



## High Wycombe Community Board agenda supplement

Date: Wednesday 13 July 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue:

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<b>6 PROJECT UPDATES</b>		<b>3 - 24</b>
(i) The Hive Fencing – Amjad Iqbal (WISE)		
(ii) Our Commonwealth Queen Jubilee Crown - Jacque Roberts, SV2G		
(iii) Refresh – Hilary Payne (Wycombe Environment Centre)		
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Nadine Huntington, Helping Hands for Ukraine		

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.

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# THE HIVE – HIGH WYCOMBE COMMUNITY BOARD FUNDING

Amjad Iqbal, Trustee of WISE

13 Jul 2022

## ABOUT US

- WISE is a UK registered charitable trust based in High Wycombe est. 1991.
- An ethical Muslim-run organisation serving the community to promote the progress and prosperity of all.
- WISE set up the Hive community facility in 2018, which serves as a hub for activities run by members of the local community, local agencies, and more.
- The Hive serves to build bridges with the wider community, promoting and strengthening social cohesion.



# WISE PROJECTS AT THE HIVE



Pop Up Coffee Shop



Hello! Foodbank



Elders Lunch Club



Urdu and English Dawra-e-Quran



TeenWISE activity sessions



Family Fun Day

# EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS AT THE HIVE



Fountain Tajweed Daily Classes



Adopt a Planter



Election Polling Centre



Home Educators



Community Organizing Network Meetings

# Community Projects at The Hive

PROBLEM

**NO BORDER FENCING**

The community centre has an open frontage with no security railing or gate

**FLY TIPPING**

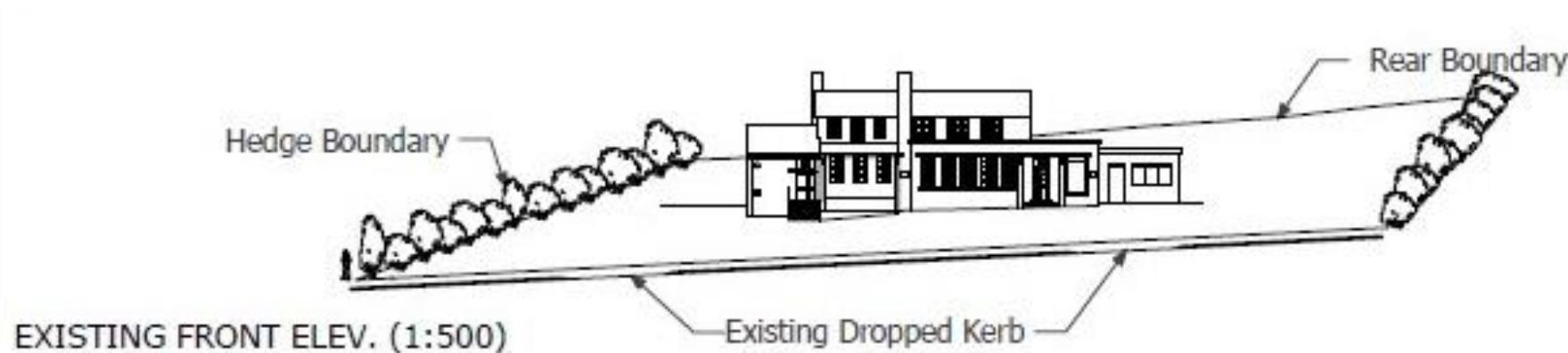
Rubbish and tyres being dumped, littering, abandoned cars

**TRESPASSING**

Repeated trespassing onto the premises, with youth congregating in the car park, dog walkers leaving mess, drinkers trespassing into the gardens

**EXPOSED TO CRIME**

Evidence of drug use in the car park and gangs congregating



# SOLUTION



Community Board  
High Wycombe

## RAILINGS INSTALLED

Security fence and automated gates installed at The Hive

## GRANT FROM HWCB

Generous grant from the Community Board of £18,000.



