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COMMUNICATIONS
STRATEGY GROUP

01/06/2023

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Communications Strategy Group** of Buckingham Town Council to be held on **Thursday 8th June at 1pm** at the Town Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham.

Residents are very welcome to ask questions or speak to Councillors about any matter relevant to the meeting at the start of the meeting. Residents may attend in person or address the meeting virtually over Zoom. Please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for the password to take part if you wish to speak over Zoom.

The meeting can be watched live on the Town Council's YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC89BUTwVpjAOEIdSlfcZC9Q/>

Claire Molyneux
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. Election of Chair

To elect a Chair of the Committee for 2023 – 2024.

2. Election of Vice-Chair

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Committee for 2023 – 2024.

3. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive and accept apologies from Members.

4. 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.

5. Meeting Notes

To receive the minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 13th April 2023.

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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.

6. Fringe Brochure 2023

To look at the design of the Fringe Brochure and make any final content corrections before it goes to print on Friday 9th June 2023.

[Appendix A](#)

7. Ongoing Development of Existing Websites

7.1. To discuss the maintenance of the new Town Council website and any improvements to be made.

- www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk
- www.discoverbuckingham.uk

7.2. To review the following pages of the new Town Council website in detail:

7.2.1. <https://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/your-town-council/council-meetings-calendar/>

7.2.2. <https://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/your-town-council/committees/>

7.2.3. <https://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/your-town-council/working-groups/>

7.3. To review the analytics of the Buckingham Town Council and Discover Buckingham websites in 2022 – 2023.

[Appendix B](#)

8. Future Newsletter – Autumn 2023

To decide what we want to achieve with the Autumn newsletter and outline the content.

[Appendix C](#)

9. Banner Policy

To review the banner policy.

[Appendix D](#)

10. Visitor Guide Leaflet

To review the amended Visitor Guide.

[Appendix E](#)

11. Press Releases

To note and discuss a summary of the press releases authorised by Buckingham Town Council since a previous Communications Strategy Group meeting on Thursday 9th March 2023.

[Appendix F](#)

12. Chair's Items

13. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 20th July 2023 at 1pm via Zoom.

To:

Cllr. R. Ahmed

Cllr. M. Gateley

Cllr. J. Harvey

Cllr. A. Schaefer

Cllr. M. Try

Chair

(Town Mayor)




Vice-Chair

Summer 2023



BUCKINGHAM FRINGE WEEK

22 - 30 JULY 2023

BUCKINGHAM SWAN TRAIL

JUNE 24TH until SEP 3rd

& Future Events

Bastille Boules: Twinning Association Fri 14th July (6:30pm) Cattle Pens	Buckingham Summer Festival: Classical musical concerts Sat 8th - Sun 15th July www.buckinghamsummerfestival.org	Fringe Week: arts, sports & culture events Sat 22nd - Sun 29th July See inside for details!
Buckingham Play Days Tues 8th & 22nd Aug (10:30am - 3:30pm) Chandos Park	Free Basketball Coaching 31st July and 3rd, 7th, 14th, 17th, 21st, 28th Aug (5:30 - 6:30pm) 8 - 12yos Chandos Park (6:45 - 7:45pm) 12+ yos Bourton Park	Band Jam: Big Bash Sun 27th Aug (1pm - 10pm) Town Centre
Merchant Navy Day Flag Raising Fri 1st Sept (10am) Council Chamber	Dog Show Sun 10th Sept (11am - 3pm) Bourton Park	River Rinse Sun 17th Sept (10am) River Great Ouse

Useful Numbers

Buckingham Town Council	01280 816 426	Thames Valley Police	101
Buckingham Cemetery	01280 816 801	NHS Urgent Care	111
Buckingham Shopmobility	07738 314 027	Power Cut Helpline	105
Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre	01280 812 872	National Gas Helpline	0800 11 11
Buckingham Community Hall	01280 823 584	Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Buckingham Tourist Info Centre	01280 823 020	Floodline	03459 881 188
Buckinghamshire Council	0300 131 6000	ChildLine	0800 11 999
Transport for Buckinghamshire	01296 382 416	Samaritans	01908 667 777
Citizens Advice Bucks	0344 245 1289	Street Link	3005 000 914
Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247		

To find contact details for Buckingham Town Councillors, please visit our website:
www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/your-town-council/councillors/

Message from your Mayor

I feel honoured and privileged to have been elected as Buckingham's new mayor. I look forward to meeting the people of Buckingham at events over the next year and to hear from you if there are any issues that concern you.

