

Buckingham Local Area Forum

Budget expenditure 2010/11

Positive activities for young people (PAYP)

The Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) funding in 2010/11 aimed to engage young people aged 13-19 in positive activities.

The I-van project

The Buckingham and Waddesdon Local Area Forums identified the following priorities;

Improved facilities for young people (Waddesdon)

Improved access to leisure facilities (Buckingham)

Issues with Graffiti particularly on Public Buildings (Buckingham)

During 2010/11, the Buckingham Local Area Forum (LAF) allocated funding to the schemes set out in the following pages. This was undertaken through the following LAF budgets:

- **Positive activities for young people (PAYP)**
- **Local priorities budget**
- **Transportation delegated budget**

The individual schemes are detailed—these demonstrate the value of the LAF devolved budgets

Youth oriented activities required to tackle teenage antisocial behaviour (Buckingham)

Tackle Vandalism and Graffiti (Waddesdon)

Community Impact Bucks (CiB) (formerly Buckinghamshire Community Action), Operates the **I-Van** as a facility to provide diversionary activities for young people, to allow them to experience a broad range of technology on the



i-van & produce a small piece of work that they can keep. The Buckingham and Waddesdon LAF's, working together, decided to commission Community Impact Bucks to deliver a series of workshops to every village and town in both local areas, providing a total of 50 visits for the benefit of local young people and directly addressing the local priorities mentioned. The total cost of the project was to be in excess of £20,000. CiB provided additional support and with £10,000 from the two LAF's (£5,000 each) The project has been successfully delivered. In 2010/11, following a successful local area

Local priorities funding

planning workshop the Buckingham Local Area Forum undertook to support the following projects, working towards addressing some of the identified local priorities.

Nomad Sports Cage

Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ (AVYFC) approached the Buckingham Local Area Forum, along with several other LAF's across Aylesbury Vale, to seek contributions towards the cost of a giant sports cage to take out to communities in the Aylesbury Vale area to enable young people to take part in sports tournaments and events run in any location – grass, tarmac or indoors.

Before this AVYFC had to rent the facility. However, the level of interest created by this resource, and the number of young people attracted to come over and join in, has demonstrated that this would be a popular addition to youth facilities and resources in the Aylesbury Vale area. It was decided that it would be more cost-effective to purchase the equipment, rather than continuing to pay hire charges.



The sports cage enables young people to get active and participate in small team games. The sports cage can also be used to enable engagement with young people, including linking with community-led planning events and other consultation. The LAF agreed to contribute £1,350 towards this project

Community Car Scheme

The Buckingham LAF identified a need for improved transport around the villages and between towns. With this in mind Community Impact Bucks were approached by the locality services team to put together a project to support the formation and initial operation of community car schemes in a variety of local areas across the north of the county and were provided with £2,000 of the priorities budget towards this goal. In the Buckingham area two meetings have been held with Community Care North Bucks. The organisers of the scheme, which currently operates a transport service which takes Buckingham residents to medical appointments, have agreed in principle to taking on a wider remit, covering villages in the local area. This will require a new coordinator and team of volunteer drivers, which Community Impact Bucks will be supporting.

Further meetings in Akeley and Steeple Claydon have had disappointing attendances and further work, under the original CiB remit, is planned.

Buckingham Salt Bin

Following a very specific road icing problem in Nelson Street in Buckingham, the LAF, at very short notice, was able to fund the supply and maintenance of a Salt Bin in this area, (£450) which has gone a long way to assuaging local concerns about the road in icy conditions.

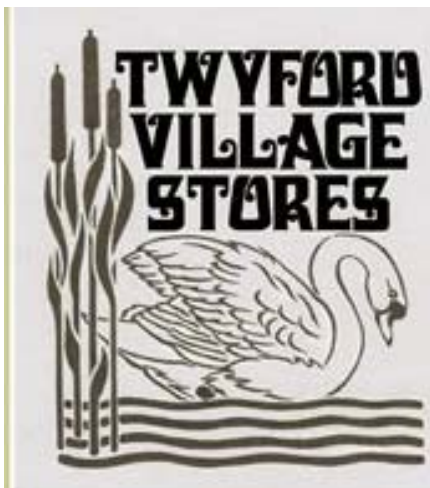
BAC3, Community Interest Company

Following a very specific priority around the provision of reasonable Broadband speeds to rural areas a consortium was formed (BAC3)

This Consortium has begun discussions with the Bucks Economic and Learning Partnership (BELP) around various current ideas and projects, has held meetings with The Dept of Business Innovation and Skills (BiS), and is exploring other, more tangential, opportunities for service delivery, including potential partnerships with commercial organisations. The Consortium was provided with £5,000 to “pump prime” the operation, and the potential for the delivery of some clear outcomes is strong.

Village Store Development

Twyford Village Stores is a community owned and managed convenience store at the heart of the village. The store is aware that there is a real benefit, both commercially and from a community perspective, to promote their facility outside the immediate area and, in so doing, provide a positive opportunity for local growers to have an outlet for their produce. The principle behind the sale of locally grown foods from a promotional perspective is well established and to that end the LAF decided to provide a total of £4,930 in funding for this worthwhile project



Promote Buckingham

The Buckingham Traders Association, working with private enterprise and Aylesbury Vale District Council, have embarked on an ambitious re-branding and promotional exercise. The project, with an overall value of £22,000 was aided by £3,270 of LAF funding. Whilst still underway, the project shows a great deal of promise.

Steeple Claydon Skate Park

The Steeple Claydon skate park was installed by a small group of parents in the village in October 2005, with the backing of the Parish Council, using money given by Steeple Claydon villagers and grants from the Police, Bucks County Council, Shanks McEwan, Aylesbury Vale District Council and other sources. The main aim of the team was to install a long lasting structure that would be repairable by local tradesmen. The ramps were designed and built and installed by Fearless Ramps, all of whom were either BMX bike riders or skateboarders themselves so the park built and designed was suited to these two groups of users. The quality of the design is borne out by its continued high use by BMX bikers, scooter riders, roller bladers, and skate boarders coming from Steeple Claydon, Calvert, Twyford, Buckingham, and Middle Claydon.

Unfortunately in early 2010 a RoSPA report identified risks with the structure and surfaces of the park which required urgent remedial work. As the Local Area Forum had established a priority around Improved funding for village activity centres and Improved safety advice to parishes on play equipment funding in the sum of £3,000 was agreed by the LAF to address the issues involved.

Contractors completed the necessary works in less than three weeks and the renewed facility is up and running and being enjoyed by local young people.

Transportation delegated budget

The use of the Transportation delegated budget to fund the following projects in the Buckingham area was approved by LAF members.

Salt Bin Buckingham

£450 was provided from the delegated budget for a salt bin in Glynswood Road. The Bin has been installed

Vehicle Activated Signage Akeley

£10,000 for the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on the A413 at both the southern and northern entrances to Akeley village This will be completed soon

Kerb Installation Middle Claydon

£4,000 to install kerbing on the C37 Winslow to Claydon Road, Middle Claydon. The work has been completed

Sign Relocation and Rumble Strip Provision East Claydon

£4,000 to remove 30mph signs at a new estate at Lacemakers Close, East Claydon and replace signs 100m from estate. Install Rumble Strips in the same location.. The project has been completed.

Nash and Beachampton Salt Bins

£1,800 to provide two salt bins to each village.. All four bins have been installed

Vehicle Activated Signage Westbury

£6,697 for the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on the A422 opposite the Walnuts. This will be completed soon

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