



# Buckingham TownMatters

Autumn issue 2021



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# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR



I hope that we have all been able to enjoy the summer activities in Buckingham. It has been great to be able to be out and about with most restrictions removed, even though I am sure we are all aware of the need to take care, as the pandemic hasn't gone away. I especially enjoyed the opportunity which the Celebrate Buckingham Day brought, not only was I finally robed as Mayor, but we were all able to see for ourselves the vibrant mix of voluntary groups, which do so much to enrich our town. Another highlight for me over the summer was The Otter Trail. It was a real joy to

be able to meet with schoolchildren and other groups, who had created amazingly different designs and names for their otter.

Although this time has been tough, there have also been some positive aspects. As many Town Council meetings have been held on Zoom, and broadcast live on YouTube, more people have become involved, either speaking during the public session, or watching live or on the recording later. We are hoping that this community engagement will remain as we return to the recently renovated Council Chamber for all our meetings. Let us all strive to learn lessons from the past year and build better habits, which are positive for our community and for our planet.

There is much for us to look forward to during the Autumn season, with the Charter Fair in October and the Bonfire and Fireworks in November. We will be able to enjoy these with extra excitement, as it was not possible to hold such events last year, due to the Covid crisis. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

*Margaret Gateley*

**Cllr. Margaret Gateley, Mayor of Buckingham**

# NEW DEPUTY MAYOR



It is an honour to be elected to the town council in May. I have lived in Buckingham for 18 years, and work in the town as an architect. I am proud to champion Buckingham far and wide, including in my role as a Buckinghamshire Councillor and that is why it is a privilege to have been elected as deputy Mayor of Buckingham.

I look forward to supporting our new Mayor Cllr. Gateley and help to represent Buckingham and all that we offer in a positive way, in particular to help our local economy recover after a very difficult 16 months for our town's businesses and organisations.

We all have the power to make choices to help improve our town; such as committing to shopping more with local companies,

using our town markets, recycling more, and supporting the many voluntary organisations that do so much for the community, which was particularly noticeable during the pandemic when so many went above and beyond to help others.

During my time as Deputy Mayor, I hope that I can help raise awareness of our amazing range of organisations and charities that are an important part of our local town life.

## MAYOR'S CHARITIES

**I have chosen the following two local charities for my mayoral year.**

### **Project Street Life (PSL)**

provides a place for the youth of Buckingham to come and enjoy the company of others in a safe and supportive environment. PSL meets at Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre on Fridays from 7pm – 9pm and is open for those in years 5 - 11. Weekly activities include Pool, Crafts, Cooking, Music, Drama and Arts. We also run activity days and residential trips. We are a registered charity, funded through generous donations from individuals and organisations, as well as fund-raising events and grant applications.



### **Community Care North Bucks**

is a local charity run by volunteers, meeting the needs of the local community as follows:

- Adult Carers Support Group: improving the quality of life for unpaid adult carers by providing a network for friendship and support.
- Young Carers Support Group: providing services that improve the quality of life and opportunities for young carers, including fun, friendship, support, advice and personal development.
- Open House, a support group for ex-carers, as they move on from their caring role, and for people who live on their own.
- Hospital Car Service transports patients from their homes to their appointments and provides support throughout the visit.





# HERE ARE THE FORMER COUNCILLORS

After the Council elections in May, many long standing Councillors did not return to the Town Council for another term. They are:

## Terry Bloomfield

*Years Served: 14*

Terry enjoyed chairing the Town Centre and Events Committee for two years helping to set up and revitalise the annual Pancake Race, Buckingham In Bloom and the Dog Show. He was also pleased to be a Councillor when the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan was passed.



## Paul Hiron

*Years Served: 14*

Paul represented the Town Council on Buckingham General Charities, the Buckingham & Ousel Internal Drainage Board, and the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium. He was also Deputy Mayor in 2016-2017 and was happy to represent the council at local events.



## Ruth Newell

*Years Served: 30*

*Mayor: 1997, 1998, 2013 & 2014*

Ruth chaired the Environment Committee for many years and still very much remains passionate about Buckingham's



environment. She was the proposer of the Climate Emergency motion and founder member of the Green Buckingham Group. Ruth also chaired the Community Plan Environment Group, whose project was taken on board as the Circular Walk, and the Buckingham Community Wildlife Project. She served as Mayor four times and raised thousands for Charities through fundraising events.

