

Soulbury Parish News

December 2024



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Dates for your diary – December 2024 onwards

Soulbury Village Event Dates

Sunday 1 st Dec.	10:00 am	Christmas Tree Erection & Decoration.
Sunday 1 st Dec.	11:30 am	Parish Communion Service.
Sunday 8 th Dec.	4:00 pm	Christingle Service & Switching Tree Lights on.
Sunday 15 th Dec.	11:30 am	Parish Communion Service.
Friday 20 th Dec.	6:00 pm	Carol Singing around Soulbury (Meet on the Green by Beacon).
Sunday 22 nd Dec.	11:30 am	Brunch Church.
Wednesday 25 th Dec.	11:30 am	Christmas Day Service.
Sunday 5 th Jan.	11:30 am	Parish Communion.
Thursday 16 Jan.	7:30 pm	Dream Team Meeting to start 80 th VE Day Anniversary Celebrations Planning . (Meet at Boot Inn – Newcomers welcome).
Friday 17 th Jan.	7:00 pm	Meet the Rector Film Night at the Parish Hall). . . (Doors open at 6:45 pm).
Sunday 19 th Jan.	9:30 am/12:00 pm	Soulbury Breakfast at the Parish Hall.
Sunday 19 th Jan.	11:30 am	Parish Communion.
Friday 24 th Jan.	7:30 pm	Meet MP Callum Anderson at the Parish Hall. . . (Cheese & Wine Evening).
Sunday 26 th Jan.	11:30 am	Brunch Church.
Sunday 2 nd Feb.	11:30 am	Parish Communion.
19/04/24	TBC	Easter Egg Hunt (Soulbury Millennium Green)
08/05/24	TBC	80 th Anniversary VE Day Celebrations.
21/06/24	TBC	Soulfest 2025.
08/11/24	TBC	Fireworks Display.

Soulbury Social Group

Social Group (Thursdays) Parish Hall at 14.30 5th and 19th December.
2nd, 16th and 30th January.

Soulbury Breakfast

Thank you to all who braved the stormy weather on Sunday Nov 24th to come to the Breakfast. It was a great success and raised £580 for the fabric of the church. Thank you also to all the helpers who worked so hard.

The next breakfast will be on **Sunday January 19th** at the Parish Hall from 9.30 to 12.00.

Come and enjoy a full English breakfast at £7.50 or Continental option with as much coffee and tea as you can drink.

Please come along, we would love to see new faces.

Soulbury Parish Hall

A great venue for parties, business meetings, fitness classes or rehearsal space. Fibre broadband connected.

To book, email: soulburyparishhall@gmail.com Table and chair hire also available.

General Information

Please note that if anyone wants to add electric car chargers to their property which is either a listed building or in a conservation area they MUST obtain planning permission.

All Saints Church Services & News

December 2024 Services:

Sunday 1 st Dec.	11:30 am	Parish Communion (Revd Dominic Wright).
Sunday 8 th Dec.	4:00 pm	Christingle Service (Revd Pam Reeves).
Sunday 15 th Dec.	11:30 am	Parish Communion (Revd Pam Reeves).
Friday 20 th Dec.	6:00 pm	Carol Singing around the Village (Meet at the Beacon on the Green).
Sunday 22 nd Dec.	11:30 am	Brunch Church (Revd Pam Reeves).
Wednesday 25 th Dec.	11:30 am	Christmas Day Service.
Sunday 29 th Dec.		No Service at All Saints Soulbury.
	10:30 am	Benefice Service at St Giles Cheddington.

January 2025 Services:

Sunday 5 th Jan.	11:30 am	Parish Communion.
Sunday 12 th Jan.		No Service at All Saints Soulbury.
Friday 17 th Jan.	7:00 pm	Meet the Rector Film Night (Parish Hall).
Sunday 19 th Jan.	9:30 am/12:00 pm	Soulbury Breakfast (Parish Hall).
Sunday 19 th Jan.	11:30 am	Parish Communion.
Sunday 26 th Jan.	11:30 am	Brunch Church.

