



BUCKS ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARE OF OFFENDERS

Registered Charity No 1186375

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Dear BACO Members, Supporters & Friends,

Thanks to the kindness and expertise of friends we are delighted to be able to send you this newsletter in a new format.

It is an opportune moment to thank you for all your continuing support of BACO. We play a small part in the complexities of reducing reoffending. Our presence in three out of the four prisons in Buckinghamshire and working with probation officers in the community and the Youth Justice Service Teams has been a constant since 1973.

The numbers of people in prison continue to rise. A fifth prison, a Category C Training prison with the capacity to hold 1,400 men is currently under construction at Grendon/Springhill; we wait to hear if our services will be required.

The testimonials we receive from prisons and prison leavers, published on the front page of our website www.baco.org.uk express how much our support is appreciated. If you are reading this for the first time and want to know more about BACO then please visit our website or get in touch by email to info@baco.org.uk

Events

Film Night

Wednesday 15th April Doors open 7.00pm, film 7.30pm

We are indebted to Tempo Productions, One Story High and Canal + for allowing us to screen the five times nominated BAFTA film 'I Swear' at The Bernard Hall, Cuddington HP18 0AP.

The film portrays the life of John Davidson, a Tourette syndrome campaigner who grew up with the condition in the 1980's in Scotland at a time when the condition was little known nor understood.

Nikki Ross, High Sheriff elect 2026/2027 and BACO Trustee will be saying a few words before the curtain rises. Having served in Thames Valley Police for 35 years and then run a charity in the criminal justice sector it is unsurprising that Nikki wants to focus her year on crime prevention.

Her particular focus will be neurodiversity in the criminal justice system. Seeking how to address how a disproportionate number of individuals with neurodiverse conditions end up in the criminal justice system and how, earlier and more appropriate recognition and intervention can prevent this all too open pipeline. She will work with charities and statutory bodies to raise awareness, understanding and recognition.



To purchase ticket : <https://buytickets.at/baco/2055572>

or if you are unable to come but would like to send a donation

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BACOis50> . (Note: you can opt out of giving a fee to the JustGiving platform.)

BACO/Kestrel Joint Fundraising Event at Garsington Studios Thursday 12th November, 6.30pm



We are very grateful to Garsington Opera for welcoming us back to the rehearsal studios after the very successful evening held in November 2024. More details to follow but we would ask you to save the date!

AGM Monday 11th May, 6.30pm

We are very grateful to our President The Countess Howe, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, in hosting this year's Annual General Meeting at Penn House, near Amersham. If you would like to attend please register your interest [here](#) . We hope not to turn anyone away but places will be on a first come first served basis.

Please consider bringing a potential new member as your guest (and register them in the same way as yourself using the link above). Please note that only BACO members are allowed to vote on items on the agenda.

Any members not able to attend but wishing to vote please contact info@baco.org.uk .

HMP Grendon

We are delighted that BACO members are invited to attend Wing Socials at HMP Grendon. Caroline Donald will contact you as soon as the dates and times are known to invite members to put their names forward for 'wing backing'. Each wing sets their own criteria for the numbers of members we can put forward. Please don't put your name forward for consideration if you have any doubts about being able to attend.

Membership

This year you will receive an email reminder when your membership is due for renewal.

Should you wish to donate in addition to the membership fee of £20 per annum please use the link to 'Donate with JustGiving' in purple on the home page www.baco.org.uk or click [here](#) .

We are delighted to receive standing orders, these can be set up via mobile banking, a conversation with your bank or with paper and pen and a standing order form. Please contact Caroline Donald if you wish to be sent a paper version. membership@baco.co.uk

Banking details:

Bucks Association for the Care of Offenders

A/C: 53874068

Sort code: 30-90-89

Thank you to all members who have placed standing orders or who have paid their membership by bacs payment for this year.

Gift Aid

Our Treasurer was able to claim £1,036.03 in Gift Aid last year so your support in ensuring our paperwork is in order is essential. If you are a new member of BACO please get in touch with our Treasurer, Caroline Serjeant treasurer@baco.org.uk to ensure she can claim gift aid on your donation.

For those of you who have done so, thank you for making a Gift Aid declaration, which, as you may already be aware, boosts your membership subscription and any donations you make by 25p for every £1, at no extra cost to you. We're only able to claim Gift Aid if you pay income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax deducted from your payment (to us and any other charities).



If there has been a change in your circumstances at any point over the last four years and as a result you need to cancel your Gift Aid declaration, please let treasurer@baco.org.uk know within 30 days.



You've got to be in it to win it!

Don't forget you can support BACO and at the same time be in with a chance to win big with the Buckinghamshire Lottery! Created in 2020 by Buckinghamshire Council, Buckinghamshire Lottery empowers local good causes to raise money in a fun and effective way and enables people to support the causes they care most about. A ticket costs £1 per week with 60p going directly to BACO if you select us as your preferred charity. Prizes of up to £25,000 can be won and can be kept or donated to your preferred charity. More info or signup here <https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/support/baco>.

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Thank you for your continued support

Trustees: Caroline Donald, Ruth Farwell, Andrew Muir, Nikki Ross, Roz Rossington, Caroline Serjeant, Camilla Soames

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