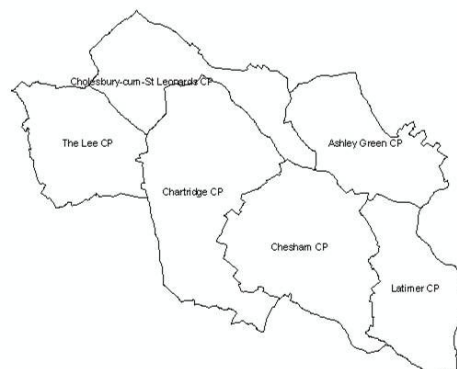


## CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM



<b>DATE:</b>	10 October 2012
<b>TIME:</b>	7.30 pm
<b>LOCATION:</b>	St Leonards Parish Hall, Jenkins Lane, St Leonards, Tring, HP23 6NW

### TRANSPORTATION DROP-IN SESSION WITH THE LOCAL AREA TECHNICIAN FROM 7PM

### AGENDA

Item		Time	Page No
1	<b>Apologies for absence / changes in membership</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	
2	<b>Declarations of interest</b>		
3	<b>Action Notes</b> To confirm the notes of the meeting held on 11 July 2012		<b>1 - 6</b>
4	<b>Question Time</b>		
5	<b>Petitions</b> Petition re: Northchurch Road, Ashley Green for BCC to make sustainable repairs as soon as possible. <i>Response attached</i>		<b>7 - 10</b>
6	<b>Transport Update</b> Ann-Marie Davies, Transport Localities Team Leader	<b>7:50pm</b>	<b>11 - 16</b>
7	<b>Taking forward Local Priorities</b> LAF Overview and Scrutiny Review recommendations: <a href="http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/assets/content/bcc/docs/overview_scrutiny/LAF-Report.pdf">http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/assets/content/bcc/docs/overview_scrutiny/LAF-Report.pdf</a>  Options on how to use the delegated budget to support the priorities and fund projects in 2013/14 .	<b>8:10pm</b>	
8	<b>Local Priorities Budget 2012-13: Update and further applications</b>	<b>8:30pm</b>	<b>17 - 20</b>
9	<b>Fostering and Adoption - for information only</b> Information on the need for more foster carers and adoptive parents to come forward to meet the needs of children in care in Buckinghamshire – and what parishes can do to help.	<b>8:50pm</b>	<b>21 - 22</b>

10	<b>Date of next meeting</b> 23 January 2013, 7:30pm, venue tbc 10 April 2013, 7:30pm 10 July 2013, 7:30pm 9 October 2013, 7:30pm		
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If you would like to attend a meeting, but need extra help to do so, for example because of a disability, please contact us as early as possible, so that we can try to put the right support in place.

Agencies : Buckinghamshire County Council, Chiltern District Council, Ashley Green Parish Council, Chartridge Parish Council, Chesham Town Council, Cholesbury cum St Leonards Parish Council, Latimer Parish Council, The Lee Parish Council

**ACTION NOTES**

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>11 July 2012 7.36 pm to 9.42 pm</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Old School, Ashley Green, Chesham, Bucks HP5 3PP</b>

<b>Present:</b>	John Axon (Ashley Green Parish Council), Chris Brown (Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council), Noel Brown (Buckinghamshire County Council) (Chairman), Andrew Garth (Chiltern District Council - Ashley Green, Latimer and Chenies), Peter Hudson (Chiltern District Council - St Mary's & Waterside), Joan Lherbier (Chartridge Parish Council), Keith Platt (Latimer Parish Council), Elizabeth Stacey (The Lee Parish Council) and Fred Wilson (Chiltern District Council - Hilltop and Townsend)
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Ann-Marie Davies, Jonathan Dickens, Zoe Dixon, Christine Gardner, Teresa Martin, Paul Nanji, Martin Parkes, Piers Simey and Helen Wailing
<b>Apologies:</b>	Alan Bacon, Mohammad Bhatti MBE, Patricia Birchley, Michael Brand, John Ford and Mark Shaw

