

BIERTON AUTUMN NEWS

October 2026

DRAFT BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

A huge thank you to the 100+ residents who attended the Parish Council/Bierton Action Group meeting on Tuesday 11th August to hear more about the draft Buckinghamshire Local Plan, which is proposed to significantly impact the village. Both Julie Ward and Kathy Gibbon our local Buckinghamshire Councillors also attended the meeting.

Thank you to John Sylvester from Bierton Action Group and Sheila Cotton from Bierton Parish Council who helped shape the draft response which was shared on the village website and facebook for residents to read and potentially use in their own responses.

The deadline for comments was 6th September. Well done to everyone who submitted comments/objections as all of these will be read by the Inspector. The next steps are that the draft plan is examined by the Inspector between December 26 and September 27. If approved, the plan will be adopted between September and December 27.



BIERTON SOCIAL HUB



What is the Bierton social hub? It's a weekly opportunity to enjoy free refreshments, including some exceptionally tasty cakes in a warm and welcoming environment. Whether you want to sit and chat with other locals, find out what's happening locally, read newspapers or play cards or a range of board games - you will be welcomed. Occasionally there may be a guest speaker, choir/singer etc. There's no need to book a space or let us know if you're coming.

The hub is open from 2-4pm every Tuesday in the Jubilee Hall. Open to all ages (under 16's must be accompanied by an adult). Step free access is available via a side door. Donations for refreshments are welcomed but not compulsory.

So whether you're a local retiree, a parent on your way to or from the school pick-up or just someone who would like to get to know some of your neighbours a bit more - come along and join us for a cuppa.

Or you could help by baking a cake, donating board games or helping to set-up the hall and serve refreshments. To find out more please contact Steve Knowles on 07870 266642 or by email Steve.Knowles@biertonpc.org.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

All residents are welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings and to raise any matters or ask questions they feel the Council should consider. Meetings start at 7pm and are held in Jubilee Hall. The next dates are:

- Monday 19th October
- Monday 16th November
- No meeting in December

OLD CRICKET PAVILION

In 2025, it was decided to finally replace the roof of the Old Cricket Pavilion at the Recreation Ground. The costs were increasing year on year and it was felt the time was right to get it done after storm damage removed several parts in the winter. This was carried out thanks to funding from The Mike & Claire Griffin Trust and Berton Parish Council.

Pictured are John Chantler, Trustee, and Mike Glynn, 'Clerk of the Works'. Mike has considerable knowledge of old buildings and helped enormously when deciding how this should be done.

Our thanks to both these gentlemen for their help with the project and also to Rob Brown of RB Roofing, Tring who carried out the work. The history of the Pavilion can be found on the village website.



PLANNING UPDATES

Regretfully the planning application for 36 houses off Barnett Way was approved by Buckinghamshire Council in September. This was despite objections by Councillor Julie Ward, the Parish Council and Berton Action Group who all made strong representations at the Planning Committee meeting.

An outline planning application for 55 houses has been received for a field opposite the Doghouse Pub PL/26/07248/OA. **Deadline for responses is 7th October.**



Physio Healing Hands is a local physiotherapy & rehabilitation clinic providing personalised care to help you recover, move confidently and stay active. Services include musculoskeletal and sports injury rehabilitation, post-operative care, neurological rehabilitation, falls prevention/ Elderly care, Paediatric rehabilitation, gait and posture assessment, pain management and mobility rehabilitation.

We combine hands-on expertise with advanced technology, including 3D posture and gait analysis, K-Laser Therapy, Shockwave Therapy and Pressotherapy/Lymphatic Drainage, to support accurate assessment and tailored treatment.

Locations in Berton, Weston Turville & Aylesbury. We also provide home visits and physiotherapy within care homes, bringing professional rehabilitation closer to those who need it most.

FOOTSTEPS BIERTON

Footsteps Bierton enjoyed a vibrant and imaginative Summer term filled with exploration, creativity and new skills. Children dived Under the Sea, discovering ocean creatures through stories, artwork, sensory play and plenty of water fun. Swimming teacher Debbie also visited to share essential water-safety messages.

