



# Buckland & Chipping

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## What do you want?



### Parish Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm open to all

There have been previous discussions both at Parish Council meetings and informally where a number of arguments have been raised and will be familiar to you. The purpose of this meeting is to see how close we can get to an agreed proposal to Highways and we are fortunate to be expecting **MP Chris Hinchliff, Cllr Terry Smith, DCllr David Woolcombe** – all of whom are keen to hear the community's views.

The implication is clear: the community has a chance to raise its voice and be heard. It is also clear to members of the Parish Council that this is an opportunity not to be missed.

The alternatives, familiar as they are to many include the following:

- 30mph within the villages
- 30mph on the Buckland Road towards Barkway
- more speed management strategies

The Parish Council encourage you to join us on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Buckland, where you will be able to contribute to

the debate and listen to all other contributions. The Parish Council has agreed to host this meeting and to include our welcome guests because we are confident that this is an issue that needs both discussion and resolution.

Please contact [clerk@bucklandandchipping-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bucklandandchipping-pc.gov.uk) with any comments you would like considered before 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### Have you joined Herts Connected?

Herts Connected is a free email service from Hertfordshire Constabulary.

It is designed for Hertfordshire residents to be kept informed about what crime is taking place locally to your postcode. You get to choose which organisation you would like to receive messages from – including the Police and Crime Commissioner, Neighbourhood Watch and Report Fraud.

It's quick and easy to sign up:

[www.hertsconnected.co.uk](http://www.hertsconnected.co.uk)

If you have already signed up, then you should have received an email on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March stating that damage was caused to cropped fields at a location in Buckland between Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026. A vehicle, which was believed to be used in hare coursing and poaching, had driven across the fields causing damage to the crops.

If you did see anything suspicious related to this incident, please contact the police non-emergency number 101, quoting crime number 41/21696/26. Alternatively, you can give information anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Buntingford Bowling Green Lane Car Park.

The new pricing is now in operation

#### 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

### Hertfordshire recycling centres

You now need an ePass to visit recycling centres in Hertfordshire. QR code to apply for ePass below.



### Solitary Bees

As the solitary bees and bumble bees are emerging on these sunny days, they are looking for nectar to boost their energy reserves.

If we allow a few dandelions and early flowering plants in our gardens, the bees can survive the chilly nights.

They are very important for pollinating our fruit trees, especially early flowering varieties like damsons and plums.

Penny Baxter-Newman



### To any Amateur Photographers

We have enjoyed the photos taken by our councillor Penny Baxter-Newman, would you like to see yours in the newsletter too? Please send seasonal photos to [clerk@bucklandandchipping-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bucklandandchipping-pc.gov.uk)

### Summary of March Parish Council meeting

A short meeting was held in March where asset register and audit plan were both resolved. There are plans to put in new lighting for the entrances to St Andrew's Church, Buckland. And finally the Parish Council will be welcoming a new Clerk, Sarah Kubica, in May 2026.

**An Annual Parish Meeting** will take place at 7pm, Monday 11th May, St Andrew's Church, Buckland followed by:

**The Annual Parish Council meeting** taking place at 7.30pm on Monday 11th May, St Andrew's Church, Buckland. 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.

### Your Councillors:

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