<b>Item</b>	<b>ISSUES RAISED</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN</b>  Members agreed that Noel Brown should continue as Chairman for 2012-13.
<b>2</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN</b>  Fred Wilson (Chiltern District Council) was appointed as Vice-Chairman for 2012-13.
<b>3</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP</b>  See above for apologies.  John Axon (Ashley Green Parish Council) welcomed members to the Old School in Ashley Green.  The Chairman welcomed Zoe Dixon (Senior Manager, Planning, Advisory and Compliance, Place Service, Buckinghamshire County Council) who was the new Lead Area Officer for Chesham and the Chiltern Villages.  The Chairman also welcomed back Ann-Marie Davies, Transport Localities Team Leader, who had been away on sick leave.
<b>4</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  There were no declarations of interest.
<b>5</b>	<b>ACTION NOTES</b>  The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2012 were agreed and signed as a correct record, with the following amendment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 4, agenda item 7, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph to be amended to read "Members expressed <i>disappointment</i> at the late arrival of the proposals for the Highways funding,..."</li> </ul> <b>Matters arising</b>

	<p>Page 4 – Ann-Marie Davies, Transport Localities Team Leader, apologised for the late arrival of the highways funding proposals at the last meeting.</p> <p>Page 7 – The Chairman reminded members about the Live Community Event on 11 August 2012 in King George V Playing Field, Amersham.</p>
6	<p><b>QUESTION TIME</b></p> <p>There were no questions.</p>
7	<p><b>PETITIONS</b></p> <p>There were no petitions.</p>
8	<p><b>TRANSPORT UPDATE</b></p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the Report of Ann-Marie Davies, Transport Localities Team Leader.</p> <p>Ann-Marie Davies apologised for the delay to works in Red Lion Street, Waterside and The Broadway. This work was going out for competitive tender, as was required for larger pieces of work, and an update would be provided with the Minutes – <b>Action: AMD</b></p> <p>The Chairman asked that as much warning as possible be given for works in the centre of Chesham.</p> <p>Ann-Marie Davies told members that SWARCO, the company responsible for fitting Moveable Activated Signs (MVAS) had written to all Parish Councils about purchasing an MVAS. Prices started at £2000. A VAS had been fitted on the Latimer Road but had been much too big for the location. A meeting was being held the following day to agree a way forward.</p> <p>A member of Latimer Parish Council said that the Police had been checking speeds on the Latimer Road earlier that day.</p> <p>A member said that plants had grown up along the edge of the Latimer Road. The Chairman said that there was also an overgrowth of vegetation on White Hill, near the Grammar School, which was a safety hazard.</p> <p>Jonathan Dickens, Local Area Technician, said that previously there had been a contractor who regularly carried out proactive vegetation clearance. Now the only resource for clearing vegetation was the community gang, which was only in the same area every five weeks. Community gangs were in high demand and it was difficult to balance conflicting priorities. In addition, the community gangs had been needed at Dorney for clearance work before the Olympics. It was hoped that the backlog of vegetation clearance would be cleared by the end of September 2012, and Latimer Road would be made a priority for this.</p> <p>A member asked if Chesham Town Council could assist with vegetation clearance. Jonathan Dickens said that he would speak to the Town Clerk.</p> <p>A member asked about verge-cutting. Jonathan Dickens said that this was carried out by a separate contractor.</p> <p>A member asked about a road closure at Blackwell Hall Lane. Jonathan Dickens said that this closure was due to works by a utility company.</p> <p>A member of Chartridge Parish Council said that their Parish Council was willing to use a contractor for vegetation cutting in their area, but had been told that they could not use this</p>

contractor. Ann-Marie Davies said that a letter had been received about this and that the matter had been escalated. Transport for Buckinghamshire acknowledged that the contractor had carried out a high standard of work. It had been agreed that going forward Transport for Buckinghamshire would honour the arrangements put in place by the Parish Council for grits maintenance.

The Chairman thanked Jonathan Dickens for his work since starting as the Local Area Technician for the Chesham and Chiltern Villages area.

## 9 LOCAL PRIORITIES BUDGET (INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION)

Christine Gardner told members the following:

- The Report starting on page 21 described how the 2011-12 delegated budgets had been spent.
- The two budgets which previously had been separate were being merged to form a single Local Priorities Budget (ring-fencing had been removed).
- Current applications for 2012-13 were described in the revised report in the supplementary pack, pages 1 onwards. This was the first year in which a combined report had been prepared. Paragraph 6 showed projects which had already been funded in 2012-13. The budget remaining was £38 499.
- The transport applications had been listed according to the scores allocated by the transport officers. These scores were provided as a guide only and could be overridden by Local Area Forum members. The scoring took a number of factors into account, including accessibility, road congestion and road safety.

