



# The Buckingham Society

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**Ring Road** – the Buckingham Society was at the forefront of the campaign to have a bypass built to alleviate traffic problems and encourage new shops, houses and industry. It finally came to pass in 1984.

**Conservation area** – the Buckingham Society as such did not exist when founding members recognised a need for something to be done to save the best of the town following the destruction of historic buildings in the 1960s. The Society, amongst many others, campaigned for a conservation area and it was finally set up in 1971.

**Town Hall** – the Buckingham Society opposed AVDC plans to demolish this historic building for “road improvements”. After a lengthy campaign the plans were finally quashed by Government inspectors.

**Riverside Walk** – the Buckingham Society was the first organisation in the town to suggest the creation of a riverside walk with an initial section proposed from Verney Close to London Road.

**London Road Bridge** – the Buckingham Society first expressed concern about the state of the bridge in the 1970s. Following more pressure from the society the bridge was restored to something like its former glory in 2016.

**Old Gaol** – the Buckingham Society was the first to suggest, in 1976, that a museum be established in Buckingham’s most iconic building. It was finally established in 1993.

**Flood Plains** – the Buckingham Society was among the first to recognise the importance of maintaining open spaces to help reduce the possibility of flooding

**Vision & Design Statement** – the Buckingham Society took the lead in creating the first Design Statement for a market town, producing important design criteria for Buckingham in the attempt to ensure that new buildings reflect the distinctive character of our market town.

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**Heartland green area** – the Buckingham Society maintained a close watch on the housing development bordering the heartland to ensure that the promised green space remained at the heart of the town. The planting of the millennium beech trees on the Heartland site in 2000 was initiated by the Society.

**Plaque on Cooper's Wharf flats** – the Buckingham Society, with the willing co-operation of the developer W E Black, initiated the provision of the plaque by the ford commemorating the history of this important river crossing.

**Town trail and other leaflets** – the Buckingham Society has produced several leaflets to provide visitors with guidance when walking around our lovely market town.

**Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan** – the Buckingham Society worked closely with Buckingham Town Council to consult local people, produce the plan and campaign successfully for a yes vote. The BNDP will continue to provide some protection against inappropriate development.

**Footpath behind Candleford Court** – the Buckingham Society convinced the owners of the flats of the need to repair and upgrade the path from the car park to Bridge Street to make it accessible for all.

**Old railway station** – the Buckingham Society has worked closely with the University of Buckingham to develop a plan to restore the old railway platform and make it part of a designated railway walk footpath complete with information boards.

**Buckingham Civic Day** – the Buckingham Society created Buckingham Civic Day five years ago to give the people of Buckingham an opportunity to celebrate our lovely market town.

**Buckingham Trader of the Year** – the Buckingham Society originated this award in 2016 to enable the people of Buckingham to vote for their favourite trader and so recognise the great contributions made by shopkeepers, market traders, café owners and other traders throughout the town.

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