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It's been a while since I had a chance to provide an update on Buckingham Park so the return of Park News gives me an opportunity to catch up. First of all, I would like to thank all our residents and community groups who helped out friends and neighbours during the lockdowns. I am pleased that our community centre has been back to normal running for several months and we will back to hosting our Christmas Carols event. The Parish started its new four-year term following elections in May. I am pleased that Al Looker, Andrew Beukes and Prakash Dey have continued and serve our community and we have now been joined by a new member of the Council, Poonam Gupta. We are all local residents who serve on the Council because we want help make our community a good place to live. Starting a new term always provides fresh impetus and we have exciting plans that we are working to bring to life.

We also continue to engage developers and Buckinghamshire Council to try and get a resolution to the adoption of our roads and pavements. You may have noticed contractors working on Prince Rupert Drive (installing a raised table and mending kerbs and damage to the road surface) during October. This, along with the resurfacing of the roundabout at the top of Colonel Grantham Avenue, is work that will allow the first of our roads (Colonel Grantham Avenue, and most of Prince Rupert Drive to be adopted by Buckinghamshire Council next year).



The next stage will be completing work on the South East side roads (known as 'phase 1') though it's unlikely to be until much later in 2022.

While we are awaiting adoption we continue to monitor and chase developers to fix broken street lights. So, it's a busy time for the Council. We currently have vacancies on the Parish Council and we are looking for residents who would like to help make a difference and have an input to what happens in Buckingham Park. If you want to have a voice and say in what we do please apply to join us. Just email our Clerk keith.gray6@btopenworld.com with your details and we will be happy to discuss what the role entails. We will be ensuring our grit bins are full and available for the arrival of winter. I'm looking forward to a busy and productive 2022 but, for now, I will wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and I hope we all get to spend time with loved ones this year.

Who owns Jubilee Square?

The Parish Council remain in constant dialogue with the Management Company for Jubilee Square about the build-up of rubbish in the bins and lack of general maintenance. It is an unfortunate historical legacy from the early days of Buckingham Park that Jubilee Square was sold by developers to private investors so is not under the control of Parish Council.

A new outside gym facility New land Possibilities

We are in the process of applying for a funding grant from Buckinghamshire Council's Local Area Board and, if successful, look forward to having the gym equipment installed in the park behind the community centre during Spring.

Consideration is being given to how we can best use the area currently occupied by the GP surgery when they move to their new premises next year. We have a couple of options available to us but are open to ideas from local residents.

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Parish Playgrounds Refurbishment

The Parish Council have been discussing the possible refurbishment of the playgrounds and considering any improvements that can be made. Some maintenance works will take place and we are looking to add some additional swings.

20mph Road Limits in Buckingham Park

The parish council have supported a proposal from Buckinghamshire Councillor, Peter Cooper for possible changes to some of the road limits in communities like Buckingham Park. Many inner roads in estates like Buckingham Park need to be 20mph and Buckinghamshire Council will now consider this proposal and start to discuss with parish councils what speed limit changes on roads they may like to see changed.

Additional Trees on Buckingham Park

The Parish Council has agreed to plant additional trees on Buckingham Park and we have agreed the replacing of some trees in the main park and we will also be planting a number of fruit trees so residents can use the fruit.

Buckinghamshire Council Questionnaire Survey



Buckinghamshire Council

The Discovery & Exploration Phase for the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire Council are conducting a survey about the future of Buckinghamshire. It's a questionnaire survey for the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire.

Bucks Council want to hear your views about living and working in Buckinghamshire, what problems and issues you may face, and what your needs are in the future. They want to know what matters most to you.

You can fill out the survey questionnaire online on Your Voice Bucks: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/local-plan-2021>

There are other ways to comment. A pdf of the questionnaire survey has been added to the website: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/local-plan-for-bucks>. This can be downloaded and then emailed or posted to the Planning Policy Team.

You can take part from Monday 29 November 2021 until midnight on Friday 11 February 2022.

Which Pavement & Who Fixes It?