Members said the following:

- There was a concern from Parish Council members that a large proportion of the recommended schemes were for Chesham Town. The schemes needed to be looked at with fairness.
- One of the schemes put forward by Chartridge Parish Council (pages 10-11) could be funded in part.
- £4000 was being requested for a flooding issue in Fullers Hill, Chesham. However £171k had already been provided by Central Government for flooding issues in Buckinghamshire.

Ann-Marie Davies said that the national funding for flooding had been for Wycombe and Chesham, and not just for the Chesham area. A Surface Water Management Plan had been developed and was available via this link:

<http://www.transportforbucks.net/Flooding/Surface-Water-Management.aspx>

The Plan contained three schemes in Chesham and one in High Wycombe. Bids would be made for Government funding in the current financial year for Chesham works and in the next financial year for High Wycombe works.

Zoe Dixon (Lead Area Officer) said that she could provide information on these – **Action: ZD**

A member confirmed that a bid had been made for Government funding for the proposed scheme in Fullers Hill.

Members agreed all the recommended schemes on page 2 apart from the scheme for Fullers Hill and the three grit bins for Chesham.

The Chairman asked if the remaining funding (£7350) could be carried forward to the next financial year for the scheme for the resurfacing of the bridleway that led alongside Old Sax Lane (at a cost of £18500). Christine Gardner said that she would find out, but that if this was not possible, the Local Area Forum confirmed that the resurfacing of Old Sax Lane would be made a priority scheme for the next financial year. **Action: CG**

The Vice-Chairman said that 100% of the community funding proposals had been agreed, where

was only c.32% of the highways projects had been agreed. The Vice-Chairman asked if more funding could be requested for highways schemes. The Chairman said that this was the first year in which the budgets had been combined, but that this point should be borne in mind for the future.

Christine Gardner said that at the next meeting the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Local Area Forum Review would be available and that a discussion could be held about how to determine which projects should be commissioned or funded in the next financial year.

## RESOLVED

**The Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum agreed that funding from the Local Priorities budget be allocated to the projects listed below:**

<b>Community Projects</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount agreed</b>
Elmtree School Sensory Garden	2000	2000
Citizens Advice Bureau – outreach work	3400	3324
Chesham Walkers are Welcome - Food Trail	500	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>5900</b>	<b>5824</b>

£38,499 – £5824 = £ 32675

<b>Transportation Schemes</b>	<b>Amount agreed</b>
Chesham TC - Black Fencing Market Square/Culvert (priority1)	4000
Chesham TC – Fullers Close Grasscrete (priority 2)	15425
Cholesbury PC – Pound Lane/Stoney Lane kerbing of Grass Triangle	2500
Cholesbury PC – Oak Lane/Jenkins Lane kerbing of Grass Island	2500
Cholesbury PC – St Leonards Grit bin (priority 1)	450
Chartridge PC – Cogdells Lane, Grit bin Chartridge	450
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 325</b>

The remaining funding (£7350) would be allocated once it was clear whether or not it could be carried over to the next financial year.

## 10 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Chairman welcomed Teresa Martin, Senior Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, Buckinghamshire County Council, who spoke on Domestic Abuse.

The following was noted:

- Domestic abuse is a national issue.
- Domestic abuse is about power and control over another person.
- Domestic abuse is a pattern of behaviour, rather than a one-off incident.
- In 2011 there were approximately 3000 recorded domestic abuse crimes in Buckinghamshire.
- In 2011 there were approximately 3000 non-recorded domestic abuse crimes. Incidents marked as non-recorded were often public disorder or related to anti-social behaviour.
- It was estimated that 16 500 incidents had occurred in Buckinghamshire in 2011, which was many more than the reported number of incidents.
- The cost to Buckinghamshire of domestic abuse was estimated to be £53 546,387 per year. The cost of Domestic Abuse nationally was estimated to be £23 billion.

- In 2011-12 there had been three domestic homicides in Buckinghamshire.
- Drugs and alcohol are not a cause of domestic abuse, but a catalyst for it.
- Practitioners are given training to support them in being able to identify abuse and understand the context.
- The third Domestic Violence Strategy is being written, and will include an Action Plan.
- Teresa Martin's contact details: 01296 383701 [tmartin@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:tmartin@buckscc.gov.uk)
- The National Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 2000 247
- Directory of Services:  
[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/community\\_safety/domestic\\_violence/local\\_national\\_services\\_page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/community_safety/domestic_violence/local_national_services_page)

The Chairman thanked Teresa Martin for her presentation.

