



In The Loop

Summer 2023

You can now apply online with the Building Society of the Year 2023!

Welcome to the summer edition of **In The Loop**, bringing you all the latest news from Buckinghamshire Building Society.

We may have been established for over 116 years, but 2023 will surely go down in our history as one of the most important years of change for the Society.

In lots of ways we're still the same Buckinghamshire Building Society we've always been... the same friendly branch team readily available for a chat with our local members and the same knowledgeable telephone team based out of our head office in Chalfont St Giles, equipped to answer your questions about our mortgages and savings accounts. The changes we have made are all digital!

We've launched our brand new website www.bucksbs.co.uk which has been redesigned from scratch to be more user-friendly and inclusive, with features such as

the ReciteMe toolbar which can read content aloud and even translate the site into multiple languages at the click of a button.

"Can I open an account online?"

A number of our members have asked this question recently and we are delighted to say that we are now accepting online applications for a number of savings accounts across our range.

With sections covering everything from the work we're doing in the local community to how we're working towards a greener society and even an historical timeline of our key events, there's something for everyone! Come and take a look!

In other news, we've been named Building Society of the Year 2023! More on that later...

A home for your money...

'Member Centred' isn't just a catchy tag line that we use occasionally, it's the starting point for everything we do within the Society. Whether that's designing a new savings product or deciding which good causes to support, we always start with our members interests at the forefront. So when we received feedback from you to say that our business savings range needed improving, we listened and acted!

Our business savings range now includes a fixed rate bond option and client money account as well as our ever-popular easy access, limited access and exclusive local business savings account that provides a higher rate of interest to local community businesses!

Following feedback from our AGM survey and suggestions made to our branch colleagues, we have also relaunched SIPPs and Trusts, further enhancing our core range of savings products.



Over the coming months we intend to continue improving our savings offering, with plans for new charity-linked accounts and eco-friendly options to help you passively support worthwhile causes close to your heart. You can view details of all our accounts on our website www.bucksbs.co.uk - **you can now apply online for a select range of accounts!**



We have more exciting news on the mortgage side of the Society! For a number of years, our range of mortgage products have only been available through selected intermediaries - that was until now!

Over the first half of this year, we made a significant investment in employing and training a team of fully qualified mortgage advisers who can advise you on our range of mortgage products.

Whether you are a first time buyer or just looking for your next home, investing in property to rent out, or an existing mortgage member looking to change your product or borrow more... **our direct mortgage advisers can help!**

As part of our ongoing commitment to local members, we continue to offer preferential rates for properties purchased or remortgaged within Buckinghamshire and the surrounding areas.

We also have solutions for people looking to buy holiday homes, borrow into retirement and even build their own properties!

...and money for your home!

Supporting your local community...

As a community rooted society, we're proud of our local area and glad to be able to lend our support to a variety of events and worthy causes.

Over the last few months, we have sponsored the Chalfont St Giles Street Party for the King's Coronation and the annual village show. We've also continued our support of the Chalfont St Giles & Jordans Literary Festival and donated to the local primary school's Strawberry Fayre.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) provides the perfect opportunity to raise awareness for some of the amazing charities within Buckinghamshire.

Every year, we ask our colleagues and members to cast their vote to decide which charity should receive our annual donation. The winner will then be presented with the donation at the following year's AGM.

This year, at King's Chapel in Amersham, we presented £7,000 to South Bucks Hospice.

This a wonderful organisation, based in High Wycombe dedicated to caring for the people that visit the centre on an outpatient basis.



Some of our colleagues were given the opportunity to visit their premises at Butterfly House and speak to some of the patients, all of whom expressed their gratitude for the wonderful members of staff and the services they provide, describing South Bucks Hospice as a 'genuine lifeline'.



Continuing the theme of supporting local businesses, Buckinghamshire Building Society agreed to sponsor the MK & Buckinghamshire Business Awards, which recognises outstanding businesses across the county.

Our CEO, Dan Wass, will be presenting the Positive Impact Award and Buckinghamshire Business of the Year Award at the winners ceremony towards the end of September.

Dan, along with Society Secretary, Chandreyee Banerjee, were also guest judges for the event.

Follow our social media accounts for details of who picked up first prize and what they did to deserve it!

Building Society of the Year 2023..

Finally, some awards news of our own! Following a rigorous judging process by a panel of industry experts, we are proud to have been named Building Society of the Year 2023.

The judges considered a variety of criteria to determine a winner, including; our range of products available, year on year improvements and overall customer service.

The **Mortgage**

AWARDS 2023 **WINNER**

Building Society of the Year

The judges said: "The Building Society of the Year award recognises the Society proving itself ahead of its peers when it comes to product provision and customer service. Excelling in this space is Buckinghamshire Building Society. The mutual's range of products is outstanding, and has continued to shine going forward."

It's amazing recognition for our hardworking team who consistently do their best for our members.

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