

Bucklesham Community Council

Annual Report 13th May 2026

The Bucklesham Community Council consists of the following members:

Jackie Brunning – Chair

David Riddleston – Vice Chair

Lois MacKinlay – Treasurer

Tracey Lawler (formerly Thompson) – Secretary

Lynda Seagroatt

Sarah Hall

Clive Lenton

Past Events

On 31st May, 29th November 2025 and 14th March 2026 we held our usual craft fairs, all of which were well attended by both stallholders and customers.

The Community Council have been proud to support the fundraising for the new play equipment for the playing field. We organised three large events:

- The 10 hour sponsored bounce-athon on 10th May 2025 where children from the village bounced for an allotted time.
- On 30th August 2025 we organised the mini fete in the village hall, served refreshments and manned stalls and also supplied various items such as straw, garden canes and foam rollers for villagers to take away to help them make a scarecrow for the upcoming scarecrow trail.
- Our final fundraising event for the play equipment was the ‘West End night in Bucklesham’ where village resident Mark Connell and his friends sang songs from the shows.

The total amount raised by the Community Council for the play equipment was £7,495.

September 7th 2025 saw the resurrection of the Bucklesham Scarecrow Trail. We served hot drinks and cooked bacon and sausage baps in the village hall and supplied maps showing the location of the scarecrows. The villagers then voted for their favourite scarecrow and a handsome trophy was presented to the winner.

On 11th April 2026 the Community Council held our first 'Cuppas and Cakes Café' where we served refreshments and cakes free of charge to the villagers. This was well attended and was a way of trying to get villagers together, especially those who have little social contact, for a chat and to play some board games. The Community Council will run this on a regular basis.

Future Events

The Community Council will hold further craft fairs on 11th July and 28th November 2026. On 8th August 2026 we are hosting a Village Produce and Handicraft show in the village hall where villagers can display their wares. The Scarecrow Trail will be held on 12th and 13th September and a Christmas dance in the village hall will be organised for 5th December 2026.