Members discussed the presentation and how victims of domestic violence could be helped.

A member asked if Teresa Martin and her team worked with District Councils or Town Councils. Teresa Martin said that they worked very closely with District Councils, the Police, the Probation Service and Health Services, through the Community Safety Partnership.

A member said that they had noticed a number of campaigns targeting domestic abuse among people aged 16-25. Teresa Martin said that this was the most common age profile for domestic abuse. Work had been carried out with Bucks New University, and students were setting up a drop-in and support scheme, to be launched in September 2012.

A member said that there was a belief that domestic abuse did not happen in rural communities, and asked how this could be addressed. Teresa Martin said that the Women's Institute has carried out research on domestic abuse in rural communities. Most domestic abuse in rural communities was reported through Health Visitors, who received a lot of training about this, and also through GPs.

A member said that schools were an important place for young people to get information about tackling domestic abuse.

A member said that abuse of older people also took place, and that this was cross-generational.

## 11 HEALTH IN THE CHESHAM AREA

Piers Simey, Consultant in Public Health, NHS Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Cluster, was welcomed to the meeting. Piers Simey gave an update presentation on Public Health (slides attached) focusing on issues requested by the Chairman.

Overall, Buckinghamshire has a very healthy population. However health outcomes vary according to geographical area and deprivation levels. More information on health and wellbeing issues for Buckinghamshire is available in the Director of Public Health's Report:

<http://www.buckinghamshire.nhs.uk/service-improvements/director-of-public-health-annual-report/>

Chesham's Local Area Profile contains useful information on health and wellbeing in the area:

[http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk/assets/content/Partnerships/BSP/docs/LAP\\_12/Chesham.pdf](http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk/assets/content/Partnerships/BSP/docs/LAP_12/Chesham.pdf)

According to the ACORN classification, 16% of those in the Chesham area were classified as 'hard pressed,' which was 44% higher than Buckinghamshire overall. 8% of those in the Chesham area were of 'moderate means,' which was 13% higher than Buckinghamshire overall.

More than one in five children (22%) in the Chesham area were in England's most educationally

	<p>deprived 30%. This is higher than the Buckinghamshire average.</p> <p>In the Chesham area fewer people felt safe after dark than in Buckinghamshire overall, and there was less community cohesion.</p> <p>There were also slightly higher early death rates in the Chesham area than in Buckinghamshire overall.</p> <p>A member suggested that money could be saved if people had regular check-ups. Piers Simey said that NHS healthchecks were being carried out for all those aged 40-75 (without pre-existing conditions) who would be invited once every five years. National modelling suggests that this programme should lead to a cost saving.</p> <p>A member said that there was a need for better crossover work between the County Council and the District Councils. Piers Simey said that the Healthy Communities Partnership worked across these organisations.</p> <p>A member said that the shift to preventative care was exciting. The Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum had previously provided funding for local preventative projects such as 'Movers and Shakers' and a project to address rural isolation (in Cholesbury).</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP</b></p> <p>This item was deferred until the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>10 October 2012, 7:30pm (please note change of meeting date)</p>



# Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Condition of Northchurch Lane, Ashley Green – Residents Petition</b>
<b>Date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2012
<b>Author:</b>	Stuart Livingstone
<b>Contact officer:</b>	Jonathan Dickens (Local Area Technician)
<b>Electoral divisions affected:</b>	Chess Valley

## Summary

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012 a resident's petition was submitted to the Chief Executive of Buckinghamshire County Council by Mr Paul Coleman, as a follow up to an email sent previously, concerning the condition of Northchurch Lane, Ashley Green. The letter with the petition acknowledges that a short section had been done but the crew had been diverted away for unknown reasons.

Northchurch Lane, Ashley Green is a narrow lane that has little drainage and is liable to flooding. It was identified as needing repair due to numerous potholes and edge damage and was subsequently added to the routine Velocity Patcher programme. The Velocity Patcher worked on the site for three days, 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2012. We conclude that the reason the Velocity Patcher left site, as referred to in the letter, is that the full load capacity of the machine had been used for that particular day.

Subsequently, after discussing the matter with the Local Area Technician, Jonathan Dickens, he advised that he had received an email from Mr Paul Coleman on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2012 confirming that Northchurch Lane had been successfully treated with the Velocity Patcher (see attached email).