## Mike Smith

*Years Served: 14*

*Mayor: 2011 & 2012*

Mike was Chair of Town Centre & Events, Environment and Resources Committees along with being a representative on several external groups. He was a hands-on, fully engaged Councillor, who always supported the local economy. He brought MK Dons events and Buckingham Big Day to Buckingham and helped build BTC into the effective council it now is.



## Christine Strain-Clark

*Years Served: 26*

*Mayor: 2002*

Christine instituted Access Days to highlight the obstacles facing people with disabilities and she proposed that a Diversity and Inclusion Working Group was set up to ensure everyone is equally valued. Access is now a standing agenda item, and the Town Clerk is now the lead officer for Equality and Diversity.



# THE BUCKINGHAM CALENDAR 2022

For the third year, we are pleased to announce that we are running the Buckingham calendar competition. If you would like to enter, please email [tic@Buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:tic@Buckingham-tc.gov.uk). Entries are welcome until Thursday 30th September 2021.

This year, we have asked people to submit artwork and photography reflecting Buckingham in every season and we hope to see the same great talent that has been shown through previous editions. Once the calendar is published, we are sure that it will make a wonderful addition to your wall or the perfect Christmas present for your loved ones, especially those who you find hard to buy for!

The calendar will be £7 and can be purchased from the Tourist Information Centre in The Old Gaol Museum in the next few months.

Thank you to everyone that has entered so far.



## COUNCIL CHAMBER BOOKINGS

The newly renovated Buckingham Town Council Chamber is now available for hire.

The Chamber, which is opposite Waitrose and conveniently situated just up from Cornwalls Meadow car park, has been converted to one large bright room with a small kitchen area and access to a disabled toilet. The kitchen has a kettle, sink and a small fridge.

The main feature of the Chamber is a large historic wooden table which has been used

by the Town Council for decades. Up to 17 people can be seated comfortably round it making this an ideal venue for face to face meetings as well as small group education and training sessions.

The room is fully air conditioned and modern energy saving radiators keep it nice and warm on cold days. There is a hearing loop and use of two huge Prowise touch screens can be arranged. The screens work in tandem with a 'Logitech Meet' conferencing camera with a second remote microphone offering excellent quality audio. This system is fully compatible with programs such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams and YouTube.

If you are interested in hiring the Council Chamber, or would like details of the current prices, please contact the Town Council at [lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk) or see our website at [www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/our-services/council-chamber/](http://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/our-services/council-chamber/)



# WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM AND HOW WE SPENT IT

## BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS 2022/23



Are you looking for funding for a not-for-profit community group or charity? Applications are invited for funding for projects and activities beneficial to the people of Buckingham.

This year there are two grant funds to apply for, these are for:

- one-year projects taking place 2022-2023
- four-year funding for long term activities 2022-2026

**Application forms are available on the website, and must be returned to Town Council by 12 Noon on Friday 19th November 2021.**

If you would like to discuss a possible application, including which fund is best to apply for, or to receive an application form, please contact the Town Council by:

**Post: Buckingham Town Council  
Buckingham Centre  
Verney Close  
Buckingham MK18 1JP**

**Phone: 01280 816 426**

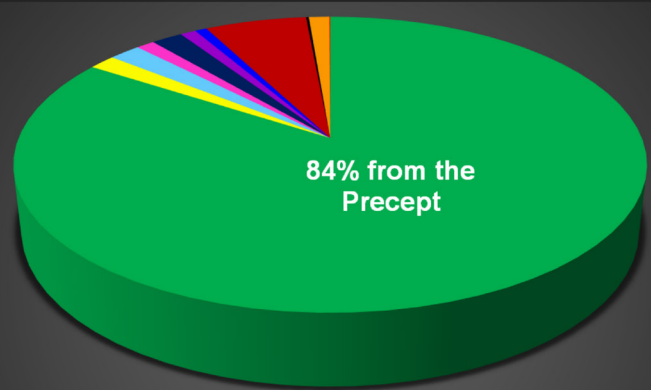
**Email: [office@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@buckingham-tc.gov.uk)**

