

Welcome to Buckden

A Handbook to Knowing Your Community



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A WARM WELCOME TO BUCKDEN

Buckden is a vibrant village community with a host of organisations and activities in and around the village in which you can become involved. It is also of course an excellent centre for walking being situated on the Dales Way.

We hope that the information contained in this handbook will help you to settle into your new home and the community. Your neighbours will no doubt be welcoming and assist you as needed, but this handbook aims to help you find your way round services and activities to enable you to connect with our community when you first arrive.

The guide contains up-to-date and relevant information about the area, including further afield in Kettlewell, Starbottle, and Grassington the fictional market town of Darrowby in the new series of All Creatures Great & Small.

Buckden's regular activities include:

The Parish Council	The clerk to the Council	buckdenclerk@gmail.com
Buckden Singers	contact Anne Vetch	anne@vetch.co.uk
Whist	contact David Lusted	info@dalegarth.co.uk
Buckden Art Group	contact Angela Falshaw	angela.falshaw@gmail.com
Knit and Natter	contact Sue Lusted	info@dalegarth.co.uk
Monthly Quiz	contact The Institute	peter@vetch.co.uk
Monthly Coffee Mornings	contact The Institute	hall@buckden.org
NYC Mobile Library		NYC Supermobile Library

You will find information about these and much more beside on Buckden's community website at www.Buckden.org

To join the Buckden mailing list for a monthly update and other occasional items please email info@buckden.org

To join the Buckden Community WhatsApp group please send a text to 07802 350699 or email whatsapp@buckden.org – please include your name and address

Our local Parish magazine 'The Link' delivered monthly contains a very useful Community Directory and details of forthcoming events.



Buckden Parish Council

Buckden Parish is in the area of North Yorkshire Council - a newly created unitary council. The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and has a variety of responsibilities including matters relating to the environment, public health, recreation, transport facilities and public spaces in the Parish. In addition, it also represents local views and interests to the County Council.

The council represents the Parish of Buckden, which covers the top end of Upper Wharfedale and Langstrothdale. The parish includes the village of Buckden itself, as well as the hamlets of Cray, Hubberholme, Raisgill, Yockenthwaite, Deepdale, Beckermonds, Oughtershaw and Greenfield. For more information go to www.pc.buckden.org

Buckden Village Institute:

Built in 1912, Buckden Village Institute is the village hall for the parish of Buckden. The hall is located in the centre of Buckden, and provides one of the main meeting places for members of our community. Visitors to the Dale and residents of nearby villages are always welcome at events held in the hall.

A wide variety of social events take place in the hall as well as the local art group, Buckden Singers rehearsals, Parish Council meetings and an increasing number of external bookings, income from which enable us to let local people and groups use the hall free of charge.

The hall is a charity (named Buckden Township Hall) run by a committee elected at a general meeting held in April/May every year at which all residents can vote. The hall is self-financing, and its main source of income is the annual Gala as well as the Duck Race, Buckden Singers concerts and hall booking fees.

Buckden is a harmonious community which prides itself on making everyone feel at home without pressuring anyone to join in more than they wish. We hope to see you in the hall whenever you feel like coming and we guarantee a friendly and warm welcome.

Information about the Institute and its activities is available at www.institute.buckden.org



LOCAL AMENITIES

Kettlewell Garage

Kettlewell, Skipton BD23 5QZ

Phone: 01756 760225

Kettlewell Cinema This runs on a Saturday on a monthly basis at Kettlewell Village Hall organised by the village hall committee. Programme details are on the Buckden website www.buckden.org

Amazon Counter

Collection point for Amazon parcels.

Grassington Post Office, 15 Main Street, Grassington, BD23 5AD

Open Monday – Friday 9am – 5:30pm, Saturdays 9am – 1pm

Telephone: 01756 753810

Cash Machine

Located at the Shell Garage/Spar Shop in Threshfield. There is also a cash machine adjacent to the Dales Market Square supermarket just off Grassington Square. Cash can also be obtained from Grassington Post Office.

