



# Buckingham TownMatters

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*Illustration – Katie Holmes*

# A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR LISA



The country will be gearing up for elections soon, as will your Town Council. I will be standing again and it will be up to you if I am to serve another 4 years – something I would be honoured to do. But I can't predict the future and this could be my last article as Mayor. I would like to highlight some of my Mayoral duties and events this past year (May '14 – May '15) that haven't made it into previous articles.

Firstly The Buckinghamshire (The Rifles) Army Cadet Force asked if I would like a Mayor's Cadet. With the blessing of Full Council the ACF assigned Corporal Alice Shute and we have attended a couple of events together. Unfortunately, the majority have fallen on school nights, limiting our time together, that aside I am still grateful for the opportunity – so thank you to the ACF, Cpl. Shute and her parents.

I would like to thank the students at Buckingham University for the 'African v China Day', The Royal Latin School for a variety of events, Bourton Meadow Academy for allowing me to be part of their Teachers Graduation Ceremony and The Buckingham School for their events celebrating the achievements of their students – something they are very good at doing!

The Buckingham Golf Club invited my Mayoress and me to their Centenary Dinner at Stowe House last November, it was a magical evening in beautiful surroundings and with great company. Thank you to the Club President, Neil Tanner, and Committee and I hope you continue on for another 100 years.

RAF Croughton have also been welcoming, I joined them in celebrating Independence Day and it was a privilege to meet Col. Douglas Mellars, the 422nd Air Base Group Commander. I hope to see them again very soon to hear their plans, as the base is set to grow, so it is likely that new staff will be living in Buckingham in the near future.

Finally, being Mayor wasn't something I entered into lightly; being disabled, living with chronic pain and having part time jobs that I love meant learning to juggle, because after beating cancer I want to live a full life with no regrets and yet I couldn't have done it without my family, Mayoress Anita and husband Brian, friends, Cllrs and the great people of Buckingham – thank you for all your support!

