



Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 16 November 2023

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: MS Teams

Membership:

S Chhokar (Chairman), J Rush (Vice-Chairman), M Bracken, T Broom, T Butcher, I Darby, G Hollis, C Jackson, S Rouse, L Smith BEM, A Wood, D Brackin (Fulmer Village Parish Council), O Davison-Oakley (Seer Green Parish Council), T Shinner (Chalfont St Peter Parish Council), J Chamberlain (Chalfont St Giles), Cllr J Walsh (Denham Parish Council), Hellen Orme (Gerrards Cross Parish Council), Ruth Ryan (Chalfont St Peter), Pete Dale (Chalfont St Peter), M Thomas (Seer Green Parish Council), J Hatton (Chalfont St Peter Parish Council), Anne Marie Vldar (Chalfont St Peter), S Kumar (Chalfont St Peter), Sharon Williams (Denham Parish Council), D Bray (Chalfont St Giles), E Hungin (Seer Green Parish Council), K Dickson (Chalfont St Peter Parish Council), K Southworth (Chalfont St Peter Parish Council) and J Chhokar

Chalfont St Giles Parish Council; Chalfont St Peter Parish Council; Denham Parish Council; Fulmer Parish Council; Gerrards Cross Town Council; Hedgerley Parish Council; Seer Green Parish Council

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For further information please contact: Liz Charter, Community Board Manager on , email denhamgxchalfonts@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.



Denham, Gerrards Cross and the Chalfonts Community Board Meeting

Chairman: Cllr Santokh Chhokar

16th Nov 2023

6.30pm Teams



1	Chair's Welcome	6.30pm
2	Apologies/Declarations of Interest / Minutes of last meeting	6.35pm
3	Buckinghamshire Council Updates Tiffany Adonis-French	6.40pm
4	Community Matters Questions from members of the public can be submitted in advance of the meeting to denhamgxchalfonts@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk	6.50pm
5	Project Gigabit Lloyd Little, Senior Programme Officer (Digital) BC <i>Background / current position / expectations and input</i>	6.55pm
6	Community Board Update Engagement Events & Other Activities Budget Position Projects Project spotlight – Jacqui Gellman, Outreach, COAM	7.40pm
7	Action Group Updates Community Safety TS Sustainability Action Group JC Infrastructure & Highways JR/DB Health & Wellbeing ID	7.45pm
8	Date of next meeting & close	8.00pm



Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Update

Tiffany Adonis-French

Service Director - ASC Operations • Adults and Health
Directorate - Adult Social Care



Corporate Update

Local Plan – progress and next steps We have now published an [interactive map and basic details](#) of the 1,000 or so sites which were submitted in response to our two Calls for Brownfield Sites and our Wider Call for Sites. Next local plan public engagement work is likely to take place in early 2024

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CORPORATE UPDATE cont...

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Closes 18th December

Further information on this and all the updates is in the full document attached to the agenda.



Community Matters

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Public Questions: questions from members of the public can be submitted in advance of the meeting to denhamgxchalfonts@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Petitions: N/A

Policing Update: see Agenda Pack for latest newsletter from TVP





Project Gigabit

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Lloyd Little, Senior Programme Officer (Digital) BC



Key Areas of Focus



Broadband - Looking at how we can maximise coverage so that high quality broadband is available to as many residents and businesses as possible



Mobile and Other Tech - Understanding how we can use alternative technologies to offer solutions to those in exclusion zones, as well as exploring opportunities for innovation



Access and Inclusion - Ensuring that we have oversight of the residents and businesses unable to access digital infrastructure and outlining how we can increase inclusivity



Barrier Busting - Highlighting how the rollout of digital infrastructure impacts Buckinghamshire and how the strategy can facilitate the lessening of these challenges

Broadband in Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire



Superfast (>30mbps) Coverage: **97.41%**
Gigabit (Via cabinets or FTTP) Coverage: **72.66%**

UK



Superfast (>30mbps) Coverage: **97.74%**
Gigabit (Via cabinets or FTTP) Coverage: **78.47%**



Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire's two Connected Counties programmes and Buckinghamshire's solo Rural Broadband project have significantly boosted superfast coverage



Over 15 fibre companies are operating within the county to install Gigabit capable connectivity



Project Gigabit to reach at least 20,000 premises in Buckinghamshire from 2024 onwards

