

Buckden Parish Council News

Council Website

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Greening Buckden

Many of you will know that the UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world and Cambridgeshire is one of the most nature-depleted places in the UK

Whilst this is very depressing many across the county are working to change that. Here in Buckden the Parish Council is committed to improving the natural environment where we can. Over the last few years, we have undertaken a number of projects to enhance the local environment.

Have you noticed?

- The wild flower planting in the churchyard.
- The wildflower planting and Bee hotel at Hunts End
- Wildflower planting along Morris Close
- The planting of native trees, shrubs and hedging by the telephone box in the High Street
- The beginnings of a wildflower area at the corner of Stirtloe Lane and Lucks Lane by the red wall
- A small orchard has been planted in the allotments
- A new hedge with a variety of native species such as hawthorn, hazel and holly has been planted in Buckden Towers
- Encouraging bird life through provision of swift trays and some of the bird boxes around the village
- A nut tree plantation is being planned for the allotments
- Bulbs have been planted at the entrance to the village on Mill Road, so hopefully there will be a lovely display very soon.

We have more plans; we will let you know about these as they develop. In the meantime, you too can make a difference in your own gardens. Go to our website to look for our leaflets on:

Planting Trees to help you if you are wanting to plant trees in your garden

The Trees, Bees and Wildflowers of Buckden: a leaflet telling you more about the trees, wildflowers and insects in Buckden.

Water in your Garden how to plan and maintain a water feature in your garden.

Plus, a helpful guide: **Actions for nature seasonal calendar** which gives you ideas for things you can do across the year in your local neighbourhood.

Find them all via this link

<https://buckdenpc.org.uk/the-parish/greening-buckden/>

Take care of our countryside.

The Countryside Code provides guidelines for enjoying the countryside focusing on three core pillars:

Respect everyone, Protect the environment, and Enjoy the outdoors

There are some key guidelines

- **Respect Everyone:** Be considerate of people living and working in the countryside. Avoid blocking access with parked vehicles.
- **Protect the Environment:** Take your litter home and avoid creating litter
Do not light fires, only use BBQs where permitted
- **Keep Dogs Under Control:** Always keep dogs under close control, especially near livestock. Bag and bin dog poo.
- **Respect Wildlife & Livestock:** Do not feed, disturb, or scare farm animals, horses, or wildlife.
- **Follow Paths:** Stick to marked paths to avoid damaging crops and use gates and stiles.

It is this last one we are particularly concerned about. There are a lot of instances of people walking their dogs across fields where there are **no** paths.

This is trespass! The fields belong to people; you would not want people wandering into your garden
PLEASE respect land ownership and stick to the paths

All the paths around the village are well signed and we have two leaflets on our website about walking, one is the Roundabout Buckden Walk and the other, Footpaths around Buckden. (soon to be updated to include the new Diddington Paths) <https://buckdenpc.org.uk/the-parish/walking-in-buckden/>

Elections May 2026

May does seem a long way ahead, but the whole Parish Council (15 seats) will be up for election on Thursday 7th May. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk. All nomination papers must be submitted by Thursday 9th April.

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

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Silver Street

We will provide a full update next month about progress in relation to the Silver Street development. In the meantime details of recent meetings and correspondence with the developers, Morris Homes, are available via the Clerk.

Buckden Repair Cafe

Thank you to all who participated in our Buckden Repair Cafe in February, whether volunteering, repairing or getting something fixed. We repaired a massive 56 broken items, saving an estimated 167kg of waste from landfill and preventing an estimated 1,913kg of carbon emissions!

We will be back at Buckden Village Hall again on Sunday 21st June, so save your torn clothing, temperamental electricals, wobbly chairs and your broken chains - we'll see you there!

If you can't wait that long, Cambridge Carbon Footprint co-ordinate lots of other repair cafes in the area, and you can find a list of them on their website:

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

We would be delighted to hear from anyone wanting to join us as a repairer or a volunteer; please contact Natalie: RepairCafe@buckdenpc.org.uk

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

Council Meetings

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

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