



# Buckingham TownMatters



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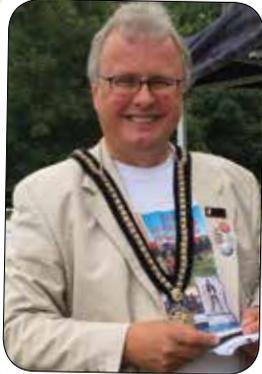
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**Traditional**  
BUCKINGHAM

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR



While I am writing this at the beginning of September, you will be reading this in late November and early December. So as I write, we are just edging into Autumn and the leaves are just, just beginning to turn. Buckingham, with all its trees and parks is a glorious place in the Autumn and indeed in every season. There are so many lovely trails and paths on which to walk, cycle or run. Our air is crisp and clean. And on sunny days from certain places, miles of our English countryside can be appreciated. We are surrounded by elegant buildings that please the eye and complement the trees and countryside.

These views and vistas are not natural, of course. We live in a world shaped by farmers planting hedgerows and ploughing fields, by navvies building canals and roads, by architects designing buildings and estates, by travellers planting acorns and seeds, and by builders constructing houses and so onwards. Long may they help create a world in which we can all breathe, smile and dream.

But just as humanity can create beauty, so can we erode and destroy it. And often this is done unwittingly, and sadly so easily and lightly: what is one more tree to cut down or ugly building to put up...?

As I meet people in my position as Mayor, I am struck by all the big and small actions that people are taking to make a difference to our town: to keep it a beautiful place for us all to enjoy. Sadly, I also get to know about all the ways in which people are making our place less attractive: the casually dropped piece of litter, the tree cut down when it did not need to be, or the poorly designed building that will be with us too long.

Beauty is not fixed: our handsome town has changed much over the years and will change much in the years to come as more houses are built, as shops change hands and as new roads are constructed. Our job as Town Councillors is to keep an eye on all this and do what we can to make our town even more beautiful. But we cannot do this alone: we need to all keep our eyes open and look for opportunities to make our town an even better place to be.

**Cllr. Jon Harvey**  
**September 2017**

# FRIENDS OF BUCKINGHAM LIBRARY



This group was established in early 2016 to help support Buckingham Library. It quickly became established and its primary role is to not only raise awareness of the library as an important community hub, but to also raise funds for additional books and equipment that will enhance the library for local residents.

Over the last twelve months, the library has benefitted from additional large print books, new local history books, extended children's books to coordinate with national events and the summer reading challenge such as Roald Dahl and The Dragonsitter books. Most recently, the Friends have bought an additional daily newspaper subscription. This Christmas, the Friends will be supporting Santa, providing him with his gifts.

The Friends also support the fantastic library staff in providing volunteers to help with refreshments or other non-library tasks such as craft events helping with the variety of special days put on by the staff. There is always a selection of leaflets near the library front desk with information on all forthcoming events.

The Friends are pleased to have several corporate sponsors, including the Town Council, and welcome more residents to join and show their support for such an important community resource.

Find out more at <http://buckinghamlibraryfriends.org.uk/>

## BUCKINGHAM IN BLOOM

The **Buckingham In Bloom** competition was judged in July and this year included a class for pots and baskets as well as the usual Best Garden and Community Garden. Judges were looking for variety of plants, colour and overall kerb appeal.

The town was divided up into sections and town councillors went out and had a look at gardens in their designated area and nominated gardens. We also had members of the public enter their gardens as usual.

The winners of the Best Garden were joint 1st place Mrs Sandra Henshaw of Burleigh Piece and Mr Wilkins of Meadow Gardens. Mr Wilkins has won this category for the last five years. 3rd place went to Mrs Smith of Paynes Court.

Brooks Court were 1st in the Community Garden Category with Paynes Court taking 2nd place.

Mr A Rayner of Western Ave and Mrs Howell of MacKenzie Close were delighted to be joint 1st place winners in the Pots and Baskets Category; Mrs Palastanga of Fishers Field took 3rd place.



Winners were presented with certificates and garden vouchers by Mayoress Julie Uglow at a presentation in the Old Gaol.

