



# ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026



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# A message from the Chair of Burnham Parish Council

## Councillor Marie Hammon



Welcome everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting of 2026; it is wonderful to see you all here. This year has truly flown by with many successful projects and groundbreaking achievements that are now nearing their completion.

Firstly I have to thank our Parish Clerk, Adam Killea, for his outstanding ability to spearpoint vital projects and major schemes that have emerged through the course of this council year; he has demonstrated a keen eye on prioritising certain issues and rapidly achieving goals. I also wish to take this opportunity to congratulate our former 'Assistant Clerk', Laiba, on becoming our new 'Deputy Clerk' on the successful completion of her CILCA qualification which enables

her to carry out all the clerking duties in Adam's absence. It is a truly remarkable achievement, and the first time that Burnham Parish Council have had two fully qualified clerks when many councils are lucky to have only one! I also wish to thank our Finance Officer, Rupi, the longest serving member in the office, for her continuing high work ethic and dedication to her vital role. Finally I wish to welcome our newest member of the office, Zishan, our recently appointed Communications and Administration Officer, who has very quickly settled into the office with his highly skilled ability to work on social media, marketing and website platforms, he is proving to be a true asset.

One of the highest achievements of Burnham Parish Council has been the approval of the Burnham Neighbourhood Plan at referendum on the 29th April 2026. The plan was approved by 91% of those who turned out to vote in the referendum. It will guide how Burnham develops over the next 20 years and safeguard our green spaces, housing, roads, footpaths and local services and ensure an enhanced quality of life and wellbeing of our community. One benefit of adopting the plan would be the increase of any funds arising from developments. I would like to thank Cllr Carol Linton, who has worked very hard on producing the work with me since 2018, and Adam for his relentless determination to drive the plan through to completion, and all other contributors.

Future developments on any land in Burnham is a crucial issue and one that is taken very seriously by BPC. We have very significant concerns about the possible development of up to 800 houses on land west of Lent Rise Road. We have always believed in protecting our Green Belt. We have, however, engaged with the developers to ensure the protection of our community should this development go ahead.

At this point I would like to thank our wonderful Groundsmen Tim, Tom and Barry for all their hard work this year; they have kept the grounds safe, clean and well maintained; the shrubs and flowerbeds are neat and attractive.

We relish their input into projects and future plans, the new arrival of trees shall enhance the beauty and nature side of the grounds. The wildlife shall continue to thrive in our parks. Congratulations also on a Certificate of Merit in the Best Kept Village Competition; we were in the 'Champions Only' Category (as we won the title last year), so it was a great achievement! Another achievement is the work on our 'Knowledge Stream' at St Peter's Close. Cllr John Carey and Deputy Clerk Laiba, with our groundsmen, have worked very hard on rejuvenating this area. In 2025 BPC received funding from the Beeches Community Board to support this project. In November, Burnham Rotary, and several councillors, including Cllrs Pat Bird, Terry Gamble and Judith Foster as well as volunteers, attended on the day to show their support. The project focuses on enhancing the area with flowers and shrubs and thereby creating a calm and tranquil space.

Lent Green Lane Pond has at long last been reclaimed by our community, after an extremely convoluted period of time, by reaching an amicable agreement with Buckinghamshire Council. Major work has been started on cleaning up the pond, cutting trees and trimming the bushes and greenery, by Bucks Council and BPC. Our thanks to Cllr Cole Caesar for his support in his capacity as a County and Parish Councillor, with liaising with Bucks. Our groundsmen have been very proactive on rejuvenating this area. Local residents are also helping through 'Friends of the Pond'. This local asset dates back to before 1781, and was owned by the Vicar of St Peter's Church, the Reverend Thomas Carter, on the 1838 Tithe map. Burnham has a rich history. We are planning to hold a 're-opening event' on the 13th June with the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, The Countess Howe, in attendance, we look forward to seeing you there!

We are very excited by our new project of creating a tree-lined avenue across Burnham Park with solar lighting. We think that it shall be a very beautiful asset that will attract birds and other wildlife; thanks to Tim for his advice on the choice of trees. I would also like to thank Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross for her work in publishing the BPC booklet 'Healthy Walks around Burnham', which beautifully illustrates several routes around our parish. We are also very proud of our installation of CCTV cameras, working with Buckinghamshire Council, supporting the regeneration and future of the village centre. Thanks to Cllr Alexa Collins and Adam for their hard work on this scheme. We have had excellent feedback from Thames Valley Police on their usefulness. I want to thank Cllr Graham Mummery for his support in providing bleed kits, which have been placed in the defibrillator cabinets, installed in the village centre last May. Thanks to Thames Valley Heartbeat for the funding of the defibrillators and for the support from local organisations; this was a magnificent feat and one that BPC can be very proud of.

I now wish to thank our General Manager, Sharon, for her excellent hard work and leadership in Burnham Park Hall. The Halls staff have worked together well this year, morale is high and the success of the halls is a tribute to their loyalty and enthusiasm. I also want to thank our former caretaker Neil, who left a few months ago, he was an excellent team member, who showed great care and detail in his work. Also our longest serving former member of the bar team Tracey, who always greeted our customers warmly; also I want to pay tribute to Nikki, who has recently moved on to further her career after a very long service; there were many compliments from residents due to her efficiency and welcoming smile in reception. I also want to welcome our newly appointed Assistant Manager to Burnham Park Hall. This is a new role which shall enhance the efficiency of the halls. Thank you to all the Burnham Park Team who deserve a very big thank you.