DGXC – Digital Infrastructure Overview

Postcode	Area(s) Covered	Total No. of Premises	Total Planned		Gigabit		Unplanned	
UB9	Denham	2034	1061	52%	546	27%	973	48%
HP8	Chalfont St Giles	3127	1956	63%	198	6%	1171	37%
SL2	Hedgerley	5299	4713	89%	302	6%	586	11%
SL9	Chalfont St Peter & GX	9990	9619	96%	397	4%	371	4%
HP9	Seer Green & Jordans	8320	8052	97%	330	4%	268	3%
SL3	Fulmer	1410	1341	95%	305	22%	69	5%

Postcode	Area(s) Covered	O2		3		Vodafone		EE	
		4G	5G	4G	5G	4G	5G	4G	5G
UB9	Denham	Good	Fair	Good	None	Good	Good	Good	Fair
HP8	Chalfont St Giles	Good	None	Good	None	Good	None	Good	None
SL2	Hedgerley	Good	Fair	Good	None	Good	Good	Good	None
SL9	Chalfont St Peter & GX	Good	None	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	Good	None
HP9	Seer Green & Jordans	Good	None	Good	None	Good	None	Good	None
SL3	Fulmer	Good	Fair	Good	None	Good	Fair	Good	None

Maximising Broadband Coverage



Project Gigabit, the government's £5bn national scheme, is expected to deliver gigabit capable broadband to 20,000+ premises across Buckinghamshire and this will play a significant part in improving connectivity for those in rural areas.



Fibre operators continue to rollout their commercial delivery and we work closely with them to monitor their plans. They also provide 4 monthly data to BDUK and Ofcom which feeds into a rolling open market review – this information is used to determine the next phases of government intervention and to reduce overbuilding on the network



As the council, our mission is to facilitate both areas of intervention by working with central government and the suppliers to identify areas where connectivity is required, encourage infrastructure development in parts of the county which are excluded from current plans and to produce alternative solutions for those where broadband may not be the answer.

Project Gigabit Overview

Central Government are investing £5bn into broadband infrastructure throughout the UK in a bid to achieve their 85% overall coverage target by 2030.

Buckinghamshire have been allotted with Hertfordshire and East Berkshire in LOT 26



We will be contacting areas who will benefit from the programme via community boards, local and parish councillors and MPs.

Data due in the new year, as well as build plans.

If your area is missed out, we will help you.



DGXC Community Board Update

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Cllr Santokh Chhokar



Community Engagement

COAM Green Festival, July



We were at the Chiltern Open Air Museum's **Green Festival** in July. There were some great activities, including a guided woodland walk with local bushcraft expert, David Willis, talks by **Chiltern Chalk Streams Project**, willow weaving and stalls selling and promoting local groups and businesses.

To find out about all the events at the museum, check out their website here:

[Museum of historic buildings in Buckinghamshire \(coam.org.uk\)](http://www.coam.org.uk)



Community Engagement

Chalfont St Giles Village Show, September



We had a fantastic day at the **Chalfont St Giles Show** - another great event organised by this brilliant group of volunteers. It was great to meet and chat to so many of you, thank you for dropping by our stand. A big thank you to our Bucks Councillors who helped out on the day.



Great to see friends of the Community Board, Age Concern GX Plus and Revitalisation Group CSG & Jordans too.

[CSGShow2023 - YouTube](#)



Community Engagement

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**Chalfont St Giles
Best Kept Village,
September**