If you have a problem with a footpath/pavement, you need to register the problem with Buckinghamshire Council Fix-my-Street reporting system - 01296 382416 or www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

If your problem is with a Public Footpath crossing a farmers or other landowner land or a Bridleway, then please contact Buckinghamshire Council Rights of Way Team.

They prefer you to use their website

for reporting problems.

This includes: broken stiles, overgrown vegetation or fallen trees, damaged or dangerous path surfaces, damaged or dangerous bridges, damaged or missing signposts and waymarks. Landowners are required to keep rights of way open and useable; this includes providing and maintaining stiles and gates and making sure they are safe and easy to use.



Christmas in the Square

The Community Centre would like to invite you to our first event in 2 years and after the long wait we are determined to make it our best yet. Come down on Wednesday the 15th of December 6pm- 7:30pm and expect to see reindeer petting, nativity animals, live carols, arts and crafts (including create your own Christmas tree ornament) Smiles' teddy tombola, Santa's grotto and a live performance from our very own Rock Choir. Be sure to watch out for Santa on the way to

the centre as he will be riding around Buckingham Park on the day from 5pm. All these are activities are completely free thanks to a grant from the parish council this year. We are also happy to announce that the donation buckets scattered around at the centre and accompanying Santa on the float this year will be to raise money for the Florence Nightingale Hospice. Its sure to be an event you won't want to miss this Christmas.

Advertising

Advertising space is limited - to book your space please call Luke Powell or Janet Turner on 01296 435239 or email luke@powell.work/info@buckinghamparkcc.com: Copy deadlines and Advertising Rates for the Summer edition: **Summer Issue Contributions to be received before 30th April 2022.**

£ 35 quarter page (portrait) £ 60 half page £120 full page A4 (back cover) £100 full page A4

Fees must be pre-paid at the Community Centre office with cheques made payable to "Buckingham Park Parish Council".

Community Centre Update



What could I possibly say to sum up the trials and tribulations of the last 18 months? The community centre like every business, charity and family has had to adapt to a new way of operating through Covid-19. At the start of the pandemic, I was asked to continue with my regular shifts at the centre Monday – Friday while the other staff members were placed on furlough, looking back it's hard to remember what I filled my time with, but I do remember how nice it was when residents would stop and have a chat through the window with me whilst on their essential trips to the shops. Through this period, it became clear that we would be losing a fair amount of our old hirers with the bulk of these being the small community groups that brought so much life to the centre. It was such a relief to get messages from groups like the sew and so's, Kandeez Dance and ZKS Martial Arts saying they were ready to return as soon as it was safe to do so. Through that summer and the subsequent lockdowns, we've continued to adapt and I can say I couldn't be happier with how all the staff have reacted coming back to work to serve the local community.

This Spring/Summer has been the biggest return to normality we've had, running at almost full capacity during the week and welcoming back private hire on the weekends, it's been great to see the old classes swamped with new faces as well as welcoming brand-new hirers to the centre such as Rhymes stay and play, Deepa's Indian dance class, Melvy's football class and Woofer and Pup Dog Training.

Looking forward now and its tough to see what's next for Buckingham Park Community Centre, we have our festive decorations up and look forward to hosting more events going forward including the upcoming carol event on the 15th along with the annual summer carnival provisionally pencilled in for the 11th of June 2022. However, I think it's clear we shouldn't try and second guess what will be possible next year.

I hope everyone stays safe over the winter and I look forward to seeing you around in the new year.

Luke Powell
Community Centre Assistant Manager

Active Communities

The residents of Buckingham Park are about to become part of Buckinghamshire Council's pioneering new Active Communities campaign aimed to get everyone just a little more active.

The pandemic has shown us the importance of thinking more regularly about our health. Most people believe that fitness is a good thing and wish they were fitter. The problem is that few are inspired to exercise regularly because they do not have the time, the capability or the enthusiasm.

Exercise usually comes in the shape of sport or some intense physical activity. But science now recognises that being active doesn't have to be a trip the gym. Reducing the length of time we are inactive can also have major health benefits. Simply sitting less, standing often and moving more can make a huge difference. For example, the risk of diabetes, heart disease, high cholesterol levels and even some cancers can be reduced by reducing the amount of time we spend sitting down.

