

Buckden Parish Council News

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Buckden Fireworks

Many of you were at the Village Fireworks at Buckden Towers on 5th November. Our thanks and congratulations to the Buckden Community Events Team for a truly excellent display.

Christmas Lights and Market

A last-minute reminder to you that Buckden Christmas Lights Switch on and the Market in the High Street will be on Sunday 30th November. Starting at 1pm there will be lots of music throughout the afternoon and at 5.30 the lights will be switched on.

Buckden Repair Café held on 8th November 2025.

We are pleased to report that we have had another very successful Repair Café. 70-80 people joined us to either get something repaired or just for a cuppa, a natter and to enjoy some delicious cake.

There was a buzz of activity in the Hall, with items brought for repair ranging from some small pieces of jewellery to the largest things you could carry into the room – an exercise bike and a treadmill. The details below give an estimate of the value of these cafés to preventing waste. But more than that, they are great community events. Perhaps one of the nicest pieces of feedback we received was from a visitor who said: “it was lovely to come” “a great atmosphere – felt like the antiques roadshow”.

We are for ever indebted to

- our amazing group of repairers who give up their time to mend items for free, often going the extra mile just because they hate for things to have to be thrown away!
- our volunteers who run the café, greet our visitors making sure that they know where to go and generally keep things running smoothly, even when the electricity goes off.
- Lastly, but by no means least, to our visitors who bring in an eclectic mix of items to keep our repairers on their toes.

We saw 51 items for repair, of which 35 were fixed, 78kg of waste prevented and 661kg of CO2e emissions prevented

In our 4 Repair Cafes to date we have seen a total of 212 items with a successful repair rate of 68.4% and just 8% of the items brought along to our 4 cafes have had to be sent to landfill. The remainder could be repaired but

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either needed more time than we have or spare parts. They often find their way to our next repair café or one nearby. Did you know that Cambridgeshire is a hotspot for Repair Cafes with at least one a week?

<https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-we-do/repair-cafes/visit-a-repair-cafe/>

We thank you all and hope to see you again next time. Please keep an eye on the Roundabout magazine for the date which we hope will be in early 2026.

Buckden Parish Council's Flood Group

The Parish Council has an active Flood Group, which is involved in all aspects of flood mitigation and management within the Parish. This includes liaison with the Local Lead Flood Authority (Cambridgeshire County Council), Environment Agency (EA) and Anglian Water. The Flood Group has recently issued a Flood Plan, which includes information regarding actions to be taken before, during and after flood events, together with related information such as the roles and contact information for the various agencies involved. The Flood Plan can be viewed at [Policies and Procedures-Buckden Parish Council](#).

The Flood Group manages flood equipment resources, including sandbags, hydrosacs, pumps etc, which are available in the event of any flood events. These resources have been supplemented recently following a grant from the EA.

River flooding along Mill Road and Station Lane is a common event during the wetter months. Drivers are reminded that entering flood water should be avoided wherever possible. Each year a number of vehicles are seriously damaged by getting stuck in the water along this stretch of road. When entering the water is unavoidable, the recommendations of driving organisations such as the AA include:

- If possible, try to avoid standing water.
- Don't drive into flood water that's moving or more than 10cm (4 inches) deep.
- Let approaching cars pass first
- Drive slowly and steadily (around 3-4 mph) so you don't make a bow wave
- Use higher revs than usual
- Keep the car moving and avoid stalling
- Test your brakes as soon as you can afterwards
- Fast-moving water is very powerful – take care or your car could be swept away

If anyone is interested to join the Flood Group, please contact the Parish Council Clerk at clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk.

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Mill Road Speeds

By the time you read this in "Roundabout" the 30mph buffer zone on the approach to the village should have been installed by Cambridgeshire County Council in the week beginning 24th November.

Council Meetings

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

Speedwatch

We are still urgently looking for a new co-ordinator for Speedwatch. Without one we shall not be able to continue with it.

If you are interested in helping with this valuable activity, please contact Cllr. Gerald Sansom at gsansom@buckdenpc.org.uk.

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