



Buckland & Chipping

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Photo by
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Bert enjoying the bluebells in the woods in Buckland. If you would like to see your seasonal photo in the newsletter, please send to clerk@bucklandandchipping-pc.gov.uk

"Browse and Collect"

September event

We all have some things that we would like to "move on" but which are too good to put out with the rubbish. Watch this space for the table top "Browse and Collect" event at St Andrew's Church, Buckland on the weekend of 12 September. Please bring a table as only a few are available on site. Set up is from 1.30pm for a 2pm start when anyone can BROWSE the tables and COLLECT what they like for FREE. Please take home anything left at the end of the day. It is



unlikely that any "Fabergé Eggs" or "Constable" paintings will turn up, but you never know!!! An ideal opportunity to pass on plants, bric-a-brac, homemade crafts etc.

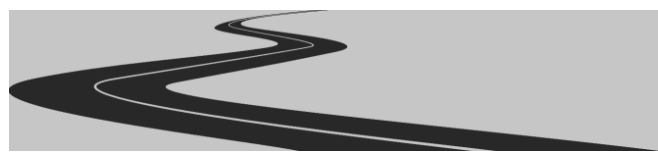
Hellos and Goodbyes 🙋

We say goodbye and thank you to Cllr Penny Baxter-Newman, who has resigned from the Parish Council after a number of years of service to the community, due to moving home from Buckland to Buntingford. We wish her happiness in her new home. Also goodbye to Caroline Scott who has served as the Clerk to the Parish Council for three years and provided an excellent service, keeping the Council on the right track for legal correctness. Another goodbye to Dale Holt and his family who for many years have acted as Litter Pickers for Chipping, keeping the village and verges free from rubbish.

Fortunately we also have some Hellos.

We welcome Sarah Kubica as Parish Clerk, fully experienced since she is already a Clerk to 2 other Parish Councils. Contact details overleaf.

And finally, hello to Abbey Arkle who will be the new Litter Picker for Chipping.



Public Meeting regarding Traffic on the A10

The Public Meeting at St Andrew's church on 25 April was very well attended by residents. Chris Hinchliff MP and East Herts District Cllr David Woollcombe joined the meeting to listen to residents' concerns and suggestions for improvements for road safety through the villages. The meeting concluded with 9 points

supported by those present, with the MP and District Cllr happy to support the parish council in forwarding its proposal to Herts County Council Highways for consideration and possible implementation. Chris Hinchliff also agreed to follow up the Met Police's practice of using the A10 for high speed driver training, exceeding the speed limits through the villages.

To support the proposals, please send details of motoring incidents within our Parish since 2016 to the clerk. The most recent occurred on Bank Holiday Monday - a resident waiting to turn right into their drive on the A10 northbound was narrowly missed by a grey Corsa, reportedly being driven by a youth at high speed, which mounted the verge and path to avoid the waiting vehicle. Fortunately no one was on the footpath. The Corsa sped off towards Buckland. Details like this will help build the case for improved road safety.

Summary of May Parish Council meetings

Two meetings took place at St Andrew's Church, Buckland on 11 May. The parish council hosted the community's Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Jeff Kenyon was re-elected as chair and Cllr Mark Seymour elected as vice-chair. District Cllr Vicky Burt provided an update on the plans for 600 houses on land in between the A507 and A10 (Cottered parish) as an appeal has been lodged after the application was refused by East Herts Council planners. Policies were reviewed and payments agreed. Minutes can be accessed at bucklandandchipping-pc.gov.uk/meetings The next parish council meeting is 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Buckland on 15 July.

Parish



Council Vacancies

Our Parish Council has 3 of its 6 Councillors. Fortunately the minimum number required to make a PC Meeting quorate is 3, but it would be much appreciated if we had a volunteer or 2 to join us. The commitment is to a maximum of 6 meetings a year, at two monthly intervals. If you are interested in joining the Council and would like to know more, have a chat with Helen, Mark or Jeff. Should you wish to join us, please contact the Clerk.

Volunteers' Week: A UK-Wide Celebration ☀

Volunteers' Week is an annual UK-wide campaign held from the first Monday in June to celebrate and recognise the contributions of volunteers.

Volunteering is a vital component of UK society, with millions contributing their time and skills annually across Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland. These inspiring statistics highlight the incredible contributions of volunteers and the potential for even greater engagement across the UK: 14.2 million people in the UK have formally volunteered at least once a month; volunteering added £4.6 billion in productivity gains to the UK economy in 2024

volunteersweek.org/about

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