Further inspection of Northchurch Lane will be undertaken as prescribed in Buckinghamshire County Council Highway Safety Inspection Policy, namely 6 monthly inspections. The next inspection is due on or before 28<sup>th</sup> December 2012.



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## **Recommendation**

- 1. LAT to drive the length of Northchurch Lane during September 2012 to ensure the repair work undertaken in August 2012 is sound.**
- 2. Continue with Scheduled Inspection on or before 28<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and 6 monthly thereafter in accordance with Buckinghamshire County Council Highway Safety Inspection Policy.**

Sent: 04 August 2012 12:59  
To: Dickens, Jonathan  
Cc: Brown, Noel  
Subject: Northchurch Lane

I can confirm that Northchurch Lane has now successfully had the Velocity Patching treatment.

Thanks for your help in arranging it as a priority job.

We hope that we don't have to be in touch with you again too soon!

Best wishes.

Paul Coleman



**Chesham and Chiltern Villages  
Local Area Forum**

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**Title:** Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire

**Date:** 10 October 2012

**Author & Contact officer:** Ann Marie Davies  
Transport Localities Team Leader  
Aylesbury Vale, Missendens & Chesham and Chiltern Villages

**Electoral divisions affected:** Parishes within the LAF

**Summary**

1. From 2010 this standard report will be issued to each Local Area Forum (LAF) / Local Community Partnership (LCP) from Transport for Buckinghamshire.
2. It will aim to provide a comprehensive update on current and relevant Transportation issues which are tailored to each individual LAF / LCP.
3. Standard topics to be covered will be:
  - Dates of when Local Community Gangs will visit parishes
  - Major issues likely to affect parishes within the LAF / LCP
  - Update on ongoing local issues
  - Policy Development
  - Any other information
4. In addition, it will cover any emerging issues which could or will affect Local Area Forum / Local Community Partnership areas.

## AREA MAINTENANCE

### Community and Road Fixer Gangs

The community and road fixer gangs will be continuing in your areas week commencing 22 October 2012. Any ideas for community gang type work, i.e. vegetation clearance, minor repairs etc should be sent to your area technician, Jon Dickens, in the first instance.

A full list of when work will be taking place is available on <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Roadworks-Centre.aspx>

### We're Working On It (Design & Construction/Area Maintenance)

As part of the We're Working On It capital works programme County Councillors have identified their Top 5 priority sites as have your Local Area Technicians.

Transport for Buckinghamshire's engineers have then been out to visit and assess each site to confirm both the extent of the works required as well as the most appropriate carriageway treatment, with the intention of extending the life of the road by at least 7 years.

The following explains the various types of treatment available.

Surfacing: Replacement of the existing road surface

Slurry Seal: A form of surfacing that smoothes out minor imperfections and gives a clean road finish

Plane & Patch: This involves planing out sections of road and replacing with a new surface

Surface Dressing: Spraying the road with hot bitumen and then covering with stone chippings

Please note that the treatments noted above are weather dependant and whilst we have provided an anticipated start date these may change.

The table below shows the current list of streets, sections of which are expected to receive one of the treatments (noted above), over the next two years.

### Carriageway Works – Chesham LAF

Street Name	Town	Treatment Type	Anticipated Start Date
St Mary's Way (A416) (split into two schemes)	Chesham	TBC	Complete
Berkhampstead Road (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Broad Street (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Brockhurst Road & Britannia Road & Essex Road	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Red Lion Street (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Waterside	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Fryer Close	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Complete
The Broadway	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Taylor's Lane	St Leonards	Surface Dressing	Complete

\*We will be revisiting the site as part of the 2012-13 programme, after a parked vehicle prevented completion of the works.

#### **Traffic Management**

The Moveable VAS (MVAS) initiative has now been approved. Full details and an application form are available on the website. This initiative is a locally managed scheme where VAS can be purchased by the Parish/Town Council and moved around the village to pre-agreed locations, aimed to encourage safer driving speed and improve road safety. Contact details are also provided, in order that interested parties can speak directly with the sign/post/ground screw contractors to obtain a cost estimate for budgeting or bidding purposes. An application fee of £350 + vat, completed application form and insurance details must be submitted to TfB. This will be followed by a site meeting to discuss and agree locations, prior to the works being procured and installed. Further details can be obtained from the Local Area Technicians and/or Area TM staff.

