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Councillor,

You are summoned to an informal meeting of the **Communications Strategy Sub-Committee** of Buckingham Town Council to be held on **Thursday 17th July 2024 at 12pm** via Zoom.



1. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive and accept 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. Current Newsletter - Autumn 2024

To review the current newsletter articles:

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4. Newsletter Review - Fringe Brochure / Summer 2025



Twinned with Mouvaux, France:

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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To review the production and delivery of the Fringe brochure (in-house) and identify key learning points from the production process and its look, including a discussion of:

• Quality of production & content

Delivery
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5. Chair's Items

6. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 4th September 2025 in person at the Council Chamber, at 1pm.

To:

Cllr. R. Ahmed

Cllr. F. Davies (Mayor) Cllr. J. Harvey (Chair)

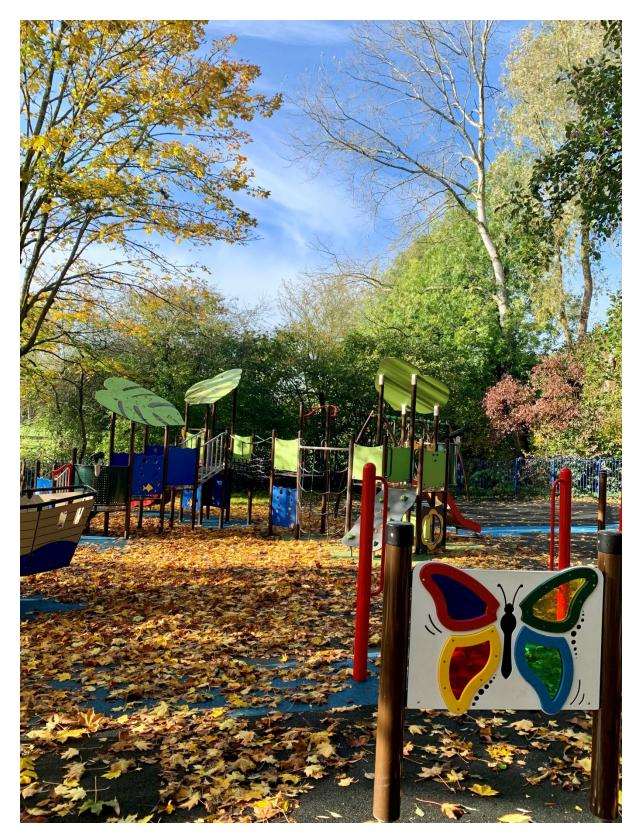
Cllr. H. Haydock Cllr. J. Mordue

Cllr. M. Try (Vice-Chair)

Front Cover Options - Autumn 2025



King's Beech Tree, Church Green



Bourton Park Toddler's Play Area in Autumn



Renovated Memorial



Bourton Rd Allotments



Church Green



Electric Van in Autumn



Old Church Yard

Your New Deputy Town Mayor

I was humbled and honoured to have been voted by my fellow councillors to be The Deputy Mayor of Buckingham 2025/2026.

I am looking forward to work and support our Mayor Cllr. Fran Davies, the residents of Buckingham and our hard working council officers and staff. I so hope to meet many of you, the residents Buckingham, at the our various events.

Hope you had wonderful summer and are now looking forward to Christmas. Take care.

Cllr. Andy Mahi
Dep. Mayor of Buckingham
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Mayor's Charities

Buckingham Town Mayor Fran Davies said "Oli was born and grew up in Buckingham. His upbeat attitude, kindness, and resilience through nearly 5 years of treatment was an example to us all. Oli ran the London Marathon whilst undergoing chemotherapy and raised £60,000 for research.

Young people seldom become carers out of choice; the young person steps up because it is a natural, human, and caring thing to do. Many of these children do not realise what a vital role they are playing, nor how much they are missing out. They deserve the space and time to be a child".

The Oli Hilsdon Foundation: The Foundation continues Oli's incredible work, raising awareness and funding research projects that advance the goal of extending, and ultimately saving the lives of those diagnosed with Glioblastoma Multiforme, the most lethal and aggressive of brain tumours.