There has been many successful events this past year; several great band nights; the sparkling Christmas market event and switch on which was heavily supported; the Halloween event and Fawltly Towers Dinner. My favourite was the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day last May; it bridged across generations from primary school children to war veterans, and taking prime place was our 102 year old veteran Dick Moon.

The first 'Theatre in the Park' event in the summer was also very well received, our front green provided an ideal stage for the show. I also want to thank Sharon for the lovely Heritage wall, where we are now displaying The Burnham Village Tapestry and two fine oil paintings: the legendary Dr Maxwell Summers (Burnham GP from 1926 to the early 1970s); and the highly acclaimed Burnham fireman Mr Ron Allder (retired 1968 after 34 years service).

Finally I wish to thank the Vice Chairman Cllr John Carey for all his support over the past year; he has shown great fortitude and determination in ensuring that BPC is successfully moving forward with plans for the future. I am grateful to the Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs for all their sterling work this past year; these include Cllrs Carol Linton, Ekta Kaur Ross, Paul Bunce, Terry Gamble, Jackie Slater and Graham Mummery. I also wish to thank all our Councillors for their hard work and contribution to our council. I especially wish to thank our more recent Councillors, Jo Sommer, Zoe Gardiner and Jane Wallis for their interest and passion in supporting the continuing success of trade in Burnham High Street. For the first time in many years we have a full complement of 19 Councillors.

We have many future projects to look forward to, including the completion of the Padel Courts at the GPMG, some amazing new design projects from students at Burnham Grammar School and the expanding food menu in our cafe, and other things too numerous to mention. I am very proud of our lively, innovative, force for the future, where Burnham Parish Council is making its considerable mark on the Buckinghamshire map. Thank you

Cllr Marie Hammon

#### Burnham Parish Councillors (19)

##### Burnham Beeches Ward (8)

Cllr Pat Bird

Cllr Paul Bunce

Cllr Cole Caesar \*

Cllr Alexa Collins

Cllr Paul Kelly \*

Cllr Carol Linton

Cllr Jackie Slater

Cllr Jane Wallis

##### Burnham Church Ward (4)

Cllr Marie Hammon

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross

Cllr Rukhsana Pasha

Cllr Zoe Gardiner

##### Lent Rise Ward (7)

Cllr Inder Birdi

Cllr John Carey

Cllr Judith Foster

Cllr Graham Mummery

Cllr Terry Gamble

Cllr Carole Doel

Cllr Jo Sommer

\* = Parish councillors who also serve as Buckinghamshire Councillors alongside Cllr Kirsten Ashman

# An Introduction to Burnham Parish Council

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## Council Priorities—2025-2029 Strategic Plan

1. Community safety and crime reduction.
2. A pleasant and sustainable environment.
3. A high level of services.
4. Planning for the future.
5. A community hub.

## Councillors

Burnham has 19 Parish Councillors, listed on page 4. who are elected or co-opted for a term of 4 years; an election took place in May 2025, and the next full election is due in May 2029.

New councillors in 2025: Cole Caesar and Inder Birdi (elected May 2025)

Carole Doel, Zoe Gardiner, Jo Sommer and Jane Wallis (co-opted July 2025)

Councillors are responsible for making key decisions and deciding on Burnham Parish Council's spending plans and budget for the financial year ahead.

## Council & Committee Meetings

Full Council meetings are held throughout the year to carry out the Council's business. These meetings are supported by four other committees:

**Policy and Resources** – oversees finance, staffing, and reviewing council policies.

**Recreation and Amenities** – oversees the council's outside spaces and street furniture, including the George Pitcher Memorial Ground, Burnham Park, and Play Areas.

**Burnham Park Management Committee** – oversees the operation and maintenance of Burnham Park Hall, and hiring and events in the hall grounds and park.

**Planning** – responds to consultations on planning and licensing matters, and considers enforcement.

There is also a Staffing Sub Committee and several working groups: currently Ecology, Sustainability and Climate Emergency; Strategic Planning; Village Centre Regeneration; Major Hall Works; Trim Trail; and Pond Works and Events.

## Parish Council Office Staff

Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer - Adam Killeya - [clerk@burnhamparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@burnhamparish.gov.uk)

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Communications and Admin Officer - Zishan Afsar—[admin@burnhamparish.gov.uk](mailto:admin@burnhamparish.gov.uk)



# How we spend your money

## Burnham Parish Council - Precept 2026-2027

### How does the precept work?

Burnham Parish Council provides public services and representation to the residents of the village of Burnham and the surrounding parish. To enable us to do this we set and receive part of your council tax, which is known as the precept. The precept is collected for us by Buckinghamshire Council and is included in your council tax bill.

