

# **BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

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COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY GROUP

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Communications Strategy Group** of Buckingham Town Council to be held on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 at 2pm** online via Zoom, Meeting ID 871 2899 7691.

Residents are very welcome to ask questions or speak to Councillors about any matter relevant to the meeting at the start of the meeting in the usual way. Please email <u>office@buckingham-tc.gov.uk</u> or call 01280 816426 for the password to take part.

The meeting can be watched live on the Town Council's YouTube channel here: https://bit.ly/2RtNFbK

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Mr. P. Hodson Town Clerk

Please note that the meeting will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Order 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive apologies from Members.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

### 3. Meeting Notes

To review and agree the notes from the last meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

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### 4. Current Newsletter – Summer 2021

To review the current newsletter articles:

- Cover
- Message from the Mayor
- Town Centre Manager
- Introducing the New Town Councillors
- What your Town Council Achieved 2020/2021
- Wildflower Boards/Spotlight on Greenspaces
- Land Grabs/Tree Damage
- Climate Emergency Action Plan
- Garden of Rest 3







Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't.

All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk can send you a copy of any minutes, reports or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

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- Dog Fouling
- Past Events
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- Council Chamber Renovations
- Buxplore on Google Play
- Pontio
- Equality & Diversity Working Group
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- Events Diary

### 5. Press Releases

A summary of the press releases authorised by Buckingham Town Council since the previous CSG meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

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to follow

### 6. Chair's Items

### 7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 2pm.

### 8. COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

### **Exclusion of Public and Press**

9. RECOMMENDED In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

#### **10. Newsletter Costs**

To agree suppliers for the design, print and delivery of the Buckingham Town Council newsletter for the next three years.

### **11. Ongoing Development of Existing Websites**

To review supplier for the hosting and maintenance of the Buckingham Town Council website for the next year.

### CSG/141/20

CSG/140/20

- To discuss the maintenance and any improvements to be made to the Buckingham Town Council Website.
- To discuss the maintenance and any improvements to be made to the Tourist Information Centre Website.

To: Cllr. R. Ahmed Cllr. T. Bloomfield Cllr. M. Cole JP Cllr. G. Collins Town Mayor Cllr. M. Gateley Cllr. J. Harvey Cllr. R. Newell Cllr. M. Smith Cllr. C. Strain-Clark Vice-Chair

### New Town Centre Manager for Buckingham

Buckingham Town Council has created the new post of Town Centre Manager to support local businesses and boost visitor numbers. Emma Churchill, is already well-known in the Town as she runs the Tourist Information Centre based at the Old Gaol.

Emma is also responsible for the Discover Buckingham website which encourages people to come to the town to shop, dine, stay and visit the numerous attractions in and around Buckingham.

Emma said "The Town Council are committed to helping Buckingham based businesses and to ensure Buckingham is fully open as soon as it is safe to do so. If you have an event, attraction, shop, restaurant or hotel that you would like to add to the Discover Buckingham website please email <u>tic@buckinghamp-tc.gov.uk</u> or phone 01280 823020 and we will be happy to help".

Emma has invited local businesses to complete a Health Questionnaire to find out what business owners feel will improve the offering in the town. She will also hold events to attract a wide range of visitors to the Town Centre. Other projects include initiating and hosting networking meetings, managing the TIC and Shopmobility service and being the first point of contact with the Town's many businesses.

The investment into the Town Centre Manager has been long talked about in these challenging and difficult times. Members felt it was correct to push forward with this position to work in cooperation with Buckinghamshire Council, local traders and our markets in order to be a point of communication and innovation for all. They also thought it was necessary because it helps to support what we predict to be a challenging business environment in the coming months and years, as our local

businesses try to rediscover their place in what will be the new norm post COVID-19.

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### What your local council achieved 2020/2021

### **Environment Committee**

The Environment committee has appointed Climate Champions to push forward our Climate Emergency Action Plan. We have planted lots of spring bulbs in Bourton Park and look forward to planting more trees in Buckingham with the assistance of the tree wardens as well as developing more wildflower areas.

