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Soulbury News

## Parish Information

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### Thames Valley Police

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This information will also appear on the parish website.

## Soulbury Village Dates for your diary November 2025 onwards

|                           |            |                                                |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 2nd December      | 2:00 pm    | WI Meeting (Parish Hall).                      |
| Thursday 4th December     | 2:30 pm    | Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall).            |
| Saturday 6th December     | 7.00 pm    | Old Time Music Hall (Parish Hall).             |
| Sunday 7th December       | 10:00 am   | Decorating Xmas Tree (Village Green).          |
| Sunday 7th December       | 11:30 am   | Parish Communion (All Saints Church - RDW).    |
| Tuesday 9th December      | 10:30 am   | SMG Meeting (Parish Hall).                     |
| Tuesday 9th December      | 2:30 pm    | WI Members Christmas Lunch.                    |
| Thursday 11th December    | 6:30 pm    | Village Carol Singing (Meet at Beacon).        |
| Sunday 14th December      | 4:00 pm    | Christingle Service (All Saints Church - RPR). |
| Monday 15th December      | 7:30 pm    | Parish Council Meeting (Parish Hall).          |
| Thursday 18th December    | 2:30 pm    | Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall).            |
| Sunday 21st December      | 11:30 am   | Brunch Church (All Saints Church – RDW)).      |
| Wednesday 24th Dec.       | 11:00 pm   | Midnight Communion (Wing Church).              |
| Thursday 25th December    | 11:30 am   | Christmas Day Service (All Saints Church).     |
| Sunday 28th December      | 11:30 am   | Parish Communion (All Saints Church - RPR).    |
| Thursday 1st January 2026 | 2:30 pm    | Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall).            |
| Sunday 4th January        | 11:30 am   | Parish Communion (All Saints Church - RWLT).   |
| Sunday 11th January       | 11:30 am   | Parish Communion (All Saints Church - RPR).    |
| Tuesday 13th January      | 10:30 am   | SMG Meeting (Parish Hall).                     |
| Tuesday 13th January      | 2:00 pm    | WI Meeting (Parish Hall).                      |
| Thursday 15th January     | 2:30 pm    | Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall)             |
| Sunday 18th January       | 1:30 am    | Brunch Church (All Saints Church - RWLT).      |
| Sunday 18th January       | 9:30/12.00 | Soulbury Breakfast (Parish Hall).              |
| Monday 19th January       | 7:30 pm    | Parish Council Meeting (Parish Hall).          |
| Wednesday 21st Jan.       | 7:30 pm    | PCC Meeting (TBA).                             |
| Sunday 25th January       | 11:30 am   | Parish Communion (All Saints Church- RPR).     |
| Thursday 29th January     | 2:30 pm    | Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall).            |
| Saturday 31st January     | TBA        | Safari Supper (Various Houses & P/Hall).       |
| Saturday 4th April        | TBA        | Easter Egg Hunt (SMG).                         |
| Friday 17th April         | TBA        | WI Pudding night. Lots of puddings on offer.   |
| Sat/Sun 9th/10th May      | TBA        | Open Gardens (TBA).                            |

The next Soulbury Breakfast will be on Jan 18th. We do hope you can all come for a full English breakfast for £7.50, or a Continental breakfast if you prefer, come and meet your neighbours.

Should anyone need to contact a vicar our Team Rector & Team Vicar are:

**Rev. Dominic Wright**

Tel. No: 01296 688593 / 07732 554611

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**Rev. Will Lyon Tupman**

Mob. No: 07940 795026

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### 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.

### 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.

# *Soulbury Safari Supper*

**Saturday 31st January 2026**

**£25pp per ticket  
Reduced to £15pp if hosting**

**Take your own drink with you to each hosting house.**

**Pudding served in the village hall where we will all meet up.**

**Any offers for puddings will be gratefully received.**

**To book your place, please email:  
[soulburysafarisupper@hotmail.com](mailto:soulburysafarisupper@hotmail.com)**

**Places confirmed via email after receipt of payment.**

**Dietary requirements or allergies must be advised  
at time of booking.**

## A Christmas & New Year message from Rev'd Will (Team Vicar)

How time flies! It only seems like ten minutes since we celebrated last Christmas and the New Year – and yet, here we now find ourselves a whole year further along down the line.