Should anyone need to contact a vicar our new Team Rector is:

Revd. Dominic Wright

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A letter from our Team Rector

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

I had just cycled about 30 miles the previous day. It was a relief to step from the tropical heat into the air conditioned lobby of a hotel that I had just found in Kanyakumari at the very southern tip of India. This was not a time and place that I expected to see anyone decorating a Christmas Tree, but this is what the hotel staff were doing as I was checking in.

In October I had set off on a long journey that had begun in Jordan, taken me through remote parts of Eastern Turkey and finally through the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu in southern India. Christmas was the last thing on my mind but it dawned on me that it was now the last day of November and Advent was about start.

On Christmas Day we read the inspired words from John's gospel about the mystery at the heart of the Christian message. The '*Word became flesh and dwelt among us*'. If you read the whole chapter you get a fuller sense of the whole mystery. Through the birth of Jesus, God the creator of the world entered into and lived in His created universe. The Greek word translated as '*lived*' is *eskenosen* which has the sense of camping in a tent. In the Old Testament the very early semi-nomadic Israelites worshiped God in a tent. Jesus is presented in the gospels as camping in the world. God is travelling alongside humanity.

In October last year I had just set off on a big journey. In the Diocese of Birmingham, to which I previously belonged before arriving here, vicars are offered the opportunity to take a three month sabbatical after completing seven years of service, so I decided to take a journey following the legend of an ancient disciple of Jesus who is also featured in John's gospel. That disciple was St Thomas, sometimes known as 'Doubting Thomas' who is celebrated in India as having brought the good news of Jesus to that sub-continent.

As I'm a keen cyclist I decided to do journey with a bicycle. I didn't cycle all the way but I did cover over a thousand miles through different terrain. Travelling solo, I stayed at monasteries and with ancient Christian communities along the way. What really struck me was the breath of cultures that have been impacted by the message of Word of God who is Jesus.

Epiphany is the season immediately after Christmas when we remember other significant journeys such as the wise men coming from the East ,and the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt. During Epiphany on **17th January at 7pm at Soulbury Village Hall I would like to present a film** to the community my journey into the East. This film is suitable for everyone, whether or not you have a faith. I have showed it to my cycle club back in Solihull as well as to my local mosque there. You are all invited and it would be great to meet you if you can make it.

Merry Christmas!

Revd Dom Wright

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Meet the Rector Film Night

ST THOMAS CYCLE PILGRIMAGE

FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 7PM

SOULBURY VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN FROM 6.45PM

In October 2023 Revd. Dom Wright set off on a journey which took him through parts of the Middle East, Mesopotamia and South India to find out more about "Doubting Thomas" and the ancient Christian communities that remember him. Dom will be presenting and discussing his film.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/LS32XqliozY>

Enquiries: teamrectordom@gmail.com; 07732 554611

All Saints Church – Soulbury

Churchwardens in the Cottesloe Benefice held their first Churchwardens Meeting since we have been in interregnum, chaired by our new Team Rector, Revd Dominic Wright. Dominic communicated his vision for the Benefice and prioritised organising and meeting the rota requirements throughout the Benefice during the upcoming Advent/Christmas period. He indicated he wished to visit all eight churches to better understand our requirements before commencing the recruitment process for our next Team Vicar. It is now intended to advertise in the Church Times for a new Team Vicar during January for four weeks, when Vicars and new Curates usually tend to seek fresh opportunities.

We held our long postponed Harvest Festival during the last Sunday Service in October, followed next day by our evening Harvest Supper at the Parish Hall. The evening was supported by around 38 people with Revd Pam Reeves in attendance. Special thanks to Margaret Rowe and her team of helpers who provided us with delicious meat pie, gravy & vegetables and a variety of lovely desserts. This was followed by an auction of donated produce and food/gifts raising money towards the charity function event. Proceeds were donated towards a Farmers Benevolent Charity and the Church. Thanks to all who supported this charitable occasion.