# BUCKINGHAM SPORTS AND EXERCISE REGISTER

Welcome to your A to Z Sports & Exercise Register for Buckingham

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We hope that this register will help make Buckingham an even more active and healthy town, by helping its residents to discover and find new activities within Buckingham (when available/existing) and neighbouring localities.

If you think that your club/organisation should feature in this register, please contact Sam Hoareau ([lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk)).

As part of our willingness to encourage participation in sport and exercise for all ages and abilities for our Buckingham residents, we created the first edition of our centralised register of the various local sport/activity providers. This is currently available via a download on the Buckingham Town Council website: [www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk). It will be updated regularly as more information becomes available; the next update will be early 2018 with clear listings for adult and child sports.

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Please note that by listing the providers contacts, Buckingham Town Council is not promoting or endorsing them, the purpose of this register only being to provide useful information to residents.

This document relies on the information provided by the activity and sports clubs/organisations listed and we cannot accept any liability for errors or omissions.

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## A TO Z OF SPORTS & FITNESS

- > ANGLING
- > ARCHERY
- > ATHLETICS
- > BADMINTON
- > BASKETBALL
- > BOCCE/BOULDER
- > BOWLS
- > BOXING
- > CANOEING
- > CRICKET
- > CYCLING
- > DANCING
- > GOLF
- > DIVING
- > EQUESTRIAN
- > FENCING
- > FITNESS
- > FOOTBALL
- > GAAELGAMES
- > GOLF
- > GYMNASTICS
- > HANDBALL
- > HOCKEY
- > JUDO
- > KARATE
- > KORFBALL
- > MOTORSPORT
- > NETBALL
- > PILATES
- > ROWING
- > RUGBY
- > RUNNING
- > SAILING
- > SHOOTING
- > SMOOKER
- > SOFTBALL
- > SQUASH
- > SUB AQUA
- > SWIMMING
- > TABLE TENNIS
- > TAEKWONDO
- > TENNIS
- > VOLLEYBALL
- > WALKING
- > WEIGHTLIFTING
- > YOGA
- > ZUMBA

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Activity Provider	Location	Phone Number(s)	Email Address	Website Link	Disabled Suitable
Newport Paget Archers	Caldecote Sparrows, Sparrow, Millers Keyen, MS5 5AG (indoor)	Please contact the club through the form on our website.	Please contact the club through the form on our website.	<a href="http://www.newportpagetarchers.co.uk">www.newportpagetarchers.co.uk</a>	Yes

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Website Link	Disabled Suitable
<a href="http://www.rtkbc.org.uk">www.rtkbc.org.uk</a>	Yes
<a href="http://www.rtkbc.org.uk">www.rtkbc.org.uk</a>	Turnstyle at Open
Website Link	Disabled Suitable
<a href="http://www.buckinghamtc.org.uk">www.buckinghamtc.org.uk</a>	Yes
Website Link	Disabled Suitable
<a href="http://www.sherwoodhockeyball.org.uk">www.sherwoodhockeyball.org.uk</a>	No

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# FRINGE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNERS



A **Photography Competition** was held as part of the Buckingham Fringe week. The theme was 'Aspect of Community'.

Buckingham Camera Club and Warren Whyte of Flaneur were asked to act as judges. The categories were Adult and Young Photographer (aged 11-17 yrs).

The photographs were displayed in the Buckingham Library. The winner of the adult section was Mr Nick Steadman and the Young Photographer class Isabella Patience-Slade (age 15 yrs).

Mr Steadman received a photography book and Isabelle a gift voucher as their prizes.



## FAIR TRADE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Buckingham celebrated its 10th anniversary of gaining Fairtrade town status this September. In addition to our usual anniversary event, representatives from the Town Council, traders and schools took part in a service of celebration, at which Adam Gardner of the Fairtrade Foundation spoke about how becoming Fairtrade producers has significantly benefitted a group of banana growers in Panama. With the increase in price they have been able to achieve and the 1% Fairtrade premium, they have been able to modernise and improve their business facilities, creating many different jobs in the community. Social conditions, schooling, healthcare and housing are improving, although there is much left to do. Adam was particularly touched by one man, who came up to him and proudly told him his daughter was now studying medicine at university, and another woman, currently working in a laundrette, who is studying part time to become a primary teacher. These

opportunities would have only been pipe dreams in the past, but thanks to Fairtrade are becoming reality for some of the poorest workers.