What does the Christmas season look like for you? You might come together with family or friends, from both near and far... maybe you'll come to Church, for one of our special Services... and perhaps there's that long list of preparations you need to do in time – including all those presents and catering arrangements! Whatever your Christmas looks like, I do hope it's a time of great joy and peace for you.

Christmas is all about light in the darkness. Many people and places in the world today are living in darkness – be it through poverty, warfare, or other unimaginable circumstances. And yet, we also see glimpses of that light shining through the darkness – in people's generosity, random acts of kindness, and making every effort to look after the environment.

In his Gospel, St. John writes: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it". At Christmas, the Church proclaims this message of hope, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Again in John's Gospel, Jesus says: God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not perish, but may have everlasting life. Christians believe God sent His only Son into the world at that first Christmas, and that through Him we are brought back into a loving relationship with God – the God who made us all, and the God who loves us all.

As we look towards the New Year, I think we all have an opportunity to dedicate our lives afresh to love and service, of God and one another. Inspired by the God of love, we have a new opportunity to reflect and share God's love to all those we meet, bringing hope to those in need, shining out as lights in the world today.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas, and a peaceful, prosperous New Year. I hope to see you in Church – you are all so very welcome, in what is your home – at Christmas, and all through the year!

## All Saints Church – Soulbury (Nov. Report)

The specially arranged Benefice **"In Memoriam Service"** at St. Nicholas Church, Cublington was well attended and was a very moving service with candles lit to remember those departed loved ones throughout the Benefice. The **Remembrance Day Service** on Sunday 9th November was led by Revd Pam Reeves with Jane reading the names of the fallen and after the two minutes silence was observed, the laying of Wreaths by Soulbury Parish Chairman Councillor Vic Wright and Andrea Hamilton for Soulbury W.I. completed the outside part of the Service at the War Memorial. The Service then moved into the Church with Pam leading a well-attended congregation of local residents in the concluding part with hymns, a sermon and intercessions. After the dismissal, refreshments were available at the back of the church providing hot tea, coffee and a variety of biscuits. It was very pleasing to see so many from our community stay and socialise in fellowship afterwards.

As we enter Advent & Christmas season, Carol Singing around the Village is on Thursday 11th December, meeting at the Beacon on the Green at 6:30 pm and ending up at the Boot Inn as normal. We intend stopping at various homes/locations along the route to bring the Spirit of Christmas to all 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 benefit with us stopping outside and singing a Christmas Carol or two, please contact

Nigel Kemal – Churchwarden below with your name/address details:

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

Our Christingle Service is to be held on Sunday 14th December at 4:00 pm when we intend to switch on the lights to our LED Christmas Tree and illuminate the Church entrance and pathway. Following the Service, we traditionally serve refreshments of warm mulled wine, fruit squash, mince pies and warm fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of our services during the Advent & Christmas period. All of us at All Saints' Church 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



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## Your local Accounting Team

## Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 17th November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There was 1 member of the public present. Apologies received from Cllr Cross. Minutes of meeting on 20th October 2025 were agreed as correct. Matters arising: Defib training. All monies paid and received noted by all and Cllr Wright signed the October 2025 bank statement.

### Planning:

**25/3087:** Willow Barn, Partridge Hill, Great Brickhill, Bucks MK17 9BH - creation of new 4.5m wide access into existing paddock with crossover across grass verge. No objection.

**25/5292:** Alders Farm Trout Fishery, Ivy Lane, Great Brickhill, Bucks, MK17 9AH - agricultural storage building. No objection.

Cllr Stevens asked that last month's decision on the work at the Old Stables in Dean Farm Lane be changed from 'Approved' to 'No objection' as a parish council cannot approve an application for planning.

The clerk established that with the new planning system we have to reregister on the new system to gain access to it. She will send the link to everyone in the hope we can get back to business as usual for planning application discussions.

### Environment

**a. Fountain** Awaiting Land Registry response. The clerk wrote to the solicitor to chase what action they have taken. Nothing it appears but they did say they would follow up for us and, again, nothing has been forthcoming.

**b. Allotments** Allotment manager advised all ploholders of the increase and there has been no adverse comments. Problems with the entrance as large vehicles are still using it to the detriment of the ground. Ploholders have been asked to curtail the use of the drive to the allotments, which is being ignored so locking the gate is being considered. Clerk asked to compose a letter for Allotment Manager to distribute.

