



# Buckland & Chipping

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## **A Glorious VE Day Celebration!**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with VE Day celebrations, it was a glorious night with burgers cooked on the new barbeques paid for with the grant from East Herts District Council levelling up fund along with music played via the new sound system. Wine, soft drinks and entertainment was

enjoyed by all who attended. As you can see the new beacon burned bright against the night sky.

Thank you for coming.



## **A big thank you**

Chipping resident Jeff Jones represented Buntingford Division as County Councillor for the last 8 years. Following the local elections on 1st May 2025 Buntingford has a new representative, Terry Smith, on Hertfordshire County Council.

A big thank you to Jeff for his hard work supporting our residents with their concerns and working to improve local services to benefit our community. His Highways Locality Budget has been used to improve pavements, road surfacing and signage in Buntingford Division.

Buckland and Chipping Parish Council are grateful for the particular support that Jeff gave the parish councillors by attending Parish Council meetings in his County Councillor role as well as directing money from his Locality Budget to spend on our parish events.

We look forward to continuing the Parish Council's excellent relationship with the County Council through our new Councillor, Terry.

## **Reporting a crime – is it an emergency?**

**Call 999** for emergency situations like these:

- there is an immediate danger to life
- someone is using violence or is threatening to be violent
- a crime is happening right now, like a house burglary or a theft
- the suspect is still at the scene

For all other crimes: **Call 101** or

Report online

<https://www.herts.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime>

## **Herts Connected**

The Herts Connected system delivers Hertfordshire Police's crime alerts. Registered local residents can receive the latest crime or emergency updates and alerts, as well as information about policing events in our area. Local residents can get involved in helping to make our local area a safer place, tell the police what they should be doing in our area, shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe, and tell the police what matters are causing local communities harm.

The more residents that register, the better informed and safer our communities will be. Please do sign up

<https://www.hertsconnected.co.uk>

Additional Crime Prevention Advice can be found via this link:

<https://www.herts.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention>

### **Want to help your community?**

Buckland and Chipping Parish Council has up to six Parish Councillors and spends an annual budget of more than £10,000. There are currently four Parish Councillors and we are looking for two new recruits.

The role of the Council is wide-ranging, from discussing planning applications and organising village events, to improving health and well-being and lobbying on local issues. The role is interesting and we all have the satisfaction of contributing to the life and well-being of the village.

We are supported in our work by our clerk. We generally meet on Monday evenings, usually seven times a year. From April to October we meet in St Andrew's Church in Buckland and during the winter months we meet in Buntingford at the Town House. No Councillors receive payment for their time.

To be eligible to stand as a Councillor you must be:

- British or a citizen of the Commonwealth.
- Aged 18 years or over.
- In at least one of the following categories:
  - a) on the Electoral Register for the parish;
  - b) have lived in (or within 3 miles of) the parish for at least a year; and/or
  - c) have had your main place of work within the parish for at least a year.

If you would like more information check out [www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor](http://www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor) and please feel free to come along to observe the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th July 2025 or contact one of our Councillors for an informal chat - see details below.

### **Summary of May Parish Council meeting**

The Parish Council last met on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The minutes from the meeting can be found on the Parish website: [www.bucklandandchipping.org.uk](http://www.bucklandandchipping.org.uk)

Cllr Jeff Kenyon was voted in to the Chairman position with Cllr Penny Baxter-Newman as his Vice-chair.

A big thank you to the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Rob Arkle, without his enthusiasm and hard work the Parish Council would not be in possession of such an array of equipment to hold community events open to everyone.

All policies were reviewed and payments agreed. DCllr Vicki Burt reported on the ongoing fundraising for the Freeman Swimming Pool.

A special AGAR meeting was held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to agree our Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024-25. Our internal audit report was completed and the feedback is available to view on the website <https://www.bucklandandchipping.org.uk/reports-and-audits>

**The next Parish Council Meeting** will take place at 7.30pm, Monday 14th July, St Andrew's Church, Buckland. All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend.

### **Your Councillors:**

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**Thank you to the parishioner/s who planted the beautiful bulbs next to the picnic table at the top of Whitely Lane.**