We celebrated by sharing a cake decorated with the competition winning design by Jessica Coleman.



This is just one example of how the Fairtrade movement has benefitted people who previously have been living in poverty. Our steering group exists to promote Fairtrade in our town and encourage schools, businesses, traders and shoppers to use Fairtrade products whenever possible.



# EVENTS REVIEW EVENTS REVIEW

## BANDJAM

**Bandjam** marks the end of the summer holidays and this year it was organised by Lee Maloney and as always sponsored by Buckingham Town Council.



This year's hot and sticky event was opened at 1pm by the Town Mayor, Cllr Jon Harvey, and the Town Crier. Balance Inc kicked off the afternoon and some of the bands that played throughout the day were The Retros, One For The Road, The Thomas McAvoy Band and Tonto's Headband. The night ended with headline band The Estrella's.

Thanks go to Natco Foods who are very generous and every year lend a trailer which is used as the stage.

## MERCHANT NAVY DAY

This year Town Councillors decided that Buckingham would take part in **Merchant Navy Day**. On Friday 1st September a small crowd gathered at the flag pole outside the Community Centre as Town Mayor, Cllr. Jon Harvey, raised the 'Red Ensign' flag. Merchant Navy Day has been commemorated since 2000, but only for the past two years has it been a nationwide campaign by the Seafarers UK to raise public awareness of the ongoing reliance on seafarers and shipping. The Mayor read out a letter from Mrs Molly Wilby about her brother John (Jack) Swift who had been a Merchant Seaman during the 2nd World War. Jack tragically lost his life in 1941 when his ship was hit by a torpedo off the coast of Ireland; Jack's body was never found.



## RIVER RINSE

The first of this year's **River Rinses** took place on Sunday 10th September and the second was on Sunday 1st October.

As always volunteers from Stowe Sub Aqua Group, Bucks Fire & Rescue and members of the public helped with the events. The stretches of river concentrated on were between the skate park on London Road and the University, and Bourton Park packhorse bridge to the cricket field. Amongst the finds were shopping trollies, children's scooters, old Victorian bottles and a street sign.



## CHARTER FAIR

The first of this year's **Charter Fairs** arrived in Buckingham on Friday 13th October to set up in the town centre. The fair was opened by Mayor Cllr Jon Harvey and the Town Crier at 1pm the next day. As part of the tradition, Nichols Amusements offered children and adults with disabilities, from the local area, free rides for the first hour and a buffet was put on in the Three Cups.



2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Nichols family coming to Buckingham for the Charter Fair and celebrations will take place to mark this occasion at the first Charter Fair in 2018.



# FUTURE EVENTS FUTURE EVENTS



## CHRISTMAS PARADE

The theme for this year's **Christmas Parade** is 'Nursery Rhymes'. Organised by the Christmas Parade Committee and sponsored by Buckingham Town Council, this year's parade takes place on **Saturday 9th December**. Starting at **10:45am** from Chandos Road, the parade, which is made up of floats, walking groups and marching bands, makes its way through the town centre and back to Chandos Road.

A **road closure** will be in place for the event as well as diversions. More information on the road closure and diversions can be found on the Buckingham Town Council website.

## COMMUNITY FAIR

The annual **Community Fair** will be held in the Community Centre after the Christmas Parade. Organised by Buckingham Town Council, this annual event provides a place for local groups, societies and charities to raise funds by selling Christmas gifts, cards and other seasonal ware. Doors open at **11:30am** until 2pm.



## PANCAKE RACES

Organised by Buckingham Town Council, 2018's races will take place on **Tuesday 13th February** on the green outside St Peter & St Paul's Church at **11am**. All entrants must wear a headscarf and apron and bring their own frying pan.

