

Buckden Parish Council News

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Footpaths and Bridleways

We hope to publish a new map showing the Public Rights of Way in Buckden and Diddington later this year. In the meantime, we are pleased to say that there have been beneficial changes to the footpaths in the south of the Parish, between Diddington and Paxton Pits. These include diversions of some paths and additional paths, all of which have now been signposted.

Winter is truly here

As we write this the weather has been very cold and with the freezing conditions the footways and roads in the village can become very slippery. Buckden Parish Council provides salt bins at a number of locations around the village for residents to treat public roads and footways (not private driveways).

If you are aware that a particular path is at risk of becoming slippery through icy conditions, you can use the salt in the bins to help keep others in the village safer.

The Parish Council has adopted a detailed Local Winter Management Plan which can be viewed on our Website. If you spot a salt bin that is running low please report it to the Highways Reporting website at <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/en-gb>

Thermal Imaging Camera

The Parish Council has a Thermal Imaging Camera that you can borrow to check the insulation of your home. If you want to know more contact the Parish Clerk by email at clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk

Mill Road Speeds

Now that the new 30 mph Buffer Zone has been installed on Mill Road, the Parish Council is supporting County Councillor Liam Beckett's bid for the installation of "SLOW" road markings. This support includes a financial contribution of up to £1,000, representing approximately 33% of the total estimated cost. We will continue to pursue more ways of reducing vehicle speeds along Mill Road.

Bus Route 65

As we write this piece we do not know the outcome of a threat by the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority to remove Service 65 which runs between Buckden surgery and St Neots. It serves The Offords and Great Paxton as well as Mill Road in Buckden.

Our County Councillor, Liam Beckett, was not made aware of this proposal until two days before a crucial meeting of the Combined Authority, but thanks to his speedy action he was able to have a question asked at the meeting.

We also have the support of many leading County and District Councillors, including the Chair of the County Council's Highways and Transport Committee. We will ensure that any developments will be set out on the Parish Council's Facebook page.

Buckden February Sports Sessions

The Parish Council, working with One Leisure, will be again providing free sports sessions for 5-11 year olds at Buckden Towers

on Monday 16th February from 10am to 12pm

Wednesday 18th February from 2pm to 4pm

Thursday 19th February from 2pm to 4pm

To book, contact

<https://forms.office.com/e/G4DgSnSYn3>

Buckden Book Swap

Just a quick thanks to those who are keeping the Buckden Book Swap clean and tidy.

It is really appreciated. We have a resident who tidies it regularly and JJ Windows keeps the outside looking good.

Speedwatch

We still need 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

Buckden Repair Café

A reminder that the next Repair Café will be at the Village Hall between 1.30 and 4.30 p.m. on Saturday 7th February. To pre-book, contact us at Buckdenrepaircafe@gmail.com to complete our booking form. Paper copies will also be available in the library or from the Village Hall.

You can just turn up on the day but may have to wait. Never mind though, there'll be tea, cakes/savouries to purchase at the Café. If you've nothing to be mended, please do join us for a cuppa.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 10th. February. 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

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.

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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

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