YC2 Buckingham and Winslow Young Carers Youth Club: YC2 aims to provide services that improve the quality of life and opportunities for young carers in Buckingham and the local area, by offering a solid network for fun, friendship, emotional support, advice, and personal development.

Logos:



Our Town Events



Buckingham Live



Buckingham Play days



Celebrate Buckingham



Crafts at Chantry Chapel



May Day



Spring Green Fair



Bandjam

Note: pictures of Fringe Week events will also be included.



Dog Show



River Rinses

This year the annual **Charter Fair** rolls into town on Friday 17th October to set up and will be operating on Saturday 18th October. It will then return on the following Friday, 24th October and will operate on Saturday 25th October. A full road closure will be in force from 6am on both Fridays and covering both Saturdays. Diversions will be in place.



Join us at Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre for a fantastic family friendly **Halloween Disco Party** on Friday 24th October from 6-9pm. Tickets can be purchased from Buckingham Tourist Information Centre.

Bonfire & Fireworks on Saturday 1st November starting 6pm in Bourton Park. Free entry. Enjoy a fantastic fireworks display, bonfire, DJ Dan Blaze, and local food vendors.

Buckingham's **Remembrance Parade** will be held on Sunday 9th November. The parade will form up on Market Hill and march to the War Memorial outside St Peter and Paul Church at 10:30am. A rolling road closure will be in place from 10:15am and diversions in place.



The **Winter Fair** will take place on Sunday 16th November 2024 from 2pm–4pm at Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre. There will be lots of local handmade Christmas goodies, refreshments and art and craft activities for the children to enjoy.

The **Christmas Lights Switch On** will be taking place on Thursday 27th November 2024 from 4pm to 7pm outside The Old Gaol. Expect carols, festive activities, local food vendors and live entertainment.

The annual **Christmas Parade** will be on Saturday 13th December and is organised by the Christmas Parade Committee. The parade, which is made up of floats and walking groups. This year's theme is



Held in Buckingham Community Centre, the **Community Fair** will be on Saturday 13th December, after the Christmas Parade. Local charities, organisations and societies can sell items or run activities to help raise funds for their group.

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What We Have Achieved 2024-2025

Environment

This year has seen great progress across projects overseen by the Environment Committee and our excellent Green Spaces Team.

We're pleased to have secured ownership and planning permission for the new Tingewick Road Cemetery and allotments, with having started—including tree planting and wildflower meadows.

Brackley Road Cemetery remains well-maintained, and complimented by the popular Commonwealth War Graves tours.

Lace Hill pitches are in regular use, and the Cornwalls Meadow toilets have had a smart refresh.

Work continues in Bourton Park to remove an ageing bridge, and we await updates on the Railway Walk path project.

Planning Committee Report 2024–2025

Major developments at Osier Way, London Road, and Bourton Farm were considered by Full Council, with two opposed for conflicting with the current Neighbourhood Plan (BNP).

The Committee continues to uphold BNP policies, safeguard the Conservation Area, and raise concerns over HMOs, access, and enforcement issues. The updated BNP (2025–2040) was submitted to Buckinghamshire Council in December and is expected to go to public referendum this summer.

Following two years of work with consultants ONH and over 40 meetings, including public consultations, the new BNP reflects community feedback and seeks to secure appropriate infrastructure through developer contributions.

The Committee also engaged in county planning forums and infrastructure discussions along the A421 corridor.

2024-2025 - Resources Committee

With many residents still impacted by the cost-of-living crisis, the Resources Committee continues to scrutinise all spending carefully. We prioritise value for money and support local suppliers where possible—for example, sourcing fuel from Buckingham's independent petrol station.

Staffing remains our largest cost, reflecting the town's growth and increasing responsibilities taken on by officers.

In response to concerns about Management Companies maintaining new developments, we now negotiate with developers early to ensure the Town Council can adopt and care for green spaces and play areas to our high standards.

We continue to support tourism through the Tourist Information Centre and fund ShopMobility to promote local shopping.

This year, we reviewed and awarded grants to 16 local organisations supporting the community through activities, events, and essential services.

Town Centre & Events Committee Report 2024–2025

The Committee, supported by Officers and the Green Spaces Team, delivered a packed calendar of mostly free community events this year. Highlights included Buckingham Live at the Football Club, BandJam in the Market Square, and the popular Celebrate Buckingham in Bourton Park.