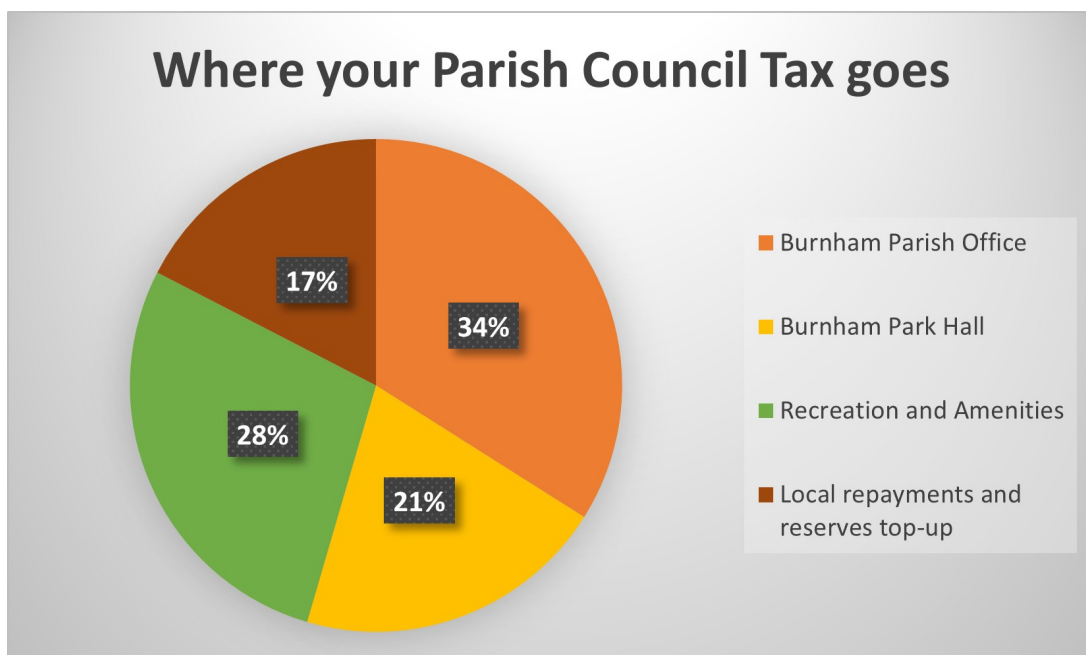
### The 2026-2027 precept and budget

The average household (Band D) will contribute £167 per annum (£3.22 per week) in Council Tax towards funding all of the projects, functions, and services that Burnham Parish Council provides for the community. This gives the Council £874,710.72, plus any income we receive from the halls, pitch hire, grants etc, to invest into the village, making a total budget of a little over £1 million. In preparing the budget for 2026-27, Burnham Parish Council has done its best to keep the increase down to what is needed and to a maximum of 5%, whilst recognising the realities of increased costs, low reserves, and the costs of future plans for the benefit of Burnham.

### Burnham Parish Council Precept Breakdown

The chart below shows the break down of spending by committee (except Planning, where there is no separate spend). There is a short explanation of what each committee covers on page 4, and more details of the different areas of spending on the page opposite.

We currently employ 11 permanent staff (8 full-time, and 3 part-time), plus around 12 zero hours staff for Burnham Park Hall and Pitchside Café (the exact number of zero-hours staff varies).



# Major budget items by committee

*This is not a complete list—full details available on the website*

## Policy & Resources Committee

- ⇒ Parish Office staff.
- ⇒ Office costs.
- ⇒ Legal and professional advice.
- ⇒ Community Grant Award Scheme.
- ⇒ Community Entertainment Fund.
- ⇒ A council property rented out.
- ⇒ Elections.



## Burnham Park Management Committee

- ⇒ Hall staff.
- ⇒ Hall operating costs, including rates, admin costs etc.
- ⇒ Hall maintenance, repairs and improvements.
- ⇒ Hall events.
- ⇒ Hall car park.
- ⇒ Hall bar and café.



## Recreation and Amenities Committee

- ⇒ Grounds staff, Pitchside Café staff, and public toilets cleaner.
- ⇒ Grounds vehicles—van, pick up truck, two ride on-mowers, and tractor—and equipment.
- ⇒ The George Pitcher Memorial Ground (including pitches, pavilion, nature park, workshops, cottage, trim trail, car park, Pitchside Cafe etc).
- ⇒ Burnham Park, including the village green, War Memorial, outside gym, play area, and trim trail (coming soon).
- ⇒ Three other play areas, at St Peter's, Hag Hill, and Stomp Road.
- ⇒ Other council land at The Fairway, Nashdom Lane etc.
- ⇒ Street furniture including streetlighting, MVAS, benches, bins, bus shelters, defibrillators, noticeboards, planters and flagpoles.
- ⇒ Jennery Lane public toilets.
- ⇒ Lent Green Lane Pond.

# Ecology, sustainability and climate emergency

The Council has continued its work to improve the natural environment of Burnham and reduce our environmental impact; led by the 'eco' group of councillors and staff, who are always on the look out for new ideas. This also fits in with the duty of all councils to consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.



Projects finished this year with a green benefit include:

- ⇒ A pilot solar streetlighting scheme at Lent Green Lane.
- ⇒ The new tree avenue in Burnham Park.

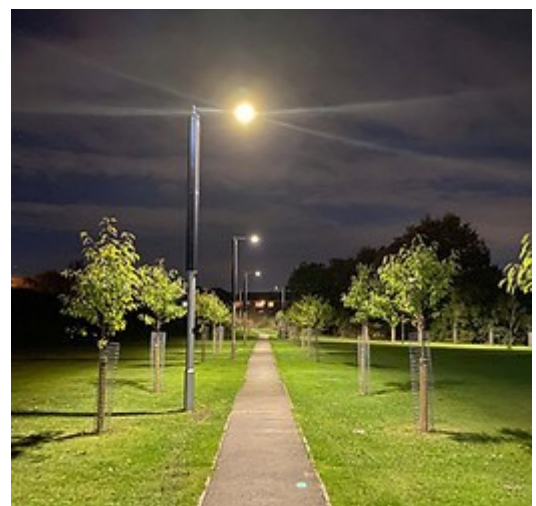


- ⇒ Planting 100 new saplings from the Woodlands Trust at St Peter's recreation ground.
- ⇒ Committing to move onto 100% renewable energy for the electricity and gas supply to all of our buildings: this will happen gradually as existing contracts run out.
- ⇒ New water fountains at Burnham Park Hall and Jennery Lane Public Toilets, reducing single use plastic bottles.

