around Buckden, especially the Roundabout Buckden circular walk.

If you go on to our web site at the link below there are lots of leaflets about our walks. These include:

- A map of all the public rights of way that are currently in place.
- Leaflets for the Roundabout Buckden walk which include a different leaflet for each season, a fun one for children and one about the history associated with the route.
- A trees and bees leaflet so you can find out more about the trees and flowers in the village
- A Historic Buckden walk around the village
- There are also several Biodiversity bingo spotters' guides

So do get out and about if you can. We know that sometimes some of the paths can get overgrown or very muddy. Please do let us know if you come across any problems by emailing clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk and we will do what we can to improve things.

Link to the wide range of information we have
<https://buckdenpc.org.uk/the-parish/walking-in-buckden>

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Growing Buckden's Community Nature Reserve

If all the gardens in Buckden were joined together it would cover the equivalent of 35 football pitches! In England the area taken up by gardens covers an area 4.5 x greater than all our National Nature Reserves combined and more than the whole of Cambridgeshire, one of the most nature depleted areas in the country (<https://naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/>). Just imagine what that area could do for nature if we were all able to manage our gardens in a nature friendly way. In Buckden we are fortunate to be surrounded by farmland and other open countryside. However, small mammals, insects, reptiles and amphibians, need to be able to move from place to place and built-up areas often present a significant challenge to this. If we can provide green corridors through the village for the use of wildlife, they would benefit immensely. It is not only wildlife that benefits from Greenspaces, we all do. That's why the Parish Council is encouraging everyone to take part in our bid to establish our own Community Nature Reserve. This would consist of our collective greenspaces, gardens, verges, and other communal land. Together, we can contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of all Buckden's residents, from the minute soil bacteria to the largest of animals, including ourselves. Thank you to everyone who has helped us to make a start by planting the wildflower seedballs we have been giving out and to those of you who completed our questionnaire to tell us about the wonderful things you already do.

It doesn't take much, from planting some wildflowers or leaving a patch to go wild in your garden, no digging (a personal favourite!), collecting rainwater, introducing a small pond and making your own mulch/compost. For more information and ideas you could look on the Parish Council website <https://buckdenpc.org.uk/the-parish/greening-buckden/>. If you don't have a garden, then perhaps you might like to volunteer with organisations that can do things on a bigger scale. To inspire you and to showcase what can and has been achieved locally and in other areas, the Parish Council is holding a "Green Fair" at the Village Hall from 1.30-4.30 p.m. This will run in conjunction with our 3rd Repair Café. We have invited several organisations, both local and national, to join us to showcase what they are doing for nature and to give us some ideas about how we can help. There will be more details about this in the June edition of the Roundabout and please look out for our posters.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 13th May. The meeting will include a 15-minute open forum. If you want to speak at the meeting, please let us

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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.
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