

At last we can all have a say over the future of New Buckenham

We are doing a Neighbourhood Plan for New Buckenham. When completed, the Plan will tell Breckland Council what we want for our village for the next 20 years. So we need to get it right.

The Plan will cover a range of issues in and around New Buckenham, so please tell us your thoughts and what your ideas and hopes are for the future.

As the Plan will be a legal document under the Localism Act 2011, it must be taken into consideration when any future development is proposed. There's a map on the back page showing the area covered by the Plan.

We hope that everybody in the village will complete this survey - there's one for **each person aged 16 and over**, not just one per household. This is because people have differing views, often related to their age or circumstances.

We particularly encourage younger people to complete a form as otherwise their thoughts and hopes won't be heard as much as they should. Later this year we'll be separately asking the views of the under-16s and their parents.

These forms are **anonymous** but have a reference number so we can check how many have been completed. They are easy to fill in - mainly tick boxes but with space for comments which we would welcome. The survey should take 15 minutes to do, but please think carefully about your answers and please try to answer all the questions.

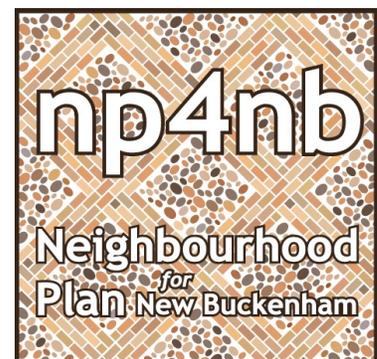
You can fill in the paper copy or you can do it on-line. The questions are the same. Just visit **www.np4nb.online** and click the button on the front page, enter your reference number at the start of the survey, then you're away.

The results of the survey will all be combined so it doesn't matter which way you do the survey - so long as you do! All survey records will be destroyed at the end of the Neighbourhood Plan project. Until then, all information is held securely under the Data Protection Act.

Oh yes, and for everyone who completes a survey either on paper or on-line there's a **free prize draw**, the other reason for the reference number! One prize of £25 in cash for each of these age groups: 16-24yrs and over 25yrs.

The Neighbourhood Plan team consists of:

Don Crossman (parish councillor)
Robert St John Cooper
Mary Dowson (parish councillor)
Violet Highton
Karen Hobley (parish councillor, ex-officio)
Mary Manning (parish councillor)
Trish Mallett
Charles Oxley
Janet Trewin



Please note: This survey starts with Question 2 to ensure compatibility with the on-line version.

2. On the whole, how do you feel about living in New Buckenham? *(Please tick one answer only)*
- Love it
 Quite like it
 No opinion
 Don't like it
 Greatly dislike it

3. What do you **like** about living in New Buckenham?

Please write your answer here

4. What do you **dislike** about living in New Buckenham?

Please write your answer here

5. Please indicate your involvement in these village activities *(Please tick one answer for each line)*

	Organise or attend regularly	Attend occasionally	Not interested	Didn't know about
Sport such as cricket, football and badminton	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Play area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sewing and handicraft groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Theatre, film, music and art at village hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Village show (produce, cookery, handicrafts)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Buckenham Society, Good Companions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use village pubs/restaurants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Church and chapel services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fundraising events, such as fête and bonfire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Grants may be available for community projects. The village would need to be wary about planning buildings for community use as it's difficult to raise money for them and much more difficult to keep them viable.

5. With this in mind, which existing activities could be improved, and how? (e.g. by better publicity, friendliness, time of day, organisation, equipment)

Please write your answer here

6. Which new activities or facilities could be brought to the village?

Please write your answer here

7. Would you be able to help with any of these suggestions?

Please write your answer here

8. How do you keep in touch with village events? *(Please tick one answer for each line)*

	Often	Sometimes	Never
Read 'Parish News'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attend Parish Council meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Read posters and delivered flyers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Read Parish Council notice board	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Read local papers (Mercury or Diss Express)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Word of mouth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Notices in village shops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use 'The Villager' (the village directory)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use village website (www.newbuckenham.net)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facebook and other social media	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)			

9. To encourage participation, how do you think communications within the village could improve?

Please write your answer here

10. How do you rate these features of living in New Buckenham? *(Please tick one answer for each line)*

	Extremely important	Somewhat important	Slightly important	Not important
Small village in rural setting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Need for more housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protecting surrounding countryside and wildlife	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Village shops, pubs, restaurants, garage service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Risk of flooding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Joining in village events, community spirit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protecting village heritage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good mobile phone and broadband service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regular bus service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic congestion, speed, noise and parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile library service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crime, vandalism and litter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Post office services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General shop	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to health care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allotments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)				