We have been working with the Environment Agency and river wardens to monitor the health of our river, and are delighted that we have water voles.

Volunteers are very important in protecting and enhancing our natural environment and we work with volunteers through our Buckingham Community Wildlife Project and work with representatives from the Railway Walk Conservation group, the Canal Society and the Buckingham Society.

Councillor Ruth Newell Chair, Environment Committee





### **Resources Committee**

Broadly speaking, the Town Council's Resources committee oversees the Council's budgets, staffing, policies and communications.

Some highlights from last year were:

- (i) Monitoring the effect of Covid-19 on budgets some areas required greater spend while others incurred less;
- Reviewing insurance, the financial & management risk assessment, the inventory of land and assets, staff pension, training and welfare arrangements, the staff handbook, the Councillors' Code of Conduct and the register of compliments, complaints and freedom of information requests;
- (iii) Exploring options where Buckinghamshire Council's Community Board funding might be used;
- (iv) Appointing our Town Clerk as the Town Council's Equality and Diversity lead officer;
- (v) Agreeing to withdraw from our contract with *Access Able*, the successor to *Disabled Go* which offered far less useable advice to the less able.

Councillor Mike Smith Chair, Resources Committee



### **Town Centre and Events Committee**

The Town Centre & Events Committee organises an array of events such as the Pancake Race, Food Fair, Comedy Nights, Christmas Light Switch On and River Rinses.

This past year has been very challenging for the Town Centre and Events committee however, we have fortunately managed to continue to hold some of our much loved events through social media. We are looking forward to being able to hold in-person events once again, hopefully bringing back some community spirit which we are often so keen to foster.

Thanks to dedicated Town Council officers and willing councillors, we have been able to plan our way into the future and it is to be said that maintaining a positive, open and forward thinking approach has been at the heart of this year's management of events. We have also moved funding to increase our efforts to boost the local economy through a town centre manager and have put a focus on town centre entertainment which we are calling Covid bounce back.

### Councillor Robin Stuchbury Chair, Town Centre & Events Committee







### **Planning Committee**

In 2020 we had 135 applications, some of these were straight forward such as extensions to add living space for elderly family members or due to Covid, those working from home wanting a study or spare room to use.

Other applications have been a little more demanding, such as the demolition of 20 garages and building of 8 modular flats behind Pightle Crescent. One of the issues we've got is the 60-year-old woodland butts right up to their 3 storey building. These mature trees will continue growing and could cause structural damage.

We objected to an application to build 9 houses between Tesco's car park and Wipac, sharing its access with Tesco's delivery road. We felt that it was not a suitable site for housing, being surrounded by commercial and industrial uses, and AVDC agreed with us and refused planning permission. We had a similar success with the refusal of a proposal to build 11 houses on the garden of Station House on Tingewick Road, also dismissed on appeal.

Councillor Lisa O'Donoghue Chair, Planning Committee

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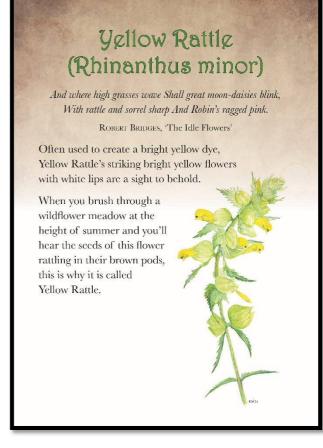
### Growing Wild in Buckingham

The wildflower meadows in Bourton Park have proven extremely popular with the local wildlife and the number of visitors to the park.

Since the coronavirus pandemic led to restrictions on people's movements, many have learned to see the streets and parks where they live in a new light, discovering walks, trails and local beauty spots they didn't know were there before.

In order to enhance visitors' enjoyment of the park, the Town Council's Environment Committee agreed to install wildflower illustration boards, fixed at regular intervals, to the fencing surrounding the junior play area in Bourton Park. Each of the boards will display a beautiful watercolour illustration by local artist Fiona Hancock and short description of a native wildflower species, commonly found in Bourton Park.