- ⇒ Further improvements to insulation in council buildings.
- ⇒ Adopting a 'waste reduction strategy' to further reduce our environmental impact.
- ⇒ Moving our ICT server to 'The Cloud', reducing equipment, paper and energy use.

Work in progress / planned for 2026-27 includes:

- ⇒ Further expansion of solar streetlighting.
- ⇒ The next stage of 'The Knowledge Stream' area near St Peter's Recreation Ground (name tbc following a public competition!).
- ⇒ Improvements to the Pond at Lent Rise Green (see p10 for details).
- ⇒ Identifying new sites for Cycle racks around Burnham.
- ⇒ Increasing the recycling of food waste at Burnham Park Hall.
- ⇒ Increasing facilities and opportunities for reusable products across our sites.



# Strategic Planning for Burnham



**Burnham Neighbourhood Development Plan!**

**Your Plan  
Your Parish  
Your Future**

Help needed to produce the Burnham Neighbourhood Plan!

The Burnham Neighbourhood Plan will put in place planning policies for the future development and growth of the parish.

## Neighbourhood Plan

After many years of work the Burnham Neighbourhood Plan went to referendum on 29th April 2026, and was passed with the support of 91% of those voting. This plan will help to make sure that any planning applications are designed in a way that fits in with Burnham, and safeguards our community facilities and green spaces. It will also mean that Burnham gets an increased share of any funds to spend on community improvements arising from developments.

You can find the submitted plan here: <https://burnhamplan.co.uk>

## Bucks Local Plan

Buckinghamshire Council is also updating its local plan. This will inevitably include proposals for a large number of houses across the county, and this will very likely include some in our area. This is partly due to the central government's targets which Bucks Council has to meet. We are following the draft plan carefully and will continue to put in strong comments about what is and isn't right for Burnham.

To help with this we are also producing a 'Settlement Spatial Plan', working jointly with Taplow Parish Council, which will give additional scrutiny over the different possible options for housing around Burnham, and produce evidence that should help us to oppose unsuitable development.

## Development proposals

As many of you will know, a developer is planning to apply for permission to build up to 800 houses on land west of Lent Rise Road. The Parish Council has some significant concerns about this plan, and believes that we should do everything we can to protect the green belt. That said we are also engaging with the developer to try and ensure that if the development does happen it is as suitable and beneficial as possible.



We would encourage all residents to continue to share their views on this proposal, especially with the developers and with Buckinghamshire Council who will make the planning decision.

## Lent Green Lane Pond—back with the community!



The Parish Council was delighted this year to reach agreement with Buckinghamshire Council on a new deal for the Parish Council to manage the Pond at Lent Green Lane.

This has been a long and often frustrating process since the last agreement expired, meaning that the pond, which is owned by Buckinghamshire Council, has not been properly looked after in recent years.

The agreed handover date was 1st April, and you can hopefully already see the difference in the tree and bush work that has taken place. We have set up a Pond Working Group to oversee this, including representatives from 'Friends of the Pond' group of local residents. We have been working on plans both for the pond itself and for its surrounds, in line with our mission "To preserve and enhance what is already at the pond, for the benefit of wildlife and

the enjoyment of residents and other members of the public".

In the Pond itself Bucks Council commissioned a silt and environmental survey to determine what silt removal and related work is needed.

Outside the Pond we are installing lots of additional amenities, including benches very kindly sponsored by local benefactors, an information board, safety equipment, an additional litter bin, and hopefully a duck feed dispenser!

We are also looking at supporting safety issues, including improved lighting on the 'graveyard path' up to the pond, and potentially CCTV near to the pond to help promote safety and prevent anti-social behaviour.

We are planning to hold a 'reopening event' on 13th June, with the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire in attendance. More details will be advertised, and we hope to see you there.



## The Knowledge Stream—refreshed and revitalised

In 2025 the Parish Council was delighted to receive funding from The Beeches Community Board to support The Knowledge Stream project. The aim of the project is to enhance and revitalise the local space near St Peter's Recreation Ground, previously known as 'Project 57', to create a calm and welcoming outdoor learning area for the community. This generous support was topped up with funds and staffing from Burnham Parish Council.

The project was originally planned to begin in September 2025, as this is an optimal time to plant shrubs, plants and flowers so they can grow well and look colourful by next spring. Due to weather this was rescheduled to November 2025. Several councillors and local volunteers attended on the day to show their support for the project and to meet the Chiltern Rangers involved in the project.

The project focuses on transforming the area around the stream into a tranquil and peaceful outdoor classroom. This includes clearing overgrown vegetation and removing harmful substances to help improve the health of the stream and the surrounding green space. Despite the challenging weather conditions, good progress was made on the day. Snake's head fritillaries and English bluebells were planted, which we hope will bloom by summer 2026 and enhance the natural appearance of the area.



Cllr John Carey, our Deputy Clerk, Laiba, and our Grounds Team are now exploring further options to develop the space as an outdoor classroom for local schools, community groups and explorers. They are also holding a prize competition to come up with a new name for area—The Knowledge Stream is a temporary name for now!

Future plans also include a 'Green Burnham' leaflet to celebrate and promote all of our green spaces, and additional signage to help make the area more inviting and informative for visitors.

# Village Centre Plans and CCTV

The Council has been actively working on plans to support the regeneration and future of the village centre.

As reported last year we worked with Buckinghamshire Council to bring CCTV back to Burnham High Street. These cameras have been operating throughout the year, and we have had good feedback from Thames Valley Police on their usefulness. The Council is now investigating options for 'phase 2' of CCTV in and around the village centre.