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# AUTOMATED GATES INSTALLED AT HIVE

## AMAZING DIFFERENCE

No more fly tipping or abandoned cars. Picnic tables and chairs installed

## FEEL SAFE

Community feel safe. Children can play. Bee Hives added to garden



# WISE ADDED EXTRAS

## Path and picnic tables

Seating area



Path added



THANK YOU

Amjad Iqbal

[www.wycombehive.org](http://www.wycombehive.org)

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# “Our Commonwealth Queen Crown”

**A creative response to co-create a symbolic crown structure,  
in celebration of H. M. Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee.**

Presentation for Buckinghamshire Council

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022



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# Jubilee Crown





# Inspiration



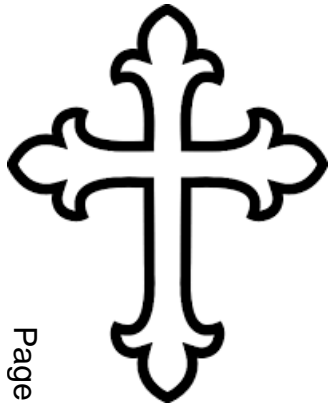
# Design & Framework







# Inspiration



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# Decorations



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# Community Workshops



# Sections



# Jubilee Crown





# Unveiling



# Refresh!



Run by Wycombe Environment Centre

Sponsored by Buckinghamshire Council, Veolia and the Clare Foundation

## So far...

- Opened for business 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- Saturday 10.30-12.30
- Part time employee appointed

## Next steps:

- Open more – formalize volunteers
- Membership scheme
- Work with partners, set up projects
- Find a bigger premises...



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# Ukraine Sponsorship scheme recap

- Public invited to 'sign up' if they are willing to host an individual or family for a minimum of six months (Homes for Ukraine scheme)
- Visa Scheme launched - allows Ukrainians to come to the UK for up to three years if they have a named sponsor under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme
- The visa scheme places requirements on the Council to provide coordinated support including education, housing checks and safeguarding. The Council will receive £10,500 per person
- The council do not do the matching for sponsors, our checks are to help us understand key needs. The council checks do not hold up the visa process.

# Council response

- 21 team members working full time within the central project team
- 115 staff members undertaking the sponsor liaison role on top of their day job
- 650 home safety checks undertaken by Environmental Health
- 1,383 DBS checks requested by the business support team on adults within sponsor households
- Work being undertaken by a variety of teams across the council including education, Children's safeguarding, Adults, Housing, customer services, finance.
- [ukrainesupport@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:ukrainesupport@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) mailbox set up to answer queries on a daily basis


# Current picture in Buckinghamshire

 Total Sponsors (excluding EO)

619

 Total Beneficiaries from Portal regardless of arrival date


1,565

 LO confirmed Total Households Arrival date before today

448

 Total Beneficiaries - Arrived UK

807

 £200 payment made

1,147

 £350 Payment Made

282

Community Board	Sponsors	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries Arrived
Amersham	31	80	48
Aylesbury	25	53	27
Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye	58	142	99
Beeches	20	55	35
Buckingham and Villages	25	66	38
Chesham and Villages	36	89	65
Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts	60	158	108
Haddenham and Waddesdon	55	122	78
High Wycombe	38	108	49
Missendens	33	81	50
North West Chilterns	63	179	129
South West Chilterns	72	178	130
Wendover	30	85	45
Wexham and Ivers	8	22	5
Wing and Ivinghoe	20	60	34
Winslow and Villages	33	93	59
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>1571</b>	<b>999</b>

# Current challenges

- We are fast approaching the initial six months for our first guests and there are lots of questions about housing.
  - The council is looking at the various options available and talking to sponsors and community groups about the numbers expected to want to end their arrangement at six months.
- Difficulties with availability of school places in some parts of the county. Working closely with the school admissions and school transport teams to find solutions
- Travel around Buckinghamshire continues to be a challenge, particularly in the more rural areas