Dales Toffee Shop & Newsagent

1 Wood Lane, Grassington, BD23 5LU

Telephone: 01756 752346

Open Monday – Sunday 8am – 5pm

Newspapers and magazines, greetings cards, gifts, sweets, ice-cream.

Gem Petrol Station - Threshfield

Kettlewell Road, BD23 5PL

Telephone: 01756 753578

Open Monday – Sunday 7am – 10pm

Fuels: Unleaded, Diesel and Truck Diesel

Grassington Hardware Shop

24 – 26 Main Street, Grassington, BD23 5AA

Telephone: 01756 753770

A treasure trove with gardening equipment, kitchenware, paint, electrical and plumbing items, timber, coal / logs / kindling, and seasonal plants. Key cutting and tool sharpening.



Grassington Hub & Community Library

Manor Hill Barn, Garrs Lane, Grassington, BD23 5AT

Telephone: 01756 752222

www.grassingtonhub.com

Open Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm, Saturdays 9:30am – 12noon

North Yorkshire Council Adult and children's library with fiction and non-fiction. Free to join.

Second-hand book shop.

Car park passes for Wood Lane car park.

Helping Hands transport to medical appointments.

Photocopying, printing and office services.

Library computers for public use.

Free Wi-Fi.

Grassington Post Office

15 Main Street, Grassington, BD23 5AD

Open Monday – Friday 9am – 5:30pm, Saturdays 9am – 1pm

Telephone: 01756 753810

Services available:

All Royal Mail and Parcelforce Worldwide services. Drop and Go service.

Personal and business banking: cash withdrawals, cash deposits, cheque deposits.

Bill payments and top ups. Vehicle Tax.

Foreign currency, travel insurance, travel money cards. MoneyGram.

Amazon counter – collection point for Amazon parcels. Greetings Cards and Gifts

Grassington Town Hall / Grassington Devonshire Institute (GDI).

48 Main Street, Grassington, BD23 5AA

General enquiries: info@grassdevinst.org

www.grassingtondevonshireinstitute.org

Grassington and Upper Wharfedale's largest venue which attracts many local groups and private individuals to stage their own events and activities each year. GDI, the charity that run the Town Hall, also stages several of its own events each year.

Salon 41 (Hairdressers)

41 Main Street, Grassington, BD23 5AA

Telephone: 07394 158824



SHOPPING, EATING AND DRINKING UPDALE

The villages of Buckden, Hubberholme and nearby Kettlewell, and Starborton are home to a number of friendly cafes, restaurants, and cosy pubs.

The Buck Inn, Buckden

phone: 01756 761933

The George Inn, Hubberholme

phone: 01756 760223

The White Lion, Cray

(Currently closed for renovation)

The Fox & Hounds, Starborton

phone: 01756 760269

The Blue Bell, Kettlewell

phone: 01756 760230

The Racehorses, Kettlewell

phone: 01756 760233

The Kings Head, Kettlewell

phone: 01756 860086

&Then Delicatessen and café, Kettlewell

The Old Sheep Dip, Kettlewell

The Cottage Tea Room, Kettlewell

phone: 01756 760405

There is a village store in Kettlewell while Grassington's bustling cobbled market square is fringed by shops offering everything from practical essentials to luxuries as well as art galleries, crafts and open studios. There are two take-aways: a traditional fish and chip shop, and an Indian restaurant. Walkers Bakery has cakes, bread and freshly made sandwiches. Some of the pubs, cafes and restaurants also have take-away options. There are too many shops, cafes, restaurants, and pubs to list here. Why not have a walk round and see for yourself?

You can find full details of Grassington shops, restaurants, cafes and pubs online on the Grassington website, www.discovergrassington.co.uk

FOOD SHOPS

Kettlewell Village Store

Good selection of groceries and household supplies. DPD collection point See website for opening and closing times.

&Then Deli – Kettlewell

Selection of cheeses, cooked meats etc.

