



# Buckland & Chipping

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## Vacancies for two Parish Councillors

Would you like to get things done and contribute to the well-being of the community? Buckland and Chipping Parish Council has up to six local people of varied ages, genders and backgrounds who share a common enthusiasm to improve the Buckland and Chipping community. The role of a Councillor is very wide-ranging, from discussing planning applications and organising village events, to improving health and well-being and lobbying on local issues.

Councillors receive no payment for their time.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be a Councillor you must be:

- British or a citizen of the Commonwealth.
- Aged 18 years or over.
- In one of the following categories:

- a) appear on the Electoral Register for the parish,
- b) have lived in (or within 3 miles of) the parish for at least a year.
- 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 Council meeting on Monday 3rd March 2025 or contact existing Councillors for an informal chat, see details below.

## Summary of January Parish Council meeting

The Parish Council last met on Monday [6<sup>th</sup> January](#) 2025. The minutes from the meeting can be found on the Parish website: [www.bucklandandchipping.org.uk](http://www.bucklandandchipping.org.uk)

The 2025-26 Precept (parish budget) was agreed at £11,495 and the financial risk assessment was reviewed. It was agreed to purchase a new salt bin for the A10 Buckland/Barkway Road junction.

## Salt and Grit theft

A fresh batch of salt was delivered to the top of Whiteley Lane in Buckland in early December. Unfortunately this was swiftly and unexpectedly removed. We would like to remind residents that the grit is for public highways and not personal drives or personal walkways. For more information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/clear-snow-road-path-cycleway>



## Join the Summer Event Team

After the success of last summer's event in Chipping, we are now planning this year's event and we are looking for volunteers to join the working committee. This would entail meeting monthly and reporting back to the Parish Council for financial decision making. If interested, please contact Cllr Penny Baxter-Newman

## St Andrew's Church, Buckland

Reed Choir sang beautifully at the annual Candlelit Carol Service in December, which was well attended. Rev Mark Bridgen, our new vicar, is now organising agricultural and countryside services across the benefice. There was a service in Barley marking Plough Sunday and the next service will be held in Buckland at **10am on Monday 10th February**. This will be a Good Shepherd/ Lambing service and all are welcome.

## VE Day 80 – Thursday 8th May 2025 – A Shared Moment of Celebration

The Parish Council will once again be celebrating with the lighting of the new beacon at the top of Dawes Lane. Plans are underway for food and activities and we would like to encourage everyone to join us lighting the beacon at 9.30pm.



## **Winter Walks**

Why not take the family on a wonderful walk around the parish taking advantage of the many footpaths between Buckland and Chipping, as well as further afield villages?



It is the perfect time to see the finer details in nature



The newsletter is always looking for pictures, items of interest and notices, please email the clerk with any items you would like included.



**The next Parish Council meeting** will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at The Meeting Rooms, Manor House, Buntingford. All residents of the Parish is welcome to attend.

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