## FOOD FAIR

Buckingham's annual **Food Fair** takes place on **Saturday 24th February** in the Community Centre from **10am – 3pm**. This is a chance for people to sample local produce including beer, wine, cheese, cakes and preserves.



If you are a producer and would like to book a table for the event please contact Buckingham Town Council on 01280 816 426.

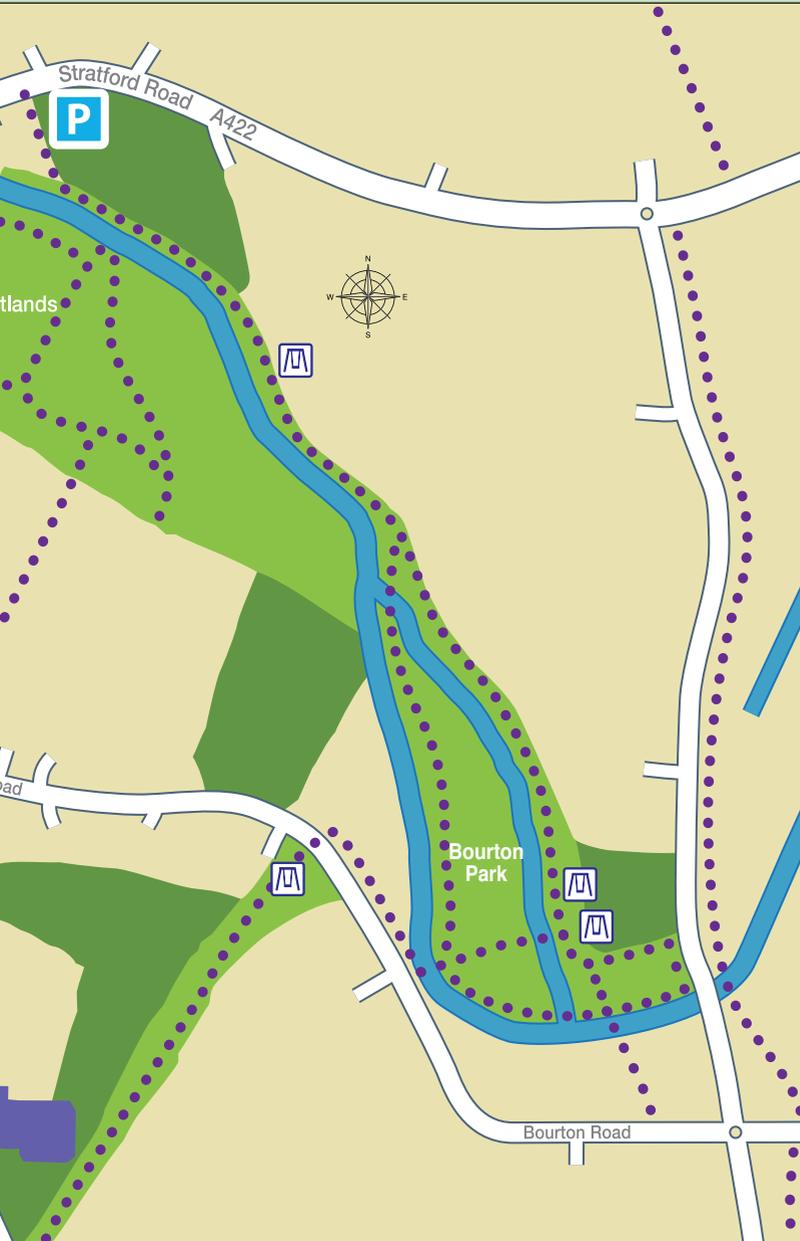


# PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS IN BUCKINGHAM



Are you looking for somewhere to go for a walk, or want to find your nearest children's playground? You can use our new online map to find one of these, or one of our town's many green spaces, such as The Railway Walk or Maids Moreton Avenue.

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You might also find one of Buckingham's hidden gems in the process. The digital version of the map is available on our website on our Parks & Green Spaces page ([www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk))

# OUR YOUTH COUNCIL



Buckingham has had a Youth Council for several years now. Over that time it has ebbed and flowed as young people have joined and others leave, often onto college or work. We are now looking for more Youth Councillors.

