



Annual Parish Meeting  
6<sup>th</sup> May 2026



## **Agenda:**

1. Annual report from the Parish Council Chair
2. Annual report from West Northamptonshire Council Councillor
3. Annual reports from local groups/charities
4. Question time



- Long Buckby Green Spaces Committee
- Mill Park Reserve
- William Joseph Haynes
- United Charities Trust
- Buckby Feast Committee
- Long Buckby Youth Centre
- Medical Fund
- Long Buckby Community Centre
- Whilton & Buckby Locks Association
- St Lawrence's Church
- Trees For Station Road Planting Project
- Buckby Library & Hub
- Long Buckby WI



# LONG BUCKBY GREEN SPACES

## Cotton End Park









# MILL PARK RESERVE

# Mill Park Reserve

Saturday morning volunteers continue to meet weekly for general maintenance tasks with a number of volunteers currently seeking their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Tasks completed in the past year in addition to general maintenance have included a replacement deep water sign for the top pond and renovation of the main entrance notice board.





In the past year we have renewed the main sign at the front of the Reserve, and installed a camera to enhance security around the garage and field center. The local preschool group regularly meet at the park for outdoor activities and the Outdoor Club continue to hold events during the week. An Easter Fun Day saw a great turnout, as did the Winter Solstice event.



The priorities of the volunteers continues to be a focus on general repairs and maintenance, and protection of the park from vandalism. We are also progressing the partnership with the Wild Trout Trust to enhance the aquatic life of the stream.

The committee have been pleased to welcome new Trustees following the departure of a couple of long standing members over the past year and the handovers are now nearing completion.

Newcomers to conservation volunteering of all ages are welcome to join us to find out more at one of our regular 'Open Volunteer Mornings' or just turn up on a Saturday morning, weather permitting – an extra pair of helping hands is always welcome.



The Trustees would like to thank the volunteers past and present who have contributed to the reserve and established a haven for visitors and wildlife alike. We thank those that have donated or contributed in big ways or small.



WILLIAM JOSEPH HAYNES TRUST

A decorative graphic of a scroll with a dark blue outline and rounded corners, featuring scroll-like details at the top and bottom edges. The text is centered within the scroll.

# William Joseph Haynes Charity

Registered Charity No: 207655

The William Joseph Haynes Charity was set up in April 1967 to make grants for charitable purposes “for the advancement and general good of the parishioners of the Parish of Long Buckby, ... for which provision is not made out of rates, taxes or other public funds.”

If your organisation is looking for funding which you think falls within the categories above, please contact the Clerk to the Trustees at [pat@ellisemail.co.uk](mailto:pat@ellisemail.co.uk) for further information.

In the year to June 2025, grants were made to:

- Long Buckby Community Centre
- Long Buckby Stay and Play
- Long Buckby Twinning Association
- Long Buckby Green Spaces
- Buckby Library and Hub
- Long Buckby Wharf Village Hall



UNITED CHARITIES TRUST

# LONG BUCKBY UNITED CHARITIES

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 258830

Long Buckby United Charities owns the land situated at the top of the village, known as Cotton End Park.

The income from leasing this land, and our investments, are used to distribute small monetary gifts at Christmas time to “Parishioners of the Parish of Long Buckby aged 70 and over.”

Last year approximately 350 people received gifts from the charity.

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# BUCKBY FEAST COMMITTEE



# LONG BUCKBY FEAST

ON THE SPORTS FIELD

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 31st

- ★ Stalls
- ★ Food & Drink
- 🎵 Live Music
- 🎡 Fairground Rides
- 🎤 Entertainment All Day

Bring the family. Bring your friends.  
Let's make it a day to remember. ❤️

— FREE ENTRY - ALL WELCOME —

# Supporting Local Causes

*in Long Buckby*

Contributions raised by The Feast

## FEAST ACTIVITIES

Scarecrow Trail

Garage Sales

Produce & Craft Show

Quiz

Wildflower & History Walks

5k Fun Run







# MEDICAL FUND



# LONG BUCKBY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**DAVID CROSTON CHAIR OF TRUSTEES**

# STRONG PROGRESS



- Costs reduced
- More hirers
- Dedicated staff team
- Fund Raising
- County and National reach
- Community Support
- Financial Stability

# TRUSTEES THANKS GO TO



- Staff
- Community, Regular and Occasional Hirers
- Village Donations
- Volunteers
- Community



# WHILTON & BUCKBY LOCKS ASSOCIATION



**ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH**



# St Lawrence Church Long Buckby

To proclaim Jesus in everything  
we do and to serve Him  
in our community

## Highlights from 2025

- Continued with the Community Shelf
- Mid-year launched the Community Larder – now running every Tuesday 2pm-2:45pm
- Raised the funds to repair the South roof and work completed Q4 2025.
- Launched a Messy Church, a relaxed craft and activity based church expression.
- Remembrance Sunday with Deputy Lord Lieutenant

## Priorities for 2026

- Sustain Community Shelf and Larder and sources of funding
- Continue to fundraise for ongoing community and mission work
- Offer more to children and families particularly over school holidays.
- A larger events programme to attract visitors
- Serve our community





# THANK YOU!

- Our willing Volunteers for giving their time & expertise
- Our Ministry Team
- Our musicians
- Our PCC
- To all who donated money
- To all who gave items for Community Shelf
- To everyone who served at the Community Larder
- To all who attended Fundraising events
- To all who came to Church services
- To all who booked the Schoolrooms