The Fringe Festival and Food Fair drew strong attendance, while free art activities and events at Lace Hill Centre remained community favourites. The Christmas Lights Switch-On and Christmas Parade were again well received, and the Community Fair helped raise funds for local charities.

The Tourist Information Centre continues to thrive, promoting local businesses and attractions.

Thanks to careful planning, strong partnerships, and committed staff, our events bring the community together and support the local economy. We look forward to another vibrant year ahead.

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Meet your new Town Councillors

Buckingham Town Council is thrilled to welcome six dynamic new Town Councillors, each bringing a rich blend of talent, experience, and fresh perspectives. We are excited to see the positive impact they will have on our community.

Cllr. Roger Newall

I have called Buckingham home since 1987 and bring a wealth of experience in planning from my career at Aylesbury Vale District Council. I am now a planning consultant and active member of the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan Working Group; I am passionate about thoughtful development and community wellbeing. I intend to draw on my extensive experience in local government to support the Town Council as Buckingham prepares for significant growth.

Clir. Russell Poppe

I have lived in Buckingham for nearly 20 years and work full-time as a Chartered Engineer. I am a member of the Buckingham Society and advocate for local businesses, green spaces, and our town's rich heritage. I am absolutely delighted to be joining the Town Council and supporting the community I have proudly called home for two decades.

Cllr. Ruth Newell

Awaiting from Cllr. Newell.

Cllr. Heather Haydock

I have lived on Page Hill in Buckingham for nearly 20 years with my husband and daughter. I took early retirement from a career in environmental consultancy two years ago and now volunteer for local community and environmental organisations like Citizens Advice and Community Impact Bucks. I love the green spaces in Buckingham, and you will often see me dog walking there with our golden retrievers. I look forward to helping the local community and environment in my time as a Councillor.

Cllr. Tony Allen

My wife Hazel and I moved to Buckingham 10 years ago and immediately fell in love with its friendly community, open spaces and find it is easy to walk to pubs and places to eat. We were fortunate to retire early 4 years ago. Our open spaces are important for the wellbeing of our community hence why the environment is important to me to protect, and I can often be seen using them to lead C25K groups and men's walks.

Cllr. Sundeep Singh

I live in Buckingham South Ward and work in electrical engineering, leading a business that supports global energy infrastructure. I am passionate about sustainability and protecting our local environment. As a Town Councillor, I look forward to contributing to community development, supporting environmentally

responsible initiatives, and ensuring sustainable new housing developments have the necessary basic infrastructure in place.



Cllr. Ruth Newell



Cllr. Sundeep Singh



Cllr. Heather Haydock

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Cllr. Russell Poppe



Cllr. Roger Newall



Cllr. Tony Allen

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Mayor Making/Civic Awards

At this year's Mayor Making and Mayor's Reception on 6th June 2025, outstanding local individuals and groups were honoured with awards in recognition of their remarkable contributions to the community.

Friend of Buckingham

- Sheryl Bennett for her many years of generous work with the YC2 Young Carers Youth Club.
- Tony Checkley for his dedication to involvement in sports for generations of young people.

Sport and Art Award

 Buckingham Ablaze for the amazing programme of events and activities to commemorate the 1725 Fire of Buckingham

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisation of the Year

 The Buckingham Food Bank for its continued commitment to helping local people in need.

Natural Environment and Climate Champion

• The Buckingham Repair Café for their amazing work repairing a wide range of items to enable re-use.

Mayor's Prize for Outstanding Young Person

 Bourton Meadow Academy for their excellent contribution to the Holocaust Memorial Day event.

Cllr. Anja Schaefer has chosen to have a tree planted in the Autumn in Bourton Park to honour her time as Mayor of Buckingham.

Further information about the civic awards can be found on the Town Council website: <u>Civic Buckingham - Buckingham Town Council</u>.

Picture choices for article (3 pics to choose):













Grant applications 2025/26

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

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

- one-year projects taking place 2025/26
- four-year funding for long term activities 2026-2029

Application forms are available on the website and must be returned to Town Council by 12 Noon on Friday 21st November 2025

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

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

Phone: 01280 816 426

Email: office@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

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

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Return to Agenda

The Rotary Club of Buckingham has the local community at its heart and makes a positive difference.