11. Do you use the bus service?
 Yes No, I have a car available
 No, but I would if buses went to: (please specify destinations)

12. Do you use the Community Car Scheme?
 No Yes, occasionally Yes, often Didn't know there was one

13. **IMPORTANT:** Please would **ONLY ONE** member of your household answer this question:
 How many cars or vans are there in your household? Please include company vehicles.
 None 1 2 3 4 or more

14. Which aspects of traffic in the village affect you? *(Please tick one answer for each line)*

	No problem	Some problem	Badly affected
Noise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Congestion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lorries and vibration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

15. If you think the village has traffic problems, how effective would the following actions be in easing them?
(Please tick one answer for each line)

	Would be effective	Might be effective	Would not work
Larger car park at play area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More use of village hall car park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More traffic calming in King Street	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
One way system in Chapel Street	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
'Gateway' at each end of village, e.g. more signs or planting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

16. Where in the village is it particularly difficult for people to get about e.g. with reduced mobility, poor sight or when using a pushchair? This includes pavements, footpaths and other public spaces.

Please write your answer here

New Buckenham could stimulate its own economy by encouraging tourism, including walkers and cyclists passing through the village. This might help local businesses such as the pubs and shops, and organisations such as the village hall, to flourish. This might however also increase traffic and the need for more parking.

17. Do you think the village should do more to promote tourism? *(Please tick one answer only)*
- Strongly agree Agree No opinion Disagree Strongly disagree
18. If tourism is thought to benefit the village, which actions would encourage tourism best? *(Please choose up to **FIVE** answers)*
- Publicise our part of the Tas Valley Way (a long distance walking route)
- Promote the common and its wildlife
- Print information leaflets
- Collectively publicise local businesses
- Make tourist facilities available such as toilets and tea rooms
- Better tourist related signage
- Preserve heritage views such as Market Place, open farmland, footpaths, churchyard
- Promote more village arts events
- Promote more use of village playing fields
- Floral and decorative planting in public areas and road verges
- Other (please specify)

New Buckenham is in a designated conservation area that includes an Ancient Monument (Buckenham Castle) and over 40 listed buildings. Some of the Common is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest. The village is surrounded by open farmland, flood meadows and footpaths some of which is habitat for rare species.

19. Thinking about the village, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Please tick one answer for each line)*

	Agree strongly	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Disagree strongly
It's important to protect the village's heritage (buildings and layout)	<input type="radio"/>				
Any new building should only be done within the present village boundary (infilling)	<input type="radio"/>				
It's important to protect the surrounding open countryside and its wildlife	<input type="radio"/>				

Although most towns and villages are required to identify land for new building, New Buckenham is currently not required to do this. The availability of land for building is very limited, if at all.

20. Thinking about village housing, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Please tick one answer for each line)*

	Agree strongly	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Disagree strongly
New Buckenham needs to build more houses	<input type="radio"/>				
If there is any new building it should reflect the local style	<input type="radio"/>				
Building more houses will risk more traffic and parking problems	<input type="radio"/>				
If new homes are to be built they should be smaller to suit single people and couples	<input type="radio"/>				
If new homes are to be built they should be larger, say four bedrooms	<input type="radio"/>				

21. What are your feelings about using land surrounding New Buckenham for generation of electricity? *(Please tick one answer for each line)*

	Agree	No opinion	Disagree
Biomass crop	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Commercial wind turbines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Solar farm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

22. What is your employment status? Please select one answer only

- Employed full time
- Employed part time
- Self employed
- Homemaker
- Student
- Unemployed
- Off work, long term sick
- Retired

Lastly, we need to have some information about you so we can better understand the answers you have given in the survey.

