



## Wendover and Villages Community Board Agenda Supplement

Date: Thursday 22 February 2024

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Wendover Youth Centre, Wharf Road, Wendover HP22 6HF

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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.

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### Case Studies

#### Improving the Environment

##### Halton Wild Verges

The Wendover and Villages Community Board are always keen to support the local communities with environment projects. The Halton Wild Verges project is a community-driven initiative aimed at preserving and enhancing natural habitats along roadways. By allowing native plants to flourish in these roadside verges, the project not only provides vital habitat for local wildlife but also contributes to the overall health of the environment by promoting biodiversity.



Additionally, the project benefits the local community in several ways. Firstly, it fosters a sense of environmental stewardship and civic pride among residents who participate in planting and maintaining these wild verges. Secondly, the presence of lush, biodiverse roadside landscapes enhances the aesthetic appeal of the area, providing enjoyment for residents and visitors alike. Overall, the Halton Wild Verges project exemplifies the positive impact that grassroots environmental initiatives can have on both ecosystems and communities.

##### Wendover Wildbelt



The Wendover Wildbelt Community Orchard project embodies a multifaceted approach to environmental conservation, community engagement, and mental health support. This initiative's aim was to create a thriving ecosystem and recreational space by establishing a community orchard within the area. The Wendover and Villages Community Board, was hugely supportive of this initiative.

Working with Climate Action Wendover, Chiltern Society, Wendover Parish Council and the local community came all together to plant and care for fruit trees, native plants, and wildflowers, promoting biodiversity and enhancing the natural beauty of the landscape.

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To ensure accessibility for all, the project included the installation of gates, allowing people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the benefits of the wildbelt. Moreover, water sheds installed to preserve rainfall water to then be used to water the area. Through collaborative efforts and a shared commitment, the Wendover Wildbelt project not only enhances the local ecosystem but



also strengthens community bonds and supports the mental health and well-being of residents.

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### Increasing Prosperity

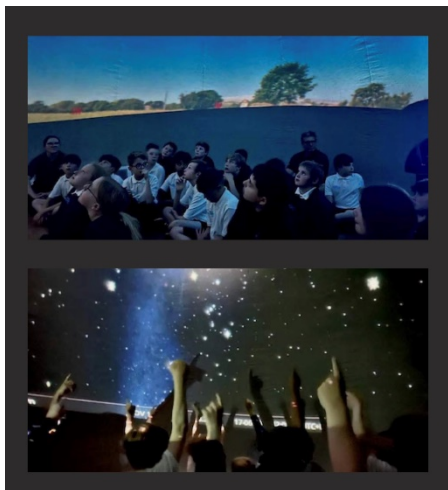
#### STEM talks for Youth

The STEM project for youth is being delivered at John Colet and Kingsbrook Secondary Schools within the Wendover and Villages Community Board to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields by organizing talks from women who hold positions of influence and expertise in these areas.

Through engaging presentations, panel discussions, and interactive workshops, young participants can learn about diverse career paths and the contributions of women in STEM. These talks not only showcase the exciting possibilities within STEM but also provide valuable insights into overcoming challenges, pursuing passions, and achieving success in traditionally male-dominated industries. By highlighting the experiences and achievements of women role models, the project fosters confidence, resilience, and ambition among youth, encouraging them to pursue their interests and aspirations in STEM with determination and enthusiasm. Ultimately, by promoting diversity and inclusivity in STEM education and careers, the project cultivates a more equitable and innovative future for all.

#### Bringing the Skies to You

The Wendover and Villages Community Board supported the Mobile Planetarium initiative, from UK Astronomy organisation. This project offers a unique opportunity for young people to engage with astronomy and develop valuable skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).



Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including a portable dome and projection system, the mobile planetarium brings the wonders of the universe directly to schools and communities.

Through immersive experiences such as virtual star gazing, interactive presentations, and hands-on activities, participants explore and learn about the solar system, and deepen their understanding of key scientific concepts. Additionally, the project provides opportunities for young people to develop essential skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork as they collaborate on astronomy-themed projects and experiments. By igniting curiosity and fostering a passion for STEM disciplines, the Mobile Planetarium empowers young learners to reach for future careers in science and technology.