# Rematching

- Where hosts or guests want to end their agreement early, the council has a team working on rematching
- We are developing a bank of sponsors who have been through the relevant checks to enable us to rematch guests quickly where there have been breakdowns in their original relationship
- We know that rematching will increase as we near the end of the initial six months

# Helping Hand: Support for Ukraine

- The emergency appeal is administered by Heart of Bucks
- We advocate funding applications for guests, for up to £500 per family
- The types of things that have been funded are
  - Interpreter training courses
  - Exams for people to convert qualifications (e.g. nursing)
  - Clothes for children's school uniform
  - School trips
  - Conversion of qualifications





# Community board information

Free Holiday Camp at Wycombe Abbey [Ukrainian places \(barracudas.co.uk\)](#)

Free Holiday Activities and Food [HAF Family Information Service](#)





## An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council Summer (July to September 2022)

### Support for Ukrainian guests continues across the county – further help is still needed

Over the last few months there has been an outpouring of support for our Ukrainian guests from our communities, alongside the work that we at the council are doing. We now have over 1,100 Ukrainian guests with more than 600 still expected to arrive.

The community boards have been central to our efforts and have achieved so much across the county. Highlights include:

- More than 60 people gathering at a local pub to welcome and make new friends and share stories.
- Working with the community to put together welcome packs including food parcels, toiletries, vouchers from supermarkets and cafes, free eye test, donated gifts, clothing, toys, tech equipment, and SIM cards.
- Coffee mornings with talks covering a wide range of subjects including trauma, fraud, banking and life in the local area.
- Weekly lunch sessions where professionals help support both the host families and Ukrainian friends with various issues.
- Helping to secure funding for Ukrainian professionals – so far funding has been secured for a doctor and an accountant to take the relevant exams to practise here in Buckinghamshire.
- English classes.
- A social event led by a group of Ukrainian guests to celebrate summer solstice.
- A weekly yoga class led by one of the Ukrainian guests.

There's a dedicated area on our website for anyone who would like to know more about how they can help/get involved – check out [‘Helping Hand for Ukraine’](#)

### Support with food, bills and finances – Helping Hand and Holiday Activity Fund

As we approach the summer holidays, this is a timely reminder that we have support available for families and individuals in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

Our Helping Hand team can help if you – or someone you know:

- are struggling to afford food

- cannot keep on top of your bills
- are in debt
- are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home.

Find out more about our Helping Hand team and how they can [support with food, bills and finances](#). Our #backontrack scheme offers practical advice and support for people experiencing money difficulties: [Money problems - advice and support if you are struggling to make ends meet | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Using the Government Household Support Fund, the Helping Hand team will be providing £50 Digital Food Vouchers to eligible children and young people to support families over the summer holidays. These vouchers will be distributed through schools in July.

We also have our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Further information can be found at [HAF information for families | Family Information Service \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)

## **Waste and recycling missed bins and garden waste charges**

### **1 Missed bins**

Unfortunately in some pockets of the former Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe district areas of Buckinghamshire the recent change of bin collection days caused greater than anticipated disruption. This was due to both residents and crews getting used to the new bin collection days.

Following a difficult few weeks, an [open letter of apology was issued from Cllr Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council](#) and additional measures put in place.

By the end of day on Tuesday 5 July, Veolia were due to have picked up any remaining missed collections, and from this point on, the overwhelming majority of missed collections reported should be collected the following day (as per business as usual arrangements).