**c. Millennium Green** Firework night was a success but due to a sell out the committee was subject to problems never encountered before. A debrief has been held.

**d. Children's Play Area,** Mount Pleasant Grass is growing well. The moles seem to like it as it appears their molehills will have now to be sorted. One of the fences around the area needs some work to stabilize it. Cllr Morgan offered to fix it.

**County Councillor** Cllr Jordan was not present.

### Correspondence and parish matters:

**a.** Parish Council Action Plan: The clerk will add the work involved in instigating training for defib use. Cllr Wright asked it to be allocated to him.

**b.** The clerk read out an email from Affinity Water relating to the Grand Union Canal Transfer moving water from the Midlands to the South East. There will be Phase 2 Consultation in February 2026 and as we are a key parish in the scheme they want to ensure awareness. <https://guctransfer.co.uk/> for more details.

**c.** The Clerk advised that she had contacted Cityfibre regarding the way the corner of High Road and Stewkley Road had been left. She highlighted the need for grass seed and new daffodil bulbs as clearly they have all be dug up. Cityfibre are happy sort this for us but wondered if they could supply what is needed for the parish to replant the bulbs. It was decided that the parish would do it so we ensured it was done properly. Clerk will contact Cityfibre to arrange.

**Councillors Open Forum** Nothing brought forward.

**Public Participation** Nothing brought forward.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 15th December 2025 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.**

**Meeting dates to financial year end: 19/1/26, 16/2/26, 16/3/26**

## **Soulbury Millennium Green – November Report**

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The November SMG meeting after the usual business of approving the previous month's minutes and any matters arising was largely taken up by discussing our recent Fireworks Night event de-brief. Jo Nicholas informed the meeting that we had received £8.50 from the Bucks Lottery and our finances appear to be in a healthy position at present. It was reported that as no one else has come forward to take the position of Secretary and Treasurer, she was still willing to continue with assistance in this position until we are able to appoint a replacement. She was also seeking to investigate moving our bank account due to our on-going issues with our current bank in changing mandates. Alan has been pursuing this without success over the last four months. We urgently need to find a replacement Secretary & Treasurer as soon as possible and seek expressions of interest from the Soulbury community for this role.

Nigel reported that the Sunday Payback Team have now completed the work on our Oak Sleeper benches by the standing stones with new timbers and firmly resetting the metal endplates into the ground with concrete. Work on refurbishing the round metal seated tree area is commencing and will be completed in the coming weeks.

**8th November – Fireworks & Bonfire De-brief:** Our event proved to be in great demand and consequently all our allocated tickets sold out by the Thursday prior to the event, causing us crowd control issues on the night. The demand appears to have been compounded by our event being reposted on surrounding village school social media sites and a couple of outlying regions cancelling fireworks displays and laser light shows on this date. We seemed to attract numerous people from Marston Mortaine who had their low noise Fireworks Display cancelled and were attracted to Soulbury by our low noise Fireworks Display! As we were limited to comply with our local authority TEN's Licensing to under 500 persons on site, a large number that turned up without pre-paid tickets had to be turned away, including many from our local community. When it was apparent we would have an excess demand, action was taken to publicise that the event was sold out to prevent as many as possible without tickets turning up at the gate. We sincerely apologise for this unfortunate scenario and will investigate alternative arrangements for future events to prevent a repeat.

On the positive side, the low noise fireworks received a positive response from families with young children and those on the autistic spectrum. No complaints were received by us about excessive noise levels by our local villagers, farmers, horse & animal owning community. Many thanks to Jo & Wendy who took the flack managing ticket entry plus Vic, Reece & June who supervised gate security and managed the pressure situation wonderfully. Also, special thanks to Richard Caplan and Andrew Wood who stepped in at short notice to act as Pyro-technicians in letting off fireworks giving us a good display when Phil, our regular technician cancelled just prior to the event. Many thanks also to Jean & Adrian Hunt (Soulbury Cricket Club) for manning and organising the bar sales. Also, our appreciation to Michele Nicholas for stepping in to cover for our required First Aider and Scott Isaacs for providing a PA system.