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### Strengthening our Communities

#### King's Coronation Events

In celebration of the King's Coronation, the Wendover and Villages Community Board supported parishes to organise a series of vibrant events to unite residents and commemorate this historic occasion. These community events aim to foster a sense of pride and togetherness among residents while honouring the traditions and heritage of the kingdom.

#### Wendover Sheds



The Wendover and Villages Community Board were pleased to support, along with The Clare Foundation the project for the Wendover Shed organisation with the introduction of battery-powered solar panels. It allowed the ability for Wendover Shed project to go ahead for the local community as there was no electricity source within the location. It also marks a significant step towards sustainability and self-sufficiency.

By harnessing the power of the sun, these panels provide a renewable energy source that reduces the project's carbon footprint and operating costs. This innovative approach not only demonstrates environmental responsibility but also empowers participants to learn about renewable energy technologies.



Moreover, the integration of solar power enhances the resilience of the project, ensuring continuous access to electricity for workshops, tools, and lighting even in remote or off-grid locations. As the project promotes mental health and well-being through community engagement and skill-building activities. Through this initiative, participants of which they have over 40 members, not only enhance their shed skills but also contribute to a cleaner, greener future.



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### Protecting the Vulnerable

#### Weston Turville Lunch Club



The Wendover and Villages Community Board along with Weston Turville Parish Council and Community Impact Bucks worked together to re-establish the Weston Turville Lunch Club at The Chandos Arms. The aim of this was to address social isolation for the older generation and initiatives like a lunch club provides vital support and companionship.

By offering a regular monthly gathering, it allows residents to enjoy conversation, in a welcoming and inclusive environment and combats loneliness and isolation. Throughout this project the lunch club then morphed into a coffee morning for interested individuals to lessen the burden for volunteers.

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### Engagement

#### Tea, Talk and Cake – Mental Health Day Drop-In Session

An important area for the Wendover and Villages Community Board are residents Health and Wellbeing.

The Tea, Chat, Mental Health Day Drop-In Session, held at Wendover Library offered a warm and inviting space for individuals to come together, enjoy a cup of tea, and engage in supportive conversations about mental health. Held on Mental Health Awareness Day, this event aimed to reduce stigma and promote open dialogue surrounding mental well-being. Attendees can participate in informal discussions, share experiences, and receive information about local mental health resources.



#### Kingsbrook Community Day



The Kingsbrook Community Event was held by Kingsbrook Parish Council in June 2023 for residents providing a platform for them to come together, celebrate their community, and contribute to its vibrancy and well-being.

The Wendover and Villages Community Board attended the event, to engage with the local residents to understand what their priorities were for their local area, what they enjoyed living in the parish, what was missing and whether they had views on projects to be delivered.

Their input was invaluable to help discuss and develop the priorities that the Community Board agreed and adopted at their formal community board meeting in June. By enabling

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residents, the opportunity to have their voices heard it empowers residents to play an active role in shaping the future of their neighbourhood.

### Town and Parish Engagement

#### Informal Wendover and Villages Clerks Forum

The Informal Clerks Forum for Wendover and Villages has been well established since the inception of Community Boards in 2020.

It is a welcoming platform designed to foster engagement, support, and networking among clerks within the Community Board area. Through casual, bi-monthly meetups, clerks can connect with peers, share insights, and exchange best practices in a relaxed and informal setting. Whether it's discussing the latest challenges in administrative work, seeking advice on procedural matters, or simply building professional relationships, the forum provides a valuable space for clerks to support one another.

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### Working with Internal Services

#### Wharf Road Campus Initiative

The Wendover and Villages Community Board created a working group consisting of interested parties to tackle a specific issue surrounding the Wharf Road Campus within Wendover. By bringing together the active travel service, the environmental service, local environmental group Climate Action Wendover and a representative from Wendover Parish Council this group has pulled together their aims and objectives to work collaboratively. There is currently an air quality sensor in place to monitor and capture the data, alongside this, the local organisations are working directly with the school to start encouraging them to complete the active travel plans.

This initiative allows us to have momentum, avoids duplication and as it is multifaceted it allows us to work together to find solutions that meet the aims of different services in a more organised and succinct manner.

#### Electronic Vehicle Charging Trial

The Wendover and Villages Community Board along with the Transport Strategy Team were able to provide and obtain funding for an On-Street EV Charging trial, it is supported by £70k funding from the 2022/3 Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure5 (LEVI) 'pilot' fund, as well as £23k Wendover & Villages Community Board.

