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WELCOME TO BUCKDEN

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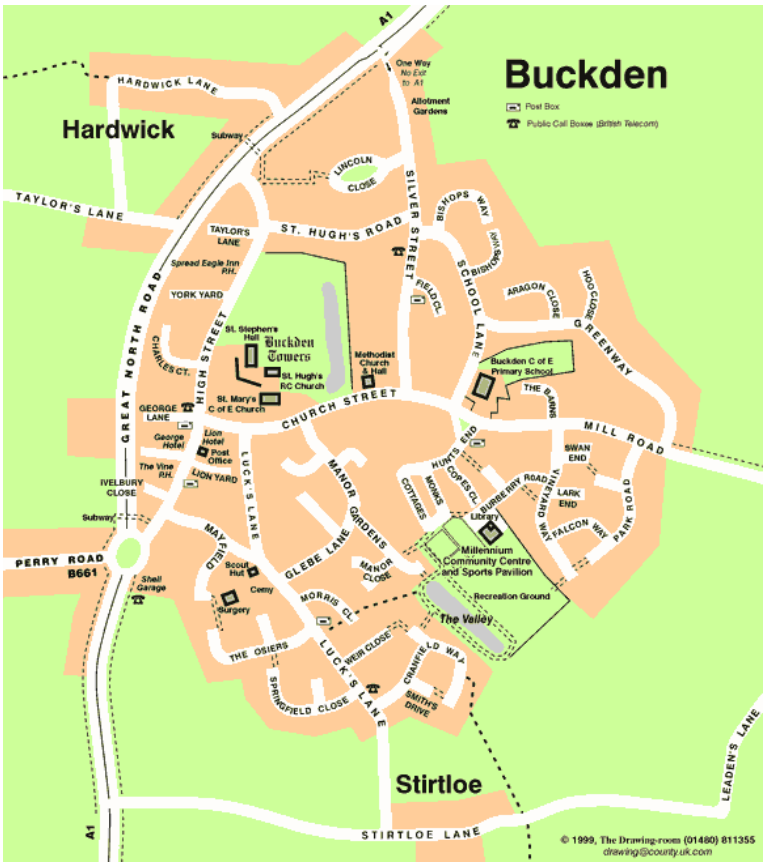
On behalf of the Parish Council, we would like to take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome to Buckden. We hope that the information contained in this pack will help you to settle more comfortably into your new home and the village.

Buckden is a thriving community with many excellent facilities of which we are very proud. There is a Village Hall, fully refurbished in 2000 and known as the Millennium Hall which hosts numerous and varied events and is also available for hire by residents. In addition, there is also an extensive recreation ground which is also used for our football and cricket clubs.

Neighbours usually become your first contacts and source of information but please feel free to contact any member of the Parish Council for assistance.

As residents, we trust you will soon feel, and become, part of this community. We have tried to gather as much useful information as possible in this pack and would welcome any suggestions you may have for its improvement. Please contact our Parish Clerk if you have any ideas or thoughts on this.

We wish you many happy years in Buckden and hope you will join us in maintaining our vibrant and friendly community.



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Village History

The village of Bugdene is mentioned in the Domesday Book of1066 and, following archaeological excavations at the Lucks Lane development site , there is evidence of an early Saxon village as well as Roman remains and Bronze-Age burial pits. The village was situated on the main route from Lincoln to London and the Bishops of Lincoln would use Buckden Palace (now Buckden Towers) as half-way accommodation. The Lion Hotel has a wooden boss in the main room which dates from this period. The Lion and the George Hotels would have been coaching inns for the medieval travellers and for the stagecoaches from the north to the south of the country, via what was then known as The Great North Road.

The village has its own claim to fame. Katherine of Aragon, Henry V111's first wife, was imprisoned at Buckden Palace for a few months in 1533-34. In the Inner Gatehouse can be seen a small window from which it is said Queen Katherine gave food to the people of Buckden. The first attempt to move her to Kimbolton was frustrated by the people of Buckden forming a protest group to stop her move. She was later moved to Kimbolton where she died and is buried in Peterborough Cathedral.
Buckden was once more on the map when trains came to Buckden in the mid 1800s and there remained a station in Buckden until the Beeching cuts in the 1950s.