In the last year we helped local groups raise over £10,000 - through annual events such as the Santa Float and Swimathon.

We also raise money that we then spend on our community projects. For example, this year we have:

- taken 40 children from local primary schools to Whipsnade Zoo for the day
- awarded places for the Rotary Youth Leader scheme to the two senior schools
- arranged the Buckingham Easter Trail
- provided interview technique and practise sessions for the Buckingham School
- donated to the new Galaxy Scout group that is being established for people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

We were also instrumental in building the model town for the Buckingham Ablaze event - involving primary pupils in decorating and placing the buildings.

And we want to do so much more - but we need help to do things such as:

- Providing monthly play sessions for younger SEND children
- Running our annual events Santa Float, Swimathon and Classic Cars
- Keeping social media up to date with our activities
- Raising funds for other projects that you may think we should be involved in

Oh, and Rotary is a global organisation with over 1.2 million members who do fantastic things across the world, and with the right people we can get involved too.

We have two meetings a month (one of which is for a meal), and always welcome people if they would like to join the club, or become Friends of Rotary (and help with our projects).

If you are interested in finding out more, please see our website www.buckinghamrotary.org, or you can contact us at secretary@buckinghamrotary.org, or find us on Facebook.



2025/26 Events Diary

Please find further details inside or online: www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/town-matters/events/

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Small Business Saturday 2024

List of Councillors and Numbers

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Fran Davies - Mayor		558609
yor	01280	816562
	01280	816426
	07769	339209
	07432	290842
	01280	812711
	07979	902517
	01280	815418
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	07540	317160
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Useful Numbers

Buckingham Town Council Buckingham Cemetery Buckingham Shopmobility Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre Buckingham Community Hall Buckingham Tourist Info Centre Buckinghamshire Council Transport for Buckinghamshire Citizens Advice Buckinghamshire	01280 816426 01280 816801 07738 314027 01280 816426 01280 823584 01280 823020 0300 131 6000 01296 382 416 0808 278 7938
Citizens Advice National	08001 448 848
Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247
Thames Valley Police	101
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
NHS Urgent Care	111
Power Cut Helpline	105

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 National Gas Helpline
 0800 111 999

 Anglian Water Emergency Line
 03457 145 145

 Floodline
 03459 881 188

 ChildLine
 0800 11 11

 Samaritans
 01908 667777

 Street Link
 03005 000 914

 Fraud
 03001 232 040

Stop Scams UK 159 Emergency Services 999

Fix My Street https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/

Our MP for Buckingham <u>callum.anderson.mp@parliament.uk</u>

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Small Business Saturday 2024

Message from your new Mayor

Dear neighbours,

I am honoured and thankful to have been chosen, by my fellow councillors, to be Buckingham's Mayor for the next year. I also thank Councillor Anja Schaeffer for her exemplary term as Mayor and Councillor Andy Mahi who will be the Deputy Mayor this year.

I am looking forward to meeting residents and organisations throughout the year and to the many events, including the return in the summer of Buckingham Fringe Week. This much-loved week brings so much talent, supporting local culture, sport, art and music.

Throughout the year, I will be raising funds for two charities that are very close to my heart: The Oli Hilsdon Foundation in aid of The Brain Tumour Charity, and Buckingham and Winslow Young Carers Youth Club. I hope you will join me in supporting these fantastic causes if you can.

As your Mayor, I am here to serve all residents of Buckingham. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if I can help in any way. I wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing many of you at Fringe Week and other upcoming events.

