

Buckden Parish Council News

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Sewage Problems

During the public meeting held in July at which Morris Homes presented their plans for their proposed development in Silver Street there was a clear concern about the current sewerage system in Buckden. The view of many at the meeting was that the current system was not coping and that it would be exacerbated if further housing development took place in the village. The Parish Council will continue to put pressure on Anglia Water, and we would welcome any new Councillors to join us – we have two vacancies – particularly if they have concerns about this.

Local Government Reorganisation

We had hoped that by now we would have been advised of the proposals for the creation of Unitary Authorities to replace the County and District Councils in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The Government has decided that it needs further time to consider the various options and now hopes to promulgate its decision by the end of October.

Proposed Housing Development in Silver Street Planning Application No: 26/00956/REM

Further to the report in the August edition of "Roundabout" of the Parish Council's decision to object to this application, we have now submitted a more detailed and extensive objection.

This can be found at

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/search-comment-or-track>

Enter the Application Number, as above, and you can read all the details and comments.

Road Infrastructure Issues

We have joined many other Parish and Town Councils in forming a North Huntingdon & St Ives Cumulative Impacts Group. It is concerned, as the name implies, at the cumulative effects of a large number of separate developments proposed in the area.

Whilst they are not within the immediate vicinity of Buckden, the cumulative scale increasingly resembles a new town in all but name, without having the necessary infrastructure in place first.

This will impact the A1 and particularly our roundabout and we believe that the only long-term answer is a western by-pass. As a Local Council, we are barred from launching a petition, but one of the Parish Councillors, Gerald Sansom, is doing it with our support.

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The petition will be formally launched in September and if you wish to know more or can help, please contact Gerald at gerry.sansom@protonmail.com

New Playground

We would like to thank everyone for their feedback about the playground designs. We have now submitted applications to HDC and FCC Environmental Services for funding. We will know the outcome in the Autumn.

Groundstaff

Our groundstaff have now been issued with clothing carrying the Parish Council logo which will help you identify who works for the Parish Council.

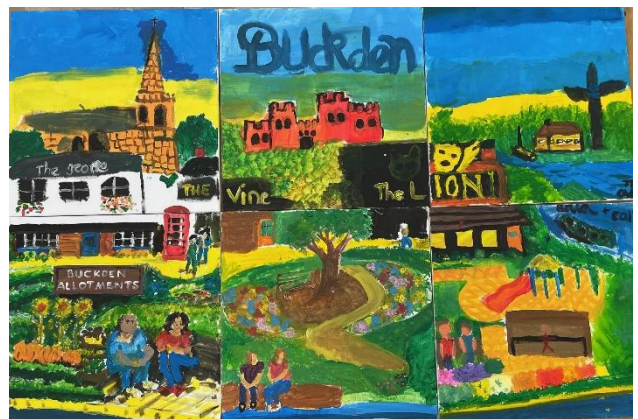
Buckden Teen Summer Event

This was held at the Village Hall and Playing Fields on 24th. July and was a great success. It was well attended, with a wide range of opportunities on offer.

The pump track proved to be a big hit and was busy throughout the afternoon with great feedback.

The beatbox sessions, led by a world champion performer, and the ever-popular DJ masterclasses were a tremendous success. Many young people had the chance to learn new skills, try something different and express their creativity in a supportive and engaging environment.

Another highlight was the community art project where attendees helped create a large collaborative canvas depicting Buckden. The finished artwork is a fantastic reflection of the village and the imagination of its young people. Residents are encouraged to take a look when it finds its permanent place.



The event also featured a variety of sports, activities and CPR training, and there was plenty of free pizza. Although the event was led by Members of Buckden Parish Council's Hub Committee and its Clerk and Assistant Clerk, considerable thanks go to all the volunteers and partners, DJ John, Kelly and her team

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providing CPR Training and Katie Barker who gave their time and expertise.

Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 8th. September. 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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