

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.

Parish Councillors

At its September meeting, the Parish Council co-opted David Gregory as a new Councillor.

We still have two vacancies and if you are interested in joining us and becoming more involved in what we are doing for Buckden please contact our Clerk.

Brampton Cross

In September's "Roundabout" we referred to the 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 daily vehicle movements.

We have now been advised that there are currently no proposals to improve, or bypass, our A1 roundabout. It is anticipated that a formal Planning Application will be submitted in November, and the Parish Council

continues to be represented on a group of Local Councils led by Alconbury Parish Council.

Mill Road Speeds

The consultation period for a 30mph buffer zone on the approach to the village has ended and Cambridgeshire County Council will now be installing it. We do not yet have a date when the works will take place and will provide that information when we receive it. The Parish Council is still very concerned about the speed of some drivers and motorcyclists on Mill Road and will be asking the County Council and the Police for a 40mph speed limit to replace the current 50mph limit and for the installation of speed cameras.

Speedwatch

We are looking for a new co-ordinator for Speedwatch. If you are interested in helping with this valuable activity, please contact Cllr. Gerald Sansom at gsansom@buckdenpc.org.uk.

Youth Summer Event

On 29th August the Parish Council ran a very successful Youth Summer Event at Buckden Towers, whose help in making their facilities available is greatly appreciated. Over 20 young people enjoyed various activities including a stage make-up masterclass, first aid training, a DJ skills workshop and various sports. And there were pizzas!

Local Government Reorganisation

Following a decision by the Government to replace District and County Councils with Unitary Authorities, both Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council are considering the various options. Each would create two Unitary Councils. Parish and Town Councils will not be part of this reorganisation but, once the new bodies are established, we will have to build new relationships with our new Unitary Council.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 14th. 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 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

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.