Covid 19 also taught us one other thing - the power of working together to support our physical and emotional health. Active Communities means exactly what it says. It offers the entire community the chance to be more active whilst engaging all residents to encourage each other to add movement into their daily lives as part of their regular behaviour.

Welcome Back Smiles

Back in March 2020 Smiles Aylesbury had to stop all of our leisure activities due to the Coronavirus. This caused anxiety and worry for people we support with learning disabilities.

After a brief reunion in the summer of 2020 training was put on hold again however August 2021 saw us back and better than ever. We were able to re start the football training at Buckingham Park Community Centre and it was great to see many of the Players returning. Discussions took place on how everyone had coped throughout the pandemic, with some members using the downtime to spread the word to their friends and neighbours resulting in new players wanting to join not just the football but some of the other activities we offer.

Our football team are now sponsored by Virgin Media and the team play in the Hertfordshire FA leagues where we are once again able to play competitive games. In October we won silverware for the first time since lockdown with the team receiving excellent feedback from the chairman of the Hertfordshire football association who said, 'Your team is a fine example to all'.

Smiles football runs every Wednesday between 5 - 7pm costing £5 per session. If you are interested, please come along, and ask for Paul Freeborn our football coach.

Smiles Pool and Darts restarted at the end of September and meet at the Weavers Public House in Aylesbury.

It was nice to see the players returning to



Active Communities has already come to Buckingham Park with the Buckingham Park C of E school participating in a programme that adds less sitting and more moving to children's school and nursery life. The children are motivating their parents, too! Buckingham Park Lodge has introduced the Active Communities initiative to motivate their elderly guests to be more active along with their friends and family. The Community Centre is supporting the programme as are all retailers in Jubilee Court. Each is carrying the special 'We support Active Communities' or 'An Active Community school' sticker. And there are further planned further recruitments plus the planning of a unique walk in Buckingham Park.

As we slowly return to normality after the damage of the past couple of years, we need to think carefully about what the "new normal" means to all of us. Health cannot be taken for granted. We should look to protect ourselves every day in any way we can.

The Active Communities programme in Buckingham Park is the perfect place to start.



socialise, wanting to have a game of pool or darts over a pint or two. Smiles Pool and Darts meet every other Thursday between 6 - 8pm. The cost is £3, and includes a small buffet which we thank the Weavers management for providing for us. If you are interested, please come along, and ask for Mick Dorr or any of the staff at the Weavers.

Smiles Aylesbury would like to put a special thank you to Jan Turner and the staff at Buckingham Park Community Centre, Yvonne Bailey, and the staff at the Weavers Public House and finally all the shops and businesses who hold a charity box for Smiles Aylesbury for all your support.

We will be holding a teddy tombola at Buckingham Park Community Centre for their Christmas event on December 15th. If anyone has any unwanted teddies, please could you send them to Buckingham Park Community Centre and hand them to the staff.

We hope to see many new faces in the coming months as the community gets back together,

Kind regards

Graeme Catten, Michael Dorr, Paul Freeborn, and Kelvin Wong
Directors of Smiles Aylesbury

CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE

WEDNESDAY THE 15TH

6pm - 7:30pm

BUCKINGHAM PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

REINDEER PETTING

NATIVITY ANIMALS

TEDDY TOMBOLA

MINCE PIES.

MULLED WINE AND

HOT CHOCOLATE

SANTA'S GROTTO

LIVE CAROL SINGING

ARTS AND CRAFTS

LIVE PERFORMANCE

BY ROCK CHOIR

Santa's Coming

15th December 2021

5-6pm Santa will be riding his sleigh around Buckingham Park

From 6pm meet Santa at the Community Centre for reindeer petting, carols and plenty of Christmas cheer



Meet the Team behind Daytop

Daytop Multicultural Centre is a multi-cultural, minority ethnic group, based in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. "Daytop" as it is fondly called, channels its energy and resources to help add positive value to the community through brilliant community integration, cohesion and commitment, enabling equal opportunities for all regardless of sex, race, ethnic origin, disability, religion or beliefs.