We also funded Union Flag bunting in the High Street in the run up to VE Day 80 in 2025, and the multicoloured 'Country Fair' style bunting in 2026, in addition to our planters, Christmas Lights and Hanging Baskets. Whilst the fund used for planters and baskets has now been used up, the Council has put aside budget to continue them into the future.

In addition, the Council has now set up a Village Centre Regeneration Working Group to look in detail at other options for supporting our High Street. The group began its work by surveying traders, and supporting the restarting of Burnham Business Association restarted. We are very pleased that the BBA now has a new Chair and Committee and we look forward to working with them on future plans.



Possible future projects may including thing like:

- Parking.
- CCTV and Crime prevention.
- Trails and competitions.
- Christmas Events.
- Late night opening.
- Accessibility.
- Markets.
- Publicity and marketing.

The Council has also put aside a budget to help with this work, and looks forward to working with traders, residents, visitors and others to help keep our High Street bright and bustling into the future.

We also continue to lobby Buckinghamshire Council around the traffic and parking issues in the village centre.

# Park Life

Burnham Park remains a jewel at the heart of Burnham, and our Ground Team works to keep it looking its best continues all year round. Our additional work this year has included:

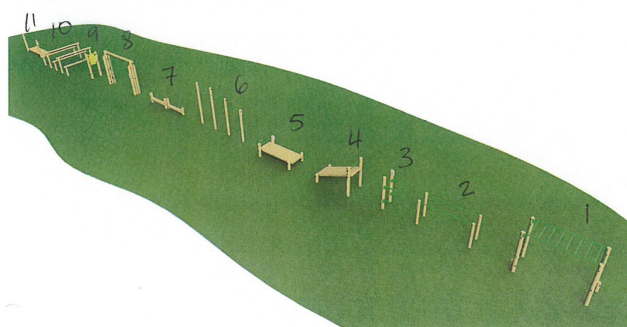
## Tree avenue



We have planted a new avenue of trees across the parking during the winter. The avenue has been named 'Truham Row' to mark the fact that it was funded by filming of the series 'Heartstopper' in which our Burnham Park and Burnham High Street played the role of the fictional community of Truham. We will be adding lighting to the project soon, and hopefully a memorial bench in the near future. We look forward to the trees maturing and growing over the year to provide another delightful shaded walkway across the park.

## Trim Trail

We have also been working with Burnham Health Promotion Trust on a very exciting project to install a 'Trim Trail' in Burnham Park. The trail will consist of a dozen pieces of exciting kit, including monkey bars, an assault net, over-under bars and more! The project is being funded by BHPT, and will then be maintained by Burnham Parish Council, and will complement the existing green gym. We are aiming to get the Trim Trail installed and running by June, and are also working with Burnham Library to hopefully agree a water fountain on the side of the library to help keep everyone hydrated whilst they exercise.



## Tree work

We have a lot of beautiful and healthy trees across Burnham Park and all our other council sites. We commissioned a full tree survey of all the trees on Council owned land during 2025, and work has taken place to ensure that our trees are safe for everyone who uses the park. We have also started a 'memorial tree scheme' for anyone who wishes to sponsor a tree in memory of a loved one. This complements our popular and successful 'memorial bench scheme' and you can find details of both on our website.

Burnham Park also continues to host the excellent Burnham Fete and Almost the Donkey Derby, and has also been used for the filming of three different productions this year.

There was an additional challenge in the summer of 2025 with an unauthorised camp in the park. Fortunately we were able to address this issue quickly, and have increased park security.

# Change and continuity at Burnham Park Hall

After a year of change in 2024-25, this has been the year where Burnham Park got properly going again. We were sad to say goodbye several amazing staff - to our excellent caretaker Neil, the longest-serving member of our bar team Tracey, our lovely Café Assistant Ella, and last but most definitely not least our long-serving member of the Hall Staff—our delightful Bookings and Events Supervisor Nikki - who all stepped back or moved on after many years of service to the Hall and Community. Equally we welcomed several excellent new members of our team, including our new Assistant Manager who at time of press was due to start soon!

We also welcomed 'Tommy's Café @ Capelos' to the Hall; our new café run independently by the awesome Jake who is renting the space from the Hall and will be providing full meals, snacks and drinks every Monday to Friday.

## Building

We agreed a programme of maintenance and repairs to our Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system this year, and appreciate everyone bearing with us whilst we agreed and actioned this. We have improved accessibility and fire safety by adding a new exit to our courtyard, have redecorated several of our rooms for hire, and have repaired the path by the side of the hall. We've also added a water fountain, started tackling the car park pot holes, and worked on some of the less glamorous areas of maintenance such as guttering!



## Events

This year has also seen some excellent hall events (see opposite page), including:

- ⇒ Several great band nights.
- ⇒ Follow ups to last years first, and deeply hilarious, comedy night.
- ⇒ The amazing Christmas Event, market and lights switch on.
- ⇒ The fantastic Children's Christmas Show.

- ⇒ The Halloween Event.
- ⇒ The Fawlty Towers Dinner.

With more and better planned for next year! This is on top of all the existing facilities and events at the hall, including the wonderful Perry's Bar, and of course the amazing Food Bank run in the foyer by Burnham Care and Share.

## Future plans

We have also now signed off on our Hall Strategic Plan for the next four years, and you will see lots more new in the hall over the coming year including.

- ⇒ Some amazing design projects from Students at Burnham Grammar School including new signage, a 'history table', and an exciting art project on our stairs!
- ⇒ The redecoration of more hall rooms.
- ⇒ A move to a 100% renewable energy hall.

