

with last year's VE celebration there will be live music, hot food and traditional games. There may well be Maypole dancing and participation from local schools.

Cllr. Barry Dickens,
Chairman, Bucklebury Parish Council

News from the Parish Council

Traffic

The Parish Council has two teams of excellent volunteers who deploy the Parish Speed Indicator Device (SID) and the Community Speed Watch (CSW) equipment. Both are used to educate motorists and are encouraged by both WBC and TVP as local community action to address the menace of the 11% of motorists that drive at 40mph and above in our 30mph zones.

We now have records of over 1.37 million vehicles on our roads from SID and have deployed CSW 24 times. Two new locations have been added for SID at Hillfoot. Since last reporting we have sadly recorded a vehicle exceeding 100 mph in Burdens Heath on a Tuesday morning so the reckless minority continue to blight our roads. TVP have so far issued over 500 letters through CSW to educate drivers exceeding the recording limit in your Parish and advised us that 10 of these vehicles had no MOT and 5 had no Tax.

These community actions do make a difference to your safety and the volunteers are doing a great job in conducting these activities throughout the year on your behalf. We welcome new volunteers to join us at any time so please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to find out more.

We have visited a local Parish to see an automated CSW recording system as we look for more ways to help deliver this service. In addition the Parish Council have applied and been awarded over £6,000 to purchase a permanent SID for Scotland Corner in Chapel Row. This project is currently held up as the WBC policy on such items has not been released and has been in production for some time.

We were consulted at short notice by a consultant from WSP in Glasgow acting for WBC regarding the roll out of 20mph zones in the Parish ahead of the public consultation. Sadly it appears our feedback resulted in no changes and these BPC discussions were shared with those most impacted in response to a public request for the parish

Council's view. The findings are due for release mid-February 2026. Sadly virtually all of the proposals will have no impact on the speeding issue our community faces on its through roads that BPC are prioritising.

Cllr. David Southgate—Bucklebury Parish Council

Grit Bins

The Parish Council has maintained the Grit Bins in the Parish since 2019 and have so far distributed over 5 tonnes of Rock Salt (BS 3247) over that period. Bins were topped up using all remaining BPC stocks ahead of the recent snow and ice. More stocks have been ordered. A small handful (around 20g) can treat about 1 square meter although more might be required for heavy snow or freezing rain. The material is only for public road and footpath use please. If you use or live near a grit bin please report any that are under half full to the Parish Clerk.

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Common Clearing and Parish Litter Pick

**Come to help clear litter from the paths
of Bucklebury**

Saturday 28th March 2026

Meet Bucklebury Memorial Hall

2.00pm

Equipment will be provided

SKIP at the Memorial Hall

Free refreshments afterwards

“Keep Bucklebury Beautiful”