**Website: <https://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/your-town-council/grants/>**

## BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### WHERE OUR MONEY COMES FROM

2020-2021



- Precept
- Sponsorship
- Property Rental
- Other income
- Markets
- Devolved Services
- Grants
- Interest
- Burial Income
- Lace Hill Centre
- Tourist Information Centre

[www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk)

## AND HOW WE WE SPENT IT



**PARKS, CEMETERY AND BUILDINGS**

£485,347

**TOURISM AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

£13,462



**EVENTS AND TOWN CENTRE**

£104,538

**NEWSLETTERS**

£5,995



**COMMUNITY GRANTS**

£23,312

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**

£956,252



**LEGAL, PLANNING, ADMIN AND HR**

£316,940

**UNDERSPEND TRANSFERRED TO RESERVES**

£119,696



**COVID 19 EXPENSES**

£6,658



**TOTAL**

£1,075,949



# BUCKINGHAM VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering is the lifeblood of our town. This has been even more apparent during the last few months when many, many people stepped forward to help their neighbours, strangers and the wider community as we all faced extraordinary and difficult times together. While we all remain vigilant, the worst of these pandemic times are now becoming a memory.

And we can all remember too, how so many people discovered their vast depths of courage, humanity and commitment towards helping others. The economic and social impact of the pandemic will be with us

for years. The need for people to volunteer and help others remains. Our town, our communities, and indeed the world needs volunteers to help us create a place in which everyone can achieve their dreams and ambitions.

Moreover, research shows that volunteering has a positive effect on our mental health and wellbeing. Volunteering is good for both the volunteer and the people in receipt of their support.

Your Town Council is committed to doing all that we can to nurture, support and develop volunteering in our town. We keep track of local organisations that need volunteers and endeavour to connect people's desires to 'do something for others' with those organisations that need willing volunteers.

For example, we are currently supporting efforts to create a team of people to help the town continue the quest to be more 'dementia friendly'. The Town organised the 'Celebrate Buckingham' event to assist local voluntary organisations to showcase what they do and seek new helpers. And, we have established a page on our website where people can see what opportunities there are locally and make contact. [www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/our-services/local-volunteering/](http://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/our-services/local-volunteering/)

**Please consider what you can do for our community.**



# PAST EVENTS PAST EVENTS

**Buckingham In Bloom** was judged in early July by Town Mayor Cllr. Margaret Gateley and Cllrs Sue Hetherington and Fran Davies. The categories were Best Garden and Best Hanging Basket or Container. The winner for Best Garden was Mr Wilkins. In the Hanging Basket/Container category, Mr Rayner was the winner, Sue and Piers Snell were in 2nd place, and 3rd place was Amy Gillingham.

Coach Jenner was back this summer with the free **basketball sessions** in Chandos Park and Bourton Park.

**Play Around The Parishes** returned to Chandos Park during August where children aged 1-11 years were able to enjoy arts, crafts, bouncy castles and more. The sessions were provided by Buckinghamshire Council and funded by Buckingham Town Council.



**Buckingham Fringe Week** took place between 20th and 25th July. The week

kicked off with the ever popular **Oxford Fiddle Group** who performed songs and tunes from England, Scotland, Ireland and the USA.

A presentation was given on Zoom by the **UK Astronomy Group** and the talk included information on all the planets followed by a Q & A session at the end.

Three buskers; Scott 'Drifter', Noah's Cape and Ian Hewitt took part in **Buskers Day**.



Music In The Market relocated to the Buckingham Rugby Club and was re-named **Music Not In The Market**. Families enjoyed a day of music, street food, children's entertainment and traders' stalls.

Cllr. Jon Harvey led a small group on a **Well Being Walk** around Buckingham. The walk started at the Council Chamber outside Waitrose and ended at the University.