#### ***Background (if needed)***

*September 2020: Veolia took over the waste contract for the former Chiltern and Wycombe district areas (previously held by Serco).*

*November 2021: Veolia took over the waste contract for the former South Bucks district area (previously held by Biffa).*

*May 2022: Buckinghamshire Council and waste contractor, Veolia, made some vital improvements to bin collection rounds in the former Chiltern, Wycombe and South Bucks district areas. The round reorganisation, which was implemented from Monday 9 May 2022, was contractually required and agreed by Buckinghamshire Council and Veolia to ensure an efficient*

*collection service operates in the south of the county. The new rounds undertake a 'zonal' approach to collections which keep collection vehicles closer together on collection days and introduce a more balanced and deliverable resource profile across all waste streams. The new approach allows for greater efficiencies, as roads which breach previous district boundaries can now be collected on the same day by the same crew.*

## **2 Garden waste charges (for boards in the Wycombe area)**

In view of the disruption experienced by the round reorganisation, the start of the new garden waste subscription arrangements has been moved back to Monday 26 September.

From that date we will offer a single chargeable 'opt-in' garden waste collection service, at a cost of £50 per bin per year (or reusable bags for properties not suitable for wheeled bins).

This means anyone who has previously received free collections of garden waste will now have to subscribe, paying an annual fee to continue receiving fortnightly kerbside garden waste collections from the council.

Our household recycling sites continue to provide free disposal of garden waste for anyone not wanting to pay for the subscription service.

Find out more regarding the [garden waste changes](#).

More information on how the service works can be found at [Buckinghamshire Council's Arrange a garden waste collection pages](#).

## **Community boards will be at the county show on 1 September**

The Bucks County Show is happening on Thursday 1 September at Weedon Park on the outskirts of Aylesbury for the first time since 2019, before the lockdown.

This action-packed one-day event includes a whole range of summer activities for all the family, from the traditional livestock competitions, horse of the year show and showjumping, freestyle motorcycle display, to the gentler arts of home and garden skills.

Buckinghamshire Council will be having one big combined stand highlighting that we are one unified organisation supporting residents in so many different aspects of their lives.

Of course the community boards are central to that support. The managers are working together to plan the community board stall that will raise their profile, show some of the many successful projects carried out and encourage people to get involved with their communities through the boards. There will also be fun activities for the younger visitors!

## Update on the £150 council tax energy rebate

Over 80% of the £150 council tax rebates to help offset rising fuel costs have been paid to eligible households. There is also an additional discretionary £25 Helping Hand top-up which Buckinghamshire Council is paying to householders who are on specific benefits.

Anyone who pays their council tax by direct debit should have received their rebate automatically. Anyone who pays by another method is required to claim their rebate – details can be found at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/council-tax/150-council-tax-energy-rebate/how-to-claim-the-council-tax-energy-rebate/>

Claimants have until August 2022 to supply their bank details enabling the council to pay directly into their bank account. There is funding available for all eligible properties.

From Monday 1 August householders will not be able to supply their details and all those households that have not claimed will receive a £150 voucher instead, which can be cashed at any post office.

## Bucks Online Directory

A reminder that the Bucks Online Directory is a great place to publicise any community events, support groups, activities and services to local people. And please do share the link with anyone who may benefit from the information provided:

[Find activities, groups and services near you | Bucks Online Directory | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

## Current and upcoming consultations

### Buckinghamshire Council consultations

A reminder that current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council are available to view on our website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

Where appropriate, we also list NHS consultations and surveys as well.

Here are current and upcoming consultations that are relevant to specific community boards:

Buckingham & Villages (meeting 6 July)

- [Buckingham Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) consultation 2022 - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#) (closes 11 July)
- [Winslow and Steeple Claydon PSPO](#) (closes 11 July)
- [Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) consultation 2022 - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#) (closes 25 July) (*Buckingham & Villages is the only relevant board that is meeting before the closing date*)

High Wycombe (meeting 13 July)

- Bellfield Road (High Wycombe) reserved matters consultation (due to launch 11 July)

Missendens (meeting 14 July)

- [Land off Amersham Road Development Brief](#) (closes 18 July)

Winslow & Villages (meeting 28 July)

- [Winslow Neighbourhood Plan](#) (closes 11 Aug)
- Drayton Parslow Neighbourhood Plan (due to launch 14 July)
- Mursley Neighbourhood Plan (due to launch 4 Aug)

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