**Milton's Cottage
Apple Day,
September**





Wellbeing
Day
Weds 18th Oct

60+ FITNESS & SOCIAL CLUB

CITIZENS ADVISORY BUCKS
WHETHER YOU ARE, WHATEVER WE WILL HELP YOU FIND A WAY

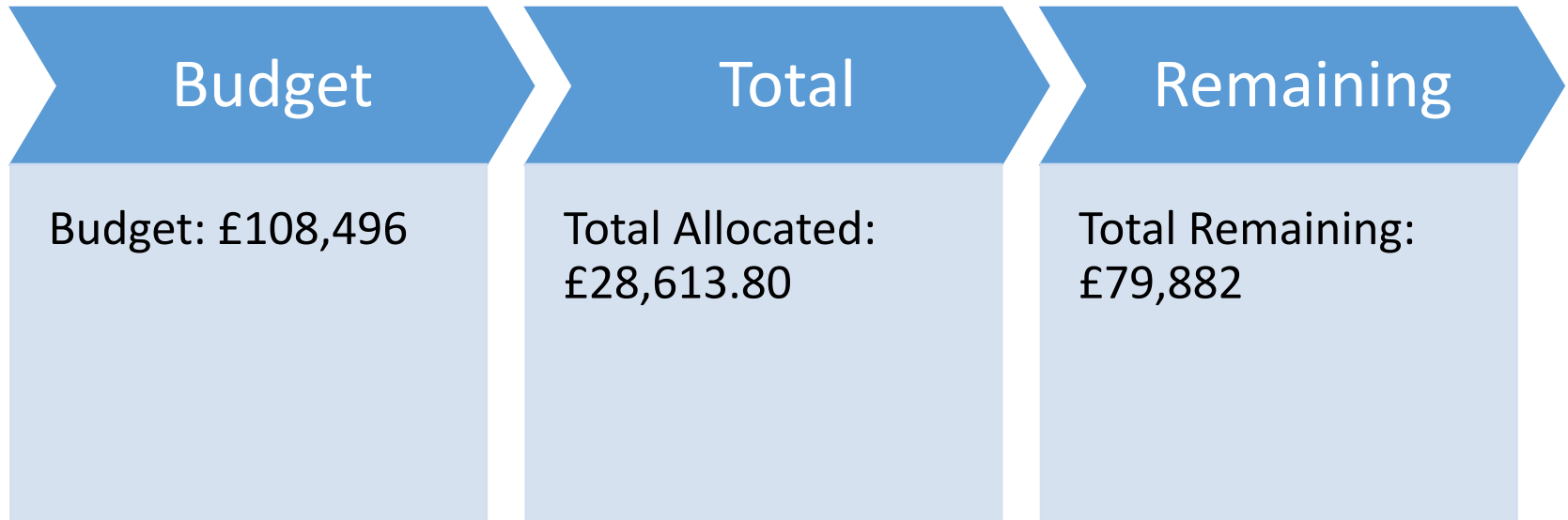
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**Working together:
local voices, local choices
local action**

LEST WE FORGET

Chalfont St Giles &
Jordans Revitalisation
Group

Projects Funded to Date

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Applicant	Project Details	Priority *	Project Cost	CB Contribution	Contributory Funding
Chalfont St Giles Village Show	Chalfont St Giles Coronation Party	SC	£11,731.00	£2,995.00	£8,736.00
King George's Field Fulmer	Fulmer Family Fun Day and Coronation Big Lunch	SC	£4,386.49	£1,000.00	£3,386.49
Chalfont St Peter PC	Coronation Celebration	SC	£4,121.64	£1,999.00	£2,122.64
CSG Revitalisation Group	Well-Being Day 18th Oct	H&WB	£759.00	£759.00	£-
Denham Parochial Church Council	AED and community training for CPR and defibrillator	H&WB	£3,515.00	£3,115.00	£400.00
CSP Parish Council	Environmental Mapping and Survey	SE	£3,920.80	£1,920.80	£2,000.00
Stephen Spender Trust	Creative Translation Workshops for Ukrainians	SC	£4,650.00	£1,825.00	£2,825.00
Chalfont St Giles PC	Riverside Walk Restoration	ALL	£39,305.90	£15,000.00	£24,305.90

*** CS - Community Safety SE - Sustainability (Environmental) / SEc - Sustainability (Economic) / SC - Sustainability (Social/Community) IH-Infrastructure & Highways / HW-Health & Wellbeing**

Projects in development

Applicant	Project Details	Priority **	Project Cost	CB Amount
CVRP	Improvement Plan	S & H&WB	£38,000.00	£15,000.00
CSP/VAG	Memorial Gdn	S & H&WB	£65,000.00	£15,000.00
CSP	CSP Nature Reserve Winter phase	SE & H&WB	£35,000.00	£15,000.00
CSP Community Centre	New PA system	SC	£6,400.00	£3,400.00
BFBS / CR	Pond regeneration	SE & H&WB	£4,000.00	£2,000.00
GXCA	New tech & lighting to support events. Signage & Marketing	SU		
Multi-board?	Mens Mental Health & Food	H&WB		£500.00
Chiltern Dial A Ride	Multiboard - new bus	H&WB	£25,000.00	£1,215.00
Board-led	Carbon Literacy	SU	£7,500.00	£2,500.00
Seer Green PC	MVAS			
Revitalisation CSG & Jordans	Local History Book	SU		
Fawsett Trust	CSG Christmas Voucher Scheme CoL	SC & H&WB	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Jordans Biodiversity Volunteer Group	Re-wilding Manor Farm Field	S & H&WB		
Friends of CSG Church	Noticeboard	SC		
CSG Parish Council	DDay Anniversary Day, June 6th 80 years	SC & H&WB		
Hedgerley Memorial Hall	Sustainable heating	S & H&WB		