We have many things to look forward to over the summer, including Celebrate Buckingham Day in June, Buckingham Fringe Week and Buckingham in Bloom in July, and Bandjam in August. I hope we will all enjoy a summer of exciting or relaxing activities in our beautiful town.

We are lucky to live in a beautiful and welcoming town with a lot of community activity. Our town is becoming ever more diverse, making it a more vibrant and culturally rich place to live. It is therefore particularly important to me that all residents of Buckingham, from whichever background and in whatever circumstances, should feel equally welcome in our town.

At the same time, these remain challenging times. Climate change is being increasingly felt in our town as well as more widely. Buckingham Town Council is making great efforts to protect nature locally and to provide welcoming green spaces for all to enjoy.

The cost of living has gone up significantly in the last 12 months and is making daily life challenging for many residents. I have therefore again chosen the Buckingham Food Bank and Jedediah as the two Mayor's Charities for the coming year. Please, if you can, support these charities with generous donations. All money donated goes directly to helping residents of Buckingham in these difficult economic times.

My heartfelt thanks go to all those volunteers who make much of the community work in our town possible. Local community groups and charities are in urgent need of new volunteers to support and occasionally replace those who have carried the load for many years. If you have a little time to spare and would like to volunteer, please check out the volunteering opportunities on the Town Council website.

Anja Schaefer
Cllr. Anja Schaefer
Mayor of Buckingham



Introducing the new Mayor of Buckingham |
Buckingham Fringe Week | Important Contacts

Charity Jumble Sale

Sat 22nd July, 10am - 1pm, Salvation Army



Come along and grab a bargain. Pre-loved toys, clothes, books, bric- a-brac and more. Proceeds will be split between the Mayor's Charities; Jedidiah and Buckingham Foodbank; and the Salvation Army.



Family Fun Day

Sun 23rd July, 1pm - 4pm, Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre



Our Family Fun Day is a **FREE** event that takes place primarily outdoors with activities for the whole family to enjoy including live entertainment, inflatables, zorbs, traditional games and more!



Buckingham Play Day

Mon 24th July, 10:30am - 3:30pm, Chandos Park



Have a blast on inflatables, try out some giant games or get creative with arts and crafts! These **FREE** play sessions are for children up to 12. This event is paid for by Buckingham Town Council and led by MK Play Association.



Buckingham in Bloom Judging

Buckingham in Bloom judging will take place during the Fringe week! Judges will be looking for colour, originality, sustainability and plants used. There's still time to enter the competition, contact events@buckingham-tc.gov.uk for more information.



Art in the Market

Tues 25th July, 1pm - 4pm, Buckingham Town Centre



Join us at the Cattlepens in the Town Centre for an afternoon of free art! Enjoy creating a masterpiece with our art supplies.



Oxford Fiddle Group

Thurs 25th July, 8pm, Radcliffe Centre



The Oxford Fiddle Group perform pieces from England, Scotland, Ireland and the USA. Performances include the fiddle, Celtic harp, mandolin and concertina. **Tickets £6 from Buckingham Tourist Information Centre.**



Crafts at the Chantry Chapel

Wed 26th July, 10am - 3pm, Buckingham Chantry Chapel

Join National Trust volunteer, Jayne for **FREE** crafts in the Buckingham Chantry Chapel. A rare opportunity to enjoy this space for making some mess, getting creative, and learning new crafts. You'll also be able to visit the second-hand bookshop. Children must be accompanied by adults at all times.



Credit: National Trust / Paul Watson

Theatre Workshop

Fri 28th July, 10am - 5pm, St Peter & St Paul's Church Green



The Now and Then Theatre presents Rumble: A Play for Today in a day. There will be two workshops, 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm and a 40 minute performance at 4pm. There is no age limit to this venture but children must be accompanied by adults at all times. Bring a picnic and enjoy the show!



Comedy Night

Sat 29th July, 7.30pm, Tanlaw Mill



Join us for our second Comedy Night of 2023 starring: ? Co-hosted with the University of Buckingham Student Union. **Tickets £15 from Buckingham Tourist Information Centre or online.**



Buckingham-opoly Trail

Sun 30th July, 11am, Buckingham Cricket Club



This is a three-hour timed event to see how many places your team can visit on the Buckingham-opoly board. The team with the most points wins! **Scan the QR code with your phone cameras to purchase tickets.**



BUCKINGHAM FRINGE WEEK

22 - 30 JULY 2023

Want to know more?