The aim of the panels is to provide further information into the importance of wildflowers to our environment. It is hoped that the boards will entice visitor's sense of curiosity and discovery and inform people as to the strong cultural bonds that exist with our native species.



The work of our Environment Committee aims to

protect and enhance native species and habitats and we are always looking for opportunities to promote and support the environmental enhancement and regeneration of our greenspaces. Some examples of our recent environmental community projects are:

- 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Over 4500 native woodland bulbs planted across Bourton Park
- 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021- Buckingham's Third Wildflower Meadow is created
- 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Tree Planting along the riverbank in Bourton Park
- 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Second wildflower meadow in Bourton Park
- 25th February 2019 Community Tree Planting event at Lace Hill
- 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Our first wildflower meadow is planted in Bourton Park

As part of the Town Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan we will allocate a section of land to be planted with wildflowers each year. For 2021 plans are in place to 're-wild' sections of verge along the Buckingham bypass with wildflowers and grasses.

For more information on these projects and how you get involve in future community events please contact Nina Stockill at <u>committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk</u>.

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### Land Grabbing and Tree Damage

Buckingham Town Council has always been proud of its trees and open spaces which add much to the appearance of the town. However, it appears that this pride is not shared by some residents, and this is giving cause for concern.

There has always been a small number of applications to fell trees growing in public spaces, mainly for reasons of disease or public safety, but lately the number has increased with allegations of causing damage to houses, often without proof of it being a nearby tree rather than, say, heave of the clay soil due to a long spell of very dry or very wet weather, or building an extension too close to an existing mature tree. For example, of the 12 trees listed in the Tree Protection Order for Foscott Way, 4 have already been felled, as have 12 other lesser trees marked on the Order's Plan. Trees with Protection Orders, and those in the Conservation Area require permission for maintenance work or felling.

Councillors have also been compiling a photo file of places where the surreptitious moving of a fence has extended a garden, or a householder has put a shed or bin store on adjacent public land, and these have been notified to Buckinghamshire Council as the landowner.

And just recently, and shockingly, trees are being cut without permission or apparent reason – not vandalism, unless vandals carry saws about with them – as can be seen from Cllr. Cole's photos below, taken in February and April this year.

(Quote from Ruth needed)

February 2021



April 2021



### **Climate Emergency Action Plan**

Following the council's July 2019 declaration of a climate emergency in Buckingham, the council has worked to raise the profile of this vital issue and secure external support and funding. Our aim is to make the Town Council carbon neutral by 2030 and encouraging the town's population, organisation and businesses to work with us in that aim.

A draft version of the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan was presented to Full Council on the 18th November 2019. Councillors unanimously approved further investigation and engagement on the council's draft plan, prepared in response to Buckingham's declaration of a Climate Emergency. The Action Plan outlines five key objectives for reducing council direct carbon emissions. These are:

- 1. Energy.
- 2. Transport Food & Land.
- 3. Economy, Housing & Waste
- 4. Community Engagement

It has now been almost a year since the individual Committee's adopted their actions for reducing the Council carbon emissions and at Full Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Members examined the progress which has been made to deliver it. Highlights include:

- The replacement of light bulbs across the Town Council's estate with low emission LED alternatives
- Investing in two Electric vans leased in Winter 2019 and Summer 2020. Aim for full replacement of all vehicles with electric alternatives by 2030.
- Woking with the Upper Great Ouse Natural Flood Management Team on measures for how nature-based solutions can help combat the impacts of climate change.
- Working to retrofit Council buildings to cut emissions and energy costs. Solar panels are to be installed at the Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre in 2021.
- The creation of a Climate Emergency webpage to enable discussion, idea sharing and extend public awareness of the issues.
- The Council has committed to hosting an annual tree planting event.
- Our first water bottle refill station was installed in Chandos Park and has been positively received.
- 7 new recycled plastic litter bins for the Brackley Road cemetery.

To read the full updated version of our Climate Emergency Action Plan, please visit our website <u>www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk</u>.