Spotlight on Projects

Chiltern Open Air Museum

Jacqui Gellman, Outreach



Collaboration & Partnership Working

In July we joined in with the social prescribing activity group at **Chiltern Open Air Museum**, which is a project supported by the DGXC and Amersham & Villages Community Board. This was a pilot project offering a range of activities in the beautiful rural setting to help prevent social isolation and improve health. We joined in with the session that was making bread on an open fire led by the highly knowledgeable local Bushcraft expert David Willis, what a fantastic way to spend an afternoon!

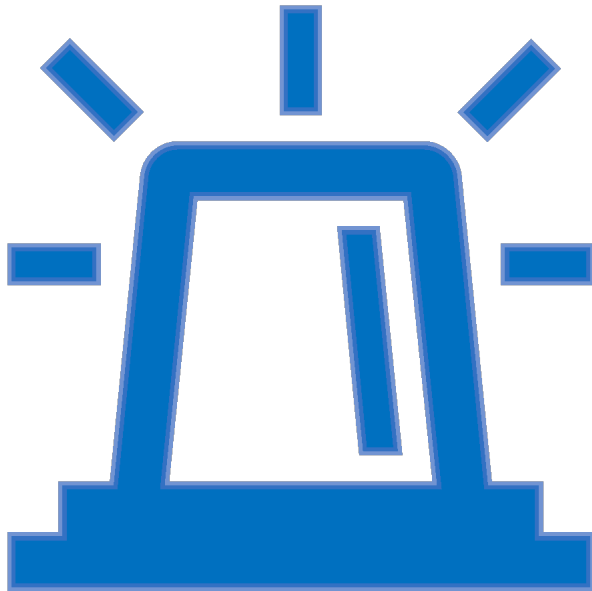




Action Group Update



Community Safety



Be part of our Action Group addressing this priority

- **Chair: Tony Shinner**
- **Vice Chair: Jonathan Rush**

Supporting the development of resilient communities

Crime awareness & prevention (including ASB, CCTV, NW, Fraud)

No members – to explore a merge with Infrastructure & Highways

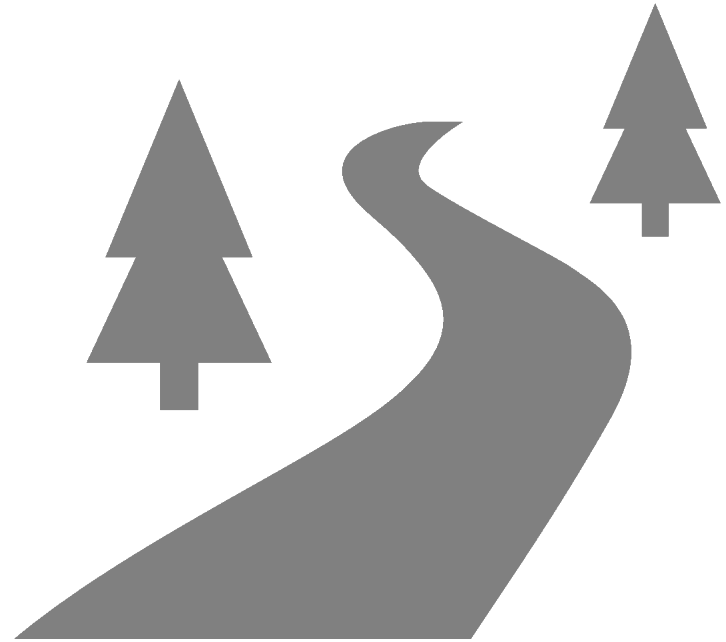
Infrastructure & Highways

**Be part of our Action Group
addressing this priority**

**Chair: Jonathan Rush
Vice Chair: Des Bray**

- Active Travel
- Fix My Street
- Parking
- Speeding

**Next Meeting Date: Thursday 30th
November 10.15am.**



Sustainability: Environmental, Economic & Social/Community

**Be part of our Action Group
addressing this priority**

- **Chair: Jane Chamberlain**
- **Vice Chair: Sharad Jar**

**Next Meeting Date: Friday 24th
Nov, 10-11am, via Teams**



Environment

Seek and support schemes that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the DGXC area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage.