Visit the **Buckingham Town Council website** for the latest updates on Fringe Week events

Website Analytics: Buckingham Town Council website 2023 - 2024

1. Buckingham Town Council (Year Zero)

Buckingham Town Council's Main website was rebuilt and transferred to the new website host in April 2023. For data analysis purposes the data held will reset to a new 'Year One' and be compared against our previous, old website, data in the Spring of 2024.

The baseline data at the end of life of the old website was:

Data type	2022 Data
Annual website visits	113,597
Annual unique website visits	47,891
Average time on page	1m17s
Access website	Mobile: 61% Desktop 33% Tablet 5%
Most popular website pages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Events 2) Home Page 3) Green Spaces 4) Committees 5) Markets 6) Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre 7) Archive 8) Councillors 9) Staff 10) Contact Us

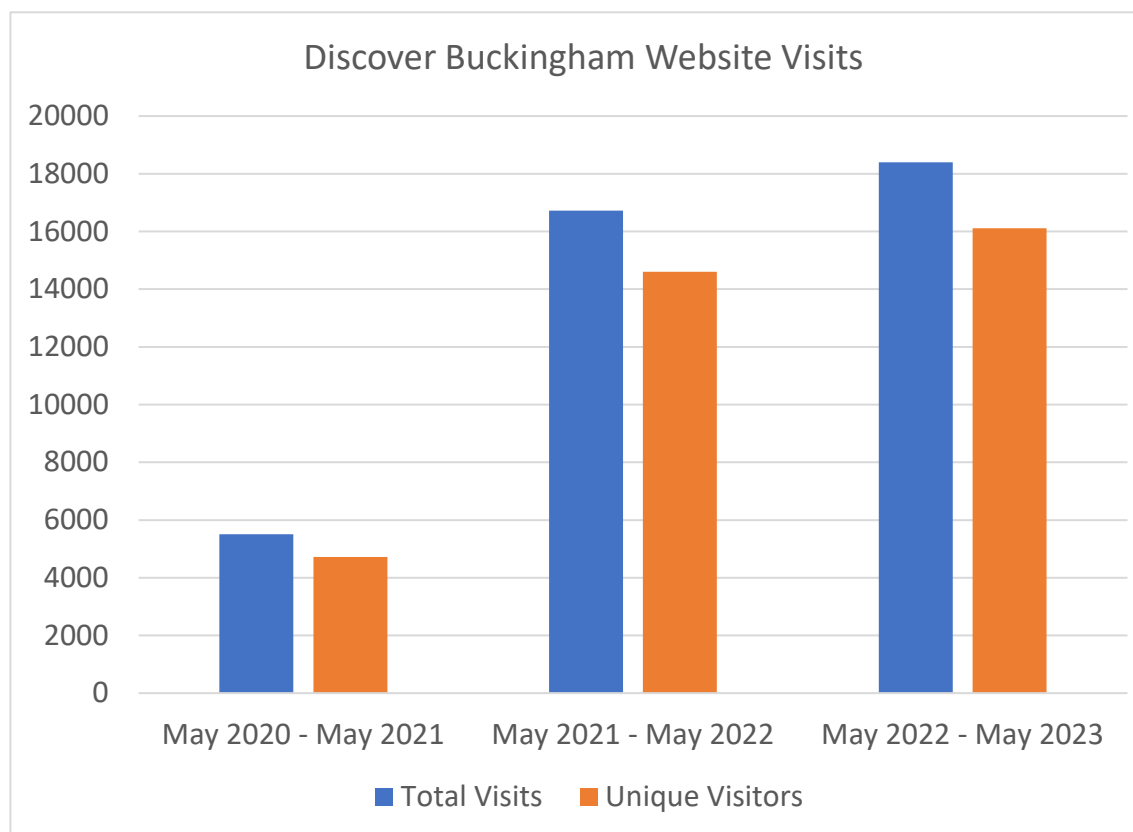
2. Discover Buckingham (Year Three)

The Discover Buckingham website is now in its third year, and new users continue to access the website to discover more about Buckingham. Total website visits have risen by 10% compared to 2021 – 2022, and are now just over 18,000 per year.

Most traffic comes to the website through online searches. Smaller proportions come to the website directly, or through social media, with Facebook the highest driver of traffic at this stage. Twitter is a growing area for Discover Buckingham and website traffic.