Imaginative play flourished, with simple materials transformed into castles, boats and secret hideaways. Children built dens, developing creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills. Children excavated fossils, created prehistoric art and learned about their favourite species.

Sports Day was a standout moment, with children showing determination and enthusiasm across four races.

We also celebrated our wonderful leavers with a joyful graduation. Watching the children made us reflect on how much they have grown in confidence and independence - a real privilege to be part of - and we wish each of them every success as they begin their exciting journey to big school.

At Footsteps Bierton, every day is an opportunity to inspire curiosity and creativity through play. We look forward to welcoming familiar and new faces in September.

If you're seeking a warm, nurturing preschool where children thrive, we'd be delighted to welcome you for a visit.

email: bierton@footsteps-nursery.co.uk
phone: 07865724679 or 07743871369

SANTA'S FLOAT

Santa will be visiting the village again this year on Sunday 13th December. He will be touring Aylesbury Road, Great Lane, Grendon Way, William Hill Drive, Parsons Lane and it's Closes.

More details on expected timings and tracker information will follow on Facebook - both the Bierton Events Page and Bierton Families.

RED LION PUB

We're delighted to see that the Red Lion pub opened on 1st October and hope that the new venture is well supported by locals who have been without a village pub for some years.

If you haven't yet visited the newly re-opened pub, why not pop in for a drink and catch-up with other locals.

Keep an eye on their Facebook page for more information about events, food trucks etc.

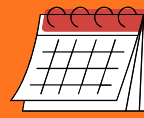


SIMPLY WALK BIERTON

We are seeking additional volunteers to help lead regular local walks in and around Bierton - which could be anywhere between 30 minutes to 90 minutes. The aim is for there to be a number of walk leaders, so that you don't have to commit to leading a walk every week.

If you would like to find out more or would like to volunteer, please get in touch with the Parish Council Clerk via parishclerk@biertonpc.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Social Hub every - Tuesday, 2-4pm Jubilee Hall
- Weekly Wednesday Welcome - 2-3.30pm - St James Church
- First Saturday of the month coffee & cake 10.30 - 11.45 - St James Church
- Saturday 7th November - 10.30-noon Gift Day & There But Not There - St James
- Sunday 8th November - 10.00 Remembrance Service, 11am wreath laying - St James
- Sunday 15th November - Bierton 5k & 10k run
- Saturday 5th December - 11-2 Christmas Bazaar - St James
- Wednesday 16th December - 7pm Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree (Hot Soup and drinks available) in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice - St James
- Sunday 13th December - Santa Float - BEG - see article.
- Saturday 19th December - Pop up pub Jubilee Hall 3-11pm
- Sunday 20th December - 10.30am Christingle Service - St James
- Thursday 24th December - 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion Service - St James
- Friday 25th December - 10am Christmas Day Holy Communion Service - St James
- 3rd April 2027 - Bierton's Annual Quiz Night, Jubilee Hall 7pm - BEG
- 15th May 2027 - Race Night - BEG

REPLACEMENT OF STILES

If you're a local walker, you will have seen that work has been underway for the last 2-3 years to replace a number of stiles with metal gates, to make our paths more accessible. We're delighted to confirm that this work continues and that there are now gates in the field behind Cowley Close. The gates replace quite a high and challenging stile. If you have ideas on where you'd like to see a gate instead of a stile, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.



SPORTS CENTRE REFURB

The Parish Council has completed further improvement work to the Sports Centre. Sound reducing panels have been added to reduce the echo/noise in the hall, fire doors have been updated and the hall has been decorated.

This was funded through grants from Gib Lane Solar Fund, Heart of Bucks, Hulcott & Bierton Parish Councils, and Mike & Claire Griffin Trust.



The Winter edition of Bierton News will be published in January. If you have any articles, feedback, news or thanks you would like to share, please email lorna.fisher@biertonpc.org.uk or facebook message Bierton Parish Council or leave a message on 07932 738733