Protecting and improving biodiversity
/ protecting wildlife / re-wilding

Reduce carbon emissions: reduce energy consumption - encourage and support businesses and local communities across the board area to engage and invest in greater energy efficiency and local, low carbon/renewable energy solutions.

Champion active travel and green transport solutions

Improve Air Quality (AQ)

Work with partner organisations supporting environmental initiatives, including local nature recovery and protection. Additionally to protect, maintain and enhance the greenbelt in the board area.

Protect resources: minimise waste, through reduce, re-use and recycle initiatives

Social / Community

Enable and support sustainable communities where people want to live and work, now and in the future, meeting the diverse needs of existing and future residents, while being considerate of the environment and contributing

Build	Educate	Work	Reduce	Encourage	Develop	Protect and support
Build a resilient Community	Educate on issues that impact the environment - poss cross overs with other priorities (eg. H&WB)	Work with local businesses and groups to support volunteering opportunities and community group initiatives	Reduce environmental crime, eg. littering, fly tipping	Encourage engaging with nature	Develop new local community events, festivals and markets	Protect and support rural villages

Economic:

Support plans and strategies that seek to grow the local economy while continuing to protect and enhance everything special about our local



Support and promote local businesses, including rural businesses



Explore ways to support our high streets to increase footfall and dwell time



Work with local businesses and groups to support volunteering opportunities and community group initiatives.



Explore opportunities for place promotion (urban and rural)



Work with local business representative groups to support SME

Health & Wellbeing

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**Be part of our Action Group
addressing this priority**

- **Chair: Isobel Darby**
- **Vice Chair: Position vacant**

**Supporting Volunteering
Promoting healthier lifestyles**

**Proposed next meeting date:
Dec 7th**



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and The Chalfonts

Thank you

Next meeting date: February 28th 2024

Please tell us of your Community Events & stay connected via:

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Would you like us to set the theme for our next meeting? If so, please contact us with your suggestions.

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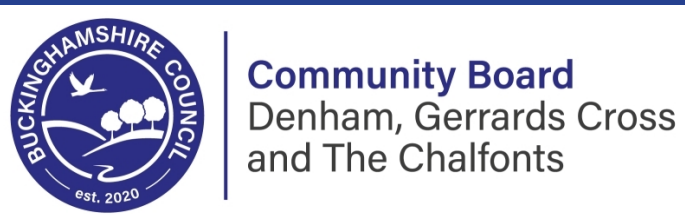


SUMMER WELLBEING SOCIALS JUNE/JULY 2023

Supported by

The Sherling Charitable Trust

The King/Cullimore Charitable Trust



WHAT IS SOCIAL PRESCRIBING?

A non-clinical intervention to support someone's health or wellbeing

- It helps reduce health inequalities.
- It supports people with a wide range of social, emotional or practical needs.
- It improves physical and mental wellbeing by focussing on what matters to the individual.
- It creates connections with community assets and community members.
- Allows individuals to co-create their own enriched, personalised care pathway.



Reduces
GP consultations and medication



Reduces
A&E attendances



PROJECT AIMS

- Capitalise on the existing resources and skill sets at COAM to benefit vulnerable members of our communities.
- Build on the success of Accompanied Walks
- Promote the health and wellbeing of the elderly community (65+) who suffer from social isolation, and who may have other conditions such as anxiety and depression.
- Provide cognitive stimulation, the use of fine motor skills and the opportunity to interact with others who may have shared experiences.
- Elevate mood, confidence and sociability.



THE PARTICIPANTS

Reasons for referral included one or more of the following:

- In need of respite and self-care as caring for spouse
- Early stages of dementia
- Recovery from stroke
- Bereavement
- A desire to be more active but limited by aging-related issues including impaired vision and hearing
- Anxiety
- Low self-esteem
- Limited mobility so difficulties in getting out and about



The 18 participants came from 11 referrals (individuals plus pairs). Out of these referrals:

- 3 were via Social Prescribers
- 3 were via COAM's volunteers
- 2 were via Carers Bucks
- 2 resulted from COAM Outreach presence at community events
- 1 was a follow-on from an Accompanied Walk

THE 8-WEEK PROGRAMME

Delivered in and around our unique collection of heritage buildings, gardens and woodland:

- Object handling & reminiscence
- Willow-weaving
- Bees & Honey
- Victorian rag-rugging
- Music-making
- Open air bread-making
- Gardening
- Art/painting