The building of the present A1 road in the 1950s saw the construction of a bypass around Buckden. Many of the hotel and shop keepers in the High Street were very concerned they would lose trade and fought for the bypass to be near to the High Street. In hindsight this was a bad idea as now the village is split in two and the traffic on the A1 is a major problem. The building of the A1 and the coming of mains water and drainage in the 1950s and 1960s saw an explosion of building in the village with new estates on either side of Mill Road leading down to the river. New building continues to this day.

Present day Buckden is a vibrant village with a primary school, child nurseries, doctor's surgery, Library and village hall, Sports Pavilion and sports fields to name but a few and most inhabitants of Buckden say they would not want to live anywhere else.



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Buckden Parish Council

Your Parish Council is the local authority that makes some decisions on behalf of the people in the parish. It is the level of government closest to the community with Huntingdonshire District Council above it in the hierarchy. The Parish Council is often the first place people will go with concerns or ideas and for this reason it is a vital part of the community.

Buckden Parish Council usually meets 11 times a year, on the second Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall, the meetings begin at 7.30pm. There is no meeting in August.
The Annual Parish meeting is normally held in April. Dates of meetings are published in the Roundabout, (the local parish magazine), on the Parish Council website and on the Parish Council notice boards in Buckden, and Diddington.

Members of the public and villagers are encouraged to attend and can speak to the council for up to three minutes, during a 15-minute open forum at the beginning of the Council meeting. If you want to speak at the meeting, please let us know what you want to say, by contacting the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted via:

Phone: 01480 819407
e-mail: clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk

Buckden Parish Council Website https://www.buckdenpc.org.uk/

The website has detailed information about the work of the Parish Council including
Agendas and minutes
Agendas and minutes of all Council meetings and Committee meetings.
Councillors
Contact details for the 15 Parish Councillors their details are also to be found on the Parish Notice Boards.
Parish Clerk
Contact details and office hours of the Parish Clerk who is based in the Millenium Hall. There is also a link on the website to enable residents to contact her with any questions or queries.
Committees and Advisory Groups
Details of the Committees and Advisory Groups which lead on issues such as planning, Rights of Way Highways and Road Safety and much more.

We are always looking for volunteers to join the groups as the more residents that are involved, the more we can do. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

Small scale and large-scale Planning Committees

Buckden has two planning committees, The Small-scale planning committee considers individual applications and applications for fewer than 5 dwellings, this meets fortnightly depending on the requirement to review applications. The Large-scale planning committee looks at any applications for developments of five or more dwellings.

Planning applications and decisions can be viewed on the website. Detailed applications can be downloaded from the Huntingdon District Council website

Planning Decisions

Planning decisions are made by Huntingdon District Council and **NOT** the Parish Council. Buckden Parish Council only makes a recommendation to the planning department after reviewing the individual planning proposal. Information on our role in planning is available from the Parish Clerk.

District and County Councillors

Are elected every four years and currently our Councillors are:

District Councillor:
Martin Hassall
martin.hassall@huntingdonshire.gov.uk
07480 798 342

County Councillor:
Ken Billington
Ken.Billington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Buckden Roundabout – the village magazine

The Buckden Roundabout is delivered free to every household in the village at the end of each month. Copies can also be found in the Library and at other locations around the village. The Roundabout also carries details of the large number of flourishing clubs and organisations in the village.

The Online Roundabout, www.buckdenroundabout.info contains all the information in the printed edition and more.

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Churches in Buckden



St Mary's Church
This Church of England church stands in Church Street in the centre of Buckden. The church was mentioned in the Domesday Book but the oldest remains date to the late Norman period. The majority of the building is 15th century. There are regular weekday Services/Prayers.