*Cllr. Lisa O'Donoghue*  
February 2015

# COUNTRY'S 'MOST CONSULTED PLAN'

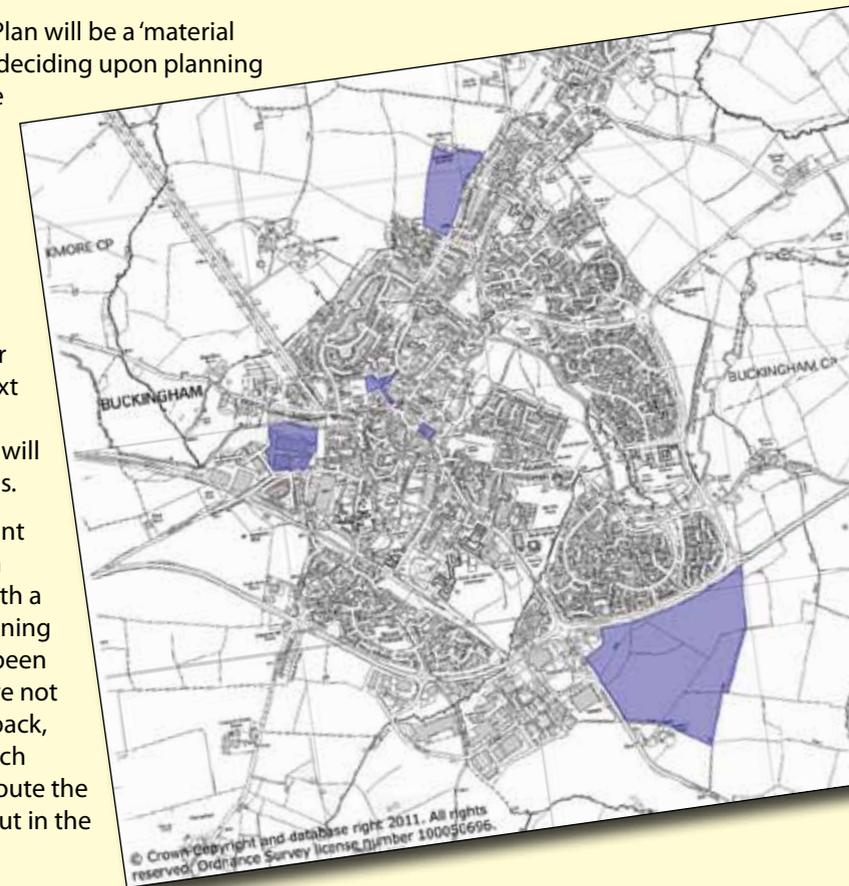


On the 19th January Buckingham Town Council agreed to go to further pre-submission consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. It is believed that this will make the Plan the most consulted upon plan so far. Which means that YOU have been able to have more say on the development which takes place in and around the town over the next 16 years, than any other community in the country. Whilst this consultation is now coming to an end, there is still a chance to have a say, as Aylesbury Vale District Council will now be undertaking a further 6 week consultation on the plan.

Currently there are plans which have been submitted for Buckingham and Maids Moreton which propose 653 houses which are not included in the Neighbourhood Plan. This amount is more than that proposed in the Plan. However, with Maids Moreton not undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan and Aylesbury Vale District Council having failed to have a Local Plan or Core Strategy agreed it leaves the district open to speculative planning applications which are not desired by the local communities.

This means that the Plan will be a 'material consideration' when deciding upon planning applications from the middle of March. It is hoped that there will be an independent examination of the plan in May/June with a referendum on the Plan in July. So please look out for this section in the next issue of Buckingham Town Matters, which will include further details.

This is a very important time to have the Plan coming into force, with a number of large planning applications having been submitted which have not had favourable feedback, to ensure a town which develops along the route the town wishes, as set out in the new plan.



# ACCESS AWARE

In October Buckingham Town Council held an Access Awareness Day.

## Our aims

- 1 To make our councils more aware of the many challenges facing those with restricted mobility in Buckingham.
- 2 To improve access in the town for everyone – whether resident or visitor, wheelchair or scooter user, elderly or young.

**What we did** We invited councillors and officers from all three Councils – Town, District and County. We welcomed interested Buckingham residents too. For maximum impact we chose a Tuesday morning, Market Day, when the town is busiest. Shopmobility agreed to provide wheelchairs and scooters and we prepared a questionnaire asking:

- 1 On a scale 1 to 10 how would you rate your 'disability awareness'?
- 2 What are the top three challenges facing people with limited mobility in Buckingham?
- 3 Within your own power and influence, how could you make Buckingham more accessible?

and a list of tasks which suggested finding and testing out: public telephones, ATMs, the post office, tourist information, library, market, shops, public toilets, a café or pub with accessible loo.

**The day itself** On October 14th, thirty apprehensive participants crowded into the council chamber – unsure what lay ahead. They soon found out.

First they had questionnaires to fill in. Then they received their lists of suggested tasks,



along with clipboards, pens, spare paper, and a simplified plan of the shopping area. A wheelchair safety briefing followed. Minutes later, they were off to Shopmobility where Sue fitted them out with wheelchairs and scooters, gave them some final safety instructions and let them loose on the town!

Tasks which appeared so simple on paper took on new dimensions. Broken paving stones and dropped kerbs which did not always match up, difficult cambers, obstacles on the pavement.... Entering buildings, there were narrow doors and multiple steps to contend with. Few cafes or pubs had accessible loos.

Even those who had previous experience of wheelchairs and mobility scooters were surprised at how restrictive everyday life in Buckingham is for the less mobile.

## Immediate feedback – 'A real eye-opener'

On their return, we asked the same three questions again, to assess the impact of

the day. As we hoped, everyone's overall disability awareness had increased.

Many had expected problems with access to small shops in historic buildings, but now they realised that damaged pavements and kerbs create just as many problems.

Vague intentions to increase awareness had become positive suggestions for actual improvements and sources of funding.

We also collected and analysed the many pages of notes written throughout the morning. Detailed comments, positive or negative, give a benchmark of the town's current accessibility to rate future improvements against. One common complaint was the lack of signposting to direct people to accessible routes.

A more positive aspect was that everyone had really enjoyed the activity, and many commented on the friendliness of the town and the helpfulness of the traders.