Watch this space for more excitement in the year to come

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# Burnham Park Hall Events 2025-2026

**COMEDY IN BURNHAM**

FEATURING  
**JAVIER JARQUIN**  
 AS SEEN ON THE MILO OLLIVAN SHOW

FEATURING  
**MATT RICHARDSON**  
 AS SEEN ON LEAN ON TV AND VIBES HARD

FEATURING  
**HASAN AL-HABIB**

MC  
**JONATHAN ELSTON**

**FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY**  
 DOORS 7:00PM SHOW STARTS 8:00PM

TICKETS £10 (incl. 1 drink)  
 BURNHAM PARK HALL, BUCKS, SL1 7HR

LOCKED BAR AVAILABLE, LINE UP SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Soulful Soul Classic Soul Club Presents...

**Soul Night Out**

SOUND  
 SOUL FUNK  
 DISCO  
 MODERN SOUL  
 NORTHERN SOUL

**7TH OF MARCH AT 7:30 PM TILL MIDNIGHT**

**BURNHAM PARK HALL**  
 Windsor Lane, Burnham, Slough SL1 7HR

**THE ULTIMATE EASTER EGG TRAIL**

Easter Half Term  
 7th - 21st April

Join the fun this Easter!  
 We've hidden 10 colourful eggs on top of our For Sale boards from Burnham Park Hall to Farnham Park.

Take a 5km walk and explore the local parks. Spot all 10 eggs, share your photos and tag us - @simmonsandsong - on social media, then collect your chocolate prize from our office!

**Trail Map**  
 Available at Burnham Park Hall, Simmons & Son, or download from our Facebook page (@simmonsandsong).

**Prize**  
 Collect your chocolate egg at Simmons & Son, 200 Burnham Street, Slough, SL1 4JL.

**Prizes**  
 (Share 10 photos of the eggs you've spotted).

**Moves that Matter**  
 We're not normally a party venue but we'll be having a special Easter Egg Hunt competition on the 10th of April. We'll be giving away a special prize to the winner. We'll be giving away a special prize to the winner. We'll be giving away a special prize to the winner.

**FREE ENTRY BURNHAM PARK HALL**

**Graffiti Child**

**CLASSIC 70s FUNK & DISCO**  
**FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER**  
 DOORS OPEN 7:00PM  
 FOOD SUPPLIED BY THE GHOST KITCHEN

**80th ANNIVERSARY VE DAY**  
 8th May 2025

**BURNHAM PARK HALL**

We will be marking this day with an exhibition in the hall, depicting life at the time and in collaboration with Burnham Heritage Society. This will be available to view in our foyer from 1st - 9th May 2025.

**Thursday 8th May 2025**

- 11 am - Two minute's silence at the war memorial
- 11:30 am - 1pm A talk from veterans and historians
- 4:30 pm - Tea dance with live music from our 1940's single Vocal Trio (this is a ticketed event, catered for by Simmons & Son Estate Agents)
- 6:30 pm - Church bells across the UK ring out for peace
- 7:30 pm - Quiz night with DJ - food and beverages available to purchase from the kitchen and licensed bar.
- 8:00 pm - Sing for war choir performing at the war memorial
- 8:30 pm - Address from Burnham Parish Council Chair and Royal British Legion President
- 9:30 pm - The lighting of the beacon & joining the country in singing 'I vow to thee my country'

All events are free, tickets for the Tea dance on a first come, first served basis from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/burnhamparkhall>

**VJ Day 80th Anniversary**  
 Please join us to mark this occasion at:

**BURNHAM PARK HALL**  
 Friday 15th August

Two minutes' silence at 12 noon at the memorial followed by FREE Tea, Coffee, and cake in the hall.

Everyone is welcome



**COMEDY IN BURNHAM**

FEATURING  
**MIKE GUNN**  
 AS SEEN ON MICHAEL MONTYRE'S COMEDY ROADSHOW

FEATURING  
**CHRISTIAN REILLY**  
 AS HEARD ON JED MANN TRIP

FEATURING  
**MARTIN GRAHAM**

MC  
**JONATHAN ELSTON**

**FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER**  
 DOORS 7:00PM SHOW STARTS 8:00PM

TICKETS £10 (incl. 1 drink)  
 BURNHAM PARK HALL, BUCKS, SL1 7HR

LOCKED BAR AVAILABLE, LINE UP SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**FREE ENTRY BAND NIGHT!**

**LIVE MUSIC FROM:**  
**NEON DAZE**  
**SO'S NIGHT**

BAR & KITCHEN OPEN FROM 7PM TO 11:30PM

**OUR KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN!!!**

**PLUS OUR NEW 'POP UP RECORD FAIR'**  
 WITH LIVE DJ FROM 5PM

**FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**BURNHAM PARK HALL**

**FREE ENTRY BAND NIGHT!!**  
 Friday 1st August 2025  
**BURNHAM PARK HALL**



Wide range of music, including classic and modern pop, rock & roll, reggae & ballads

Doors & Kitchen open at 7pm

Food available to purchase from The Ghost Kitchen:  
 Jacket potatoes with a variety of toppings

We'll see you on the dancefloor!!!