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## Appendix E



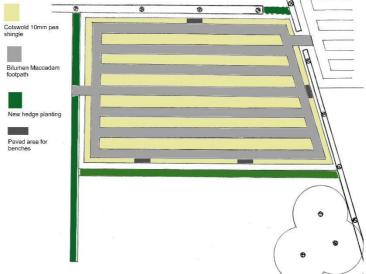
### Garden of Rest 3

Buckingham Town Council is building a new Garden of Rest at Brackley Road Cemetery for the Interment of Cremated Remains. It will hopefully be open in the early summer and will provide space for ashes interment at the cemetery for years to come. The greenspaces team have been working hard carrying out most of the work in house, there will also be a new hedge, shrub beds and trees to be planted in the winter of 2021. The new Garden of Rest will have in the region of 350 plots and will be similar in style the existing Garden of Rest with Tarmac paths and gravel beds for the burial plots. The area will also include spaces for memorial benches and a litter bin too. This will be a great addition to the Brackley Road Cemetery and become a peaceful area for remembrance.

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(Under construction in March 2021)



### **Dog Fouling Campaign**

Local residents decided to tackle the persistent issue of dog fouling on the Lace Hill estate and surrounding green spaces. The Lace Hill Residents Association set up a group of volunteers to lead a campaign to draw attention to the massive problem and to help make Lace Hill a much safer and nicer place to live. Campaign volunteers picked up a staggering amount of deposits, over 1000 in just two weeks. They designed posters and displayed these throughout the estate. They also used temporary spray paint to highlight new deposits with the hope that it might encourage the minority of irresponsible dog owners to be more accountable for their actions.

Cllr Ruth Newell, Chair of Buckingham Town Council's Environment Committee said:

'It is disappointing in this day and age that any dog owners need reminding to clear up after their dog as it is a real health hazard, and dogs should not be exercised on playing fields. We would however like to take this opportunity to thank the residents and the volunteers of Lace Hill for their efforts and for keeping our green spaces safer for the community to enjoy. This is a great way to tackle the problem at a local level and would support other local neighbourhoods in doing something similar'.

Most people will agree that dog fouling is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. It is unpleasant to see it in parks, on the pavement and particularly on your shoes! It is an environmental crime and failing to not pick up after your dog is illegal on public land. Offenders can be issued with a fixed penalty notice or can receive an additional fine of up to £1000 if the case goes to court. Most importantly, dog mess can be hazardous to health, especially for children, because it can spread diseases, including toxocariasis. Buckingham Town Council is appealing to dog owners to take personal responsibility for their actions and urge residents to report incidents of dog fouling to the Buckinghamshire Council's enforcement team.

For more information or to make a report, please visit: <u>www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/dog-fouling</u>

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### Past Events

# Pancake Day - (It would be desirable to feature the company name next to their picture)

Our annual pancake races are our traditional excuse to down aprons and race your neighbours. Sadly, this year they were unable to take place so to celebrate Shrove Tuesday we organised an online pancake contest. We asked the public what their favourite or most unusual pancake filling was. A special thank you to the local businesses who got involved and sent us their recipes, they all looked very yummy! We are looking forward to next year's pancake races and we hope more local business will be able to support the event. To register your interest or for more information please email Amanda Brubaker, Events Co-Ordinator: events@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

### Day of Remembrance

Tuesday 23rd March, 2021 marked the National Day of Remembrance for victims of the Coronavirus pandemic. Residents were encouraged, to leave a yellow ribbon or message attached to the cattlepen railings if they wanted to join us in remembering those who have lost their lives. A minute's silence was also held at noon on the day.