**Other input** We don't want to overlook other access needs, such as the visually or hearing impaired, and parents with buggies. Some unable to attend on the day have already contacted us and anyone wishing to contribute their experiences should send them to the Town Council.

**Longer term results?** Bucks County Council have already sent out a team of engineers to prioritise pavement repairs as funds become available.

From their AVDC grant for 'visitor improvement', Destination Buckingham have awarded £2000 to Access of All, which Buckingham Town Council will match. The money will be used to help independent shops make their premises more accessible, and to recognise those who go 'the extra mile'.

Thank you to all involved, and to BuDS (Bucks Disability Services) and Buckingham Access for All whose representatives attended and shared their expertise.





What the canal will look like when re-watered

Last year was a very special occasion for the Buckingham Canal Society as they were able to celebrate getting 400 metres of

canal at Bourton Meadow in water. Over 200 Buckingham residents joined in these celebrations. Unfortunately, since then a problem has occurred with the liner that was installed and this will now have to be replaced at no cost to the society.

Contractors are carrying out this work during early 2015. Once this has happened the next task will be to replace the coir matting along the canal bed and then plant over 4,000 aquatic plants and this is where extra help from local people would be much appreciated.

If anyone would like to express an interest in helping they can call 01908 661217, email Athinabec@aol.com or visit [www.buckinghamcanal.org.uk](http://www.buckinghamcanal.org.uk)

## THE CURIOUS & UNTIMELY DEATH OF ALDERMAN HERBERT HARRISON

On the boundary between the Anglican and the Non-Conformist section of the cemetery in Brackley Road, there is a tombstone, on which is recorded the burial of Alderman Herbert Harrison. The stone records the unusual fact that he died in a Town Council meeting in October 1932.

Readers might be interested to know that while Council meetings can be heated, death is not usual!

Bert Harrison was 64 when he died, a grocer in Castle Street, and a Senior Deacon in the Congregational Church (that is now the Radcliffe Centre). He had been on the council since 1909, Mayor of Buckingham in 1920 and became an Alderman in 1925.

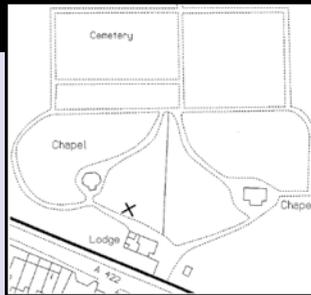
There are two sources of information: the Council Minutes and the 'Buckingham

Advertiser and North Bucks Free Press' as the local paper was then styled.

The minutes were laconic:

*Alderman Harrison moved: 'That the entrance lobby of the Town Hall be made available as a shelter for bus passengers and others'.* The motion was seconded by Alderman Busby but was not put in consequence of the sudden collapse, followed immediately by the death of the mover upon which the Mayor declared the meeting closed.

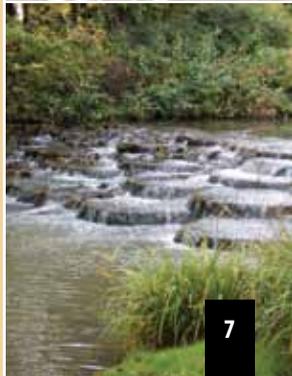
**... This is the first of an occasional series of articles about the history of the Town Council and some of the more unusual and ordinary decisions taken.**



At the Town Council, we are keen that everyone shares in the delights of Buckingham and comes to love the town as much as we do. In the last edition of BTM we offered you a list of some of the special places and features of Buckingham that we know and love. We had so many, they could not fit into one article. Here is the second part (with maybe more to come: if you wish to nominate your 'hidden treasures' of our town):