Daytop was founded by one of its directors – Dayo Olowosale, an enthusiastic Community champion with great passion and diverse experience in Service Delivery and Continual Service Improvement. Through thick and thin over the past 18 months, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, Daytop has been able to successfully collect 154,610 meals equivalent from local stores and re-distribute across the community helping the vulnerable to stay at home while reducing the contact and spread of Covid-19. This has also helped different local stores immensely to meet their own food wastage targets along with working



towards the Net zero project. In addition to this, Daytop provided free hot-meals for vulnerable individuals.

Aside the Food Re-distribution, Daytop is currently delivering an "Empowering Women with Fashion Design Skills Project" both online and face to face at Buckingham Park Community Centre. This provides fashion design and sewing skills to females between the ages of 24-60 and the over 60s mostly from the black minority ethnic descent who are not in Employment or Education within Aylesbury surroundings. This has proven to be very impactful helping to overcome barriers to learning, employment and increase their chances of becoming financially stable or economically active by being self-employed or getting a paid job. Included in this project is confidence building and personal development to assist the participants to get back into employment. If interested in either the sewing class or volunteering visit us on www.daytop.co.uk

Running a business through lockdown



Nina's Escape to Art Classes arrived at Buckingham Park Community Centre in early 2019. It was a new and exciting opportunity for the creative and artistically inclined to join a growing and friendly class. Art classes included students who were complete beginners to the more experienced, wishing to revive their inner artist that had been dormant for a while and to find some respite from the frenetic lives that many of us lead! Since then, art tutor Nina Barratt, steadily grew her classes to full capacity. Then, as for other classes at the centre, it all came to an abrupt end when the pandemic started and the centre was forced to close. At that time, it was assumed that it would be temporary, for a few weeks only but then of course, the unthinkable happened. After several scary months where business owners didn't know if they would still have a customer base to return to post pandemic finally some classes were allowed to resume. It has been a disruptive and chaotic time with stops and starts along the way but Nina's Escape to Art Classes have since started to expand again when life starting to get back to a normal situation. Nina looks forward to next year, when she will also include new, Wednesday Portrait classes in addition to her Monday morning and evening art classes. She supplies all materials and equipment for the lessons, so there is no need for students to remember to bring anything. Visit www.ninasescapetoart.com or phone 07392 065472, Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Creative New Year in 2022!

Buckingham Park Food Bank

- Helping local people in crisis

We know it's a challenging time for everyone at the moment as the Coronavirus pandemic unfolds. Food banks are grassroots, community organizations aimed at supporting people who cannot afford the essentials in life.

The food bank in Buckingham Park is supported by "The Trussell Trust" who provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, we campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.

Over the last 19 months, we as a nation have faced one of the most difficult times in the history of Britain. Because of this, we have noticed a rise in people using the foodbank. Some of them come just to have a friendly chat and tea/coffee with us. Some we have managed to signpost to other kinds of help that they urgently need.



I wish to thank all the people who donated to the food bank. Thanks to the distributors who regularly bring those boxes of food to the centre. Thanks to the BP Community centre who give us a place to store the boxes and distribute food to the people in need. Thanks to all the Volunteers who have sacrificed their time willingly from day one.