The **Family Fun Day** at Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre was an absolute blast. Tunes from DJ Dan Blaze kept everyone moving while Fun-dayers enjoyed the free activities. Special visitors, the Saint John Ambulance Buckingham Cadets, volunteered their time to provide lifesaving skills to the public and also got to join in on the fun. Inside, an interactive art exhibition took place as part of Buckinghamshire for Culture's Open Weekend. People met the artists and watched them demonstrate their talents.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the community event happen, including Well Street United Church, Buckingham United FC, BAFA Gallery, Buckingham Royals Korfbal Club, all the wonderful stallholders and Roos Food, Wonderful Waffle Company and Pegasus Bars MK.

Families from the area joined us for a wonderful open air theatre production of **Alice in Wonderland** on the green outside St Peter and St. Paul's Church. Thank you to Boxtree Productions for a fantastic day.





# COVID BOUNCE BACK EVENTS COVID BOUNCE BACK EVENTS COVID BOUNCE BACK EVENTS

Funding from Buckingham & Villages Community Board was used to fund two brand new events this summer such as the Celebrate Buckingham Shop Local Raffle and Saturday Street Entertainment. Each event was designed to support Buckingham as a retail, leisure and tourism destination as well as bring joy to the town's residents and businesses after a tough year.

## Celebrate Buckingham Shop Local Raffle

Our Shop Local Raffle started in July. 26 local shops were selected at random to have a poster displayed. To enter the raffle customers visited the shops involved, found the shop local poster and scanned the QR code to reach the competition page. On the website, shoppers entered the unique letter on the poster.

Two lucky winners won fantastic hampers stocked full of goodies from local businesses. The prizes included vouchers and items from: Essentials, Finca El Monte, Smith and Clays, Gilt Swan, Dandy Lions, Howes the Florist, Cornwall Place Kitchen, Secret Messages, Leaders Hardware, Buckingham University Book Shop, Back to Nature, Meadow Row Tea Rooms, Wood Bee Nice, Planet Refill and the Old Gaol Museum Shop.



## Action 4 Youth Activities

Action4Youth returned to Buckingham this summer to offer a host of activities from inflatable assault courses to BMX and skateboarding, graffiti art, boxing, parkour and kayaking! There were sixteen sessions running daily through most of the holiday. In a change to last year the indoor space at the Royal Latin School was also used for cooking lessons and free meals. Sessions were open to anyone aged eleven to 18, and booked online in advance.



## Saturday Street Entertainment

As part of the Covid bounce back budget, it was decided that Town Centre entertainment would be held throughout the summer. Terrie Howey kicked off the summer with a fantastic story telling event, reciting Buckinghamshire folk tales whilst the whole family enjoyed an afternoon of wonder. An exciting array of music acts filled the town centre including a drum duo and amazing solo artist Amelia Barnard who wowed the audience. Bollywood dancers brought the town to life and two amazing West End opera singers finished the entertainment programme on a high. Not only did the entertainment bring people into the town, but the fantastic performances brought a lot of energy and life to Buckingham with the atmosphere of the markets being fabulous. Thank you to everyone that attended the entertainment and all the acts involved.



## Otter Trail

The Buckingham Otter Trail was a spectacular interactive public art sculpture event that featured 10 life-size fibreglass and resin otters all individually decorated by local school children and artists. The trail went live during Fringe Week and ran until the end of August. The sculptures were dotted around the town and surrounding green spaces and the public were invited to take part and be an otter-spotter, making a perfect family-friendly day over the summer!

It was easy for people to take part; paper map trails were made available to pick up in person from the Tourist Information Centre or downloadable via our website. The trail was also on Buxplore which meant people could read more information about the artists and sponsors. Otter Spotter badges were given to children who brought their completed trail map back to the TIC and some fantastic competition prizes were won.



This new initiative was organised by Buckingham Town Council and the funding came from the Town Centre and Events Committee underspend following events being cancelled during lockdown. The aim was to support residents and businesses by encouraging people to explore and enjoy the town.