**FREE HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST**  
**BURNHAM PARK HALL**  
 DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

**PRIZE FOR BEST FANCY DRESS!!!**

**OUR KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN**  
**BY THE GHOST KITCHEN**  
 MUSIC PROVIDED BY DJ ACE



**HEATHROW JETS**

ALL YOUR FAVOURITE ROCK PARTY ANTHEMS FROM THE 70'S TO TODAY

POP PUNK INDIE ROCK CLASSIC PUNK

**Burnham Park Hall**  
**FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER**  
 7.30PM TIL LATE BURNHAM



[www.heathrowjets.com](http://www.heathrowjets.com)

**BURNHAM PARK HALL - WINDSOR LANE, BURNHAM, SLOUGH, SL1 7HR.**

**Fri 7th Nov 2025**

**Dizzy Fish**

ROCK, POP, BRIT POP & PUNK, THROUGH THE DECADES TO THE PRESENT DAY. MUSIC FROM 20-30S

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: [www.limonisey.com/dizzfish](http://www.limonisey.com/dizzfish)



**Burnham Park Hall**

CHRISTMAS MARKET & LIGHT SWITCH ON

**SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER 2025**  
 1pm to 8pm

SANTA'S GROTTO WITH REAL LIFE REINDEERS, MULLED WINE CHOR, MERRIMENT AND MINCE PIES

FREE ENTRY (SMALL CHARGE FOR SANTA GROTTO LIGHT SWITCH ON PRIZES EOPM)

**BURNHAM PARK HALL**  
 WINDSOR LANE, BURNHAM, BUCKS - SL1 7HR

**BURNHAM PARK HALL PRESENTS**

**The Santa Show**

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE NORTH POLE AND THE ELVES ARE MAKING FINAL PREPARATIONS TO SANTA'S SLEIGH BEFORE A CRISIS STRIKES! SANTA'S NEEDS YOUR HELP TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE AND CHRISTMAS IS CONCEALED. WILL THE CHILDREN BE ABLE TO HELP SANTA SAVE THE DAY?

**SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 2025**  
 2:30PM & 4PM

**BURNHAM PARK HALL**  
 WINDSOR LANE, BURNHAM, SL1 7HR

TICKETS £5 (under 16s includes gift)

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/burnhamparkhall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/burnhamparkhall)



## Grants and partners

It has been an even busier year for grants than last year (which was busier than the year before!), with lots of very worthy causes getting financial and in-kind support from the Parish Council:



- Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches - £1,000 in total for the Almost The Donkey Derby including in-kind for park hire, and cash grant.
- Burnham Lighthouse - £1,000 in total for community dinner to raise funds for Children's Activity Week; including in-kind for room hire, and cash grant.
- Woodstock's Coffee House - £160 in-kind for kitchen hire for St Peters School Christmas lunch.
- Sing4You Choir - £400 in-kind for room and stage hire for afternoon concert raising money for Alexander Devine Children's Hospice.
- Red Trousers Day - £1,000 in total for Ray Cox Memorial Concert; including in-kind for room hire and security, and cash grant.
- Burnham Pride- £1,120 in-kind for room hire and security for the Burnham Pride event.
- Sound and Song - £888 in-kind for room hire for Intergenerational Singing Programme.
- Slough and Windsor Railways Society - £1,000 in-kind for room hire for Model Railway Exhibition.
- Burnham Health Promotion Trust - £1,000 in-kind for hall and park hire for Family Day.
- Burnham Round and About - £600 cash grant towards the costs of Burnham Round and About magazine.
- Girlguiding Burnham and Taplow - £320 in-kind for room and kitchen hire for Fundraising Bingo Cream Tea.

More information about the Grant Award Scheme, and an application form, can be found on our website at <https://www.burnhamparish.gov.uk/copy-of-grants>

Of course these are not the only groups the Parish Works with on projects and other areas of mutual interest: we also work with:

- The Burnham Royal British Legion, including on Remembrance and VE Day 80.
- The New School for Burnham campaign, in the fight for a new non-selective secondary school for the village.
- The Burnham Business Association, on supporting the village centre and other traders.
- Our tenants: Burnham Bowls Club, Burnham Tennis Club, Burnham Health Promotion Trust (including the Food Bank, now a separate charity as Burnham Care and Share), Padel Powerhouse Ltd and the Learn to Dance Studio.
- The countless groups and individuals who hire out rooms at the hall, or pitches at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground.
- Burnham Community Association, including Burnham Round and About.
- Local Residents Associations.
- Multiple other local groups and charities such as Burnham Men's Shed, Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches, The Friends of Burnham Library, and Thames Valley Heartbeat.
- Production companies filming in our park and village centre.
- Other Town and Parish Councils on issues of mutual interest.



As well as Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire Council, local businesses, individuals and many, many more!

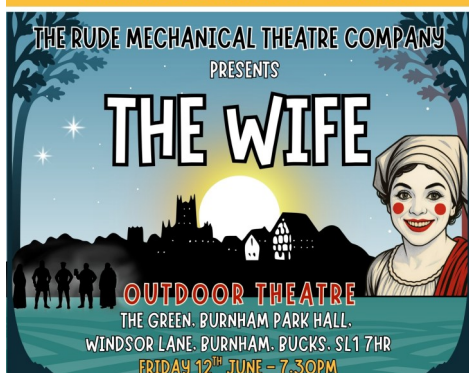
## More projects (and padels!)

Throughout this report we have mentioned lots of different projects that we have been working on; here are a few more!

- Construction has now finished on the two Padel Courts at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground, built and operated by our tenants Padel Powerhouse Ltd. Operations begin in May 2026 with a 'grand official opening' in July. This is at no cost to taxpayers, and the parish will share in the revenues; more importantly it will add a new fitness and leisure amenity for residents, making use of 'spare space' next to the pitches. We will be joining Padel Powerhouse in publicising the opening, hires, events etc so please keep a look out for further information.
- We completed the second phase of refurbishing the phone box owned by the Parish Council on Littleworth Road (right), adding planters which local residents are kindly helping look after.
- We installed our third new defibrillator, kindly funded by Thames Valley Heartbeat, on our public toilets in Jennery Lane and supported them to run two familiarisation sessions for the



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TICKETS FROM THE RUDES.CO.UK

community. We now own a total of 9 defibrillators around the Parish, 4 of which also include bleed kits.