Spar Threshfield

Fresh fruit & vegetables, fresh meat, groceries, in-store bakery, off-licence, lottery, ATM.

Petrol station. Tel: 01756753578

Kettlewell Road, Skipton, BD23 5PL. Open Monday – Sunday 7am – 10pm

Dales Market Square - Grassington

Supermarket just off Grassington Square. Good selection of groceries and household supplies. Fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh meat, frozen food off-licence, lottery. ATM

Main Street, Grassington, BD23 5AD. Open Monday – Sunday 8am – 9pm

Opening and closing times can be seasonal so may vary.

Grassington House Hotel's Shop

Fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy, meat and fish. Grassington House Homemade Pies and pre prepared meals. Must be ordered in advance.

Email orders only, orders@grassingtonhouse.co.uk

For more information visit www.grassingtonhouse.co.uk/shop.html



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Whatever you want to do or would like to try out, there is sure to be a group or organisation in Upper Wharfedale or Grassington doing it! Whether you enjoy art and crafts, sports, music and drama, or a quieter activity like bridge, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

For information on local groups go to the Buckden website www.buckden.org or Grassington Hub website community pages. www.grassingtonhub.com

There are a number of large annual events in Upper Wharfedale including:

Buckden Gala

Traditionally held on the third Saturday in June, Buckden Gala is a traditional village Gala with Sheep Show and Fell Race - A great day out in the dales with live music, stalls, dog show, children's races, crafts, grand draw, bouncy castle, coconut shy, beer tent, hot dogs, ice cream and tea room as well as the famous Buckden Pike Fell Race. It is a great opportunity for the community to work together, have fun and raise money to support the Village Institute!

www.buckdengala.co.uk

Buckden Duck Race

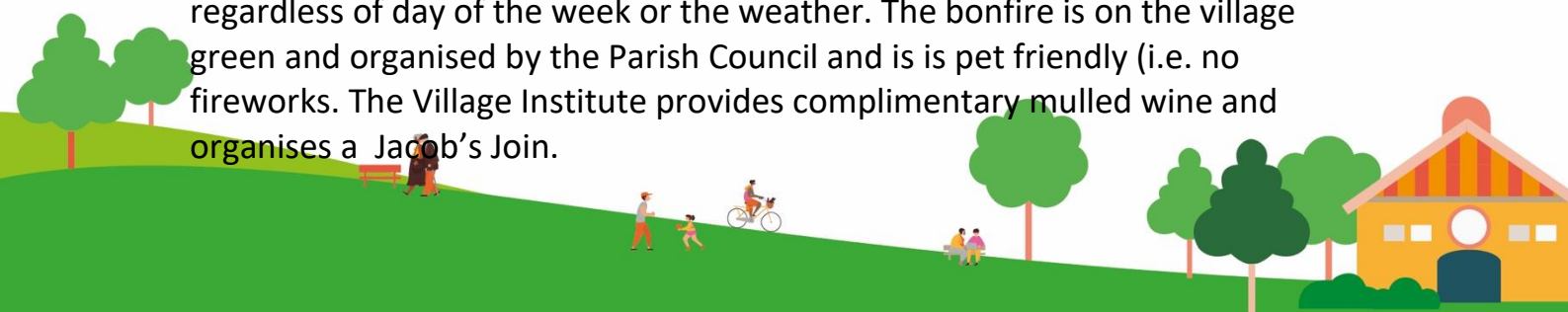
The Duck Race is held on a Sunday afternoon at the end of July in the river Wharfe at Buckden Bridge, with some 600 ducks competing in a hotly contested dash (subject to water levels) for the finish line. Cash prizes for the winning ducks and hotdogs available from the Buckden burgers team.

Buckden Art Exhibition

The annual Art Exhibition shows the talents of the Buckden Art Group and is held of the August Bank Holiday weekend in Buckden Village Institute. Approximately 150 original paintings are on display, mostly for sale, together with greetings cards and craft items

Buckden Bonfire

Buckden's Bonfire night is always held at 6.00 p.m. on November 5th – regardless of day of the week or the weather. The bonfire is on the village green and organised by the Parish Council and is pet friendly (i.e. no fireworks). The Village Institute provides complimentary mulled wine and organises a Jacob's Join.



Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival

Traditionally held at the beginning of August since 1994 as a fundraising event for Kettlewell Primary School, the festival has grown from strength to strength, and it is renowned for the high standards of creations and characters.

The Festival welcomes thousands of visitors from far and wide, many been coming back year after year. Whilst the fundraising for school, village hall and church is needed as much as ever, it's all the happy faces and positive feedback that still makes all the effort worthwhile.

Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show

This takes place each September. Many entries come in from all age groups and in all categories from photos to fruit, and from cakes to crafts. It is very well supported by local communities.

Kilnsey Show

As the Yorkshire Dales' premier agricultural show and showcasing country life, farming, and traditions, Kilnsey Show has been marking the end of summer in the Dales since 1897. Set under the shadow of the dramatic Crag, Kilnsey Show & Sports is a spectacular showcase of keenly contested livestock competitions, equine events and sheepdog trials, together with a fabulous display of baking, handicrafts, horticulture, and of course, the famous Crag race.

<https://www.kilnseyshow.co.uk/>

1940's Weekend

A very popular weekend usually held on the third weekend in September each year. Be taken back in time as you land in the heart of Yorkshire Dales experiencing the scenes and sounds of the 1940s at every turn.

www.grassington1940sweekend.co.uk

Email: bookings@grassington1940sweekend.co.uk

Christmas Markets

Grassington is a magical place to be at Christmas. With its twinkly lights, independent shops, fire-lit pubs and cosy cafes, accommodation from self-catering to guest houses and hotels. Usually held on the last Saturday in November and first Saturday in December.

www.discovergrassington.co.uk/grassingtons-christmas-festivities/

Email: events@discovergrassington.co.uk



VOLUNTEERING

There are many volunteering opportunities in our community. Below are some of the main opportunities available but most local groups will appreciate help with their various activities.

Upper Wharfedale Bus run the community-operated local bus service running the [Venturer 72B service](#) between Buckden, Grassington & Hebden in Upper Wharfedale. The service runs three times per day in each direction on school days five times per day on Saturdays and school holidays. Buses connect with the Grassington / Skipton 72 service at Grassington. The service relies heavily on volunteers both as drivers and for other tasks, and new volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested, please email info@upperwharfedale.com or call 01756 761155

Grassington & District Helping Hands organise transport to medical or 'well-being' appointments for residents of Upper Wharfedale who might otherwise have difficulty getting to their appointment, using volunteer drivers. Helping Hands are always looking for more drivers. If you would like to be a volunteer driver, please contact Secretary Babs Peacock on 01756 752064.

Grassington Folk Museum needs volunteers to help in several ways including opening the museum and looking after exhibits.
Email: uwmsoc@yahoo.com for more information.

Grassington Hub and Community Library have lots of different volunteering opportunities including:

- working in the library and reception area at the Hub
- cooking and serving meals at the monthly Lunch Club
- chatting to people at The Friday Hub well-being café
- helping out at the Community Cinema
- delivering books to housebound library users
- running day-time social activities

Tel: 01756 752222 Email: enquiries@grassingtonhub.com



Grassington in Bloom, Gold certificate winner of Yorkshire in Bloom 2024, create the wonderful displays in the many pots and planters around Grassington. To help with this, contact Chair Diane Mackridge on mackridgediane@gmail.com

Grassington Town Hall will happily find a role for anyone within their GDI family. If you can offer a welcoming smile, put up displays, help with fundraising, community events or have basic building/maintenance skills please get in touch with Hazel on 01756 753533 or hazel.drew@grassdevinst.org

Pride in the Dales, 1940's Weekend and Christmas Markets need volunteers to make their events happen. Contact the organisers on page 7 of this handbook.