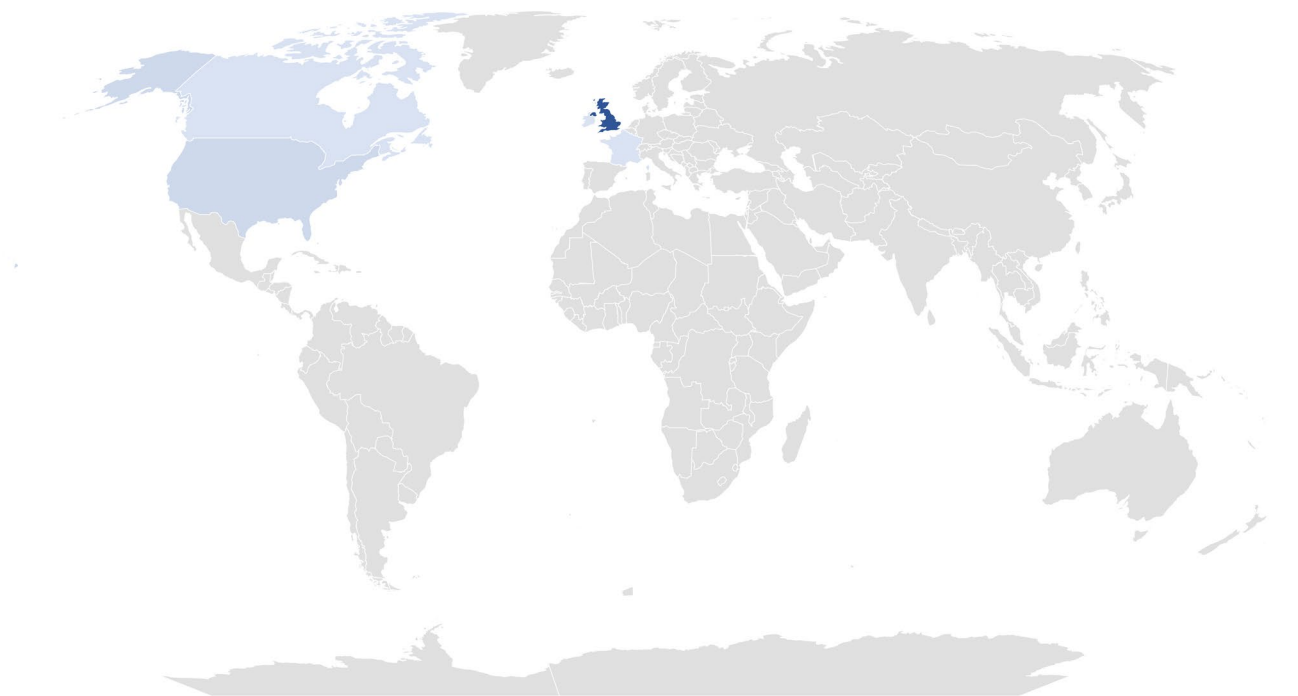
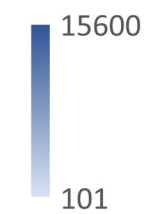
The most common way to access the website is by mobile device (54%) with a substantial number of people also using desktop devices (41%). Only 5% use tablets.

The top five countries whose residents visited the website still include the UK, the United States, Canada and Ireland. In 2022 – 2023. France was the fifth most common country, overtaking India from the previous year.



Top 5 countries visiting Discover Buckingham website, by number of visits

May 2022 - May 2023



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Autumn Newsletter 2023 Article Ideas

Please note: 1 page = maximum 350 words, less with pictures. Each edition is a total of 16 pages.

Usual Pages:

Title	Page(s)	Content suggestions
Front Cover	1	Autumn events picture
Message from your Mayor	1	Message from Cllr. Schaefer
Past events	3 pages	Pancake Race, Food Fair, Annual Town Meeting, Comedy Night, Easter Event, Spring Green Fair, May Day, Coronation Civic Service, Music in the Market, Celebrate Buckingham Day, Family Fun Day, Fringe Week Events, Buckingham Play Days, Basketball Sessions, Bandjam
Current events	1 page	Dog Show, River Rinse 1 & River Rinse 2
Future events	2 pages	Charter Fair, Halloween Event, Bonfire & Fireworks, Remembrance Parade, Winter Fair, Christmas Lights Switch On, Christmas Parade, Community Fair
Your views count	¼ page	As usual
List of Councillors & Numbers	1 page	As usual
Events Diary	1 page	Dates until December 2023