*Do you know someone who might be interested? Are you that person?*

## So what's it all about?

The job of a Youth Council is to have the ideas that could make a difference to the lives of young people in the town. Whilst all the town councillors were young once, and do try to listen lots to young people... we know that young people think about the world in different ways. Different things matter.

And so our Youth Council exists to agree actions that they can take themselves or to seek help from the Town Council (or others) to make the town more engaging for younger people.

## Who can be a Youth Councillor?

The job is open to all young people aged from 11 to 18. Anyone who lives in the town, goes to school here or attends a youth organisation here is welcome to come along and get involved.

## How much time?

The Youth Council has the ability to determine for itself how often and where to meet. This can depend on whatever actions the previous meeting has agreed upon.

## Is being on the Youth Council interesting?

As with life, what you put in you'll get out, whether it's to meet new people, rub shoulders with leaders in the community, learn new skills such as event organising, budgeting etc, ask questions and listen to the views of young people, have input as a recognised body if there's money to be spent or you might fancy a career in politics. Whatever the reason know that being on a Youth Council is good for your confidence, self-esteem and looks great on your CV or college/university application, as it shows you can work in a team and you are community-minded.

## So now what?

To find out more, please contact Deputy Town Clerk, Claire Childs. More information and contact details are on the youth council page of our website or leave a message on the Buckingham Town Youth Council Facebook Page or @BuckinghamYouth on Twitter.

# HELP ALICE GET TO WONDERLAND

The 33rd annual Buckingham Community Pantomime, in January 2018, will be Alice in Wonderland and, as always, it will be great fun for audiences and participants alike. However, the panto still needs volunteers to help behind the scenes.

Would you be willing to help with any of the backstage jobs such as building the set, painting scenery, making props, sewing costumes or helping with light and sound?



There is no need for any previous experience. All that is needed is a willingness to commit some time and energy, especially during the two weeks leading up to opening night and for the three days of the show.

Why not give it a try? It's a great feeling to take part and be part of the community that makes the pantomime such a great event.

If you can help, even in a small way, please go to [www.buckinghampanto.co.uk](http://www.buckinghampanto.co.uk) or email [buckinghampanto@outlook.com](mailto:buckinghampanto@outlook.com)

Otherwise come and watch a performance on: Thursday 18th & Friday 19th January at 7.30pm, Saturday 20th January at 2.30pm or 7.30pm.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

## BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

Probably the largest and most active voluntary organisation in Buckingham is the Buckingham and district U3A (University of the Third Age). It caters for people who are no longer in full time employment and has a general meeting most months.

However, its main strengths are its groups. Ranging from Architecture to Yoga, history to Digital Cameras and a wide range of languages; including French, German, Russian and Latin. Active groups include Croquet, Gardening and Folk Dancing, and for the less

active, Bridge, Creative Writing and Poetry Reading. For the musically inclined: Ukulele, Hand bells, Jazz Appreciation or Singing for Fun. They have crafts and Flower Arranging, three Local History groups and one for Family History. An Art Appreciation group meets monthly and organises visits to galleries and museums. In short, there is a group for most activities.

Membership costs just £10 a year. To join contact the membership secretary: [membership.secretary@buckinghamu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership.secretary@buckinghamu3a.org.uk) or for more information: [publicity@buckinghamu3a.org.uk](mailto:publicity@buckinghamu3a.org.uk)

# A TALE OF TWO COMMUNITY CENTRES

Yes Buckingham Town Council now owns two community centres!

**Buckingham Community Hall** in Cornwalls Meadow became Town Council property in August 2017. Most of you will know the impressive large hall, Granville Hall, accommodating up to 250 people. It hosts a range of formal events like the Mayor Making, the Annual Town Meeting and the Community Fair and other less formal functions including craft fairs, fundraising fairs, bands, dances, parties and the pantomime. The small Mouvaux hall is a popular meeting room for many societies and charities – the two halls can be hired individually or together.



Did you know that as a Buckingham Town resident you are automatically a member of Buckingham Community Association which manages the centre. If you want to get involved why not come along to the Annual General Meeting? The date of the Buckingham Community Centre AGM is Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 7pm.