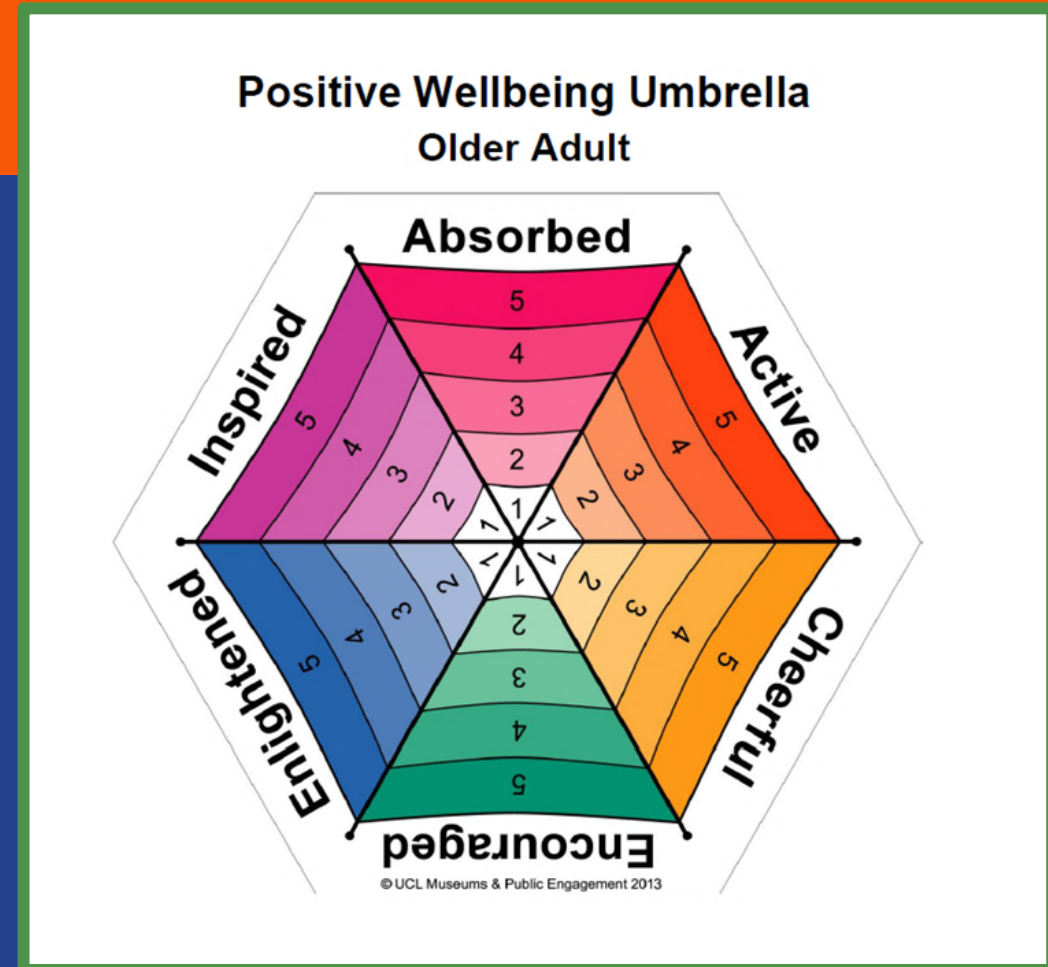


PROJECT EVALUATION

For both learning and reporting reasons, it was important to include an evaluation method for this project.