CARE & SUPPORT

Grassington Hub

Manor Hill Barn, Garrs Lane, Grassington, BD23 5AT. Tel: 01756 752222
Community Anchor Organisation for Grassington and Upper Wharfedale. An independent community-led organisation, working to provide solutions to local problems and challenges.

The Hub provides advice, support and signposting to other services. Current services provided include a wellbeing café, lunch club, men's shed, befriending service, digital support, and practical help such as shopping and prescription delivery. The Hub provides many other activities and services so pop-in and talk to their friendly volunteers to find out more.

Gills Top Care Home

Scar Street, Grassington, BD23 5AF. Tel: 0800 085 4318
24-hour care for elderly people. Offering support for older people who have residential care and dementia care needs within a warm and homely setting

Threshfield Court Care Home

Station Road, Threshfield, Skipton, BD23 5ET. Tel: 01756 752200
24-hour nursing care for older people in need of support, alongside specialist dementia support.

TRANSPORT TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Grassington and District Helping Hands charity was established to relieve people in need because of illness, age, social isolation or being housebound.

The charity provides a volunteer transport service taking people to hospitals, doctors' appointments, and dentists. The service also provides prescription collection and shopping where needed.

The service is administered by Grassington Hub. Please call Hub reception to book an appointment or to find out more about the service: 01756 752222



LOCAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Buckden Parish Council

- Cllr R Ingram – Chairman
- Cllr P Vetch – Vice Chairman
- Cllr J Way
- Cllr P Ramsden
- Cllr A Jarret

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Elaine Barlow- Hall

buckdenclerk@gmail.com

Website: www.pc.buckden.org

North Yorkshire Council – Wharfedale Division

Councillor Richard Foster - Conservative

Telephone: 07843 054653

Email: Cllr.Richard.Foster@northyorks.gov.uk

MP for Skipton & Ripon

The Rt Hon Julian Smith KBE CBE, Conservative MP for Skipton & Ripon.

Constituency office. Tel: 01756 795898

Parliamentary office: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Telephone: 020 7219 7145

Email: julian.smith.mp@parliament.uk

Website: www.juliansmith.org.uk



LOCAL SERVICES – EMERGENCY, MEDICAL AND VETERINARY

First Responders

Our Community First Responder (CFR) scheme is a life-saving partnership with local communities. As authorised volunteers CFRs form teams across Yorkshire, including the Upper Dale and Buckden, to help reduce the number of pre-hospital deaths. CFRs are trained to provide life-saving treatment for patients in the vital first few minutes of an emergency until our ambulance crew arrives. If effective treatment is provided quickly, lives can be saved and disability reduced. This is especially true for heart attacks and medical conditions which have caused someone to lose consciousness. When a 999 call is received an ambulance response is dispatched. At the same time, a CFR on-call in the area can be alerted and asked to attend the incident to ensure that help reaches the patient as quickly as possible.

Defibrillators

Defibs are sited at Buckden Institute, in Beckermonds & in Oughtershaw

Emergency Services

North Yorkshire Police

Grassington Police Station, Wood Lane, Grassington BD23 5LU.

Tel: 101

Public Safety Officer Robbie Kirkbride Tel: 07557 066366

Fell Rescue: Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue <https://uwfra.org.uk/contact/>

Medical

IG Medical, Grassington Medical Centre 9 Station Road, Grassington, BD23 5LS, Tel: 01756 752313

Grassington Dental Care 9 Station Road, Grassington, BD23 5LS, Tel: 01756 753782

Grassington Pharmacy 9 Station Road Grassington, BD23 5LS, Tel: 01756 752338 Open 9am – 6pm Monday – Friday. Please check with pharmacy as opening hours are subject to change.



Opticians

Nearest opticians in Skipton.