Also, many thanks to David Hartup & Sheilpa Panchal for assisting Geoff on Barbecues, providing very good burger & hotdog faire. Not forgetting Alan & Carla for undertaking hot refreshments serving up hot chocolate, tea & coffee.

Well done all!

Other aspects arising from our De-brief meeting were listed as detailed:

- \*Bar received many requests for Warm Mulled Wine, which we will consider in future.
- \*A second possibly smaller Griddle Barbecue with hob side burner would assist.
- \*The Boot Blow-Up Bar was missed by our locals and we will investigate again.
- \*Our laying of electric extension cables need to be better managed and we will seek to provide a secondary spur supply box point behind the tented area.
- \*It was suggested that a couple of Hand Sanitizer Stations is required, by toilets & by Food Tent, for public use.
- \*Road Traffic Management has room for improvement.
- \*A need to improve communication & security on site has been identified and purchasing four walkie talkie radio sets is to be investigated.
- \*The Children's Play area needs lighting or closed off to prevent access.

Alex Fontana, a recently recruited volunteer, unfortunately was unable to be with us due to a car accident and was in hospital. We wish Alex a speedy recovery.

Due to still awaiting a final invoice and awaiting the return & sale of surplus bar & food stocks we are unable to declare our final definitive financial figures for this event, but can confidently state that we expect a final overall

profit around £2700 to £2800. Many thanks to all in our community who contributed financially, assisted with their voluntary help and supported this very successful fund-raising event.

100 Club Draw: No. 16 = November Draw Winner – Chris Atkins

The next SMG Management Committee

meeting is on **Tuesday 9th December 10:30 am at the Parish Hall.**

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## Soulbury Millennium Green Trust - 100 Club & Winners in 2025

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| January:   | Wendy Taylor   | February: | Tony Crack     |
| March:     | Heather Isaacs | April:    | Chrissie Dixon |
| May:       | Jean Mason     | June:     | Richard Caplan |
| July:      | Gilly Beach    | August:   | Karen Wood     |
| September: | Jean Mason     | October:  | Barbara Clamp  |
| November:  | Chris Atkins   |           |                |

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## Stapleford Bridge Charity - Supporting Soulbury Parish Residents

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The Stapleford Bridge Charity, rooted in Soulbury Parish since the 18th Century, continues its tradition of helping residents. Each Christmas, the charity provides festive hampers to elderly members of the community. If you or someone you know in Soulbury Parish is struggling financially and not currently receiving a hamper, please contact Ian Parrott on **01525 270 234** or email **Staplefordtrustees@gmail.com**

Please let us know if you have previously received one and no longer feel you need to have one.

In response to the rising cost of living, the charity also offers financial assistance to residents of any age who are struggling. All enquiries are treated with confidentiality.

If you have ideas on how the charity can further support those in need, the trustees would love to hear from you. Please email us at **Staplefordtrustees@gmail.com**

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## Music Hall at the Parish Hall

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This year I have been persuaded to hold our Village Singalong once more. However, this year I thought we should ring the changes somewhat and introduce some variety. So I am proposing an old time music hall similar to "The Good old Days" for those of you who remember that program. We are aiming at Saturday the 6th December at 7pm with our usual supper choices.

Tickets will be £20 in Cash. If you would like to take part please contact Alan. (details in this magazine)

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## Electrical work Required?

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Do you have an electrical job to be done at home? Replacing/moving lights and sockets or is it just an annoying fault you need to sort? Or has your house failed its electrical certification? I am a retired Electrical Engineer with a life time of this sort of domestic electrical work and much more. No call out charges just an hourly flat rate of £20. Give me a call and I'll pop round to have a look, no charge.

Dennis Scott 07825835616 Dens52@msn.com

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Tina Hobson**

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**www.thamesvalley.police.uk**

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## Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward

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**Cllr Jilly Jordan**



**Cllr Caroline Cornell**

## Soulbury WI

The meeting opened at 2pm with the singing of Jerusalem.

Attendance was sadly much depleted.

General Club business and the AGM items were discussed.

Final arrangements were made for our customary members meeting on the 2nd December with festive fun and crafts including wreath making and 'Christmas in a teacup'.

Details of The Members Only Christmas lunch on the 9th were announced and final menu choices gathered. Any outstanding payments should be made to Chris asap please.

Tea and refreshments were served.

The raffle was drawn and the meeting ended at 4:00pm.