- The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company brought outdoor theatre to the village green in summer with a hilariously entertaining show, and will be back this summer with 'The Wife' on Friday 12th June.
- We have collaborated with Burnham Grammar School on TWO exciting projects. The first was a Year 8 Work Experience visit to the Hall in December, where we hosted 180 lovely students to learn more about working in Councils and the Community. They even had a go at setting the Council budget, and did a pretty good job! The second are the exciting hall design projects outlined on page 14!
- We won a 'certificate of merit' in the 2025 Bucks Best Kept Village competition, which was particularly impressive as we were entered in the 'Champions' Trophy having won the Pushman Cup in 2024; and are excited for the 2026 competition.
- We worked with the friends of Dropmore School to get the 'Your Speed Is' sign installed at Littleworth Common, and have taken over maintenance of the sign.
- We are also working with Buckinghamshire Council to get a safer crossing installed near Lent Rise School.
- We held a public meeting with the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber, to discuss a range of issues around crime and anti-social behaviour in Burnham.
- We have also been working on numerous important 'housekeeping' matters such as our Council Strategic Plan 2025-2029, new accounting and booking system, upgrading our ICT, working with our new internal auditor and payroll provider, drafting new fire safety policies and procedures, recruiting new staff and inducting our new councillors, and applying for the Local Council Award Scheme.
- We are also looking at future plans to develop the play equipment in our play areas of, and to make it more accessible and inclusive.

# DRAFT Calendar of Meetings 2026/27

The final version will be on our website in May

All Council and Committee meetings take place in Burnham Park Hall				
	Date	Time	Meeting	Room
<b>May 2026</b>	Tuesday 5th May	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 18th May	7:00 PM	Annual Full Council	Huntercombe
	Tuesday 26th May	7:00 PM	Annual Parish Meeting	Huntercombe
<b>Jun 2026</b>	Monday 1st June	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 2nd June	6:30 PM	Recreation & Amenities Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 9th June	6.30 PM	Burnham Park Management Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 16th June	6.30 PM	Policy & Resources Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 22nd June	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 22nd June	7:00 PM	Full Council	Huntercombe
<b>Jul 2026</b>	Tuesday 7th July	6:30 PM	Recreation & Amenities Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 13th July	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 14th July	6:30 PM	Burnham Park Management Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 21st July	6:30 PM	Policy & Resources Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 27th July	7:00 PM	Full Council	Huntercombe
<b>Aug 2026</b>	Monday 3rd August	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
<b>Sep 2026</b>	Monday 7th September	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 8th September	6:30 PM	Recreation & Amenities Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 15th September	6:30 PM	Burnham Park Management Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 22nd September	6.30 PM	Policy & Resources Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 28th September	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
<b>Oct 2026</b>	Monday 5th October	7:00 PM	Full Council	Huntercombe
	Monday 19th October	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
<b>Nov 2026</b>	Tuesday 10th November	6:30 PM	Recreation & Amenities Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 16th November	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 24th November	6.30 PM	Burnham Park Management Committee	Meeting Room 3
<b>Dec 2026</b>	Tuesday 1st December	6.30 PM	Policy & Resources Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 7th December	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 14th December	7:00 PM	Full Council	Huntercombe
<b>Jan 2027</b>	Monday 11th January	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 19th January	6:30 PM	Recreation & Amenities Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 26th January	6.30 PM	Burnham Park Management Committee	Meeting Room 3
<b>Feb 2027</b>	Monday 1st February	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 9th February	6.30 PM	Policy & Resources Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 22nd February	7:00 PM	Full Council	Huntercombe
<b>Mar 2027</b>	Monday 1st March	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 22nd March	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 30th March	6:30 PM	Recreation & Amenities Committee	Meeting Room 3
<b>Apr 2027</b>	Tuesday 6th April	6.30 PM	Burnham Park Management Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Tuesday 13th April	6:30 PM	Policy & Resources Committee	Meeting Room 3
	Monday 19th April	4:30 PM	Planning Committee	Meeting Room 3
<b>May 2027</b>	Monday 10th May	7:00 PM	Annual Full Council	Huntercombe
	Tuesday 18th May	7:00 PM	Annual Parish Meeting	Huntercombe

# Public Participation at Meetings

## Public awareness

The agendas for all formal council meetings, along with any non-confidential papers, are published on our website at least three clear days before a meeting (in practice about a week). The agendas are also published on our noticeboards.

## Public attendance

All meetings are open to the public and press unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons; for example if it is commercially sensitive or contains confidential staffing details. The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting requires a council resolution which has to give reasons for the public's exclusion; and the minutes of decisions taken will be published.

The public are also permitted to record / report on any non-confidential part of the meeting, although permission is needed if you want to do a live oral report or commentary. You should also let the Chair of the meeting know if you are recording, so that they can make everyone aware.

## Public participation

There is also a 15 minute period near the start of each council meeting for members of the public to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included on the agenda.

The opportunity to speak is on a first come first served basis. Each member of the public is entitled to speak only once and for no longer than 3 minutes. Therefore if more than 5 people have signed in to speak it will be the first 5 given this opportunity unless it is all on the same subject.

Questions asked by a member of the public during a public participation may not receive an immediate response; in many cases a written follow up will be appropriate.

The Chair can decide whether or not to hear a member of public speak if they feel the subject in question has already had enough hearing.