Our Christingle Service is to be held on Sunday 8th December at 4:00 pm when we intend to switch on the lights to our led Christmas tree and illuminate the Church Entrance & pathway. Following the Service we traditionally serve mulled wine/soft drinks, mince pies & warm fellowship afterwards.

The Carol Singing around the Village is on Friday 20th December, meeting at the Beacon on The Green at 6:00 pm and ending up at The Boot Inn as normal. This year we intend stopping at various homes/locations along the route to bring the Spirit of Christmas to those within our community that are aged, confined due to ill health, mobility impaired and lonely at this time of year. This also applies to parents with young children who need to be at home. If you or someone you know would enjoy & benefit with us stopping by outside and singing a Christmas Carol or two, please contact either Churchwarden below with your name/address details:

Jane Luxton – Tel No. 07946 585099 / E Mail – mjluxton@yahoo.com

Nigel Kemal – Tel No. 07398 825430 / E Mail – nigelkemal@gmail.com

On Friday 17th January Revd Dominic Wright will host a “Meet the Rector Film Night” at the Parish Hall featuring material from his sabbatical cycle journey through the Middle East to Kerala, Southern India, retracing the footsteps of St. Thomas the Apostle (Doubting Thomas). Doors open at 6:45 pm with a start time of 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet Dom and get to know him as he presents to us locally and shares his vision for the future of the Cottesloe Benefice.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of our services during the Advent & Christmas period and wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas during the festive season.

With seasonal blessings & best wishes to you all,

Jane Luxton & Nigel Kemal – Churchwardens

Soulbury Millennium Green – November Report

November's meeting of the SMG committee was mostly dominated by feedback from our recent Fireworks display. Whilst the event was largely considered very successful, we did receive some complaints which are covered in the Fireworks De-brief.

Finance: With further positive inflowing proceeds from the recent Fireworks Display event our finances remain in a robust position. Whilst we still await invoices for printing banners & mobile toilet hire, we are able to estimate the event will realise a profit similar to last year's figure of £2385. It was reported that our current account balance was £15,078.84 with £49.01 still remaining Petty Cash. The Bucks lottery yielded £8.00 for November. A list of spare parts & service costs for our Cadet Ride-On Mower has been supplied to Richard to assist when advertising it for sale disposal.

Firework De-Brief: The attendance figures were lower this year at 427, largely resulting to last year's same day Stewkley display being cancelled, providing an extra fillip. We sub-contracted out the bar facility for an agreed site rental charge to the Boot Inn and benefitted by their professional expertise in providing this service facility. The Inflatable Pub & table benches provided by them was very well received by all and made a favourable impression. Well done the Boot, thanks to Russ, Jema and others for their hard work. Our local fairground were also present with a Mini wheel ride and candy floss booth supporting the event. The fireworks procured were louder than we were led to believe and some complaints were received from parents with very young children and an adjoining landowner complaining about the excessive amount of rocket sticks he was having to clear up from his livestock field. Another person was critical about the timetable, even though we advertised that gates wouldn't be open until 6:00 pm with bonfire lighting at 6:45 pm which is the time needed to safely process entrants through the gate. Otherwise, all other comments received were very appreciative and we were largely thanked for putting on a good show. Thanks to all the helpers, volunteers and SMG committee for making this a successful event.



Committee Members:

Both the SMG and the Soulfest Planning Committee's need a couple more members to join them helping serve our community with maintenance of the park and organising fund raising. If you can spare a couple hours a month in the evenings and would like to help, please join us. Contact Nigel Kemal for further details or invitation to our next meetings (Mobile No. 07398 825430).

Future Event dates:

19/04/25 – Easter Egg Hunt
21/06/25 – Soulfest 2025
08/11/25 – Firework Display

100 Club Draw: November – Jean Housley

Next SMG Committee Meeting date is Monday 9th December 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Soulfest 2025:

The Soulfest Planning Committee held their first informal meeting in The Boot Inn and was largely taken up reviewing this year's event. The next meeting date was set for Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Anyone wishing to assist in planning the event is welcome to attend.