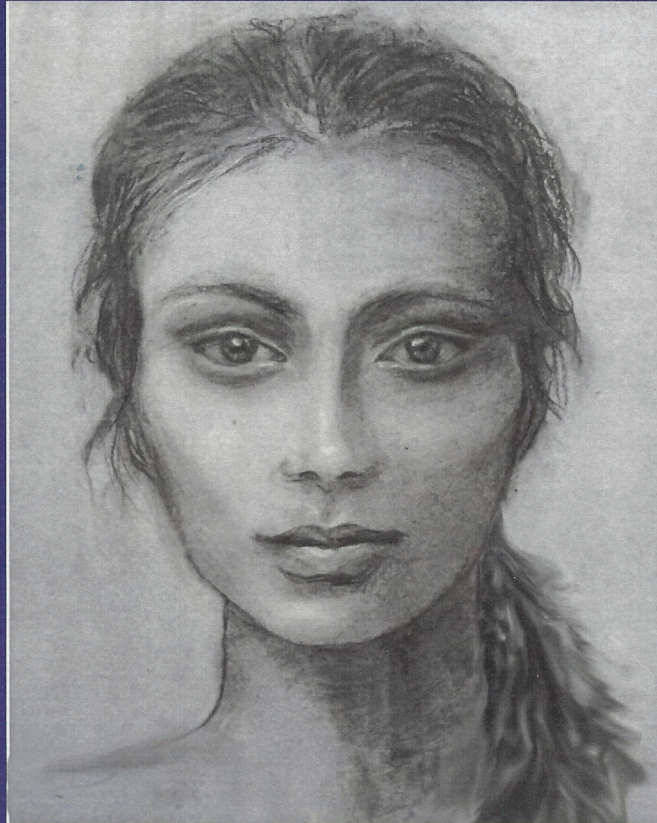
Here in the Buckingham Park Community centre, the food bank is open every Monday from 1:30pm to 3 pm (Except on bank holidays). People in crisis are welcome to come to the food bank, with or without a voucher and we will manage to send them home with food.

Nina's Escape To Art - Portrait Course

NEW!! Additional courses, Wednesday mornings and evenings - limited spaces

www.ninasescapetoart.com

or Tel: 07392 065472



MEETINGS DIARY

The dates for the forthcoming meetings of the Parish Council are: NO MEETING IN JANUARY

Tuesday 1st February 2022 Tuesday 1st March 2022

Tuesday 5th April 2022 Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Buckingham Park Community Centre at 8pm. Everyone is welcome but please check the Parish Noticeboard or the website to ensure that no last minute changes have been made.

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USEFUL NUMBERS

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01296 415468

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Buckingham Park Community Centre
01296 435239

BT Fault Line
0800 800151

Buckingham Lodge
0300 123 7243

Clerk to Buckingham Park Parish
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07789 586594