Benjamin Opticians

23 Newmarket Street, Skipton, BD23 2JE Tel: 01756 792933

Boots Opticians

40-42 Sheep Street, Skipton, BD23 1HY, Tel: 01756 791738

Specsavers

14 Swadford Street, Skipton, BD23 1RD, Tel: 01756 702520

Veterinary Services

Bainbridge Vets (located in Askrigg & Leyburn)

Tel: 01969 650263

Ashlands Veterinary Centre

Rockvilla, 1 -3 Clifford Street, Skipton, BD23 2AD. Tel: 01756 636999

STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Buckden Parish Council

see Page 4 for details

North Yorkshire Council.

Council tax, waste collection and all the usual county Council services.

www.northyorks.gov.uk

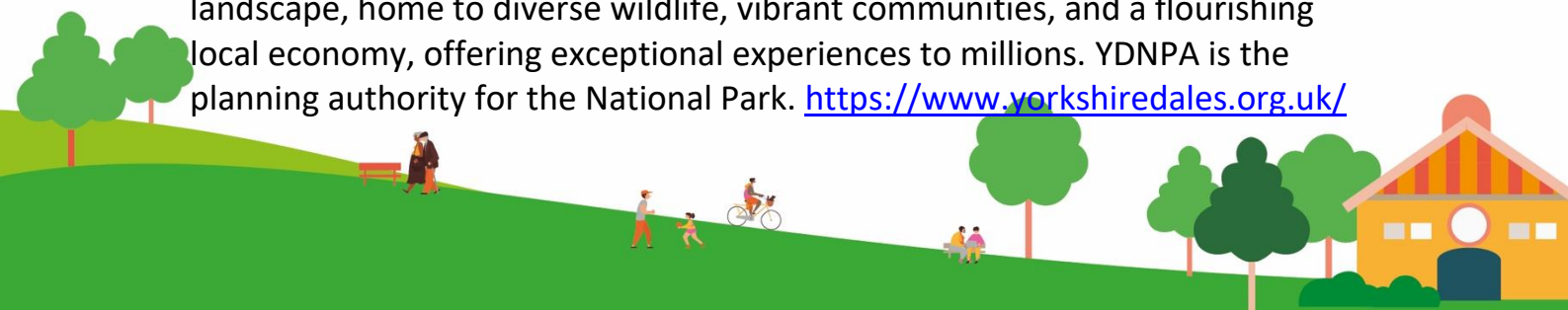
Household waste and recycling is collected as follows:

Green (Household) & Blue (Recycling) bins are collected once every two weeks on alternate Tuesdays. Brown (garden waste) bins are collected alternate Fridays from spring to Autumn. To check your collection dates, go online here:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bin-calendar/lookup>

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority manages the National Park. Its statutory purposes are to conserve the Park's natural beauty, wildlife and heritage, and to promote public enjoyment. It also supports local communities' well-being. By 2040, the vision is for a thriving, resilient, culturally rich landscape, home to diverse wildlife, vibrant communities, and a flourishing local economy, offering exceptional experiences to millions. YDNPA is the planning authority for the National Park. <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/>



SCHOOLS

Kettlewell Primary School (part of Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation)

Tel: 01756 760280

Email: kettlewelladmin@uwpf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Upper Wharfedale School

Wharfeside Avenue, Threshfield, BD23 5BA.

Tel: 01756 752215 Email admin@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk

FAITH GROUPS

St Michael and All Angels Church, Hubberholme

Rev. Tom Lusty

Tel: 01756 380237

www.upperwharfedalechurches.org

Grassington Congregational Church 6-10 Garrs Lane, Grassington

www.grassingtonchurch.org

Grassington Methodist Church

Tel: 01756 752607

www.skiptonandgrassingtonmethodist.org.uk

St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Church, Threshfield

Fr. Christopher Angel

www.stmargaretcclitherow.org.uk

Bradford Reform Synagogue:

This is the closest option, located at 7 Bowland Street in Bradford.