Total = 9 ¾ pages

Autumn articles required:

Title	Page(s)	Content suggestions
Where the money came from and how we spent it	2 pages	

Total = 2 pages (Running total = 11 ¼ pages)

Autumn articles suggested:


Title	Page(s)	Content suggestions
New deputy mayor	½ page	Introducing the new deputy mayor
Mayors' charities	½ page	Identifying the mayors' new charities

Appendix C

Mayor Making/ Civic Awards	1 – 2 page/s	Roundup of mayor making event and recipients of awards
Memorial Safety Inspections	1 page	Explanation of Cemetery Safety inspections
New playground in Bourton Park	1 page	Renovation to the toddlers play area in Bourton Park
Cemetery Development	½ page	Highlight next stages of new cemetery
Swan Trail	¾ page	Round up of Swan Trail
Discover Buckingham Website	½ page	Requests for local events, businesses, and organisations to be advertised on website

Total space available = 3 ¾ pages

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	<p>Buckingham Town Council</p> <p>Banner Policy</p>	<p>Date Agreed: 20th July 2022 Minute Number: 196/22 Prepared by: Louise Stubbs Version: 1.1</p>
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Policy and criteria on the display of Banners

Buckingham Town Council may remove any banner which does not have permission for display from Buckinghamshire Council or (within the town area) the Town Council.

Policy on the display of banners in Buckingham town centre:

Banners may be used to advertise local events on the railings of the town centre in Buckingham, where they are not a traffic hazard both in themselves or by causing drivers to slow or stop to read them. Banner slot bookings are free, but permission must be given by the Council.

1. How to ask permission for a banner to be displayed:

- 1.1. To enquire about availability and booking of a banner space, please contact Bethanie Dowden at: admin@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or on 01280 816 426.

2. What kind of banners can be displayed?

- 2.1. Requests will only be accepted for banners that promote local events that take place in the parish of Buckingham. Events are defined as one-off occasions, for example: a concert, theatre performance, sponsored race or non-profit open day.
This does not include:
 - 2.1.1 Advertising for any event that takes place outside of the parish of Buckingham. Being of general interest to the area is not considered to 'within the parish boundary' without a specific local location.
 - 2.1.2. Commercial advertising, including special offers/business open days or for recruitment. Commercial advertising is subject to planning permission via Buckinghamshire Council.
- 2.2. Banners must be of good quality, waterproof, fixed securely with reusable cable ties and should be able to be read easily and quickly. The maximum size for banners is:
 - 2.2.2. Cattle Pens: 6ft x 4ft
 - 2.2.3. Old Gaol: 6ft x 3ft
- 2.3. Environmental requirements:

- 2.3.2. Where possible, banners should be reusable, and should be fixed securely to the railings using reusable cable ties or rope. Weatherproof stickers can be used to change the dates on old banners.
- 2.3.3. When buying a banner consider buying recyclable or otherwise environmentally friendly options.

3. Poster Policy

- 3.1. Under the same criteria as banners in policy 2, ie that they must be for local events, posters can be displayed in the Town Council noticeboards.
- 3.2. To take part, please print and laminate eight A4 posters for your event, and drop them off at the Town Council offices before 5pm on Thursday each week.
- 3.3. Posters will be displayed no more than 2 weeks in advance of the event.
- 3.4. Space is limited, and posters will be displayed on a first come, first served basis.

4. Where and when can banners be displayed?

- 4.1. The Cattle Pen railings opposite Cornwalls Meadow Car Park, and the railings by the Old Gaol entrance.
- 4.2. A banner display can only be booked for one week at a time, or for two weeks where one week is at each location.
- 4.3. A maximum of two banners at each location at one time will be given permission.
- 4.4. Banner slots are available a maximum of six months in advance and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.
- 4.5. Groups who make multiple requests for banner slots will be limited to two, two-week bookings per six months.

5. Who is responsible for the banners?

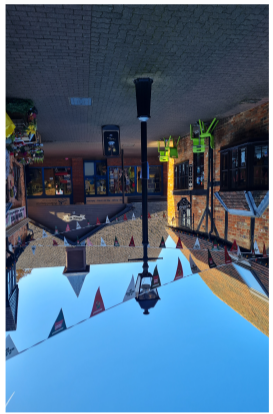
- 5.1. The person booking the banner slot is responsible for putting up and taking down their banner.
- 5.2. The Town Council takes no responsibility for the security of any banner while in place. Where a banner is removed by the Council, under policy 6, appropriate care will be taken.