A Wendover EV Working Group has been established which meets once per month, and includes local Members, Parish Council representatives and a local interest group 'Climate Action Wendover', who raised the initial request for Community Board funding in 2022. The Community Board championed this request, work has been happening within this working group and the trial went live in January 2024.

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**Community Board**  
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**Wendover and Villages Community Board meeting**  
**Thursday 22 February**

This paper provides an overview of the funding that has been awarded so far in 23/24. It also details the budget position to date and Appendix 1 shows those projects that were funded in previous years, detailing the ones that have been evaluated, delivered and those that are still in progress.

**1. Community Board Budget Overview 23/24**

- The table below details the current budget position for Wendover and Villages Community Board for 23/24
- Please note that applications over £1k will require contributory funding.
- Contributory funding is not required for small grants applications as they are under £1k.

Year	Budget	Allocated	Remaining Budget	Total Number of Projects
2023/24	£141,509	£43,005	£98,504 (£37,923 pending approval)	16

**2. Funding applications 23/24**

Approved Funding Applications 23/24				
Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
Bierton Parish Council	<b>King's Coronation Event</b>	£500	N/A Small Grant	Delivered
Aston Clinton Parish Council	<b>King's Coronation Event</b>	£1,660	£4,970	Delivered
Halton Parish Council	<b>Halton Environment Improvement:</b> Provide insect houses, wildflower verge at Moor Park and two water butts	£959	N/A Small Grant	Approved
Halton Parish Council	<b>Village Hall Refurbishment:</b> Repair and treat the hall because of damp issue	£2,000	£800	Approved

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	<b>White Village Gates –</b> Installation of village gates into the parish	£5,803.90	£5,800	Approved
Buckland and Aston Clinton Cricket Club	<b>Club Equipment</b>	£941	N/A Small Grant	Delivered
Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ	<b>STEM Super Girls Project</b>	£2,000	£750	Approved
Wendover Friends of Guiding	<b>Paint Repairs:</b> Repairs to the guide hut	£859	N/A Small Grant	Approved
Aston Clinton Youth Club	<b>Club Equipment:</b> Air Hockey table and arts and craft materials	£560	N/A Small Grant	Delivered
Aston Clinton Society	<b>White Village Gates -</b> Installation of village gates into the parish	TBC	TBC	In progress
14 <sup>th</sup> Vale of Aylesbury Sea Scout Hut	<b>Aylesbury Sea Scouts Hut Rebuild</b>	£15,000	£330,000	Approved
Wendover Canal Trust	<b>Halton to Aston Clinton Canal Path Upgrade</b>	£15,000	£134,447.00	Approved
Stoke Mandeville Village Society	<b>Stoke Mandeville Village Heritage</b>	£885	N/A Small Grant	Approved
Stoke Mandeville Village Society	<b>Stoke Mandeville Singers:</b>	£535	N/A Small Grant	Approved
Wendover Singers	<b>Wendover Christmas Singers</b>	£675	N/A Small Grant	Approved
Buckland Parish Council	<b>Portable Sound System and Megaphone</b>	£415	N/A Small Grant	Approved
Buckland Parish Council	<b>Buckland Dog Bins</b>	£370	N/A Small Grant	Approved
Stoke Mandeville Village Society	<b>Directory of Services</b>	£745	N/A Small Grant	Approved
Stoke Mandeville Village Society	<b>War Memorial</b>	£4,500	£500	Due Diligence process
Royal British Legion – Aston Clinton Branch	<b>Raising the Profile:</b> Banners and Leaflets	£500	N/A Small Grant	Due Diligence process
Buckland Parish Council	<b>Noticeboards</b>	£500	N/A Small Grant	Due Diligence process
Active in the Community – CB led project	<b>Forever Cycling</b>	£5,205	£420	Due Diligence Process

Khepera CIC – CB led project	<b>Thrifty Chefs:</b> A series of workshops to cook healthy low budget meals	£2,227	£226	Due Diligence Process
Bierton Parish Council	<b>Jubilee Hall Refurbishment</b>	£15,000	£75,000	Due Diligence Process
Aston Clinton Parish Council	<b>MVAS:</b> To have the ability to have access to move to MVAS around the village to monitor speed levels.	£1,000	£1289.99	Due Diligence Process
Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	<b>D-Day Event:</b> To support the D-Day festival for the local community	£1,000	N/A Small Grant	Due Diligence Process
Aston Clinton Parish Council	<b>Aston Clinton Family Festival / D-Day Event:</b> To support the D-Day family festival for the local community	£2696.16	£7,050	Due Diligence Process

