



Buckland & Chipping

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Birds, Bugs and Beasties

We have quite a lot of ivy in our garden. In some places it seems to be holding up the fence. When I see blackbirds and pigeons eating the berries in the winter I am very glad that I have left it there. There is so much bad news about the decline in numbers of birds and other wildlife that it seems a good idea to do all the small things we can to help all vulnerable creatures to survive. One way that is recommended by wildlife organisations is to leave our shared public spaces, our land, gardens, hedgerows and wild places a bit messy. That means doing things like leaving hedges that don't need to be pruned unpruned, leaving piles of leaf litter and twigs where they fall and generally not being too tidy. All our precious creatures need hiding places. So my plea while the weather remains challenging for wildlife, and actually all year round, is let's all do our bit. Thank you on behalf of the bugs and beasties!

Sue Hall, Buckland



East Herts Parking Strategy



Following a public consultation on proposed changes to car park operating hours, tariffs and maximum stay periods across the council's car parks, East Herts Executive

met on Tuesday 13 January to decide which changes to introduce.

The following changes apply to **Buntingford Bowling Green Lane Car Park**.

- The extension of operational hours at Bowling Green Lane to 7:30am - 6:30pm and the introduction of weekend charging, subject to the following mitigations:
- Introduction of a new rural car park tariff structure Monday to Friday. The charges will be the same as Sawbridgeworth and Stanstead Abbots car parks, with no inflationary increase applied to the 2025 tariffs for 2026.

- Introduction of Saturday charging at the same tariff levels as Monday to Friday, to ensure consistency across rural car parks.
- Introduction of a flat £1.50 all-day charge on Sundays.

Monday to Saturday 7.30 - 18.30

- 30 minutes - FREE
- 1 hour - 70p
- 2 hours - £1.40
- 3 hours - £2.10
- 4 hours - £2.80
- 5 hours - £3.50
- All day - £4.20

Sunday, Bank and public holidays 7.30 - 18.30

- All day - £1.50

Hare coursing and fly tipping

There have been several occurrences of both hare coursing and fly tipping in the area, please keep a sharp eye out and call 999 if you see it happening. If it is after the event please call 101 to report.

To all dog walkers



Please keep all our grass areas free from dog mess, there are plenty of bins available to dispose of waste which are emptied regularly and are quite a large proportion of our precept.

Summary of January Parish Council meeting

At our last Parish Council meeting we set agreed the 2026-2027 budget, followed by the precept. Events to be held through the year were discussed and we are looking for volunteers to organise and run events for the community with the support of the Parish Council.

We reviewed our Financial Risk Assessment and set the Calendar of Meetings which can be found

on the website alongside the minutes of all meetings.

Our District Councillor Vicki Burt reported that the swimming pool in Buntingford has raised £30,000 and can start the repair work needed.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd March 2026 at The Manor House in Buntingford. All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend.

There are vacancies for two Parish Councillors, please contact the Clerk if you are interested and would like to receive more details.

Community WhatsApp Group

If you would like to be added to the community WhatsApp group please text Cllr Penny Baxter-Newman on 07880570896. It is very useful for information on road closures and local notices.

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