- Bourton Park is a hidden gem for many people in the town who venture the full length of the river. You could also follow the circular walk from the park around the town, taking in the University, Chandos Park, the Great River Ouse and the site of the old railway. It is a leisurely walk, which is clearly way marked and includes alternative routes.
- There are many unique and delightful local shops in Buckingham, each making their distinctive contribution to the town. It would be unfair to highlight some and not others, naturally. But where are the best cups of coffee, wonderful local works of art and fanciest clothes for you?
- Did you know that election results used to be announced from the balcony of the White Hart Hotel?
- The last passenger train from Buckingham stopped on 7th September 1964, though the line to Buckingham was visited by The Queen on 4th April 1966, when The Royal Train travelled from Euston to North Buckinghamshire. While the line no longer exists, you can walk along the refurbished railway walk with its pockets of wildlife and still see some of the station's construction.
- The Buckingham and District U3A, formed in February 1998, currently has over 750 members. Membership is open to individuals who are no longer in full time gainful employment living in Buckingham and its surrounding locality. There are over fifty groups ranging from architecture to yoga and encompassing several varieties of bridge, history, language and music groups. Look them up on the website: [buckinghamu3a.org.uk](http://buckinghamu3a.org.uk).
- And have you seen the Flish at the upper end of The Great Ouse near the University? A wonderful spot to sit and watch after a heavy rainfall.

And if you have any special places or features that you would like to see included in Part 3, please let us know. Thank you.



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## CHRISTMAS PARADE

2014 finished with the annual Christmas Parade. With a record number of floats, walking groups and individual entries the parade made its way through Buckingham Town Centre, led by Joey the War Horse. The first part of the parade was to commemorate the 1st World War and included the Royal British Legion and the Army and Air Cadets.

The theme for the main parade was 'Heroes and Heroines' and the overall winner was St Peter & St Paul's Church whose theme was Noah's Ark. Other entrants included Buckingham Library, Grenville Combined School, Dogs for the Disabled and Brackley Brass Band.

The parade is organised every year by the Christmas Parade Committee and supported by Buckingham Town Council.



## MAY DAY

Come along to the green outside St Peter & St Paul's Church on **Friday 1st May** at 11am and watch traditional maypole dancing by the children of Buckingham's primary schools.



## MUSIC IN THE MARKET



**Sunday 24th May** is the 15th annual Music in the Market, held in the Bull Ring in the town centre. This very popular event is organised by Buckingham Acoustic Club and sponsored by Buckingham Town Council. Music in the Market is a free event and runs from 1pm until 10pm.

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Every year Buckingham enters the 'Small Town Section' of the Best Kept Village competition which is organised by the Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils. Judging takes place in June and the judges look for good maintenance and evidence of community effort.

Amongst last year's comments from the judges were that the recreation areas in Bourton Park and Chandos Park were well maintained and well used and that the cemetery in Brackley Road had been cut to a very high standard and would be a pleasure for people to visit the graves. The Town Council is hopeful that we will be fully supported by our partner authorities this year.

## BUCKINGHAM FRINGE WEEK

Plans are underway for this year's Buckingham Fringe Week which will run from **Saturday 13th June to Saturday 20th June**. There will be something for all ages and tastes. Look out for the Buckingham Fringe brochure that will go out at the end of May or beginning of June detailing all the events.

Last year's Fringe included a 1940's dance with music from Sticky Wicket and his Swing Orchestra, a comedy night with Jeremy Hardy and Spooky Stories told by Ed Grimsdale in the Old Gaol.



## COMMUNITY FAIR

The annual Community Fair is held in the Community Centre the same day as the Christmas Parade. The fair is organised by Buckingham Town Council and is a chance for local groups, societies and charities such as Arthritis Research Society and the Fibromyalgia Support Group to raise funds by selling Christmas gifts and cards, cakes and much more.

## FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

The Fairtrade Town Steering group is holding a Big Brew Coffee Morning during Fairtrade Fortnight from 10am to 12 noon on **Saturday 7th March** in the Old Gaol. We are serving homemade cakes made with Fairtrade ingredients as well as the usual delicious Fairtrade tea and coffee. Browse the Traidcraft stalls with foods, crafts and jewelry, both in the Exercise Yard and the Market. Traidcraft Exchange helps with development projects to benefit poor and marginalised producers in Africa and Asia. Come and join in this popular event and help more people, their families and communities to trade their way out of poverty.



## SPRING FAIR

This year's Spring Fair is on **Sunday 19th April** in the cattle pens in the Town Centre from 10am to 2pm. Organised by the Town Council to promote sustainability by engaging with people, it will include demonstrations, planting, growing, seed swaps, and recycling. There will be a number of different stalls – voluntary, crafts and businesses.