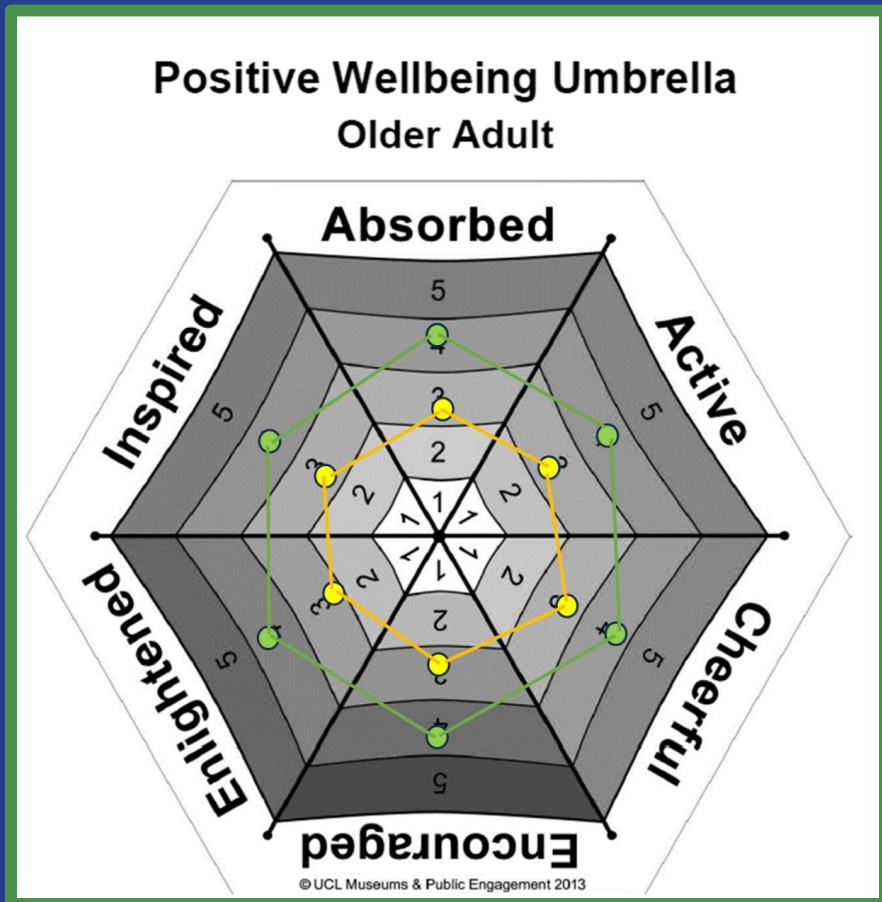
We chose the Positive Wellbeing Umbrella - Older adult from the UCL Museum Wellbeing Measures Toolkit.

This is quick and therefore unobtrusive, visually arresting so engaging, and perfect for providing a snapshot of mood. Participants completed the umbrella at the start of each session and then again at the end.



RESULTS

Session Average



Average base line/on arrival measure ———

Average end of session measure ———

The fact that all the base line measures are all lower than the end of session measures indicates that all aspects of the participants' mood were lifted through the activities and interactions.

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

"I have really enjoyed coming and looked forward to each Thursday session. It has helped me to cope with my husband's death."

"I noticed friendships being formed and loneliness evaporate."

"It has been a blissful summer coming along to these sessions....thank you so much for everything. It's been amazing. Dad has been gone 6 months now and these sessions have genuinely helped mum move forward from a very bleak start to the year."

"I have thoroughly enjoyed all the sessions and the peace and tranquillity of COAM so much that I look forward to enrolling as a volunteer. This has been a totally uplifting experience."

"Food the best - no one at home to serve me a cuppa, so it was a treat to be served. These sessions made my summer, absolutely!"

"I would like to say how much I enjoyed the well thought out programme and course set upnew skills were achieved, social meeting and benefit for health and wellbeing and a warm welcome from COAM. Ticks all boxes!"



BONUS OUTCOMES

- Two participants are now COAM Volunteers
- The participants have self-organised to form a WhatsApp group and now meet for coffee on a regular basis
- More existing COAM volunteers have joined the Outreach Team
- Participants are now visiting COAM independently



LEARNING

- The most important aspect of Summer Wellbeing Socials is the social interaction.
 - The activities gave a focus and source of stimuli and provided a journey of discovery with the central message being 'Yes, I can.....',
- COAM is very well placed for a project such as Summer Wellbeing Socials
 - Interesting and varied spaces
 - Compassionate and committed Volunteers
 - Offers pathways, eg Volunteering for continued engagement
- The project had a profound impact.

"I thank you all for being a life-saver this year." Participant
- This is a winning formula and could certainly be repeated.



NEXT STEPS

- Share our experience
- Refine the programme – logistics mainly
- Secure funding for 2024



"We would thoroughly recommend and really hope that other people can benefit from this. Many many thanks."

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Corporate Update September 2023 Update from BC for CBs

Amended and updated November 2023

Local Plan – progress and next steps

The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire (LP4B) provides a major opportunity to shape the growth of Buckinghamshire over the next 15 years and beyond. It will identify areas for new housing and employment, while also designating areas for protection and enhancement, such as our valued landscapes, natural habitats and heritage.