Soulbury Millennium Green Trust - 100 Club & Winners in 2024

January:	Oliver Storey	February:	Tony Crack
March:	Jax Crack	April:	Jean Mason
May:	Vic Wright	June:	Charlotte Harris
July:	Oliver Storey	August:	Peggy Stevens
September:	Alice Crack	October:	June Wright
November:	Jean Housley		

Dream Team Meeting – 16/01/25

We have been requested to re-convene "The Dream Team" again to help plan & organise our Village's participation in the national celebrations commemorating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May 2025. A meeting on Thursday 16th January at 7:30 pm in the Boot Inn has been arranged for this purpose and we welcome all newcomers who wish to participate in organising this day to attend.

For further details contact Nigel Kemal – Mob. 07398 825430

Soulbury Millennium Green

100 Club 2025

It is that time of year again when we need to appeal to the supporters of the Soulbury Millennium Green to ask that you continue to support us by (re)joining the 100 Club. Your generosity certainly helped to keep the SMG on an even keel. Thank you so much.

Whether you pay by online banking, cash or cheque please ensure you complete the form and send it to Wendy Taylor at 2 The Mead, Soulbury, LU7 0EG.

Soulbury Millennium Green 100 Club

Application form for 2025

Name(s):.....
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Address:.....
.....Postcode

Tel: Email:

Total remittance: Signature: Date:

Please make cheques payable to: **Soulbury Mill Green**

Online banking: Barclays Bank: sort code: 20:57:44 account no. 73542793

Please use ref: 100 Club+ surname

Entry is £12 per person per entry

It is imperative that you sign this form as your signature will assume you are happy for us to hold your contact details for the sole reason of contacting you with matters relating to the 100 Club. Your application cannot be accepted without it.



Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 18 November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There were 3 members of the public present. No apologies were received. Minutes of meeting on 21 October 2024 were agreed as correct. Matters arising: none. The VE Day celebrations are on 8/5/25 not 5/5/25 as mentioned. Finances were reported on.

Public Participation:

Cllr Wright briefly went through the reasons for this section to be moved early in the meetings. Cllr Jordan went through her report. Clerk will add to website.

MOP brought in the remnants of rockets from the Firework Display that ended up on his property and asked what the Council's proposals were relating to future events and their responsibility towards animals. He was advised that the Millennium Green Committee were already dealing this and plans for next year's event will be advised as soon as there is information to publish.

MOP advised that she has no further information from Bucks Planning relating to her development.

Planning:

23/02025: Winscott Farm, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DJ - Discharge of condition 4 (material of external surface) 5 (section details of window and doors). No comment.

22/03137: Site of former 9 Stewkley Road, Soulbury - Application for approval of details subject to condition 4 (Materials), 5 (Slab levels), 8 (Boundary treatment) and 11 (Energy Statement) of planning approval

22/03137/APP. No comment.

24/03243: Unit 2 and 4, Hollingdon Depot, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DF Change of use of Unit 4 to Plant Hire (Sui Generis) and alterations to the external appearance including replacement cladding, together with works to Unit 2 comprising demolition of existing

detached two storey office, and erection of front extension, alterations to existing building including replacement of cladding and associated works (part retrospective). No comment.

23/A2025: Winscott Farm, Stewley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0BZ - Discharge of Condition 3 (Historic Building Recording Report produced by Albion Archaeology)

24/03239: April Cottage, 14 Chapel Hill, Soulbury, LU7 0BT - Householder application for Hypervolt Electric car charger (retrospective). No comment.

24/02238: Corner Croft, Hollingdon Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DN - Replacement dwelling (self-build) with associated outbuilding. No comment.

Environment

Fountain: Nothing further to report.

Allotments: Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

a. Noted that MP Callum Anderson has accepted our invitation to meet him on 24th January 2025 at 7:30pm in the parish hall. This event will be added to the Parish Magazine.

b. National Assn of Local Councils (NALC) announced a consultation paper on allowing councils to hold remote council meetings.

