

Buckden Parish Council News

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We are excited to confirm that Buckden's next Repair Café will take place on Saturday 8th November from 1.30-4.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Have you got a "drawer or cupboard of doom" filled with things that need fixing? Our repair café could be the answer! Just bring your item along, e.g. small electrical and electronic devices, jewellery, clothing in need of a new zip or other repair, mechanical items, small pieces of furniture, garden tools, bicycles, etc. and our volunteer repairers will try their best to make your item work again but sadly, there can be no guarantees. **Repairs are free** (donations to help cover costs would be much



appreciated). Our volunteers give up their time to try to help reduce the amount of "stuff" that could easily be repaired from going to landfill and because they enjoy mending things!

Bookings can be made via e-mail to buckdenrepaircafe@gmail.com or online by following this link <https://forms.gle/3NjoicPWCLyMcVQ7>. If you prefer not to use the internet, then forms can be found at the library. Booking is highly recommended to avoid having to wait on the day but do feel free to just turn up with something. **Of course, tea, coffee, cakes and other sweet treats will be available to make the wait even more worthwhile!** If you've not been before, please pop in for a cuppa and see what it's all about.

We now have a WEEE bin in the Village Hall Car park

You may have seen the pink bin next to the clothes bin in the Village Hall Car Park. WEEE stands for waste electrical and electronic equipment.

Any item must be able to fit into the hopper and must not be forced in. We have had 3 strimmers forced in and that has jammed the hopper so that no more items can be deposited.

Brampton Cross

We are extremely concerned at proposals for a huge 945-acre commercial development at the junction of the A1 and A14. It will have a huge impact on Buckden as it is expected to generate at least 9,000 extra vehicle movements. It will also have a major visual impact with industrial buildings up to 30 metres high.

These proposals come in addition to the new development of the Hinchingsbrooke Logistics Park. It is anticipated that a formal Planning Application will be submitted in November, and the Parish Council is represented on a group of Local Councils led by Alconbury Parish Council.

Mill Road Buffer Zone

When Cambridgeshire County Council established a 20mph limit on some roads in the village it should have installed a 30mph buffer zone down Mill Road beyond the new speed limit. This it failed to do, but after much pressure from the Parish Council we now have proposals for a buffer zone of 30mph extending 250 metres down Mill Road.

The Parish Council supports the proposals but if you have any comments, please visit the CCC online traffic portal at <https://consultation.appyway.com/huntingdonshire> and select the Order "CCC(Mill Road, Buckden)(30mph and 50mph SpeedLimits) Order 2025". They must be sent in writing by 5th September 2025.

Footpaths

In August's "Roundabout" our District Councillor, Martin Hassall, reported on the opening of the new route of D1 (Diddington Footpath 1).

As we have seen a number of changes in the footpaths in the whole Parish we will be publishing a new footpath map in the next few months.

Village Hall Master Plan

A group of users of the Village Hall, led by the Village Hall Trust, are working at co-ordinating ideas and wishes for the next few years for the grounds and playing fields at Buckden Village Hall. The Parish Council has contributed funds to purchasing a wooden gazebo and will be producing proposals for a greatly-improved children's play area. This follows a detailed survey we have undertaken throughout the village.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 9th September. 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.

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.