

Newsletter

Buckden Dental Summer 2022

Practising Sustainable Dentistry

This year, with global warming a world priority, we have been working hard to build our practice into a sustainable healthcare setting.

The UK Climate Change Act 2008 impacts on the whole of the UK, setting out a challenge to reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2050.

Breakdown of the annual carbon footprint of dental services (England)	
Patient Travel	31.1%
Staff Commuting	30.3%
Materials	19%
Electricity	7.7%
Gas	7.6%
Waste	0.2%
Water	0.1%

As healthcare providers we have a responsibility as always to focus on the delivery and maintenance of good oral health to our patients.

All our team members understand why change is necessary, and are responsible for their individual roles in our sustainability journey. We are reducing our carbon footprint by:

- Reducing the need for patients to travel by providing 'preventative dentistry'. It is in our interests to ensure our patients remain dentally fit, treating dental conditions promptly when they arise, and not allowing the conditions to worsen which often leads to more complicated dentistry with multiple appointments.

- We use a green electricity supply.
- Patient journeys are reduced by booking joint appointments such as your examinations with a hygienist visit or crowns- in-a-day, where possible.
- Encourage of staff to use more sustainable methods for travel to work such as cycling.
- We manage our stock efficiently with accurate ordering materials in bulk, less frequently.
- We use digital scanners for as much laboratory work as possible to reduce the need for transporting impressions.
- We have switched from single use instruments where appropriate, to ones that can be sterilised and reduce waste.
- When single use items are required we have switched to materials made from renewable materials.
- We use digital technology which reduce our material usage which adds to clinical waste.
- We use digital communications with patients such as our Patient Portal and clinipads where information can then be emailed directly to our patients rather than using paper.
- We buy durable equipment from well-known premium brands which last longer.

PRACTICE HOURS

Monday	9.00am	7.00pm
Tuesday	9.00am	5.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am	5.00pm
Thursday	9.00am	5.00pm
Friday	9.00am	3.20pm
Saturday	9.00am	1.00pm
Sunday	Closed	

Closed for Lunch

Mon/Thurs - 1.30pm- 2.30pm

Saturdays & Evenings by Appointment

EMERGENCY/OUT OF SURGERY HOURS

When the practice is closed please call the practice telephone number and a recorded message will give further information on how to access advice and treatment in the event of a dental emergency.

For a dental emergency outside of normal surgery hours, with the exception of Denplan members, a callout fee will be charged.



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STAFF NEWS

Composite Bonding



Beautiful results from minimally invasive composite bonding with Dr Kam Panesar.

Composite bonding involves adding white filling material to your teeth, without the need to 'cut down' the tooth structure; creating beautiful cosmetic improvements to chips, gaps and the shape of teeth.

Dr Kam Panesar is now offering the new Profhilo treatment



Profhilo is an injectable anti-ageing treatment made from hyaluronic acid for skin that is losing its elasticity and firmness with age.

It can be used on the face, neck, decollete, arms, hands and knees, or any part of your body where the skin shows visible signs of ageing.

Patients will see an immediately noticeable improvement in skin tone, hydration as well as firmness, and lines are minimized.

COVID PROTOCOL



Following the COVID-19 Pandemic, the following protocol remains in place permanently for our patients arrival to the practice.

This involves:

1. The car park is available for patient use only.
2. On arrival, contact the reception team via telephone or via the intercom on the front or back door to inform us of your arrival.
3. You may come into the waiting room at the time of their appointment if you wish to do so. Alternatively you can wait outside in the car park area.
4. Please attend on your own unless absolutely necessary.
5. Please disinfect your hands on entering (and leaving) using the auto-dispense hand sanitisers at each entrance.
6. The one-way system in place through the practice will remain as much as reasonably practicable.

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