Buckingham Town Council would like to thank everyone who made the event a great success: the professional artists and schools who worked tirelessly to paint the otters and all our otter-tastic

sponsors! If you were unable to take part and missed out, you can still read all about it on our website: [buckingham-tc.gov.uk/buckingham-otter-trail](https://buckingham-tc.gov.uk/buckingham-otter-trail)





# FUTURE EVENTS FUTURE EVENTS FUTURE EVENTS FUTURE EVENTS

The annual **River Rinses** will be taking place on Sunday 19th September and Sunday 3rd October. The first stretch of river that will be cleared is from the Cricket Club to Cornwalls Meadow Car Park and the second stretch of river set to be cleared is from Cornwalls Meadow Car Park to the University.



The **Charter Fair** will be returning to Buckingham on Saturday 16th and 23rd October. The fair operated by Nichols Amusements will arrive in town on Friday 15th October with dodgems, sideshows and stalls. It will return on Friday 22nd and a road closure for the town centre will be in place for both weekends.



The annual **Bonfire & Fireworks Display** will take place on Saturday 6th November in the paddock in Bourton Park. The FREE display will be provided by Titanium Fireworks.



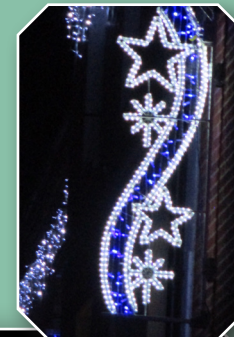
On Sunday 14th November, the **Remembrance Day Parade** will be taking place. The parade will form up on Market Hill and march from there at 10:30am to the War Memorial at St Peter & St Paul Church. After the service, it will march back to Market Hill. A rolling road closure will be in place when the parade is on the move.



The **Winter Fair** will take place on Sunday 21st November 2 pm – 4.30 pm at Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre. You can expect lots of local handmade Christmas goodies, refreshments, live performances as well as art and craft activities for the children to enjoy. Entrance fee is £1 per adult and children are free but they must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to book a stall at this event, please contact the coordinator: [lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk)



Join the Mayor, Cllr Margaret Gateley, outside the Old Gaol on Saturday 27th November for the **Christmas Light Switch On**. There will also be carols and other festive entertainment taking place ensuring a magical time.



The annual **Christmas Parade** will be taking place on Saturday 11th December and will form up on Chandos Road. Floats, walking groups and marching bands will make their way through Buckingham town centre and then back to Chandos Road. A road closure organised by Buckingham Town Council will be in place whilst the parade is taking place.



The **Community Fair** will be back again this year providing a vehicle for local groups, societies and charities to raise funds. The event will take place on Saturday 11th December in the Community Centre immediately after the town's Christmas Parade.



# ANTI-LITTERING CAMPAIGN

This past year parks and green spaces have become more important to us all, and Buckingham Town Council has received requests from residents and community groups asking how best they can get involved in safely clearing any litter they find while out and about.

When you're dealing with someone else's rubbish the best way to clear up litter is with litter pickers. Keeping the litter at a distance from your body can protect you from broken edges and unwanted germs. To help give everyone access to litter pickers, the Town Council has introduced Buckingham's first **#QuickLitterPick** point.

This covered cage in Bourton Park contains five individual litter pickers and a supply of bin liners and can be accessed by anyone with the code for the lock. You can ask for the code by calling the Town Council Office or Buckingham Tourist Information Centre during opening hours.



*Newell; I'd like to send her a big thank you."*

Cllr. Sue Hetherington told us: *"The Quick Litter Pick was easy to use and we had really positive reactions from the people we met while using the litter pickers. Everyone was keen to have a go! This project was originally started with previous Chair of the Environment Committee Ruth*

In fact, this year the Town Council has introduced multiple schemes to help prevent litter; including a recycling themed poster contest with Bourton Meadow Primary School, wildflower information boards, that are located on the junior play area railings in Bourton Park, and wildflower art contest with local artist Fiona Hancock, with prizes provided by Buckinghamshire Recycles. Celebrating the beauty of our local parks, the wildflowers, and wildlife supported by them is an important part of encouraging park users to love, respect and protect our green spaces.



## WILDFLOWER ART CONTEST

The adult winners of the wildflower art contest were Carmen Carreira, whose art featured on the cover of our summer newsletter, and Laura Bentley who was inspired by local flowers. The winners in the young people category were Renata Kapinos and Evelyn Hurman-Ball, both from Buckingham School.