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01296 427648

Berryfields Medical Centre
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Buckingham Park CofE Primary School
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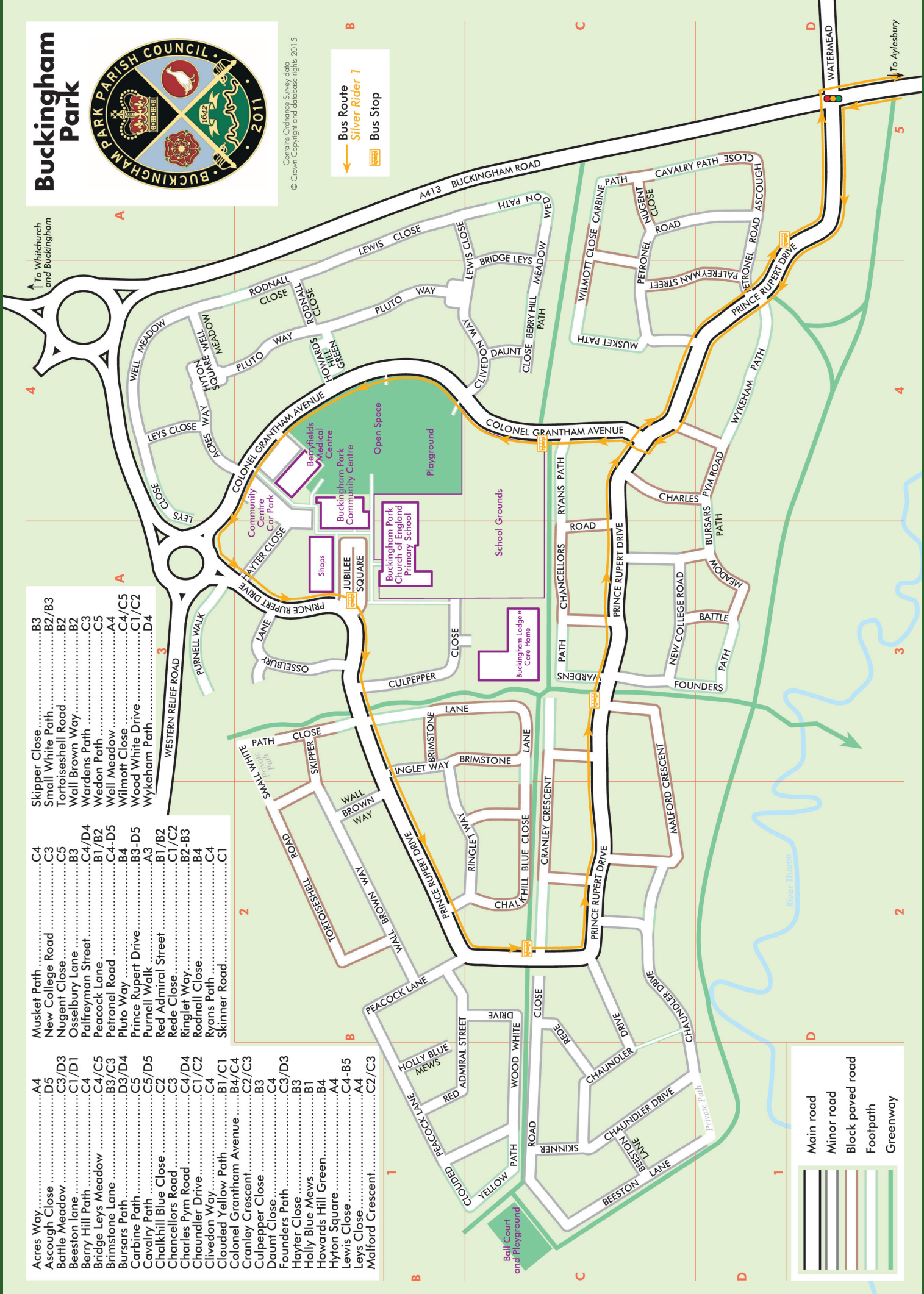
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Bus Stop

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Ascough Close.....D5	New College Road.....C3	Small White Path.....B2/B3
Beeston Lane.....C3/D3	Nugent Close.....C5	Tortoiseshell Road.....B2
Berry Hill Path.....C1/D1	Osselbury Lane.....B3	Wall Brown Way.....B2
Bridge Leys Meadow.....C4/C5	Palfreyman Street.....C4/D4	Wardens Path.....C3
Brimstone Lane.....B3/C3	Peacock Lane.....B1/B2	Wedon Path.....C5
Bursars Path.....D3/D4	Petronel Road.....C4-D5	Well Meadow.....A4
Carbine Path.....C5	Pluto Way.....B3-D5	Wilmoth Close.....C4/C5
Cavalry Path.....C5/D5	Prince Rupert Drive.....B3-D5	Wood White Drive.....C1/C2
Chalkhill Blue Close.....C2	Purnell Walk.....A3	Wykeham Path.....D4
Chancellors Road.....C3	Red Admiral Street.....B1/B2	
Charles Pym Road.....C4/D4	Rede Close.....C1/C2	
Chaudler Drive.....C1/C2	Ringlet Way.....B2-B3	
Clivedon Way.....C4	Rodnall Close.....B4	
Clouded Yellow Path.....B1/C1	Ryans Path.....C4	
Colonel Grantham Avenue.....B4/C4	Skinner Road.....C1	
Cranley Crescent.....C2/C3		
Culpepper Close.....B3		
Daunt Close.....C3/D3		
Founders Path.....B3		
Hayter Close.....B1		
Holly Blue Mews.....B1		
Hollys Hill Green.....B4		
Hyton Square.....A4		
Lewis Close.....C4-B5		
Leys Close.....A4		
Malford Crescent.....C2/C3		

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- Minor road
- Block paved road
- Footpath
- Greenway



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To Aylesbury

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