Our new centre, **Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre**, may be less familiar. Financed by the development of the Lace Hill Estate, this centre has been owned and directly operated by your Town Council since its opening in 2016.



This modern and versatile centre has two main rooms, the Sports Hall, capacity 100, and the Committee Room, capacity 40, as well as two full sized football pitches. It is ideal for a wide variety of activities. With several exercise classes, playgroups and other sporting and community groups already established, the Lace Hill Centre will play a growing role in the life of the town.

Both locations have kitchens which can be hired, and all the usual facilities, including accessible WCs and baby change. The Lace Hill Centre is also well equipped with changing rooms and showers!



# A WORD FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE...

*Advice from Inspector James Davies:*

At this time of the year I often talk about how we see a rise in residential burglaries – it is easier for an opportunist burglar to identify if you are not at home when your lights are off. I would then talk about timer switches and alarms. Actually, while burglary is an awful crime and hugely impactful on the victim they are few and far between. What we have seen over recent years are increases in things like ‘cyber-crime’ and ‘door-step crime’.

Cyber-crime relates to, amongst other things, those irritating emails we all get asking for money; in exchange the victim will be reimbursed ten-fold. Most of us ignore them and joke with our friends and colleagues about them. However, it is often the most vulnerable in the community who will click on the attached links or simply send money as requested, and that is who they are aimed at. These crimes are difficult to investigate as often the perpetrator is someone residing outside the UK.

Doorstep crime is also about targeting the vulnerable; often asking for extortionate amounts of money in exchange for services. They work because of the pressure tactics that are employed.

There is a theme here... There is often talk about a criminal code of honour, that there are certain things that are not acceptable to most criminals, a line they will not cross. This is rubbish. Criminals prey on the vulnerable because it is easier. The person that they choose next may be your relative; they may be your neighbour. They may click on a link in an email and lose their life savings, or they may have a roof fixed and be left with nothing. Let's look out for those who cannot look out for themselves.

When you are out purchasing your timer switches spare a thought for those who are more likely to be a victim of crime. Of course we will do our bit, but we are a community and we need to work together to protect that community.

The screenshot shows a webpage from Thames Valley Police. The header includes the police name and a search bar. A navigation menu contains links for Home, Advice, Services, News, Join us, About us, Contact us, and Your local area. The main heading is 'Cyber crime and online safety'. Below this, a paragraph defines cyber crime. A section titled 'To reduce your chances of becoming a victim:' lists six bullet points: using a strong password, not giving personal details online, keeping devices updated with anti-virus software, keeping software updated, downloading from legal sources, and not opening emails from unknown sources. A 'Related pages' section on the right lists 'The Little Book of Big Scams' and 'The Little Book of Cyber Scams'.

# WINTER CHECKLIST

Winter is almost upon us again. It is difficult to predict how cold and wet these coming months will be, but here is a helpful checklist to make sure you are prepared for all conditions:

- ❄️ **How warm is your dwelling? It is not too late to get more insulation fitted. The Citizen's Advice Aylesbury Vale (CAAV) can advise.**
- ❄️ **Energy bills keep going up. Are you on the best tariff? Again the CAAV can offer advice, including sources of extra help for rising numbers of people experiencing fuel poverty.**
- ❄️ **Are your pipes and taps (outdoor ones especially) well lagged?**
- ❄️ **Do you have salt / grit to ensure your paths are safe when icy?**
- ❄️ **Have you got a good torch or two (especially a wind-up one) in case of power cuts?**

- ❄️ **If you have a car, have you got blankets, fluorescent waistcoats, water to drink, a few energy bars, and a snow shovel in the boot in case of breakdowns or delays? And if you have a mobile phone remember to keep it charged.**
- ❄️ **Have you spotted your nearest salt bin in case of local ice?**
- ❄️ **Have you got a wide shovel for clearing snow around where you live?**
- ❄️ **Have you checked your smoke alarms recently (fire risks can increase in winter months)?**
- ❄️ **Have you talked with your neighbours, especially the more vulnerable ones, about how you can help each other out in winter months? Could you offer to help them with shopping in icy/snowy weather?**