Earlier this year we carried out a public engagement survey on the draft vision and objectives for the LP4B. We received about 700 responses to the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Vision and Objectives which we are in the process of analysing and considering.

We have now published an [interactive map and basic details](#) of the 1,000 or so sites which were submitted in response to our two Calls for Brownfield Sites and our Wider Call for Sites. We are assessing these sites for their suitability, availability and achievability (including viability) to accommodate development. This work will help us to shape the first Buckinghamshire Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA).

Our next local plan public engagement work is likely to take place in early 2024, subject to Cabinet approval. This will be on possible high-level growth scenarios for the spatial distribution of new development to meet assessed levels of housing and employment need.

PickMeUp expands to Flackwell Heath

Wycombe's PickMeUp on-demand bus service, introduced by Buckinghamshire Council to reach residents not serviced by regular bus routes, has expanded to include Flackwell Heath. The expansion will help improve links from Flackwell Heath to Loudwater, Cressex, Booker and other parts of town.

Launched as a pilot in September 2022, it is funded by a three-year, central Government Rural Mobility Fund grant. It has proved popular, providing 1,500 rides per week and running Monday to Friday from 6am to 7pm.

Now after reviewing how the service is being used, and in response to requests from the local community, the council and operator Carousel Buses are pleased to extend the benefits of the service to many more potential passengers.

An additional vehicle will now operate at the morning and afternoon peak to keep up with demand. Fares reflect other local bus services and bus tickets such as Wycombe Smart Zone tickets and Concessionary Bus Passes are valid.

Bookings are made in advance via the PickMeUp High Wycombe app or by calling 01494 296021 to arrange a convenient nearby pickup point.
www.pickmeupwycombe.co.uk

Cost of Living update

Community Food Chain Campaign

The Helping Hand team has recently launched the Community Food Chain Campaign which aims to increase public food bank donations and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities available at local food support organisations. You can find out more here – <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/campaign/community-food-chain/>

If you would be interested in finding out how you can support this campaign please contact Hannah Tomlin, Food Lead Co-ordinator, Helping Hand Team – hannah.tomlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Helping Hand team/ MEAM referrals

The Helping Hand team has identified a cohort of residents who are within Opportunity Bucks areas and have made a high number of applications for support from the team. With their agreement, these residents have been referred on to our Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) Team who can offer intensive support to develop a better understanding of the challenges these residents are facing and help to connect them with additional services who can further support them.

Welcoming Spaces

There are locations throughout the county, including Buckinghamshire libraries and community venues such as churches and halls, that have continued to offer a Welcoming Space to residents throughout the summer months.

Now that we are moving into autumn we are looking at ways in which Welcoming Spaces can again offer residents warm and friendly places to go and meet with others this coming winter. More information on resources and guidance for setting up a Welcoming Space will be available shortly.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact Laura Davies, Operations Manager, laura.davies@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Energy Doctor

Buckinghamshire Council has introduced a new Energy Doctor scheme as one of the initiatives funded by its allocation of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Under the scheme, domestic resource efficiency officers are visiting qualifying homes to assess and advise on measures that can reduce energy consumption and costs.

The team also installs suitable low-cost measures in homes such as draught proofing, hot water cylinder insulation jackets, reflective radiator panels, secondary glazing film and LED lights.

To qualify for an Energy Doctor visit, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- They rent the property through a private rental agreement, or own and live in the property
- The household has an income of £30,000 or less (before tax), is in receipt of means-tested benefits such as Universal Credit and Council Tax Support, or a member of the household is disabled
- The domestic property has an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G, or does not legally require an EPC

To find out more about the Energy Doctor scheme, and to request a visit, go to the [council's website](#).

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This will be Buckinghamshire's first countywide Housing Strategy.

We want everyone to have a suitable, secure and affordable place to live – our Housing Strategy shows what we will do to make this happen.

The strategy sets out:

- the housing challenges and opportunities in Buckinghamshire
- our approach to tackling housing needs
- how we will work together with all the partners involved in delivering housing in Buckinghamshire

We want to hear your views on our draft priorities and actions.

Priorities and actions

To achieve the strategy, we have created 3 equally important draft priorities:

- **responding to the needs of our diverse population**
- **better homes:** good quality, sustainable and matched to need
- **new homes:** affordable, accessible and appropriate

Each priority includes:

- what we will do to achieve it
- the challenges Buckinghamshire faces
- actions we are doing now
- proposed actions for up to 2029

Closes 18th December

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

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