6. What happens to banners displayed without permission from Buckingham Town Council or Buckinghamshire Council?

- 6.1. If possible, the owner will be contacted and asked to remove the banner within 24 hours.
- 6.2. If the banner is not removed, the Town Council will remove the banner. Any banners removed will be kept for two weeks and then disposed of as the Town Clerk or authorised representative of the Town Council decides.

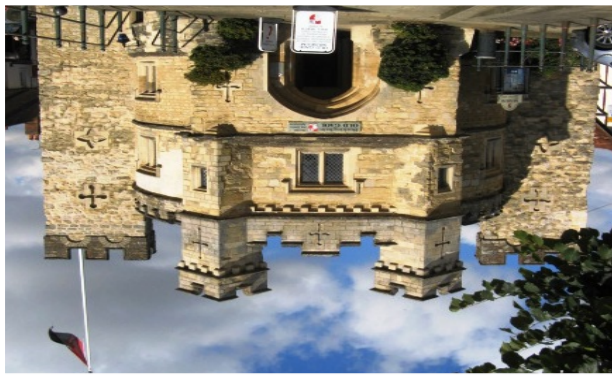


The Cornwall's Meadow Shopping precinct is home to a variety of shops which are conveniently located next to the 300 space car park running alongside the river Great Ouse with its picnic opportunities. A market town since the time of Mary I, Buckingham has street market on Tuesdays and Saturdays, plus a flea market on Saturdays.



Buckingham offers a fascinating variety of shops with numerous independent small traders. This is a cheerful, friendly alternative to the normal chain stores that populate most towns, and the scramble that usually accompanies town centre shopping. Craft and antique shops sit side by side with florists, jewellers and gift-shops, all nestled neatly in the attractive Market Hill, Hidden Quarter, Cornwall Place and quaintly narrow adjoining streets.

Shopping



In the early 18th Century Buckingham was in decline and after a disastrous fire much of its centre had to be rebuilt. In spite of the construction of the canal and then the railway, Buckingham was little altered until well into the 20th Century. Today, it retains much of its traditional market town charm.

The manor of Buckingham is recorded in the Domesday survey of 1086 as being held by Walter Gifford, who was created Duke of Buckinghamshire by William the Conqueror. This same family continued to hold it until the reign of Henry VIII. Buckingham prospered as a medieval market town. Charters from Mary I in 1554, and Charles II in 1684, established market days and two annual fairs which still take place today. Catherine of Aragon, first queen of Henry VIII, stayed at Castle House in 1514. Edward VI founded the Latin School in the town, and Elizabeth I dined at the Manor House while on a journey to Bicester. During the Civil War, Buckingham's local gentry took opposing sides. Both Oliver Cromwell and Charles I spent time in the town, the latter holding a Council of War at Castle House.

Buckingham became the county town of Buckinghamshire during the 10th century. According to the Saxon Chronicle, Edward the Elder was with his army at Buckingham in 918 AD when he fortified the town during his advance on Danish invaders. Edward's stronghold probably stood on Castle Hill, later the site of Peter and St Paul.

Buckingham's History

BUCKINGHAM
REMAINS A VIBRANT
MARKET TOWN,
CHARACTERISED BY A FINE
ARRAY OF GEORGIAN
BUILDINGS.



It is located in the Green Heart of England and is easily accessible from many parts of the country by road. Home to Britain's first modern independent University, the town also enjoys close links to the internationally famous Silverstone Motor Racing Circuit and the magnificent Stowe Landscape Gardens. Enjoy unique shopping and good food. With car parking in the town centre, Buckingham is an ideal stop-off point on your tour of the area, or for a day visit. Hotel accommodation is available in the town centre and on the edge of the town, and there are several guest houses in the locality.

Buckingham - Historic Market Town in England

Entertainment & Events

Regular listings of forthcoming events in Buckingham can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre in The Old Gaol Museum (01280 823 020) or from the Town Council Offices (01280 816 426). These include the following:

Summer Festival

A week of superb classical and modern music, featuring concerts and recitals by local and nationally renowned artists at various venues throughout the town.

Buckingham Fringe Week

An eclectic mix of comedy, music and other entertainments taking place at various town venues.

Music in the Market & Band Jam

Performances from a large number of local bands display their talents and provide free entertainment for all.