## 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:

# BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Jenny Bates	01280 812 758	Cllr. Andy Mahi	01280 816 562
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Cllr. Mrs Geraldine Collins	01280 823 006	Cllr. Lisa O'Donoghue	01280 824 624
Cllr. Paddy Collins	01280 823 006	Cllr. Mike Smith	01280 822 215
Cllr. Margaret Gateley	01280 816 317	Cllr. Christine Strain-Clark	01280 816 832
<b>Cllr. Jon Harvey</b> – Mayor	01280 812 711	Cllr. Robin Stuchbury	01280 824 285
Cllr. Paul Hirons	01280 812 072	Cllr. Martin Try	01280 816 202
Cllr. Derrick Isham	01280 813 770		
<b>Mr Christopher Wayman – Town Clerk</b>			01280 816 426

## 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
		Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Buckinghamshire County Council	01296 395 000	Floodline	0345 988 1188
Transport for Buckinghamshire	01296 382 416	ChildLine	0800 111 999
Aylesbury Vale District Council	01296 585 858	Samaritans	01908 667 777
Citizens Advice Aylesbury Vale	0344 245 1289		
Buckingham Tourist Information Centre	01280 823 020		

**Town Council Office, Buckingham Centre, Verney Close, Buckingham, MK18 1JP**

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**Call: 01280 816 426 (Please phone for appointments)**

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# 2017/18 EVENTS DIARY



<b>DECEMBER</b>	Sat 9th (10:45am)	Town Centre	Christmas Parade
	Sat 9th (11:30am)	Community Centre	Community Fair
<b>2018</b>			
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Tues 13th (11am)	Church Green	Pancake Race
	Sat 24th (10am)	Community Centre	Food Fair
<b>MARCH</b>	Sat 10th (10am)	Old Gaol	Fairtrade Fortnight Coffee Morning
	Mon 12th (10am)	Town Flagpole	Commonwealth Day
	Wed 21st (7pm)	Community Centre	Annual Town Meeting
<b>APRIL</b>	TBC	TBC	MK Dons Football Forum
	TBC	TBC	MK Dons Children's Roadshow
	Sun 22nd	Town Centre/Church	Scouts Parade
	Sat 28th (3pm)	stadiumMK	MK Dons Buckingham Big Day Match
<b>MAY</b>	TBC	Town Centre	Spring Fair
	Tues 1st (11am)	Church Green	May Day Celebrations
	Sun 27th (1pm)	Town Centre	Music in the Market
<b>JUNE</b>	Thurs 14th – Sun 17th	Various	Buckingham Literary Festival
<b>JULY</b>	Sat 7th – Sat 14th	Various	Buckingham Summer Festival
	Fri 13th (7pm)	Cattle Pens	Bastille Day Boules Tournament
	Sat 14th – Sun 22nd	Various	Buckingham Fringe Week
	Sun 15th (10am)	Bourton Park	Dog Show
	TBA (Mondays)	Bourton/Chandos Park	Free Basketball Sessions
	Thurs 26th (10am)	Chandos Park	Play Around the Parishes
<b>AUGUST</b>	TBA (Mondays)	Bourton/Chandos Park	Free Basketball Sessions
	Thurs 9th (10am)	Chandos Park	Play Around the Parishes
	Thurs 23rd (10am)	Chandos Park	Play Around the Parishes
	Sun 26th (1pm)	Town Centre	BandJam
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	TBC (10:15am)	TBC	River Rinse
<b>OCTOBER</b>	TBC (10:15am)	TBC	River Rinse
	Sat 13th (1pm)	Town Centre	Charter Fair
	Sat 20th (1pm)	Town Centre	Charter Fair
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	TBA	TBA	Best Carved Pumpkin
	Sat 3rd (6pm)	Bourton Park	Bonfire & Fireworks
	Sun 11th (10:30am)	Town Centre/Church	Remembrance Parade
	TBC	Town Centre	Christmas Lights & Carols
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Sat 8th (10:45am)	Town Centre	Christmas Parade
	Sat 8th (11:30am)	Community Centre	Community Fair

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