#### **Road Safety**

##### **Preparation for Winter Driving**

Winter driving workshops will be running at venues around the County in November. Please view the Road Safety web page - Winter Driving for workshop dates from October onwards.

Also available Older/Mature Driver assessments to brush up on driving skills - countywide, assessment lasts approx one hour followed by a written report, car safety pack and certificate of completion all for £35. for further details please telephone 01296 382450

#### **Street Lighting**

As part of our policy to move away from reactive to planned preventative maintenance we are pleased to confirm night-time patrols of all street lights, illuminated signs and illuminated bollards maintained by the County Council countywide resumed in August.

The whole county is due to be inspected by the end of September.

Faults identified during the patrols will then be attended between now and the end of November. It must be stressed that not all faults will be repaired during this period as some assets will require a subsequent visit to fully repair the defect.

Although the overall effectiveness of this strategy will be first reviewed in May 2013, provisional patrols dates for 2013/14 have been detailed.

If any of you have any outstanding issues relating to street lights and other electrical infrastructure on the highway, please forward them to [streetlighting@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:streetlighting@buckscc.gov.uk) and we will investigate and action accordingly. **Please see end of this report for schedule.**

#### **Passenger Transport**

Nothing to report to this LAF

#### **Asset Management - Structures**

Bollards have been installed in August along the line of the river culvert through out Chesham High Street, to protect the weak structure from being overloaded by vehicles where it comes out into the highway. These will need to stay in place until the culvert is strengthened or replaced (long term future works that Environment Agency are currently leading on).

#### **Local Priorities Bids (Transport) 2012/13**

<b>Chesham</b>	<b>25325</b>	
Chesham	4000	Black fencing
Chesham	15425	Fullers Close grasscrete
Cholesbury	2500	Pound Lane/Stony Lane kerbing of grass triangle
Cholesbury	2500	Oak Lane/Jenkins Lane kerbing of grass triangle
Cholesbury	450	Salt bin – St Leonards
Chartridge	450	Salt bin – Cogdells Lane





Local Community Patrol Area	Members	Quarter 3 Patrol Dates Aug/Sept 2012/13	Quarter 4 Patrol Dates Jan/Feb 2012/13	Quarter 1 Patrol Dates Apr/May 2013/14	Quarter 2 Patrol Dates July/Aug 2013/14	Quarter 3 Patrol Dates Oct/Nov 2013/14	Quarter 4 Patrol Dates Jan/Feb 2013/14
BUCKINGHAM	Hedley Cadd, David Polhill David Rowlands & John Cartwright	W/C 10 Sept	W/C 4 Feb	W/C 13 May	W/C 29 July	W/C 4 Nov	W/C 3 Feb
AYLESBURY NORTH  WINSLOW  WING & IVINGHOE	Mary Baldwin & Niknam Hussain David Rowlands, David Polhill Brenda Jennings & Netta Glover Avril Davies, Netta Glover & Brenda Jennings	W/C 6 Aug	W/C 14 Jan	W/C 15 April	W/C 8 July	W/C 14 Oct	W/C 13 Jan
AYLESBURY WEST WADDESDON & HADDENHAM	Freda Roberts & Steve Kennell Michael Edmonds, Margaret Aston & John Cartwright	W/C 6 Aug	W/C 7 Jan	W/C 8 April	W/C 1 July	W/C 7 Oct	W/C 6 Jan
AYLESBURY EAST AYLESBURY SOUTH EAST WENDOVER	Raj Khan & Jenny Puddefoot Chester Jones Bill Chapple & Marion Clayton	W/C 13 Aug	W/C 7 Jan	W/C 8 April	W/C 1 July	W/C 7 Oct	W/C 6 Jan
AYLESBURY SOUTH THE RISBOROUGH THE MISSENDENS HAZLEMERE	Brian Roberts Carl Etholen, Paul Rogerson & Richard Pushman Mike Colston, Patricia Birchley & David Schofield David Carroll	W/C 20 Aug	W/C 21 Jan	W/C 22 April	W/C 15 July	W/C 21 Oct	W/C 20 Jan
CESHAM	Michael Brand, Mohammed Bhatti, Patricia Birchley & Noel Brown	W/C 3 Sept	W/C 28 Jan	W/C 29 April	W/C 22 July	W/C 28 Oct	W/C 27 Jan