# YOUTH COUNCIL

In October, students from The Buckingham School and The Royal Latin School held a mock Town Council meeting as part of the Local Democracy Week. John Bercow kindly chaired the meeting along with our Mayor, Cllr. Lisa O'Donoghue, Cllr. Mike Smith, Cllr. Paul Hirons, Cllr. Robin Stuchbury, Youth Cllr. Rory Butcher and Youth Cllr. Athena Tzallas.

During the meeting several ideas were discussed including encouraging students to cycle to school more, but the lack of secure bike sheds was brought up and so it was suggested that both schools should work towards providing safe/secure bike sheds for their students, as this would in turn promote cycling to school and hopefully reduce some of the road traffic, making the whole area safer.

Another discussion was a music festival, something the Youth Council has previously discussed. We thought it would work well outdoors and there is a 'bowl' near Buckingham Athletic, but there are houses all around (complaints about noise), there are no public toilets, how would we get a stage/equipment down there and the river poses a risk at night. If indoors the venue would need to appeal to young people – would they attend if it was in the community centre? Is the Radcliffe Centre big enough? If anyone has any thoughts we would welcome some input!

As a Youth Council we enjoyed working with both sets of students and we hope to gain some reps from the Buckingham School so we have a wider voice, but you don't have to join us to send us ideas, search for us on Facebook, we have Twitter @BuckinghamYouth and email BuckinghamTownYouthCouncil@gmail.com

## STAYING THE SAME

It is not often people get excited about the 'same old, same old'. However, the Town Council is happy to announce you will be paying the same amount of Council Tax to Buckingham Town Council as you have been paying for the last 5 years. At the Precept meeting it was agreed to stay with £121.46

per house (on a Band D) per year for the Town Council's element of the Council Tax.



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Councillors would like to hear your thoughts and views on issues affecting the town and its residents, so please do come along to the Community Centre on Wednesday 25th March at 7:30pm for the Annual Town Meeting.

It is also an opportunity to hear what each Committee has been doing over the past 12 months and to ask questions of your Town Council and their key service providers,

which is why the Town Council always asks representatives from Aylesbury Vale District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council and Thames Valley Police to attend.

Have your say! Written questions must be received by Noon on Wednesday 18th March to ensure a comprehensive answer on the night (contact details on the back inside page). We look forward to seeing you.

# VOLUNTEER APPEALS

**This is an occasional column for local organisations seeking volunteers. If you have a piece to submit, please get in touch (contact details on the inside back page). Thanks.**

### The Film Place

Buckingham's Community Cinema operating mainly on Friday and Saturday evenings needs volunteers to help with box office, refreshments and projection. Minimum age 14, no maximum! Full training provided and no minimum commitment, plus free access to the films. Help make Community Cinema work and enjoy yourself! Contact Mike Hayward by email at [filmplacevolunteers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:filmplacevolunteers@yahoo.co.uk)



**Milton Keynes City Orchestra (MKCO)** is seeking volunteers to regularly post leaflets door to door and distribute posters about forthcoming performances for display. Time commitment about half a day per month. For details of the Orchestra please go to [www.mkco.org](http://www.mkco.org). For more information contact Stewart Elsmore at [s.elsmore@cranfield.ac.uk](mailto:s.elsmore@cranfield.ac.uk)



## HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES – STILL A PROBLEM?

Despite much improved signage designed to keep HGVs away from Buckingham town centre, the odd driver continues to ignore it. HGV drivers have even been known to try and get through the very narrow Well Street and Church Street, often causing immense problems.

HGVs are vehicles weighing 7.5 tonnes or more, usually with more than two axles and often articulated. They are permitted access for in-town deliveries etc, but are not permitted to drive through the town where more suitable routes are clearly available.

We are now seeking your help in reporting those who offend the restrictions on such vehicles in our historic town.

If you see one, please note the registration number and haulier's name, if shown. This, together with the location, date and time observed should be forwarded to Thames Valley Police at [BuckinghamandDistrictNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BuckinghamandDistrictNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

– and if you can include a photo taken with your mobile phone, so much the better.