Millennium Green:

Debrief of Firework Display at SMG committee meeting. Action items included review of type of fireworks used and from where they are purchased. Planning meeting for Soulfest 2025 - Soulfest 2024 layout good, Dream Team to be resurrected, first meeting on 16/1/25 to discuss VE Day celebrations.

Councillors Open Forum

a. Acquisition of Christmas Tree for the village green. Cllrs Wright and Kemal are visiting Liscombe Park to choose tree this week.

b. Cllr Stevens noted his concern for what is being done to the property The Paddocks, Stewley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DJ. A lot of land clearance has occurred, a planning app has been raised for one property and now a lot of soil has been brought to the area.

c. Cllr Stevens asked that the printed version of the parish mag be revived. Clerk to talk to Harlequin Press to discuss pricing and in what format the company requires the artwork.

d. Cllr Bennett asked who and why a company is digging up various small sites around the area and in the village. It is CityFibre fitting fibre cable giving area choices of good fast broadband providers.

e. Cllr Kemal advised of Christingle on 8 Dec and carol singing around village on 22 Dec. He also advised the Rev Wright is running a 'Meet the Rector' evening on 17 Jan 2025. Cllr Kemal was asked to provide a diary for the parish mag of all events in the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 16 December 2024 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward

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CLr Iain Macpherson





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Local Policing

This is the Policing Team for Soulbury now based at Wing, not Winslow anymore.

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM
Wing and Ivinghoe



Inspector
James Davies



Sergeant
David Kuttner



Police Constable
Dionne Edwards



Police Constable
Jake Bye



PCSO
Tina Hobson



PCSO
Connor Smith



Special Constable
Sam Richards

The neighbourhood policing team work with our local communities to make Aylesbury Vale safer

To contact your local Team call **101** or email them on WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk

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Soulbury WI

ANNUAL REPORT FOR SOULBURY W.I. 2024

2024 was a busy and enjoyable year for our members.

We had a good start to the year with January's speaker, Jez Elkin from Greatmoor Recycling. This topic proved of great interest to our members who fired many questions at Jez when he had finished his very interesting talk, with mind boggling statistics. It was an excellent presentation and certainly made us think.

In February we learned about Harness horses, and their use in the past and present. These huge gentle creatures have now almost disappeared after they were no longer needed to pull the canal boats. There are just a few still working in the villages on collection and delivery businesses – much nicer than lorries and vans, we all agreed!

March brought a local resident to talk and demonstrate the history and uses of Reiki – which is used to help with healing, calming, relaxing and improving breathing and mental health. We were encouraged to join in the lavender hand washing, holding hands, deep breathing and relaxing. It was interesting to take part in something very different.

In April when we welcomed a local crime writer, Dave Sivers. A former civil servant, Dave had always had a fascination for crime novels and after a lot of research and in close relationship with local police force, got writing. He has published several books and members purchased these after the meeting.

In May, as usual, we discussed the Resolution for the AGM which was Dental Health something everyone agreed needs massive improvement so it would be hard to object to this topic.

June brought us a truly informed speaker – Adam Smith spoke on The Rothschilds and their links to the Vale of Aylesbury. The family were and are so strongly linked to this area through the properties they built and in some instances still own, although of course many are now managed by the National Trust.

At our member's meeting in July, members brought a lot of hobbies and interests along to share with us, ranging from photography, crocheting, cross stitch to cricket scoring – a wide range indeed. Our outing this year was to Delapre Abbey in Northamptonshire, very beautiful and fascinating place with a lot to discover.

August is our holiday month, and members were welcomed back in September to a local lady who shared with us her fascination for photography on a grand scale. Wendy Taylor is a member of the Royal Photographic Society, and worked hard to get this membership over several years, taking courses and travelling around the world to amass her wonderful collection of photos.

We recently enjoyed a tasty talk in October by John Pearson, a former cheese buyer for M&S. His talk, entitled "Blessed are the Cheesemakers" covered all aspects of his

background in tasting, buying and marketing cheese over his 35 years with M&S which also covered bread and wine – a perfect combination. We were given a tasting and asked to give our opinions, which of course we were happy to do.