Cllr. Fran Davies Mayor of Buckingham

Summer in Buckingham

Buckingham Summer Festival	Sat 12th July - Sat 19th July	book tickets online: buckinghamsummer festival.org
Free Basketball Coaching	Free Basketball Coaching 21st and 28th July, 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th Aug (5:30 - 6:30pm) 8 - 12 yrs Chandos Park (6:45 - 7:45pm) 13+ yrs Bourton Park	8 - 12 yrs Chandos Park 13 + yrs Bourton Park
Buckingham Play Days	Thursday 31 st July, 7 th and 21 st August (10:30am - 3:30pm)	0 - 11 yrs Chandos Park
Band Jam	Sun 24th Aug (1 - 10pm)	Town Centre
Merchant Navy Day Flag Raising	Tues 3rd Sept (10am)	Community Centre flagpole
Dog Show	Sat 6th Sept (11am - 3pm)	Bourton Park

Useful Numbers

Buckingham Town Council	01280 816 426	NHS Urgent Care	111
Buckingham Cemetery	01280 816 801	Power Cut Helpline	105
Buckingham Shopmobility	07738 314 027	National Gas Helpline	0800 111 999
Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre	01280 816 426	Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Buckingham Community Hall	01280 823 584	Floodline	03459 881 188
Buckingham Tourist Info Centre	01280 823 020	ChildLine	0800 11 11
Buckinghamshire Council	0300 131 6000	Samaritans	01908 667 777
Transport for Buckinghamshire	01296 382 416	Street Link	03005 000 914
Citizens Advice National Phone Line	0808 278 7938	Fraud	03001 232 040
Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247	Stop Scams UK	159
Thames Valley Police	101		

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Summer 2025



BUCKINGHAM FRINGE WEEK

21 - 27 JULY 2025







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Basketball Sessions

Mon 21st July, 5.30-6.30pm, Chandos Park basketball court



The first of our free basketball sessions for young people, held in Bourton and Chandos Park basketball courts. Come and train with Coach Jenner - all equipment provided. See back for details.

Crafts at the Chantry Chapel

Tues 22nd July, 10am - 3pm, Buckingham Chantry Chapel

Join a National Trust volunteer for a fun and creative craft session in the historic Buckingham Chantry Chapel. This is a rare chance to enjoy this beautiful space while getting hands-on with crafts, making a bit of a mess, and learning something new. Don't forget to explore the second-hand bookshop while you're here!

Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Oxford Fiddle Group

Tues 22nd 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 £7.50 from Buckingham Tourist Information Centre or the Town Council webpage.

Crafts at the Chantry Chapel

Wed 23rd July, 10am - 3pm, Buckingham Chantry Chapel

Art in the Market

Thurs 24th July, 1pm - 4pm, Buckingham Cattle Pens

Come along to the Cattlepens in the Town Centre for a fun-filled afternoon of art for all ages! Get creative and craft your own masterpiece with free arts and crafts supplies – let your imagination run wild!

Explore different materials, techniques, and express yourself in a vibrant community setting. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Buckingham Summer Live Session

Thurs 24th July, Buckingham Football Club, 7:45pm - 10pm



Expect an evening of great live performances from talented local artists, and musicians, Licensed bar, food truck and easy parking!

Crafts at the Chantry Chapel

Fri 25th July, 10am - 3pm, Buckingham Chantry Chapel

School's Out Disco

Fri 25th July, 6:30pm - 9.30pm







Join us for a night of music, dancing, and crafts at our School's Out Disco! There'll be a fancy dress competition for adults and children, with prizes for the best school-themed outfits. Don't miss the fun!

Venue: Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre

Tickets: £8 per child, adults free. Available from the Buckingham Tourist Information Centre or Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre.



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

Street Food Fair - Bite Club



Sat 26th July, 4pm - 9pm, Embleton Way Scout & Community Centre

The Bite Club is excited to present a flavour-packed culinary adventure at this vibrant Street Food pop-up event. Get ready to indulge in a foodie's dream, with a tempting array of sizzling, mouthwatering dishes from every corner of the globe. Whether you're craving something spicy, sweet, savoury, or indulgent, there's a stall for every palate.



Come hungry and treat yourself to a one-of-a-kind experience as you explore a diverse selection of international flavours, all in one place. Don't miss out on this unforgettable feast in the heart of your community.

Family Fun Day

Sun 27th July, 1pm - 4pm, Lace Hill Sports & Community Centre



A day of community fun for the whole family, featuring live entertainment, inflatables, zorbs, classic games, and much more - all for free! Grab a picnic and make a day of it!

Visit the Town Council website and social media to buy tickets and for the latest updates on Fringe Week events: www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk









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