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**My Ref: PB/BUCK07**

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4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Sheena,

**Re: Buckland Parish Council  
Internal Audit Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

I am pleased to enclose my 2025/26 report for your kind attention and presentation to the Council. The audit was conducted in accordance with current practices and guidelines and testing was risk based.

I am satisfied that the council continues to carry out an effective assessment of its internal controls that is compliant with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. I, as Internal Auditor, comply with the requirements for an Internal Auditor as defined in the Practitioners Guide to Governance and accountability for smaller authorities (2025).

The council has correctly identified itself as exempt under Section 9 of the Local Audit Regulations and has correctly completed the Certificate of Exemption.

The systems and internal procedures at Buckland Parish Council continue to reflect a high standard of good practice. The council has demonstrated that governance, policies and procedures are taken very seriously and overall the systems and procedures you have in place are fit for purpose. I have reviewed the Internal Control Objectives listed A to P Page 4 of the AGAR and am satisfied the control assertions on each item have been met.

We note the addition of Part O of the objectives and consider Buckland Parish Council has complied with the laws, regulations and proper practices relating to data and digital compliance. The council's data protection policy is up to date.

I am able to state that the annual accounts and AGAR can to be signed off by council and the external auditor and that AGAR represents a true and fair record of the financial transaction of the council for the year ended 31st March 2026.

I have signed off the Internal Audit Report Page 4 in Form 2 of the AGAR.

There is no doubt Buckland Parish Council continues to maintain its high standard of governance.

This completes the Internal Audit for 2025-2026 for Buckland Parish Council and I am pleased to sign off the AGAR Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26 accordingly.

If there are any queries on this report please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Barclay'. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'P' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter Barclay