

Census

Census Day is this Sunday, 21 March and the forms need to be completed on the day, or beforehand if preferred, using the code received in the census letter. Paper forms can be requested by calling the census contact centre on 0800 876 6276.

The personal information provided on the form is not shared with anyone, and people cannot be identified in the statistics published. These statistics, which will be used to make future decisions about where money is invested, will be made available in about a year's time. Personal records are locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

We have set up a service to help complete the form by phone or in person. Contact details and more information can be found on our census webpage.

Keep an eye on three iconic Bucks buildings – Waddesdon Manor, the Dashwood Mausoleum at West Wycombe and Pinewood Studios – which are lighting up purple for the census.

National Day of Reflection: 23 March 2021

We are inviting staff and local residents to join a national one-minute silence at 12 noon on Tuesday 23 March, as a time for reflection on the last year. This will be supported throughout the day on our social media channels.

The National day of Reflection marks the one year anniversary of the first UK lockdown and aims to bring people together to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and give hope for a brighter future.

Don't bin your electricals, recycle them!

From Monday 22 March, Buckinghamshire Council will be supporting the national Recycle Your Electricals Campaign which will promote reusing and recycling old and unwanted electricals across Buckinghamshire.

The eye-catching campaign has been successfully tried and tested across the country and Buckinghamshire Council will be supporting to deliver the campaign locally. A range of activities will encourage local residents to safely and responsibly dispose of unwanted electricals and all the activity will direct people to the recycleyourelectricals.org.uk website which makes it easy to search for your nearest recycling point.

Funding secured for new rural local transport schemes.

After working closely with local operators Arriva and Carousel, the council has been successful in a bid for £1.85m from the Department for Transport's Rural Mobility Fund over the next four years to introduce Demand Responsive Transport in and around Aylesbury and High Wycombe.

Demand Responsive Transport can be effective where fixed route transport services don't always meet local community needs. This could be due to distance from bus stops, frequency of buses, journey times and connectivity to areas other than the town centres. It offers greater flexibility, providing more tailored transport options closer to where people live and at a time that's more convenient to them.

Only 17 schemes across the country were successful with their bids, so having two schemes is a big boost for the county. If they prove to be a success, we will be looking to expand to other areas of the county in the future.

Funding boost for Bikeability cycle training

Buckinghamshire Council has received approximately £150,000 grant allocation towards Bikeability Training for 2021/22. This allocation is based on our initial allocation for 2020/21 and allows for an increased grant per pupil trained, and a 15% increase in delivery. We hope that we will be able to catch up on some of the training cancelled due to the pandemic and our application window is now open for schools to book their places for the Summer term.

We have also been awarded a £10,000 grant from the Bikeability Trust for a pilot project to help increase the provision of training for children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). The pilot scheme will help to identify and address barriers to full participation in cycling. We will be working with Cycling Projects who will

develop a bespoke training package to train our Bikeability trainers on how to teach children with SEND. We will keep you up to date on how this exciting project unfolds.

Links:

[Recycle Your Electricals campaign](#)

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