## REPORT TO CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM MEMBERS

**Title:** Applications for funding from the Local Priorities budget 2012 -13.  
**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
**Author:** Phil Dart, Head of Localities and Safer Communities  
Tel: 01296 382398  
**Contact officer:** Christine Gardner, Localities and Communities Manager  
(01296) 383645  
Ann-Marie Davies, Transportation Localities Team Leader (01296 382157)  
**Electoral divisions affected:** Chess Valley, Chesham East, Chesham North West, Chiltern Ridges

### Summary

1. This report relates to eight proposals for funding from the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF Local Priorities devolved budget for 2012/13 which is £54,584.
2. Applications received should be evaluated against the priorities agreed by the Local Area Forum (LAF) in its Local Area Plan. This report seeks agreement to allocate funding from the LAF's Local Priorities budget to enable the projects in section 4 to be implemented. Section 5 shows those projects already funded this financial year, leaving a remaining budget of **£5380** to be allocated.

### Recommendation

**3. Members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum are invited to agree that funding from the Local Priorities budget be allocated to the projects listed in section 4 below. I would recommend that £5,000 is allocated to the CDC marked crossing point for safety reasons and £380 to Chesham Town Council towards the purchase of a grit bin.**



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4. The projects and amounts involved are as follows:

<b>Transportation Schemes</b>	<b>TfB Score</b>	<b>Amount recommended</b>
CDC. Marked crossing point across Chesham Town Centre car park (Star Yard). Contribution to £14,000 project.	2.7	5000
Chesham Town Council – Eskdale Avenue Bus stop	2.7	1250
Chesham Town Council – VAS Lye Green Road	2.5	7800
Chesham Town Council – VAS Lowndes Ave	2.5	7800
Chesham Town Council - VAS Missenden Ave	2.5	7800
Chesham Town Council – Blackhorse Ave Grasscrete	2.3	3100
Chesham Town Council – Chesham Finger post signs	3.0	7260
Chesham Town Council – Chesham grit bins x 10	2.1	4500
<b>Total</b>		<b>44510</b>

5. Projects already funded by the Local Area Forum this financial year are:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount recommended</b>
Building Community Capacity Project	8200
Pond Park Health and Community Fair	425
Rafe’s Place at Chesham Youth Centre	1510
Chesham Events Group - Chesham Jubilee Celebrations	2000
Chesham Asian Welfare Group – Commonwealth Festival	2000
Movers and Shakers Chesham Asian (and other BME) Men’s Health and Wellbeing Project	1950
Elmtree School Sensory Garden	2000
Citizens Advice Bureau – outreach work	3324
Chesham Walkers are Welcome - Food Trail	500
Blue Light Course (Bucks Fire and Rescue)	1970
Chesham Town Council – Black fencing Market Square/Culvert	4000
Chesham Town Council – Fullers Close Grasscrete	15425
Cholesbury PC – Oak Lane/Jenkins Lane kerbing of Grass Island	2500
Cholesbury PC – St Leonards Grit bin	450
Chartridge PC – Cogdells Lane, Grit bin Chartridge	450
Cholesbury PC – Pound Lane/Stoney Lane kerbing of Grass Triangle	2500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49204</b>

Further information on the projects listed in Section 4 is attached.

- **Report ends** -

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Transportation Schemes

Parish/Town	Scheme/location	Estimated Cost	Comments	Further Information
Chiltern District Council	Marked crossing point across Chesham Town Centre car park (Star Yard). Contribution to £14,000 project.	5000	It is primarily a highway improvement scheme benefiting pedestrians to and from the town centre. There is currently no formal crossing point across the car park and this creates uncertainty at this junction	
CTC	Eskdale Avenue Bus stop	1250	Bus Stop Clearways do not require a specific TRO (as long as no other restrictions are being recinded. Cost shown for Lining and Signing including traffic management and associated fees (design, procurement and supervision)	No TRO required for Bus Stop Clearway. It is assumed that no other restrictions are affected. Consultation may be required depending on location and whether it is going to displace existing parking or be controversial etc. This could be carried out by Parish Council as long as evidence is provided to show scheme does not have objections. Confirm exact location required. <b>Cost does not include consultation.</b>
CTC	VAS Lye Green Road	7800	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.	
CTC	VAS Lowndes Ave	7800	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.	
CTC	VAS Missenden Ave	7800	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.	
CTC	Blackhorse Ave Grasscrete	3100	This site has been visited by the LAT and requires approximately 40sqm of verge to be hardened (previous estimate was only for 25sqm.) Therefore the cost from last year has increased from £2339 Grasscrete may not provide a permanent 'green' solution if regularly used by parked cars. It does not provide a perfect base for grass to grow especially in periods of dry weather. The cost of providing tarmac footway is similar to grasscrete and would provide a better appearance - though it would increase the surface water run-off into the drainage system.	
CTC	Chesham Finger post signs	7260	Replacement finger post signs. Allow for 21 new finger posts to be placed on 3 existing poles. Email dated 28 April 2011 from Bill Richards, Chesham Town Clerk, stating that existing poles can be reused and extensions spigots can be obtained, which will enable replacement signs in a matching style. Unclear as to whether this cost of £2,000 includes installation. This was cost obtained a number of year ago. Following discussion with Signway Supplies Ltd (TfB approved Cntr) a budget of £2420 per sign assuming that existing posts can be reused with extension for additional	