Visitors are welcome to attend our meetings. If you wish to come along, please just let us know by using the contact phone numbers published in the Soulbury newsletter or on <https://soulburyparish.co.uk/womens-institute> and you will be warmly welcomed.

### Soulbury WI 2026 program

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| 13 January  | Resolutions                                                                                                                                       |
| 10 February | <b>Wateraid</b> - Change the world through clean water, decent toilets, and good hygiene. <b>This will be an open meeting - £3 - All welcome!</b> |
| 10 March    | <b>A cycle through History</b> - Andy Tennet                                                                                                      |
| 14 April    | <b>Beyond swastikas and potato peel pies: The occupation of Jersey in World War II.</b> - Hilary Erenler                                          |
| 17 April    | <b>WI Pudding night.</b> Lots of puddings on offer, details to be advised.                                                                        |
| 12 May      | An old man climbing Kilimanjaro - Ken Brazier                                                                                                     |
| 9 June      | <b>My life as a film &amp;TV extra/anyone can do it</b> - Robert Brewer                                                                           |
| 7 July      | Members social meeting                                                                                                                            |
| 14 July     | Outing-TBC                                                                                                                                        |
| August      | No Meeting                                                                                                                                        |
| 8 September | <b>An Authors Journey</b> - Morgen Bailey                                                                                                         |
| 13 October  | <b>Inside prison</b> - Sara Selby                                                                                                                 |
| 10 November | AGM                                                                                                                                               |
| 1 December  | Members Christmas social - Wreaths & Crafts                                                                                                       |
| 8 December  | Christmas Lunch                                                                                                                                   |

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## All Saints' Church, Soulbury



The community has been worshipping at All Saint's Church on the High Road for 800 years.

All are welcome to worship on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month, usually at 11.30am

The church also welcomes families at important times in your lives, such as marriage, baptism and funeral services - speak to Rev Dom Wright to find out more.

Your donations, regular or one off are gratefully received to help keep our Church open for this and future generations.

Parish Giving page.

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## **Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council**

11 November 2025

# **Future-proofing the health and wellbeing of Buckinghamshire residents**

Supporting residents to live healthy and happy lives whatever their age or circumstance, both now and in the future, is the focus of the Director of Public Health's Annual Report (DPHAR) 'Tomorrow's World – Health & Wellbeing in Buckinghamshire in 2045' which was approved by Cabinet today (Tuesday 11 November).

The theme of this year's report reflects Buckinghamshire's changing population and the increases we are seeing in many health conditions in the county. It highlights the need for action that is targeted, preventative and partnership focused, to address the challenges and issues this will bring.

Data shows that over the next 20 years Buckinghamshire's population will grow by 10.8%, more than the national figure of 9.2%. Local housing growth, as outlined in our draft Local Plan, will increase this figure further. The proportion of older people (age 65+) will increase the most (by 33%), meaning an additional 36,000 older people by 2044. In the same time period, the number of those aged 90+ will double, to 12,300. In comparison, the number of young people, (17 and under) will drop by 5.6%, meaning 7,000 fewer children in the local population.

Like many parts of the UK, the number of years that on average people will live in good health is projected to worsen and poor health continues to more negatively impact the lives of residents in some particular parts of our county.

These changes will bring a variety of challenges including increased demands on health and social care services and an increase in residents not in paid work due to ill health. To address these challenges and proactively shape a healthier future for all residents, the report makes a wide range of recommendations and acknowledges that responsibility for delivering them falls across a range of partners. Recognising that promoting good health and preventing illness is something that needs to be addressed at all stages of life, the report focuses on three key components – Start Well, Live Well and Age Well. Each stage comes with its own unique opportunities and challenges which are highlighted in the report with actions and aims set out according to life stage.

Isobel Darby is Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing. She said: "Our residents are at the heart of everything we do. Our aim is to safeguard their health and wellbeing now and tomorrow. This report is a powerful reminder that the decisions and actions we make today shape our future and I thank our Director of Public Health, David Munday and his team for pulling out these key themes and priorities to foster healthy lives in Buckinghamshire now and for the future.

"By focusing on prevention, targeting inequalities, and working together with partners, we can build a future where all our residents are able to live healthily and happily at all stages of their lives."