Charter Fairs

Held on two consecutive Saturdays in October, a traditional fairground in the town centre commemorates the charters given by Mary I in 1554 and Charles II in 1684.

The Film Place

Buckingham's own cinema, organised and run by local volunteers, which shows the latest films on various evenings during the week.

University of Buckingham Concerts & Lectures

A series of regular lunchtime classical music concerts and evening lectures are hosted at various University venues.

Other traditional events

In addition, there are occasional Art and Craft exhibitions, the Pancake Race (February), May Day celebrations, Market Entertainments, Bonfire and Fireworks (November) and the Christmas Parade (December).

How to get to Buckingham

Buckingham is located in the heart of England within an hour of Birmingham and less than 90 minutes from the centre of London. The town is well served by road, being conveniently located between the M1 to the east and the M40 to the west. Our nearest train link is Milton Keynes (25 minutes) which is on the main west coast line between London Euston, Birmingham, Manchester and Scotland. Buckingham's central location makes it the ideal base for a touring holiday with major attractions such as Oxford, Stratford and the Cotswold's all easily accessible.



Buckingham Tourist Information Centre

Located in The Old Gaol in the centre of town, our friendly team can provide local information, accommodation listings, National Express tickets, an extensive range of visitor guides and leaflets, bus timetables and local concert tickets. Maps and theatre tokens may also be purchased, alongside locally-sourced souvenirs. Open Mon – Sat, 10.00am to 4.00pm and Sun, 10.00am - 4.00pm during August. Tel: 01280 823020 or email: tic@buckingham-tc.gov.uk.

For more information,
please also visit:
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Buckingham - Historic Market Town in England

Attractions

The Old Gaol Museum Restored extensively by the Buckingham Old Gaol Trust, this is the landmark building in Buckingham town centre. It was built in the mid-18th century in an attempt to win back the assizes and houses a fascinating museum reflecting the building's history, aspects of Buckingham's past, and Buckingham's military history. Now also home to the local author Flora Thompson (Lark Rise to Candleford) collection, it has attracted visitors from all over the world. The gift shop offers souvenirs and mementos. The venue also incorporates the Tourist Information Centre: **01280 823 020**.

The Chantry Chapel (National Trust) A former school, the Chantry Chapel is Buckingham's oldest building and dates back in parts to the 12th century.

The Old Town Hall The town hall building which is topped with an impressive gilded swan, was rebuilt in the late 18th century as the original 100 year old building had become dilapidated. Its ground floor was made originally open and housed the market. The assizes were held on the upper floor.

The Church of St Peter & St Paul Occupying the site of a former Saxon Castle, the parish church was completed in 1781 but was partly rebuilt by Sir George Gilbert Scott in the 19th century. Inside are a number of carved Tudor bench ends and a Latin manuscript bible from 1471.

An abundance of green spaces

Chandos Park Within easy walking distance of the town centre, Chandos Park's unique attraction is the River Great Ouse which runs through it. The park houses one of the town's bowls clubs, the tennis courts and an excellent accessible children's play area, and provides the ideal setting for a family picnic.

Heartlands The green lung of Buckingham, which links its two major parks and contains a skate-board park and children's playground.

Bourton Park A fine riverside recreational area with bridleways, playgrounds, picnic sites and a designated dog paddock.

Circular Walk A walk around the town perimeter which 'joins up' several pre-existing walks. Taking in Bourton Park, the University, Chandos Park and the River Great Ouse the walk is clearly waymarked and includes alternative routes, making it easier for pushchairs etc. Passing through the heart of Buckingham it meanders through parkland and along the old railway embankment, where it offers great views of the town.

Buckingham's Hidden Treasures A short walk that passes most of the significant buildings and historical landmarks within the town centre which starts and finishes at the Old Gaol.