			<p>signs and that ferrocast (polurethane) finger signs can be used, which give the same appearance of cast iron.</p> <p>Discussed with Bill Richard 04/05/12</p> <p>- confirmed that the specification was as per quote from Signways</p>	
CTC	Chesham grit bins x 10	4500		

## ***Local Area Forum***

### ***Buckinghamshire County Council Family Placement Service.***

#### **Introduction**

Buckinghamshire County Council Family Placement Service sits within the Safeguarding division of the Children Services Department. There are six teams in the service; Fostering, Adoption, Adoption Support, Take a Break, Family & Friends and Carer Recruitment. I would like to talk to you this evening about the need we have for an increased number of foster carers in this community.

#### **Statistics**

There are currently in the region of **380** children and young people currently 'looked after' by Bucks County Council. Some of these are living in residential care homes, some live with family members and others with foster carers. Approximately **280** children and young people are living with foster families. We do not have sufficient 'in house' foster carers to meet demand and so some children and young people are placed with foster carers from the independent sector. This can mean they are living a distance away from their home community, family, friends, school and social activities. For most children and young people it is preferable if they can remain living in their locality. We are therefore continuing with our campaign to recruit more foster carers from all parts of the Buckinghamshire community.

Over the last two years we have successfully recruited **33** new foster carers. They have provided us with a total of **43** new fostering placements. However, we need more. We need more foster carers who can provide temporary short term homes for babies, teenagers and sibling groups. We need foster carers who can provide homes for primary school aged children and teenagers on a longer term basis, until they reach independence.

#### **Types of Fostering**

There are three different types of fostering we are able to consider applicants to undertake:

Respite – Can be overnight or up to a couple of weeks to support another carer or to minimise chance of family breakdown and a child coming into the care system

Short term – Overnight or up to three years, until the court have made a decision on the child's long term plans.

Long term – Once the court has decided a the long term plans for a child, if not returning to birth family or to be adopted a child will need a long term, permanent foster placement.

## **Process – Five Steps**

The process to become a foster carer is a rigorous one. We need to ensure applicants are motivated to care for children and young people for the right reasons, that they are well prepared for the task ahead of them and are well supported and trained once they are caring for a looked after child or young person.

The process begins with an **initial enquiry** from a member of the public. Should they meet our initial criteria, we arrange to make an initial **home visit** where a preliminary assessment is undertaken. If both parties agree to progress, the applicants are invited to a three day **prepatory training** course. Following the initial training they are allocated to a social worker for a fostering **suitability assessment**. This involves a number of meetings with the applicants in their own home, assessing their skills, experience and motivation for the fostering task. We undertake a range of background checks and take up personal references.

The assessment process typically takes six months to complete and to present to our **fostering panel** who will make a decision as to whether or not the applicants are recommended for approval. A senior manager will then make the final decision as to whether or not approval is granted.

## **Support & Training**

Once a fostering family is approved, they are allocated a supervising social worker who will support them through their fostering career. Becoming a foster carer is demanding, it can be challenging but it can also be one of the most rewarding things an individual or a family will ever do. All foster carers are encouraged and expected to undertake ongoing training to support them with developing new skills to meet the needs of the children they are caring for. We operate a payments for skills scheme where foster carers are given a financial incentive to reward them for developing their skills and knowledge. All foster carers receive a fostering allowance which is provided to meet the cost of caring for a child or young person.

We need your help to raise the profile of foster carers. To talk to members of the public about fostering. What it entails. The rewards. The benefits.