

Cllr Liam Beckett

MONTHLY REPORT MAY 2025

Thank you.

Thank you from me. – it's a privilege to be in the position and I don't take your trust for granted. I'm excited to represent you, work together, and do my best for Buckden.

About Me

I'm a husband, dad of one daughter and our family also has a playful cocker spaniel. I've been a parish councillor in the Offords, for 4 years, which is where I live. Professionally, I've worked in Human Resources and Training for 8 years, I'm currently a digital learning manager for Marston's, the pub company.

What happens now.

- Liberal Democrats now have a majority at CCC.
- We have now formed a political group and have proposed chair persons to committees, all of which needs to be voted through at our first full council meeting on the 20th May at New Shire Hall. I intend to sit on the 'Children and Young people' committee, as well as the 'Environment and Green Investment' committee.

My plan as your County Councillor – in Parish Council Meetings

- Listen fully to your discussions from beginning to end.
(I may sometimes have to dash off halfway through a meeting, I'll keep that to a minimum, but I have childcare responsibilities I can't ignore).
 - I'd really like to invite you to be honest and upfront about my reports to you each month. If they're not useful, please let me know how I can improve them. Likewise, if they ARE useful, it would be very helpful to know that so I can continue to focus on similar updates.
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Quality of Life Survey

The County Council's third annual countywide Quality of Life survey has launched this month, and will help the council understand and track residents' views across Cambridgeshire.

The survey asks residents about their views on topics such as life and community, transport, health and wellbeing, children and young people, and the council and its services. In previous years, the survey has shown that most residents feel happy, safe and have a sense of belonging, with residents

believing that Cambridgeshire is a good place to raise children. However, it has also highlighted that roads and pavement maintenance, the cost of living, and mental health and loneliness are areas of concern.

The information gathered from previous surveys has already been used to inform the council's Business Plan and Budget processes. This year there are two questions to help introduce the concept of Local Government Reorganisation to residents and provide an early indication of awareness.

5500 individuals across a range of demographics and split across the 5 districts in Cambridgeshire will be contacted, however anyone can provide their input by heading to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey

If you are approached, the market research team's commissioned service 'Team Search' will identify themselves as working on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council and will give contact details which allow people to check their purpose. No one will be asked for identifying personal details, or any financial information.

Highways

TTRO – Church Street, between 9th and 10th July 2025

I will query the choice of diversion as it points road users down to Stirtloe lane, a single track road, rather than through manor gardens which is wider. I assume this because of the type of road classification and it might not make a difference me bringing this up. The manor gardens route will be available anyway.

You have until the 26th May to comment if you wish.

TTRO - A1 – *You have until the 26th May to respond.*

Meet your Councillor

Offord Village Hall – **14:30 to 15:30 - 24th May**
Buckden Meet your Cllr – **TBA**