### **Bunny Hunt**

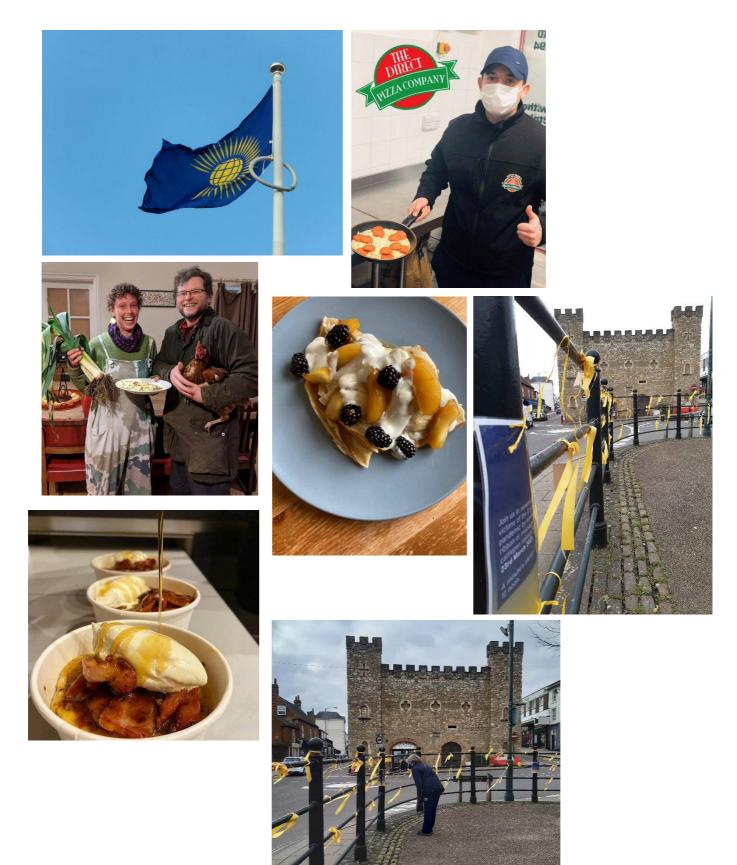
The Town Council wanted to organise a bunny hunt around the parks so everyone could get in the Easter spirit! The bunny hunt took place from Thursday 25th March until Thursday 8th April 2021 and taking part was easy! All participants had to do was explore the perimeters of Bourton and Chandos park and find all the hidden Easter bunnies. When they found all the different bunnies, they were asked to take a picture and tag us @buckinghamtc on Instagram or Twitter with their guess as to how many bunnies in total they thought were hiding.

### Commonwealth Day

Commonwealth Day is an annual celebration observed by people all over the Commonwealth. This year it was celebrated on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Due to lockdown and social distancing, the Commonwealth Flag was raised without the presence of the Town Mayor and others. Instead Mayor, Cllr Geraldine Collins read out a statement which was shown on the Town Council's social media sites.

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## Appendix H



### Future Events

This summer will see ten stunning sculptures of otters making their dens around the town. The Buckingham Otter Trail will be a free, fun, family-friendly art sculpture town wide-event. This event has been organised by the Town Council to help improve footfall, and bring something new and exciting for Buckingham Fringe Week, that the whole community can enjoy. Join our Facebook event, Buckingham Otter Trail for further details. (*sponsor details to be added*)

The Buckingham Volunteer & Community Fair combined with the annual civic day which is organised by the Buckingham Society will be taking place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July in the paddock in Bourton park from 11am – 3pm. The purpose of the day is to celebrate the range of voluntary groups who are serving the town and bringing residents together. As well as to support local groups to raise funds, support local groups to recruit volunteers and encourage residents to get involved in local organisations.

Buckingham Fringe Week, organised by Buckingham Town Council will take place from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July. The following fun activities to be held during this week include:

A Colouring In Competition by Local Solicitors, Gilroy Steel. The first prize is £20 and all winner's entry's will be displayed in their window! The competition runs from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July and the lucky winners will be notified by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Colouring in pages can be collected from Gilroy Steel Solicitors or downloaded from their website: <u>www.gilroysteel.com</u>.

Lacehill Family Fun Day will take place at Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 1-4pm. Expect traditional games, stalls, live entertainment and much more! Local organisations and businesses are invited to be part of the day; to get involved or for more information, please get in touch with the coordinator: <u>lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk.</u>

The Friends of the Old Gaol Museum have organised one of their popular guided walks of the old Buckingham pubs for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Oxford Fiddle Group return to Buckingham on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at the Radcliffe Centre from 8pm. They perform songs mainly from England, Scotland, Ireland and the USA. Tickets are £6 and are available from the Buckingham Tourist Information Centre.