The police have assured the Neighbourhood Action Group that they will take action against offenders.



# CONVENIENCES FOR ALL!

Buckingham is a growing town with visitors from the world over. Many people come to our town centre to shop, meet friends and visit historic attractions, such as the Old Gaol. For many years now, your Town Council has been most concerned about the lack of public conveniences in the town. True, there are the toilets on Moreton Road but for many these are options of very last resort. Anyone with even minimal mobility issues finds them difficult to navigate with heavy doors and restricted space. Comfort, lighting and cleanliness are an issue for all.

Nearly two years ago, the Council resolved, with agreement from almost all councillors, to set about applying for money from the New Homes Bonus (NHB) to build a new set of facilities at Cornwall's Meadow car park. An excellent site became available when the recycling bins were relocated (as it were) to people's own house bins and the site on The Slade. This location would also allow for a new path to be constructed linking to the bridge over the river. This would result in a safer access to the town: currently the bridge deposits people directly into the car park thoroughfare where vehicles are often reversing or drivers looking other ways to spot a space. Since the recycling bins were used by all and no concerns had ever been raised

before about disability access and safety in this area, this was clearly a suitable spot.

The Council applied in the first year of the NHB funding but we were unsuccessful as planning permission had not been gained. Planning permission has since been granted and the NHB committee has recommended that money should be put aside for the new building.

However, townfolk and visitors may be wondering why foundations are yet to be dug, with the promise of new toilets soon to arrive. It would seem that AVDC (who own the land on which the toilets are to be built), seem intent in placing hurdles in our way. Firstly, there was a suggestion that they might want the land as an entrance to a site that is up for sale behind 13 High Street. Then, despite County Highways not registering any objection, they deemed it unsafe for pedestrians to cross the road to use the proposed toilets. Then they suddenly decided there needed to be a 'business case' developed to test this against another option (this has not happened with any other NHB funded project) And now it seems, in AVDC's eyes, it has all become connected to ShopMobility! This all leaves the Town Council flummoxed, flabbergasted and flatly

fed up that local people are being made to wait for an essential improvement to the town.

We will keep you updated, of course. Meanwhile, watch the space near the old recycling bins to the side of the community centre. Hopefully soon, you will see what we all (well, almost all of us) want to see!

# DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

The larger developments in Buckingham attract contributions so that infrastructure can keep pace with increased demand and additional local amenities can be provided. There are three main types:

**s106 contributions** – made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, these are usually to provide additional 'public realm development' such as play areas, sports and leisure provision, etc. It might occasionally be earmarked for improved footway or cycle path provision and, before the advent of NHB and CIL, has also included additional education provision, extra policing, and public transport. Depending on what it has been allocated for, it is administered by AVDC and/or BCC – and your Town Council has long insisted that it be consulted over the actual improvements to be made.

**New Homes Bonus (NHB)** – introduced in 2012, it is based on the amount of Council Tax to be raised on new-build homes (with extra paid in respect of affordable homes). Government announcements at the time suggested that this would be shared with town and parish councils, to encourage them

to accept additional housing. This has turned out not to be the case in most of the UK, although AVDC do put 20% of their receipts aside so that towns and parishes (apparently including those that have not absorbed additional housing) can bid for projects annually.

## **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

– introduced in 2010, it allows planning authorities (in our case AVDC) to raise funds from developers to improve infrastructure. This can include safer road schemes, new schools, flood defences, health and social care facilities, parks and green spaces, and leisure centres. Unlike s106 and NHB, it changes the basis for a charge in a manner that the planning obligations system alone could not easily achieve; enabling, for example, the mitigation of cumulative impacts from development. The levy is paid automatically by government, and administered (as appropriate) by AVDC and/or BCC.

Confused? You needn't be – you can rely on your Town Council to extract every possible advantage for our town from these developer contributions.

# FOSTER CARERS WANTED

In Buckinghamshire there are around 450 children in care, all of whom need support, guidance and loving homes, and the County Council needs to expand its number of foster carers to cope with fluctuating demands. Foster carers provide a caring and safe environment for other people's children. Children need foster homes for a variety of reasons and there are children of all ages who need care, but, in particular, children aged up to 5, teenagers and sibling groups.