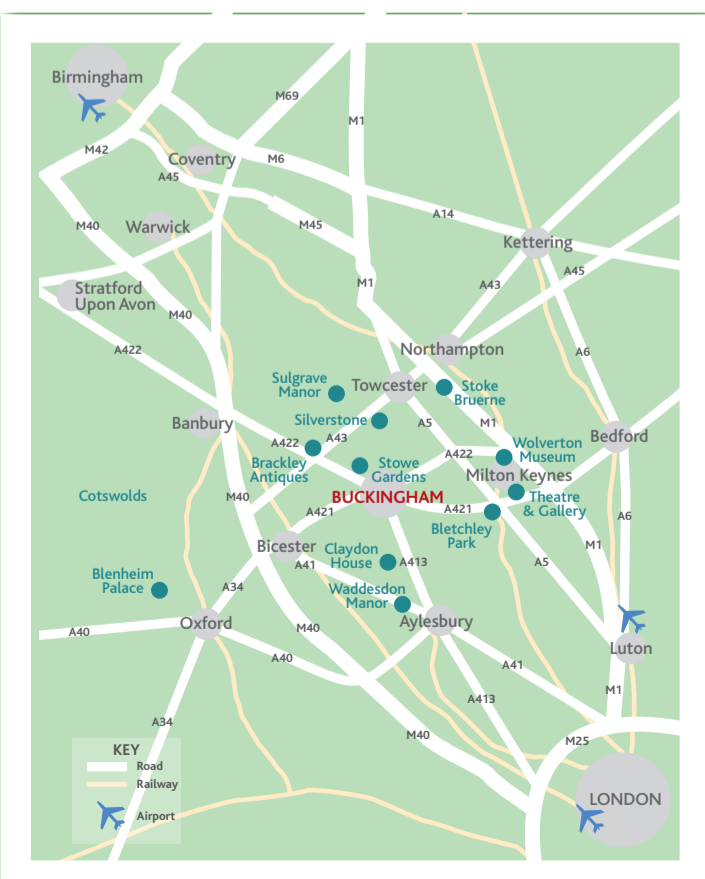
Buxplore A heritage exploration app produced by Buckingham Town Council and supported by a grant from National Lottery Heritage Fund. There are lots of interactive routes around Buckingham featuring challenges, quizzes, historic photographs and audio tours, catered for all ages and abilities.

Eating & Drinking

The town centre offers a large number of restaurants offering food for all tastes, as well as cafes, tea shops, sandwich bars and takeaways. Buckingham is also well served with public houses, many offering traditional pub grub.

Accommodation

The town's main hotels are Villiers Hotel and The White Hart Hotel in the town centre, the Best Western and Travelodge on the bypass and the Premier Inn on Lace Hill.



Sport & Leisure

Buckingham is home to various sports and leisure facilities suitable for all ages and abilities. There are football, rugby and cricket pitches, bowls greens, a golf club, a swimming pool, gymnastics and fitness centres as well as multiple gyms located throughout the town.

Shopmobility

Buckingham Shopmobility is a free scheme that allows anyone with a mobility problem, whether temporary or permanent, not just Blue Badge Holders, to get out and about in Buckingham town centre. There are allocated free parking spaces for Shopmobility users, next to the Shopmobility building. There are electric mobility scooters and manual wheelchairs available to hire. Open Tuesday 10:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm. Closed Bank Holidays. Tel:07738 314 027.

Further Afield

The following are just a selection of the many major international attractions which can be easily reached from Buckingham by road (drive time approximate). Further details on specific attractions can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre.

Within a five minute drive ...

Entertainment at Stowe the birthplace of English landscape gardening also holds outdoor summer events. The Roxborough Theatre at Stowe plays host to a series of performances by the renowned Stowe Opera every August.

Within a fifteen minute drive ...

Silverstone Raceway & Museum Motor racing at Silverstone, and a full range of driving courses including rough terrain and skidpan training; track open days; indoor and outdoor karting are available throughout the year.

Brackley Antique Cellar The largest purpose-built antique centre in the Midlands containing over 80 antique dealers specialising in ceramics, porcelain, clocks, glass, jewellery, rugs, militaria, Victoriana, kitchenalia and furniture.

Bletchley Park Home of the Enigma code breakers, who played such a significant part in winning World War II.

Milton Keynes Museum Located at Wolverton and set among farm buildings, the museum has collections ranging from farm carts to a fire engine and from tractors to a tram.

Within a half-hour drive...

Bicester Village is the global shopping destination for luxury outlet shopping, offering world-leading brands and exceptional savings.

Claydon House (NT) A fine historical 18th century house whose regular visitors included Florence Nightingale. Its great rooms have some of the most exquisite Rococo decoration in England, as well as flamboyant carvings in Chinese and Gothic styles.

Stoke Bruerne Museum Britain's waterways heritage housed in a restored corn mill on a living canal in the picturesque village of Stoke Bruerne.

Oxford The city of dreaming spires and ancient colleges. Home of the Ashmolean and Pitt-Rivers Museums.

Waddesdon Manor (NT) The Rothschild mansion with an exquisite collection of priceless works of art and furniture.

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