*Renata, Evie and Amelie – winners Buckingham Wildflower Art Contest*

# SPOTLIGHT ON LACEHILL



Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre is a hub for all kinds of great entertainment and activities for the benefit of Buckingham residents.

The Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre is a community resource that provides a range of services and meeting spaces for people of all ages. There are lots of weekly classes, ranging from Gymnastics, Badminton, Dance, Karate, Yoga, Judo, Football and more. Residents also enjoy community events organised by centre staff including the annual Family Fun Day and Winter Fair. To see the timetable or to find out more, visit our website [www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/our-services/lace-hill-sports-and-community-centre/](http://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/our-services/lace-hill-sports-and-community-centre/). If you use social media, you can also follow the centre on Facebook and Instagram @LaceHillCentre.

a Sports Hall and a Committee Room and two England football pitches available to hire in addition to a children's play park and multi-use games area. The centre is easily accessible and there is free onsite parking, with four designated blue badge spaces. Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre aims to provide a well maintained, accessible and affordable resource for the benefit of Buckingham residents, contributing to community growth, development, and the economic well-being of the local area.



Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre is owned and operated by Buckingham Town Council. The centre has two main rooms,

So, if you are looking for a local venue to host a special occasion or want to start a new activity, please contact the coordinator at [lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk)



# CIVIC AWARDS

A Civic Award is given to people who are worthy of recognition for particular achievements. The awards are split into categories such as the Friends of Buckingham Award, Honorary Freemen/women of the town Award and the Sports and Arts Award. However, this year, the Town Council agreed to create additional awards for a Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Organisation of the Year, Natural Environment and Climate Champion and Mayor's Prize for Outstanding Young Person.

Here are the recipients of the Civic Awards:

## Friends of Buckingham

Dr. Roger Harrington for his work on the Buckingham Almshouses and Welfare Charity and Buckingham Hospital League of Friends.



John Bercow for his time as an MP of Buckingham helping many local families, supporting charities across the town and representing community issues in parliament.

Mrs Beverley Stockill for her exceptional

and outstanding contribution to the local community through her work at the Buckingham Community Food Bank.



## Sport and Art Award

Lace Hill Residents Association for the creation of the Lace Hill Snake.



## Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Organisation of the Year

Rotary Club and all the volunteers for their support in facilitating the Flu and Covid-19 Vaccinations.



## Natural Environment and Climate Champion

The Stowe Sub Aqua Club for their continued support of the annual River Rinses.



## Mayor's Prize for Outstanding Young Person

Mr. Sulayman Idris for his exemplary and inspirational management of the Buckingham Free Meals Project.



## Honorary Freemen/women

The Honorary Freemen/women Award was given to previous councillors, Ruth Newell and Christine Strain-Clark for their valuable and dedicated service over their 30 and 26 years as Town Councillors, at the Celebrate

Buckingham Day in Bourton Park on Saturday 4th September. These awards are one of the most prestigious awards which a council can bestow upon a valued member of the community, or upon a visiting celebrity or dignitary. It arises from the medieval practice of granting respected citizens freedom from serfdom.



# BARD ELECTION/THANKS TO CURRENT BARD



Dean Jones was elected as the first Bard of Buckingham in October 2019. The post was to last for one year, but lockdown made it impossible to hold a competition last year, so Dean has held the role for two years. In that time Dean has written over 260 poems, some of

which have been performed at local events. Our thanks go to Dean, who has been an amazing first Bard.

There will be a Bard Off to elect the new Bard of Buckingham on Tuesday 5th October in the Cote at the rear of the Woolpack pub from 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear a range of performances and take part in the live vote. Each potential Bard will perform twice, before the final vote is taken. The Bard may be any kind of spoken word performer – a songwriter, poet or comedian, for example.