### 3. Projects on hold

Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
Wendover Parish Council	<b>Wharf Road and School Campus Initiative:</b> Traffic review for the area in regards school traffic and implement initiatives for active and greener travel.	£2,000	£500	On hold

## Appendix 1

### Projects Funded 22/23

Approved Funding Applications 22/23				
Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
Climate Action Wendover	<b>Green Futures:</b> Offering 10 workshops in local schools and 5 with youth groups addressing bio-diversity loss and carbon emissions and how this impacts directly in Wendover.	£2,000	£900 in kind	Approved
Buckland Parish Council	<b>Queen's Jubilee Event:</b> Equipment for a community event for the Queen's Jubilee and allowing the use for future events.	£2,022	£500	Delivered
Active in the Community	<b>Youth Activities:</b> This is a programme of sport and physical activity dedicated to children and young people. The programme will engage young people in sessions that support their physical, mental and social wellbeing, and encourage young people to live an active, healthier and therefore happier life.	£23,778	£2,642	Approved
Aston Clinton Parish Council	<b>Queen's Jubilee Event:</b> Supporting the event of various fun activities, bouncy castle, magic show, dog show.	£805	£4,707.96	Delivered
UK Astronomy	<b>Inflatable Planetarium:</b> A contribution towards an inflatable planetarium to teach residents and schools about the sky	£120	£26,500 and £12,500 requested across 8 CBs	Approved
Weston Turville Parish Council	<b>Electricity for Christmas Tree:</b> Installation of a ground	£1,254	£2,000	Delivered

	anchor with power for a Christmas tree to be located at the village hall.			
Aston Clinton Bowls Club	<b>Accessibility:</b> Corner steps to be installed to allow disabled access to the green.	£966.28	N/A Small grant	Delivered
Halton Parish Council	<b>Traffic Data Capture:</b> The purchase of the laptop to help assist in recording and analysing the MVAS data to ensure safety of the residents within the area.	£525	N/A Small grant	Delivered
Bierton Events Group	<b>Events:</b> To help support the delivery of local events within the Bierton parish and help reduce social isolation.	£805	N/A Small grant	Delivered
Halton Parish Council	<b>Wild Verge:</b> The planting of wildflower seeds, plaque from British Legion, Trees, Dog Wood Shrubs and Native Wildflower Plugs	£758.50	N/A Small grant	Delivered
Kingsbrook PFTA	<b>PFTA Gazebos:</b> To help support the newly formed PTA with event equipment to support the school and the local children.	£980.55	N/A Small grant	Delivered
Drayton Beauchamp Parish Council	<b>Chat Bench:</b> A community chat bench to allow the residents within the area to explore the outdoors but have a place to stop and rest.	£900	N/A Small grant	Delivered
12th Aylesbury Scout Group	<b>Parade Flags:</b> G	£937.00	N/A Small grants	Delivered
Wendover Parish Council	<b>Wendover Parking Review:</b> To implement the recommendations of the parking review on 17 roads	£12,438	£12,444	Approved
Wendover Sheds	<b>Wendover Shed: Off Grid Project:</b> To supply solar panels and batteries for the container which will be the home of Wendover Sheds,	£7,996	£1,000	Delivered



	therefore allowing the container to be placed anywhere without relying on electricity supply.			
Bierton Tennis Club	<b>Court Resurfacing:</b> To resurface two tennis courts, which are over 15 years old and in need of repair.	£8,387	£15,988	Approved
Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	<b>Defibrillators:</b> To install a defibrillator at The Bull public house and to re-house existing defibrillator located at Weston Way Industrial Estate to outside the building	£1,500	£345	Delivered
Aston Clinton Tennis Club	<b>Floodlighting:</b> To replace the 15-year-old floodlights and replace with more energy efficient lighting	£3,000	£22,000	Delivered
Buckland Parish Council	<b>Buckland Community Orchard, Nature Reserve:</b> Irrigation System Installation and Land Management	£4,800	£1,200	Delivered
Lindengate	<b>Tree Nursery:</b> To allow Lindengate to grow and sell more stock, including endangered native tree and wildflower species. This would help make the charity more sustainable,	£14,000	£1,000	Approved
Bierton Parish Council	<b>Bierton Playground Upgrade:</b> To update the existing playground to newer equipment and accesible items	£15,000	£65,000	Approved
Wendover Memorial Hall	<b>Wendover Memorial Hall Flooring:</b> Replacement of the flooring for the hall because of a risk to health and safety.	£15,000	£8,130	Delivered
Wendover Parish Council	<b>Watersheds:</b> Working with CLAW to provide watersheds for the community garden.	£1,725.90	£499	Delivered
Halton Parish Council	<b>Halton Village Sign and FlagPole:</b> Improve village signage and to fix the flagpole for the coronation.	£5,500	£700	Approved