The Isolation Examination Big Fringe Week Quiz is back on Wednesday 21st July at 8pm. Join Mikey and Ryan for a special quiz featuring questions from local businesses, organisations and social groups. To take part, see the Isolation Examination page on Facebook.

Join Ross Hockham and UK Astronomy on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July for an evening of star gazing.

Details regarding the event on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and for Music in the Market on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July are yet to be confirmed.

Buckingham Town Council and the University of Buckingham have teamed up again to host another Well-Being Walk on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Everyone is invited to walk the published route around the town, taking in the sights and thinking about what more can be done to ensure good mental health and wellbeing for everybody. The walk will start from outside the Council Chamber at 11.30am and will finish at around 1.30pm by the Tanlaw Mill.

Bandjam will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 1-10pm in Buckingham Town Centre. This event is organised by Lee Maloney, Bandjam and sponsored by Buckingham Town Council.

Buckingham Town Council's Town Centre & Events Committee hope that these events will be able to take place this summer. Government guidelines will be followed so there may be last minute changes made to the events however, all event

details can be found on the Town Council's social media pages and website <u>www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk</u>.

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### Buxplore on Google Play!

A year after its launch Buckingham's very own heritage exploration app, Buxplore, has been used by a fantastic 3,000 people! Did you know you can now download Buxplore directly from the Google Play store?

This moment is a fantastic milestone for the community project, which was created by Buckingham Town Council working with local schools, the Old Gaol museum and the Buckingham Society, supported by funding raised by National Lottery players through the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

If you haven't tried it yet, Buxplore is a fun and interactive heritage exploration app. There are interactive walking trails on a number of themes, including an introduction to local Heritage for Kids, the Stowe House parkland, industrial history, nature and a challenging murder mystery!

If you're not sure how to download the app, pop into the Tourist Information Centre where the staff can help you.







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### University of Buckingham

My first impression of Buckingham was how pretty the town was and how friendly the residents were. At home, Beaconsfield is larger, making Buckingham seem more cosy and homely. I did find Buckingham very quiet at first, which I've since grown to enjoy.

Freshers' Week had to be different to previous years, but the Student Union did a wonderful job putting on loads of different activities. I feel very lucky to be at Buckingham - some of my friends at bigger universities said there wasn't much for Freshers' Week and felt they missed that experience completely.

I'm grateful to Buckingham for doing face to face sessions that first term. It was great to be in small group tutorials and to get to know some of the people on my course. The government hasn't allowed face to face sessions since January, which has been hard for us all.

I often visit Bourton Park and think it's very pretty. I also enjoy walking in Chandos Park and The Railway Walk as they are full of beautiful greenery and you really feel like you're in the countryside.

I'm really grateful for the local businesses that have stayed open. I use the takeaways and coffee shops, which have always been such a friendly face. It's great that I can now go out for a coffee with others from my course who are on campus like we did in September. Things are looking up.

First year Psychology BSc student Kitty Plant, 19, from Beaconsfield.



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### **Diversity and Inclusion Working Group**

In the summer of 2020, it was proposed that Buckingham Town Council should form a Working Group to look at incidents of discrimination, in particular racism, which were coming to light within our town.

By the autumn we had formed our Diversity & Inclusion Working Group, with 6 Buckingham Town Council councillors and an equal number of members of the public. Along with representatives from Black Lives Matter Buckingham, the Buckingham University, Buckinghamshire Council and other agencies. It most definitely has been an opportunity for us to educate ourselves and increase our awareness of the prejudices suffered.

After meeting regularly, we have managed to create a safe and positive environment where difficult issues are handled with the sensitivity and understanding required. We are hoping to take this forward and make sure that every form of intolerance and discrimination will not be welcome in Buckingham.

