

Buxhall and District Community Council Chairperson's Annual Report 2026

*"To support recreational facilities, playing fields, playgrounds, community centres and other amenities of a similar character for the **benefit of the community residing in Buxhall** and the neighbourhood in the interest of social welfare...improving the conditions of life of **the persons for whom the facilities are primarily intended.**"*

Community Council Constitution 2020.

The reporting year 2025-26 has seen the Buxhall Community Council continue to hold routine meetings, planning and hosting a variety of village events quarterly, in line with the primary constitution aim of *"bringing benefit to and improving the conditions of life of the residents of Buxhall"*.

This year the Buxhall Community Council has worked to deliver community events on a quarterly basis and to support the Village Hall Committee in delivering their activities, with some seamlessly blended but supporting different mandates but always for the benefit of Buxhall.

Bangers, Beans and Bingo and the summer version of Burgers, Bun and Bingo continue to sell out almost immediately and remain a firm favourite. Places are limited so booking early is the only way to guarantee places for Keith and Mim's legendary games.

The Village Show continues to grow year on year with the baking and produce entries seeing the biggest growth in 2025. The cookery judge making particular comment on the impressive quality of the entries. The show team continue to develop the entry programme to ensure it remains a fun and inclusive show, focused on encouraging and promoting practical hobbies, encouraging trying something different, whilst appreciating the efforts of others and learning something new. Photography remains a popular category with mobile phones enabling a captured moment to star in the show.

The show doesn't follow RHS rules but focuses on encouraging people to have-a-go, being proud of their achievements and having fun. As always, we thank Buxhall WI for their continued support and the gift

they make to the VHMC from the funds raised through the refreshments.

The village website is live with a calendar of upcoming events across the whole village community and links to their respective sites and pages.

With community support at the heart of the Community Council, we have donated £100 to the Great Finborough Church Primary School in support of Christmas celebrations and have promised a donation of £500 to the village hall modernisation plan.

Coordinating with other village organisations, the BCC hosted Level 2 Food Hygiene training, seeing 16 members of the community successfully qualify, enhancing our catered events and ensuring guest welfare is at the fore of planning and safe happy events.

Looking forward, we continue to investigate means to host a village bonfire with 2027 as our target.

I would like to personally like to extend a huge thank you to:

- The committee for their time, work and commitment towards achieving the BCC's aims and delivering the excellent events held.
- The show judges who give their time and expertise.
- Everyone within our community who supports us with their time and donations and all who attend our events.

Buxhall Community Council is *your* Community Council. If you have ideas or can offer your time to support events or to join the Community Council, please contact me via:

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BCC Chairperson 2026