November was our Annual Meeting as usual voting for our Committee for the coming year. No changes to the officers, but we welcomed 2 new committee members.

At our December social meeting we will be making Christmas wreaths, Snow globes and jam-jar lanterns accompanied by glass of something seasonal. Our Christmas lunch will be held at The Boot.

We look forward to an interesting and enjoyable 2025. Our programme is complete, and we hope this will encourage more ladies in the village to join us.

2025 WI program

Monthly Meetings held at 2.00 pm 2nd Tuesday each month Soulbury Parish Hall [VISITORS £3.00]

- 14 January ShelterBox - International Disaster Relief
- 11 February Thankful villages
- 11 March Ladies of the Grand Tour
- 08 April Downton Abbey's Connections with Bucks, Berks and Oxon
- 13 May Resolutions / 50th Anniversary Event
- 10 June Dots to DAB - History of radio
- 01 July Members meeting
- 08 July Outing
- 12 August No Meeting
- 09 September Boudicca – Warrior Queen or Rebel
- 14 October A Great Railway Journey
- 16 October Group Meeting – evening – Hosted by Wavendon Belles
- 11 November AGM
- 02 December Christmas Social
- 09 December Christmas Lunch

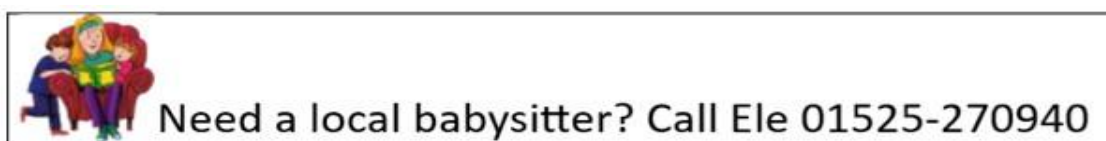
Parish Council Email Addresses

Due to GDPR regulations the Clerk and Parish Councillors should not be using their own personal email addresses for parish council business. Therefore, the following email addresses have been set up for everyone to use when communicating with the parish council.

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Wendy Taylor
Victor Wright
Maurice Cross
Alan Stevens
Margaret Rowe
John Bennet
Nigel Kemal
Salina Darbyshire-Mackay

This information will also appear on the parish website.



Advertising Rates

To advertise in this magazine the rates are as follows:

	Annual	Monthly
Full page (portrait)	£200	£30
Half Page (landscape)	£100	£20
Quarter Page (Portrait)	£50	£10
Small Ads (landscape)	£33	£5

Ads will appear in the newsletter and on the parish website.

sdm@soulburyparish.co.uk

Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council

12 November 2024

Council reminds garden waste subscribers of upcoming service suspension

Buckinghamshire Council is reminding subscribers to its garden waste service that collections will soon be suspended for a 6-week period. This is an annual suspension that comes in during the winter when garden waste is at a minimal.

The last possible collection date for garden waste is Friday 13 December (normal collection days apply) and collections will resume from week commencing Monday 27 January.

Thomas Broom, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment, said:

"Even though the weather can still seem mild, the suspension dates are planned out well in advance to match the period when garden waste is typically at its lowest. During the suspension period, we train staff and redirect crews to allow for the increased amount of general waste and recycling over the Christmas holidays.

"Residents who need to dispose of garden waste during the suspension period can still do so at any of our 10 Household Recycling Centres free of charge. All sites are open 9am to 4pm."

To find out which days your local Household Recycling Centre is open and further details of what can and cannot be taken to a centre, visit: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling

Thomas added: "Garden waste collected from homes across Buckinghamshire or taken to Household Recycling Centres is processed locally into high-quality compost. Residents can buy [Community Compost](#) at all of our Household Recycling Centres. All the proceeds from the sales of the Community Compost are set aside for good causes with an annual funding award expected in April 2025."

For more information on changes to recycling and waste services over the Christmas period, please visit: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/changes-to-recycling-and-waste-services-christmas