[Home](#) | [Bradford Synagogue](#)

Skipton Mosques

18 Greenfield Street Skipton BD23 1SJ

[Jamia masjid, Skipton](#) | [Masjidway](#)

21-25 Midland Street Skipton BD23 1SE

[Skipton Masjid – Skipton Masjid](#)



GETTING ABOUT

BUSES RUN BETWEEN SKIPTON, GRASSINGTON AND UPPER WHARFEDALE AS FOLLOWS:

- Upper Wharfedale [Venturer 72B service](#) local bus service runs between Buckden, Grassington & Hebden in Upper Wharfedale. The service runs three times per day in each direction on school days five times per day on Saturdays and school holidays. Buses connect with the Grassington / Skipton 72 service at Grassington
- There is a Sunday bus service operated by [DalesBus](#) south from Buckden all year round and north to Wensleydale in summer.
- Keighley Bus Company service 72 runs between Skipton and Grassington seven days a week.

Travelling around the Yorkshire Dales.

The timetable for the Upper Wharfedale Venturer service from Buckden can be found at <https://www.upperwharfedale.com/timetable>

For other bus and train timetables, and travel information, the Dales Bus website is the place to go. The website is designed to help you get around the Yorkshire Dales area (including the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale National Landscape) using public transport.

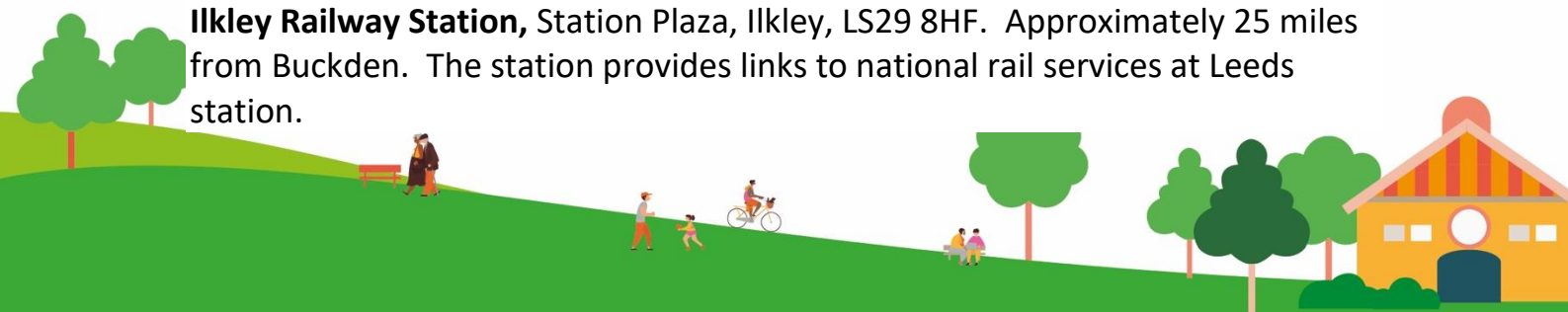
www.dalesbus.org

RAILWAYS SERVICES

Skipton Railway Station, Broughton Road, Skipton, BD23 1RT. Approximately 20 miles from Buckden, and reachable by the 72B bus from Buckden to Grassington and then the 72 to Skipton. Skipton station provides links to national rail services at Leeds station.

Gargrave Railway Station, Church Street, Gargrave BD23 3NE. Approximately 19 miles from Buckden. The station provides links from Morecambe to Leeds, via Skipton.

Ilkley Railway Station, Station Plaza, Ilkley, LS29 8HF. Approximately 25 miles from Buckden. The station provides links to national rail services at Leeds station.



TAXI SERVICES

Kettlewell Taxis

Local services around the dale, transport to Skipton, and airport runs.

Contact: 01756 761646 / 07940 753524

Skipton and Craven Taxis

Local and long distance, stations and airport runs.

Contact: 01756 701122

TRANSPORT TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please see page 9 of this handbook for volunteer transport to medical appointments, for residents of Buckden and Upper Wharfedale.

WHO TO CONTACT

For any further questions about Buckden, email info@buckden.org

If you have any suggestions for this handbook, please contact Grassington Hub.

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Garrs Lane
Grassington
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Tel: 01756 752222

Email: enquiries@grassingtonhub.com

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