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### GRANTS

Grants are available to any local, non-commercial group that runs or intends to run a project or activity beneficial to the people of Buckingham. This year, 15 groups applied for funding for a variety of projects and the Council will be helping the following organisations with grants:

Buckingham Summer Festival	£2,000
Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity	£2,000
Stowe Sub Aqua Club	£1,500
Buckingham West End Bowls Club	£1,500
Buckingham Area Rural Transport	£1,200
Project Street Life	£1,200
Buckingham Lawn Tennis Club	£1,000
Chandos Park Bowls Club	£1,000
The Slade Recreation Club	£1,000
Friends of the Old Gaol	£830
Buckingham Churches Children's Holiday Club	£750
Open House	£600
Buckingham & District Angling Association	£355

In addition to this the council offers long term support through three year grants to: Buckingham Youth Clubs Ltd ( $\pounds$ 5,200), Buckingham Old Gaol ( $\pounds$ 3,000) and Citizens Advice Aylesbury Vale ( $\pounds$ 5,346).

### How else we can support volunteers and community groups:

The Council 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.

For funding to be received in 2022 the grants application process will start again in October 2021, this also includes an opportunity to apply for four year grants.

More information on grants and the grants process search for **Grant Applications** on our website: <u>www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk</u>.

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## **2021 EVENTS DIARY**

Please find further details inside or online:

2021					
July	Buckingham Summer Festival	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Various Locations		
	The Celebrate Buckingham, Buckingham Voluntary Community Fair Day	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> (11am – 3pm)	The Paddock, Bourton Park		
	Fringe Week	Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Various Locations		
	Play Around the Parishes	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> (10am – 3pm)	Chandos Park		
August	Play Around the Parishes	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> (10am – 3pm)	Chandos Park		
	Buckingham Family Circus	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> , Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> (TBC)	The Paddock, Bourton Park		
	Bandjam	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> (1pm -10pm)	Buckingham Town Centre		
September	Dog Show	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> (9am)	The Paddock, Bourton Park		
	River Rinse	ТВС	ТВС		
	Good Endings Fair	ТВС	ТВС		
October	River Rinse	ТВС	TBC		
	Charter Fair	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> (1pm – 11pm)	Buckingham Town Centre		
	Halloween Event	ТВС			

			Lacehill Sports and Community Centre
November	Bonfire & Fireworks	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> (6pm – 8pm)	The Paddock, Bourton Park
	Remembrance Day Parade	Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> (10:30am)	War Memorial at St Peter & St Paul Church
	Winter Fair	Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> (2pm- 4pm)	Lacehill Sports and Community Centre
	Christmas Light Switch On	Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> (6pm – 8pm)	Buckingham Town Centre
December	Christmas Parade	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> (10:45am – 12:30pm)	Buckingham Town Centre
	Community Fair	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> (11:30am – 2pm)	Buckingham Community Centre

www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/our-services/events/





### Press Releases from Buckingham Town Council

### 4<sup>th</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### PRESS RELEASE 207 - WATER VOLES

8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – How to identify water voles and aid in their conservation.

### PRESS RELEASE 211 – BUCKINGHAM FRINGE WEEK RETURNS

9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – call for businesses to join Buckingham Fringe Week.

### PRESS RELEASE 210 – LACE HILL DOG POO CAMPAIGN

10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Town Council support for Lace Hill Residents Associations antidog poo campaign.

### PRESS RELEASE 214 – WILDFLOWER BOARDS

17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – New wildflower art boards created with local artist Fiona Hancock.

### PRESS RELEASE 214 – SPRING CLEAN

17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Repaired and repainting of benches as well as the installation of new signage in the Cattle Pens.

### PRESS RELEASE 213 – WILDFLOWER ART CONTEST

17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – How to enter the wildflower art contest.

### PRESS RELEASE 212 – LOSS OF TREES

18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Information about the Planning Committees concerns regarding the number of trees in the conservation area being lost.

### PRESS RELEASE 215 – NEW CEMETERY AND ALLOTMENTS

16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Details about the purchase of the land for the new cemetery and allotments.

Note: Purdah began 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

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