

Buckden Parish Council News

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Buckden Repair Café

Don't forget that Buckden's next Repair Café will take place on Saturday 8th November from 1.30-4.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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!

Booking is highly recommended to avoid having to wait on the day but do feel free to just turn up with something. 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 **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.

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

Buckden Parish Council's Thermal Imaging Camera

Now that autumn 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 reveal where your home is leaking heat, revealing problems with insulation, the origins of draughts, damp and more. Buckden Parish Council have 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

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.

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=x8luQ0EBRCY> 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

Mill Road Speeds

We are still awaiting confirmation of the date when the 30mph buffer zone on the approach to the village is to be installed by Cambridgeshire County Council.

The Parish Council is still very concerned about the speed of some drivers and motorcyclists on Mill Road and is working with local residents and our County Councillor, Liam Beckett, asking the County Council and the Police for a 40mph speed limit to replace the current 50mph limit and for other traffic calming measures.

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.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 11th November. 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 33355