# TREES FOR STATION ROAD PLANTING PROJECT

# Trees, flower and raised beds 2025- 2026





## Plans for next year: new trees and pond



Area for new trees near the  
station



The pond at Lakeside



# Our supporters 2025 - 2026

Long Buckby Parish Council

Long Buckby & District Gardening Club - Village Gardening  
group

Henry Cooke, Complete Ground Management  
West Northants Norse and Edge Services Long Buckby





# BUCKBY LIBRARY & HUB

# Buckby Library & Hub *for books & buzz*





# 2025/26

- Films
- Discussion Groups
- Concerts / dramas
- Children's activities
- Support groups
- Arts & crafts
- Exhibitions
- Competitions
- Friends scheme
- Chatty Café
- Citizen's Advice
- And lots more!

**FILM NIGHT**

**HAMNET**

Thursday 28th April 2025  
7:30PM doors open 8:00PM  
Online booking and library card required  
Bookings: 01753 535417 or book@buckley.org.uk

**£7.50**

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**JAZZ CAFÉ EVENING**

Saturday May 17th at 19:30  
(doors open at 18:30)  
with a 3 piece band of jazz musicians from RUFFY!

At the Community Centre  
Dustin Road, BUCK 708

Starts 25:00  
Ends 11:00  
Free  
Bookings: 01753 535417

**MARIA SUMMERSALE  
INSPIRED  
BY NATURE  
PAINTINGS**

November 2025

Bookings: 01753 535417

**Stresses to Smiles™  
Community Wellness**

Tuesday mornings fortnightly  
at 11 - 11:45 am

£1 contribution to library funds appreciated

For more info, contact Lou at 01753 535417

Specialist Voluntary

**SIXTIES REUNION TRIO**

FRIDAY 20th JULY 2025  
7:30 - 9:30 PM

Bookings: 01753 535417

**A Christmas Carol**

James Hervey  
Tuesday 14th December  
7:30 - 9:30 PM

Bookings: 01753 535417

**Books in the afternoon!**

Read recently chosen books - share thoughts, observations, discuss - enjoy exchanging ideas!

Bookings: 01753 535417

**The Chatty  
Cafe Scheme**

**Ukulele Evening at the library**

Thursday 12th March 2025  
7:30 - 9:00 PM - doors open 7 pm

Enjoy live music!

Enjoy drinks on site!

What is to be discussed in the evening?

Free entry and drinks welcome!

Let your love letters to the library and people!

**New Discussion Group**

4th Friday of each month  
Starts Friday September 28th  
2:30 - 3:15pm at the library

All sorts of topics... your perfect cup, what is being eaten?

What are you proud of but reluctant to highlight?

And even why on the way to get it, how a chat, when your work and back to the scene of the crime in a safe environment!

**Summer Holiday Children's Activities**

Monday 22nd July - 10:30 - 11:30am  
Lifts for Riding Hood Drama Workshop  
£5.00 per child

Tuesday 23rd August - 2:30 - 3:30pm  
Book Review with Nicky Pickles  
£2.50 per child

Friday 12th August - 2:30 - 3:30pm  
Outdoor Learning at Colston Field Park  
£2.50 per child

Tuesday 19th August - 2:30 - 3:30pm  
Mini-beast in the Library  
£2.50 per child

Tuesday 26th August - 4 - 7pm  
Bottlebees stories in the library  
£2.50 per child

**Children's Chinese New Year Activities**

Tuesday 17th February 2:30pm

Get creative!  
Book hunts  
Crafts  
Games

£2.50 per child  
Library card for children in relation please! (or the library)

**Author Event Lorna Marlow**

Thursday October 8th 7:00pm  
doors open 6:30pm

Bookings: 01753 535417

**Hey get writing!**

**Short story competition**

for all ages - children to adults!

With 'The day everything changed'

Free to enter!

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**We extend our grateful thanks for the support received over the last year.**

**Our thanks go to:**

- Long Buckby Parish Council
- William Joseph Haynes Trust
- Howdens Charitable Trust
- LBAFC Quiz Fund
- National Lottery
- Buckby Buzz advertisers
- Long Buckby Community Centre
- Long Buckby Feast
- L. Tremayne

We are also deeply grateful to everyone who has generously given their time and talents - providing talks, concerts and musical evenings free of charge.

Thank you to all who have joined our friends scheme, donated money, prizes, books and cakes and to those who have helped by selling tickets.

Finally, our sincere appreciation goes to everyone who uses and supports the library, and to our incredible team of volunteers and trustees.



**Buckby Library & Hub**  
*for books & buzz*



**Your dedication and hard work are what make the library such a success.**



# LONG BUCKBY YOUTH CENTRE









LONG BUCKBY WI

Long Buckby WI celebrated it's 104th anniversary in March and currently has 45 members. As well as the monthly meeting with interesting speakers, there are Scrabble, Mah-jongg and craft groups, theatre trips, a lunch club and an annual holiday. So much more than 'Jam and Jerusalem'!

Our priorities are to provide a safe and welcoming environment for women of all ages. Friendship and the opportunity to learn new skills.

The highlights of last year were the annual Craft fair in November, entering the Christmas tree festival and our holiday to Scotland.

This year we hope to increase our membership, we will be providing the refreshments at the Buckby Feast and running the Craft fair again in November.









Any Questions?

Thank you for coming, see you next year!