Sunday 11.00 a.m. Communion
6.00 pm Evensong
Monday/Tuesday/Friday 2.15 p.m. Daily prayers
Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Communion
Thursday 5.15 p.m. Daily Prayers

There are regular groups and activities. Please see the website for more details.
www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk

The current Priest in Charge is The Revd David Owain Sheppard
priestincharge@stmarysbuckden.org.uk

Catholic Church of St Hugh of Lincoln, High Street, Buckden
This Roman Catholic church is situated in the grounds of Buckden Palace or Buckden Towers as it is known. The adjoining house is occupied by the Claretian Missionaries who hold the church services.

Sunday Mass 9.45 a.m.
Saturday Mass 6.30 p.m.
Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday 9.15 a.m. in the Lady Chapel
Morning and Evening Prayer Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. and 5.45 pm in the Lady Chapel

For further information please go to http://stjosephsthugh.org/ or Tel 01480 810344

Buckden Methodist Church, Mill Road, Buckden.
The church was opened in July 1876 and the schoolroom was added in 1911. It has been in continuous use ever since.

Services are every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. further details are available from https://eangliamethodist.org.uk/buckden or the present Minister. Rev Pam Siddall Tel 01480 819228

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Buckden Post Office

The Post Office is situated in the One Stop Store in the High Street. It is open between 08.00 and 19.00 seven days a week. The shop provides Post Office Card Account, withdrawals with chip and pin and cash deposits, Postal Orders, Moneygram, foreign currency – euros and dollars only, Drop and Go, electronic bill payments and e-top ups.

Village Shops

There are two shopping areas in the village; along the High Street and in Mill Road opposite the school…

In the High Street there is a well-established butchers and a One Stop general grocery store. There are boutique ladies fashions shops for clothes, lingerie and shoes.

The shops opposite the school consist of a Nisa general grocers, a unisex hairdressers and the village pharmacy. Here there is also a Chinese Takeaway.

Buckden Library

This is situated in the village hall.

Contact details: Tel 0345 045 5225 www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Various Clubs such as Children's Board Games Club, Storytime and Lego Club for children and Knit Lit and talks for adults, take place during opening hours.

The Millennium Centre, Buckden Village Hall

Buckden Millennium Centre (built around, and still often referred to as 'the Village Hall') is located in the heart of the village. It was fully restored and considerably extended in 2000 to provide a multi-functional building for the use of residents and those from outside the village.

A range of Clubs and Societies use the hall offering regular activities including various exercise and dance classes, Karate, Model Railway and two Life Drawing Art Classes; as well as providing a venue for professional training courses for organisations such as such as Diabetes UK, Guide Dogs for the Blind and many others.

In addition, the Village Club, Buckden Library (www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library), Buckden Beauty Therapy Room, and Buckden Pre-school are located within the Village Hall complex, as is the Parish Council Clerk.

The Village Hall has a range of function rooms for hire and is able to cater for all types of events – weddings, parties, conferences – and the Main Hall also has a licensed bar facility (via the Club) and fully equipped kitchen.

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The Village Hall has extensive grounds which include a playground for children age up to 12 years, (maintained by the Parish Council), sports pitches and a tree-lined pond area called the Valley.

Buckden Village Hall is a charitable trust, run by a voluntary committee of Trustees representing Village Clubs and village people. It is self-funded and independent of The Parish Council and Buckden Village Club. Three part-time members of staff are employed to administer and maintain the facility, but practical management and support from volunteers is welcomed.

Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Road, Buckden, Cambridgeshire PE19 5UY Tel: 01480 811101 (office hours 9am - 2pm)

email: admin@buckdenvillagehall.co.uk



Buckden Village Club

Is a club based in Buckden Village Hall; the facility is for the use of village residents, their friends and families. It is situated on the left-hand side of the village hall, adjacent to the childrens' play area. Information about their events is available in the Roundabout magazine. The club is open to members and non-members and everyone is welcome. It has BT Sky Sports 2x projector screens, a Pool table and darts. It also runs regular live entertainment events. Tel 01480 810096
www.facebook.com › Places › St Neots › Performance & Event Venue Buckden Village Club - Home | Facebook

Pubs and Restaurants

The Lion Hotel one of the oldest coaching inns in England. Dating back to 1492, it has recently been refurbished and provides a bar with open fire, a restaurant and accommodation for visitors to the village.
https://thelionbuckden.com/

The George
This 18th century coaching inn was restored and refurbished in 2003. It has twelve individually designed bedrooms, a wine bar and brasserie, and private dining room/meeting rooms.
https://www.thegeorgebuckden.com/

The Vine
Originally an 18th century inn on the route of old North road pub is a village local with real ale and food.
https://whatpub.com/pubs/STN/32/vine-buckden

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Education in Buckden

Buckden Day Nursery cares for children from 6 weeks to preschool age. The Nursey was rated Outstanding by Ofsted in 2017. Their hours are between 08.00 am and 18.00 Monday until Friday, with an option of an early start from 7.30am.

Buckden Pre School is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance and also a registered charity. The preschool is located within Buckden Millennium Centre (which offers ample parking. Their hours are Monday to Friday 9 am – 3 pm (lunch time is 12-1)
Website https://buckdenpreschool.co.uk/ Tel: 01480 810600
Email:buckdenpreschool@yahoo.co.uk

Buckden Church of England Primary Academy (Primary Academy Trust) for children 5 to 11 is situated in heart of the village. It has grown over the years and now currently caters for approximately 320 children. As a Church of England school they have strong links with the local parish church St Mary's and the local community.
The school was rated Outstanding by Ofsted in July 2015. In 2017 the school was designated the lead school and set up the A1 Teaching School Alliance.

When children reach secondary school age the catchment area school for Buckden is Hinchingbrooke. Transport is provided for children from the village attending that school. There is also a cycle path from Buckden to the school for those who wish to cycle.

Health services

Doctors' Surgery
Buckden Surgery is in Mayfield. Details of Care Services and medical agencies are available at the surgery. The surgery operates a car scheme to enable patients to attend appointments. A small charge will be made for this service.
The surgery also organises health walks each week around the village. For more information on the Buckden Short walks, please call the surgery.
Tel 0180 810216 www.bandlp.co.uk

Dental Surgery – Silver Street
Private and Denplan Payment Scheme www.buckdendental.co.uk Tel 01480 812898

Community Services and facilities

Friends in Deed
A community based 'good neighbour' scheme to help and support people in the local community through visiting, a car scheme, social gatherings and more. All volunteers are safeguarding-checked, registered and approved. A small charge will be made for transport.
Transport enquiries 07914 669967. All other enquiries 07810 006598.

Community Café
Currently runs on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 2.30 – 4.00pm in the Living Stones Room at St Mary's Church

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Neighbourhood Watch
Neighbourhood Watch is a National organisation of which Buckden Neighbourhood Watch is a member. Advice on personal safety and organised fraud is given each month in The Roundabout, the monthly magazine which is distributed free to every household in the village. Co-ordinators for the village can be contacted via the Roundabout magazine or website. An incident or suspicious behaviour should be reported to the Police on 101 or call 999 if a crime is in progress or threatened. The village also has regular patrols by PCSOs.

Allotments
For those wishing to have an allotment there are two allotments areas, one in Silver Street administered by the Parish Council and a small allotment site off the A1 administered Buckden Parochial Charities.
For further details of the Silver Street Allotments contact the Parish Clerk or go to
http://www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk/Allotment-Eligibility.pdf
For the A1 allotments contact joe.greenway@btinternet.com - Clerk to Buckden Parochial Trustees

Household Waste Collection
For details of waste collection and other information about recycling please go to
https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/

Milk deliveries
Blunham Dairy provides deliveries of a wide range of milk, dairy, bakery and other products to the village. Contact 01234 376006