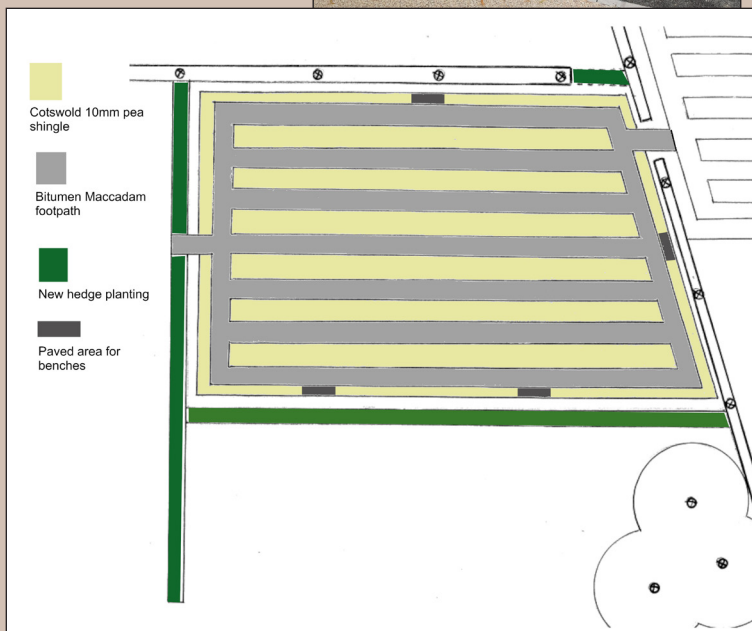
Potential Bards are encouraged to register beforehand, although it will be possible to just turn up on the night. It is free to enter, although a collection will be made on the night for the Mayor's charities. If you are interested in taking part in the trial or would like more information please contact the Town Council at [townclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk).



# GARDEN OF REST

Buckingham Town Council is building a new Garden of Rest at Brackley Road Cemetery for the interment of Cremated Remains. It is now open for use in order to provide space for ashes interment at the cemetery for years to come. However, even though the main ground work is complete, planting of flowers and shrubs will take place this winter.

The new Garden of Rest will have in the region of 350 plots and will be similar in style to the existing Garden of Rest with asphalt paths to ensure accessibility and gravel beds for the burial plots. The area will also include spaces for memorial benches and a litter bin. This will be a great addition to the Brackley Road Cemetery and become a peaceful area for remembrance.



# BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCILLORS

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Cllr. Geraldine Collins	01280 823 006	Cllr. Anja Schaefer	01280 816 426
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## USEFUL NUMBERS

Buckingham Town Council	01280 816 426	Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247
Buckingham Cemetery	01280 816 801	Thames Valley Police	101
Buckingham Shopmobility	07738 314 027	NHS Urgent Care	111
Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre	01280 812 872	National Power Cut Helpline	105
Buckingham Community Hall	01280 823 584	National Gas Helpline	0800 11 11
Buckingham Tourist Information Centre	01280 823 020	Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Buckinghamshire Council	0300 131 6000	Floodline	0345 988 1188
Transport for Buckinghamshire	01296 382 416	ChildLine	0800 111 999
Citizens Advice Aylesbury Vale	0344 245 1289	Samaritans	01908 667 777
		StreetLink (rough sleeping)	0300 500 0914

## 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.

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

We look forward to hearing from you:

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# 2021 EVENTS DIARY

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<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	River Rinse	Sun 19th (10am -12:30pm)	Cricket Club to Cornwalls Meadow Carpark
<b>OCTOBER</b>	River Rinse	Sun 3rd (10am -12:30pm)	Cornwalls Meadow Carpark to Buckingham University
	Bard Election	Tues 5th (7pm-9pm)	The Woolpack Pub, Well Street
	Charter Fair	Sat 16th & 23rd (1pm-11pm)	Buckingham Town Centre
	Hallowe'en Party	Fri 29th (4:30pm)	Lacehill Sports & Community Centre
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Bonfire & Fireworks	Sat 6th (6pm-8pm)	The Paddock, Bourton Park
	Remembrance Day Parade	Sun 14th (10:30am)	War Memorial at St Peter & St Paul Church
	Winter Fair	Sun 21st (2pm-4pm)	Lacehill Sports and Community Centre
	Christmas Light Switch On	Sat 27th (6pm-8pm)	Buckingham Town Centre
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Christmas Parade	Sat 11th (10:45am – 12:30pm)	Buckingham Town Centre
	Community Fair	Sat 11th (11:30am – 2pm)	Buckingham Community Centre