Foster carers come from all sorts of backgrounds, and there is an urgent need for more within the county. The County Council website has a whole section explaining about this rewarding role: [www.buckscc.gov.uk/social-care/children-and-families/fostering](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/social-care/children-and-families/fostering), email [firststep@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:firststep@buckscc.gov.uk) or telephone 0800 160 1900.



# COMMUNITY GRANTS

Buckingham Town Council supports a number of organisations in the town with grants to aid them in providing facilities and services for the people of the town. This year the Council has helped the following organisations with grants:

Buckingham Churches' Childrens' Holiday Club	£750
Buckingham Summer Festival	£1,000
Buckingham Tennis Club	£3,840
Buckingham Winslow & District Citizens Advice Bureau	£5,000
Buckingham Youth Clubs Ltd	£5,000
Chandos Park Bowls Club	£500
Friends of the Old Gaol	£300
North Bucks Carers Support Group	£412
Project Street Life	£500
The Swan Community Hub (Job Club)	£1,000
YC 2 (Young Carers)	£500

In addition to this the council gives long term grants to Buckingham Community Centre, Buckingham Old Gaol and The Film Place. As well as grants the Council also aids charities and other community organisations in a number of ways including advertising events, providing a venue for meetings and by campaigning for issues and changes with other authorities.

The Town Council grants process starts again in October.



# BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCILLORS

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Cllr. Howard Mordue	01280 815 418
Cllr. Ruth Newell	01280 815 229
Cllr. Christine Strain-Clark	01280 816 832
Cllr. Martin Try	01280 816 202

## BUCKINGHAM SOUTH

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Cllr. Mrs Geraldine Collins	01280 823 006
Cllr. Paul Hirons	01280 812 072
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Cllr. Mike Smith	01280 822 215
Cllr. Robin Stuchbury	01280 824 285
Cllr. Warren Whyte	01280 820 531

Town Clerk – Mr Christopher Wayman 01280 816 426

## OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Buckingham Cemetery	01280 816 801
Buckinghamshire County Council	01296 395 000
Transport for Buckinghamshire	01296 382 416
Aylesbury Vale District Council	01296 58 58 58
Buckingham Winslow & District CAB	0344 245 1289
Buckingham Tourist Information Centre	01280 823 020
Buckingham Community Centre	01280 823 584
Thames Valley Police	101
NHS Urgent Care	111
Floodline	0345 988 1188
Samaritans	08457 90 90 90
ChildLine	0800 11 11

You can email us at or just drop us a line at the address below.

We look forward to hearing from you:

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## YOUR VIEWS COUNT

Buckingham Town Matters is produced by Buckingham Town Council in order to provide you with a taste of what keeps Councillors and staff busy. But this is also an invitation for you to tell us what you think of what we do and what you think we should be doing. We are all working together to make Buckingham an even better place, so please let us know:

- what you think we should carry on doing
- what you think we should stop doing, or do less of
- what you think we should start doing, or do a lot more of

**Just a reminder...** all Town Council meetings are open to the public. You are invited to come along and give us your views.



# 2015 EVENTS DIARY



<b>MARCH</b>	Saturday 7th	Fairtrade Coffee Morning
<b>APRIL</b>	Sunday 19th	Spring Fair
<b>MAY</b>	Friday 1st	May Day Celebrations
	Sunday 24th	Music in the Market
<b>JUNE</b>	Saturday 13th – Saturday 20th	Buckingham Fringe Week
<b>JULY</b>	Sunday 12th	Dog Show
<b>AUGUST</b>	Sunday 30th	BandJam
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Sunday 13th	River Rinse
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Sunday 4th	River Rinse
	Saturday 17th	Charter Fair
	Saturday 24th	Charter Fair
	Saturday 31st	Best Dressed Guy + Bonfire & Fireworks
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Sunday 8th	Remembrance Parade
	Saturday 28th	Christmas Lights & Carols
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Saturday 12th	Christmas Parade Community Fair

**Please find further details inside or online:**  
[www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/events/events.html](http://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/events/events.html)