David Munday is Buckinghamshire Council's Director of Public Health and author of the report. He said: "Previous annual reports have quite rightly focused on particular themes, such as heart health or mental health and these remain important priorities for us. However, this report takes a broader view by looking at overall health and wellbeing in the county and how it is changing over time. Whilst it shows the challenges that lie ahead, many of these are preventable if we take the right action now. There are recommendations relevant to residents at all stages of life, and ultimately the aim is to ensure we are improving the health of all our residents so we can all enjoy healthy and flourishing lives."

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## **Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council**

12 November 2025

# **Residents reminded of upcoming suspension for garden waste subscriptions**

Buckinghamshire Council is reminding subscribers to its garden waste service that collections will soon be suspended for the usual 6-week winter period. This annual suspension takes place during the winter when garden waste is at a minimum.

Garden waste collections are suspended between Monday 15 December 2025 and Friday 23 January 2026, with the service resuming from Monday 26 January 2026 on usual collection days.

Ade Osibogun, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment, said:

"Our garden waste suspension dates are set out to match the period when garden waste is typically at its lowest. During the suspension period, we carry out other tasks including staff training 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 a Household Recycling Centre free of charge."

To find out which days our Household Recycling Centres are open and further details of what can and cannot be taken to a centre, visit: [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling)

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 Household Recycling Centres. Proceeds from the sales support good causes in Buckinghamshire.



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## Buckinghamshire Lottery

### **Buckinghamshire Lottery: Win big, give back and make a difference!**

Which good cause will benefit from your random act of kindness? That's the question from Buckinghamshire Council to residents this Random Act of Kindness Day (17 February 2025).

With Buckinghamshire Lottery, Buckinghamshire residents can make a difference to their community by supporting local good causes while also potentially winning big.

By purchasing a ticket for just £1 per week, players not only have the opportunity to win cash prizes including the weekly £25,000 jackpot, but 60p of every ticket sale goes directly towards supporting local good causes. From animal charities, scout groups, charities providing support for health issues like cancer, mental health and Alzheimer's, local food banks, sport clubs and youth projects – there's a good cause close to everybody's heart.

Buckinghamshire Lottery offers a 1 in 56 chance of winning – much better odds than the National Lottery. Recent winners include Mrs P who won £250 last month while supporting the Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Service - South Buckinghamshire.

Diana Chadwick, Operations Director - RSASS commented: "RSASS has been proud to be a good cause supported by Buckinghamshire Lottery since 2021, benefiting from essential community support.

The funds raised through the lottery have directly contributed to expanding our therapeutic services and outreach programs, helping survivors of sexual violence and their families access the compassionate care they need. Thanks to this vital funding we've been able to extend our counselling hours, and reach more individuals across South Buckinghamshire who deserve safety, healing, and empowerment.

Every ticket purchased truly makes a difference in transforming lives and strengthening our community."

Last year, over £66,000 was raised for good causes registered with Buckinghamshire Lottery, and nearly £28,000 was raised in addition to this for Buckinghamshire Lottery's Community Fund which supports even more local projects and community groups in the county.

"We're thrilled by the success of Buckinghamshire Lottery," said Arif Hussain, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Communities. "It offers residents the chance to win cash prizes while also supporting local causes that make a real difference in our community. By purchasing a ticket, you not only have the chance to win big, but you're also helping to fund important projects and organisations that enhance the lives of those in our community. It's truly a win-win situation."

Arif added: "We have 381 local good causes registered, so there's plenty of choice for people when choosing who they want to support. All proceeds from the lottery go towards supporting local projects and organisations that make a positive impact on the community. Whether it's supporting a local sports team, helping to preserve a historic building, or funding youth programmes, Buckinghamshire Lottery is an easy way for residents to make a difference."

There's already over 1,500 active players across Buckinghamshire who helped raise nearly £94,000 last year for local good causes – and you could join them.

To purchase a ticket and support local causes, go to: [buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk](https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk)

If you're part of a local good cause looking to boost your fundraising in 2025, you can sign up online for free. There are no set up costs or admin fees, just a great way to raise money and to give your supporters a chance to win themselves. As a registered good cause you'll get your own customisable lottery webpage, funds sent directly to your account every month, great prizes for your supporters, marketing help and materials to help you promote your good cause through Buckinghamshire Lottery, and weekly reports via email updates.

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