



# BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER






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## Local Elections 2025

Elections were held on 1st May for Councillors for Buckinghamshire Council. On the same date there were also local elections for Parish Councillors. Buckland Parish Council has now filled six of the seven available seats.

Your new councillors are:

	Councillor Jon Sainsbury Chair of Buckland Parish Council	Areas or responsibility: Environmental Services, Primrose Copse, Grasskeep, Allotments, Remembrance Sunday, Roads, ditches & drains
	Councillor Carole Paternoster Vice Chair of Buckland Parish Council	Areas or responsibility: Lower Buckland & Community Orchard, Planning, Roads, ditches & drains
	Councillor Fiona Livingston Assistant Clerk to Buckland Parish Council	Areas or responsibility: Footpaths, Bridleways and Rights of Way, Lower Buckland and Community Orchard, Roads, ditches & drains
	Councillor Heather Mckenna	Areas or responsibility: Buckland Parish Council Burial Ground, Footpaths, Bridleways & Rights of Way, Roads, ditches & drains, BPC representative to BOST
	Councillor Huseyin Caglayan	Areas or responsibility: Environmental Services, Roads, ditches & drains
	Councillor Rachel Critchell	Areas or responsibility: Planning, Roads, ditches & drains

## Message from the Chair of Buckland Parish Council

I am a retired ex-professional who has lived in the Parish of Buckland for the last 21 years.

My last professional role was working as a Director for a Canadian Bank in the City of London leading a team of 40 Information Technology professionals, supporting a City Trade Floor in the Fixed Income, Equities, Bullion, Foreign Exchange asset classes with associated Corporate Business support functions.

As a Parish Councillor I believe we are all custodians of the community and parish within which we live. I enjoy my interactions with residents, the challenges presented in order to balance your needs whilst protecting the local amenity and ensuring development and change in the parish is beneficial, appropriate and sustainable for all.

I can be contacted through the Parish office on 01296 630926 or on email [JSainsbury@buckland-pc.gov.uk](mailto:JSainsbury@buckland-pc.gov.uk)

### Residents of Dancers End and beyond

We are looking for one more parish councillor to be co opted onto the council. It would be great if someone from your area could join as there is no representation from this area of the parish. Meetings take place once a month on the second Monday of the month, and usually last for up to 90 minutes. In addition to this there may be a small amount of work through the month, but not more than a few hours. Please talk to our Clerk Jane Lewis if this is something you are interested in.

### Grass Cutting in the Village

Buckland Parish Council went out to tender in the Autumn 2024 to find new grass cutting contractors. Prices varied greatly . Councillors have joined forces with the team at Amersham Town Council who we believe offer best value for money.

### Grass Cutting in All Saints Church Buckland and Buckland Parish Council Burial Ground

BPC currently cut the grass for All Saints Church yard as a gesture of good will. Rev Bottomer and the PCC have expressed their gratitude and thanks for this. However, BPC are unable to cut the grass every week of the year due to financial constraints. Presently we cut the grass for eight cuts over the grass cutting season (April – September). We will not be cutting the grass in July and August. In the meantime we are working closely with a community group for the churchyard that has been set up by Rev Bottomer. The group are working on several areas within the churchyard and creating a plan of action. This includes creating wildflower areas, bug hotels and other areas of interest. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Rev Bottomer on 01296 632488.

Last year volunteers from Buckland Parish and the Chiltern Society worked on Green Lane (access to the Burial Ground) and the BPC burial ground itself. At present there is a large area within the burial ground that is being developed for a wildflower area. Yellow rattle was planted in the autumn, and we are now waiting to sow some wildflower seeds later in the year.

### Reminder to landowners

Gentle reminder that all landowners are responsible for ditches and hedges on their land and ensuring that the ditches are kept clear to prevent blockages and possible flood damage.

### Thames Water Update

Members of Buckland Parish Council met with Thames Water representatives in December 2024 and were promised an update at the end of March 2025. Unfortunately none was received. BPC continue to chase Thames Water regarding this matter to no avail. MP for Aylesbury Laura Kyrke Smith kindly chased them up for us a couple of weeks ago. The response received was:

*As discussed at our meeting during December, there have been some delays to the Hawridge Alleviation of Low Flows project due to challenges associated with the wider scope of the project, including the pipe crossing under HS2. We have now appointed a design partner to progress the feasibility assessment of relocating the water booster station and we are currently waiting for confirmed timescales for the exercise. It is anticipated the assessment will take a few months to complete and there will be some on site investigations to be undertaken, which will need to be agreed with the landowner. We can provide a further update once a programme for the feasibility study is confirmed with our design partner.*

Unfortunately this does not give us any further insight into timescales or plans etc. Laura has kindly asked Thames Water to provide this information to help keep local stakeholders updated on progress.



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The Parish Office is located upstairs in Buckland Village Hall. The clerk is generally in the office on a Monday and Thursday between 9am and 2pm