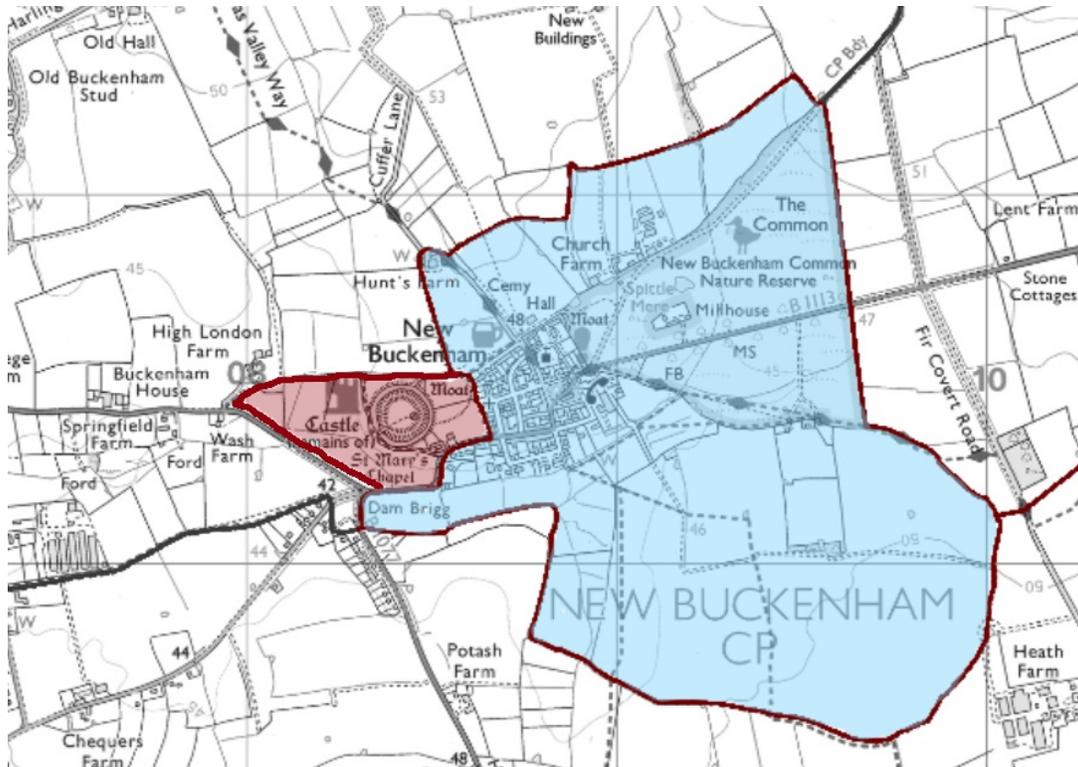
Please remember the survey is anonymous so when we look at the answers we won't know your name.

21. Are you
 Female Male Unspecified
22. Please tell us your age group
 16-18 19-24 25-44 45-64
 65-74 75+
23. Do you live alone?
 No Yes
24. Do you have a health problem that causes disability?
 No Minor disability Moderate disability Severe disability
25. How long have you lived in New Buckenham?
 Less than a year 1-4 years 5-10 years 10-20 years
 More than 20 years
26. Do you provide personal care for another adult?
 No Yes
27. Does someone give you personal care in your home?
 No Yes
28. Do you have a dog?
 No Yes

Thank you so much for completing this survey. If you've done it on-line then that's all you have to do. If you've filled in a form it will be collected from your home. Either way we'll put you in the free prize draw.

We will spend a couple of months analysing the results and then publish them. All the information will be kept strictly anonymous.

The Neighbourhood Plan team



Red boundary: Area covered by Neighbourhood Plan
Blue area: New Buckenham civil parish
Red area: Castle and surroundings (in Old Buckenham civil parish)

The Neighbourhood Plan's area includes the whole of the civil parish of New Buckenham plus that part of New Buckenham's designated conservation area that extends into Old Buckenham. The reason for extending the boundary outside the parish is to include Buckenham Castle and its immediate surroundings, as these are inextricably linked with the history of the village. This has been agreed by Old Buckenham Parish Council and Breckland District Council.

MORE ABOUT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROCESS

We will take a couple of months or so to analyse the results of this survey. We'll also be getting technical assessments done. Village organisations won't be forgotten and they'll be given the opportunity to contribute their views at specially convened meetings.

Following all this the Plan will then be drawn up and submitted in draft form to the village for approval. If approved, the Plan has to be examined by an independent inspector commissioned by Breckland Council to ensure that the plan is valid, legal and feasible, and that all the necessary processes have been followed. The final version will then be submitted by Breckland for a formal vote of approval by the village.

The working party are all volunteers. Necessary expenses such as the survey, publishing, publicity and the use of any technical expertise are covered by grants. Some initial funding has come from the Parish Council.

There's more information on our website so please visit: www.np4nb.online