Public Transport
There are buses to Huntingdon and St Neots. Bus timetables do change on a regular basis and it is best to check with the website or the printed timetable near the bus stops outside the Lion Hotel or opposite the school.
https://www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/east/66/eaton-socon-huntingdon/xeao066.i

Main Line trains run on a regular timetable from St Neots and Huntingdon

Recreation in Buckden

Buckden Recreation Ground and Sports Centre – Burberry Road, Buckden
The Millennium Hall is surrounded by recreation grounds and there is a Sports Pavilion. There is also a Tennis Club and Bowling Green. The recreation ground is used by the local football clubs most weekends and by the cricket club in the summer months. There is an enclosed children's play area for the under 12s. There is a pleasant walk around the valley lake with easy access to other areas of the village. A car park at the village hall is available for visitors.

Buckden Towers and Park
Buckden Towers used to be the home of the Bishops of Lincoln as they travelled from Lincoln to the City of London. Its claim to fame is that Katharine of Aragon, the 1st wife of Henry V111 was imprisoned here for a few months before she was moved to Kimbolton Castle where she died.
The present house, situated alongside the Palace, dates from the Victorian period.

The park is situated in the grounds of Buckden Towers in the High Street. Buckden Towers, formerly Buckden Palace is a unique architectural building with roots in the 11th century. From the days of

William the Conqueror until the time of Queen Victoria it was a residence of the Bishops of Lincoln. It was about midway between Lincoln and London and a convenient staging post. The two most famous residents of Buckden Palace are St Hugh of Buckden from the 12 century and Queen Katharine of Aragon from the 16th century. The foundations of Hugh's Great Hall can still be seen and the site of his chapel identified. The Great Tower -known as the King's Tower- and Gatehouse were amongst the earliest brick buildings in the country and this is where Queen Katherine would have been imprisoned.

Among the Royalty entertained at Buckden were…

Henry 111 – 1248
Edward 1 – 1291
Richard 111 – 1483
Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry V11 – 1501
Queen Katherine of Aragon – 1533-1534
Henry V111 and Katherine Howard – 1541
James 1 – 1619
Prince Regent – 1814

The grounds and buildings are the private property of the Claretian Missionaries and in use as a retreat and conference centre. People are welcome to visit the church and grounds. There is a footpath around the perimeter of the grounds approached via the left-hand side just inside the main car parking area. The path runs around the park and gives views of the lake and buildings. There are no public amenities at the site.

Buckden and Ouse Valley Walks
Buckden has a network of public rights of way around the village, including an 8km circular route called *Round-about-Buckden,* leaflets for the village walks and the circular route are available in the library and at the two Hotels, The Lion and The George, both situated in the High Street. There is also an Information Board at the start of the Round-about-Buckden and box with leaflets of the route at the Village Hall.

They are also on the Parish Council website. Village Walks https://buckdenpc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/Trees/Footpaths-Map.pdf
Round-about-Buckden https://buckdenpc.org.uk/round-about-buckden-walk/

Buckden is situated on the Ouse Valley Way. The **Ouse Valley Way** is a 150-mile footpath in England, following the River Great Ouse from its source near Syresham in Northamptonshire to its mouth in The Wash near King's Lynn. You can walk from Buckden to St Neots or Huntingdon and beyond using the Ouse Valley Way path.

Clubs and Societies

Buckden has a wealth of different clubs, societies and voluntary groups. Up to date details of these can be found on the Buckden Roundabout website. Just a few are listed below.

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Yearly Events in The Village

Christmas Lights in the High street and the green opposite the school are arranged by the Parish Council. There is a Christmas Fayre with stalls and street food in the High Street.

Festival weekend
This is held on the recreation ground in July with local clubs and organisations taking part. Food and drink are available on site and from the local village club.

Buckfest Music Festival
Held each summer. This has proved to be a popular event, and tickets sell out almost immediately they go on sale.

The school, churches and local clubs all have events taking place throughout the year and there is always something going on in Buckden.

Notes and useful contacts

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