Climate Action Wendover	<b>New Gate Access for Wendover Wildbelt:</b> Provide vehicle and disabled access to north end of Wendover Wildbelt (adjacent to London Road)	£1,560	£500	Delivered
Aylesbury Youth Action	<b>Youth Volunteer Intern Youth Views Project:</b> To employ a youth volunteer intern for 12 months to focus on encouraging 14-25 year olds to volunteer, assist in project delivery and capturing views of the youth.	£14,107	£1,567	Approved

### Projects Funded 21/22

Scheme Funded	Organisation	Amount Awarded	Project Status
<b>Youth Activities:</b> Sessions in Wendover for young people aged 10-17 years old during the half term in Wendover. Giving young people free and fun activities including street football, dodgeball, table tennis to enjoy with friends.	Wendover Youth Programme	£887.50	Delivered – Evaluation report received
<b>Action4Youth Mentoring Scheme:</b> A 12-month pilot 1:1 mentoring project aged 11-17 years from the Aylesbury Vale area.	Action4Youth	£8,389.50	Delivered – update to CB 9 Feb 23
<b>Halton Community Equipment for Events:</b> These events will be aimed at the whole community. We would like to actively engage with everyone in our community, to strengthen and build the community bond in this small village.	Halton Parish Council	£1,800	Delivered
<b>War Memorial Restoration</b>	Buckland Parish Council	£800	Delivered
<b>Lunch Equipment</b> – to provide a hot meal to the community at the Monday lunch club.	Rhubard Café	£250	Delivered
<b>Wildbelt Project</b> - aims to improve biodiversity in the Chilterns by facilitating a sustainable approach to nature recovery in a way that; engages the community at Parish Council level; is volunteer led and; drives strategic improvements at a local level, in line with Government Policy.	Chiltern Society	£30,000	In progress – updated CB 9 Feb 23

<b>MVAS Halton:</b> This is required for speeding traffic within the Conservation Area of Halton Village. To warn drivers of their excess speeds and provide accurate data on the number of cars using the route and speeds	Halton Parish Council	£4,075	Delivered
<b>Buckland Community Orchard -</b> Buckland has no public open space to be enjoyed by residents and the Parish Council purchased just under 2 acres of agricultural land to create a Community Orchard. For this Community Orchard the Parish will receive most of the trees to be planted by donations, however the planting and delivery needs to be funded. The land is to be used as a Community Green Space to benefit residents and walkers alike.	Buckland Parish Council	£1,750	Delivered
<b>Leaky Homes:</b> homeowners will receive photographs showing heat loss from their roofs, front, back and side walls, and an analysis of the photos and advice on how to insulate their homes from the Bucks Community Energy team.	Bucks Community Energy	£1,210	Delivered
TfB Scheme: Burcott Lane installation of double yellow lines	Bierton Parish Council	£6,152.74	Delivered
TfB Scheme: Bollards and Chevron sign	Buckland Parish Council	£12,930	Delivered
TfB Scheme: Lower Ickneild Way Traffic Calming	Buckland Parish Council	£5,368	Scheme withdrawn
TfB Scheme: Stablebridge Road – 30mph Speed Zone	Aston Clinton Parish Council	£19,727	In progress
<b>Bucks Mind Mental Health First Aider:</b> A first aid course for mental health first aider – 1 space allocated to John Colet	Bucks MIND	£495	Delivered
<b>Wendover Skatepark:</b> Design a bespoke, accessible skate park in Wendover on Ashbrook Park which is owned by the Parish Council. It will be suitable for all ages, and suitable for all wheeled sports, scootering, rollerblading and BMXing.	Wendover Parish Council	£25,000	Withdrawn
<b>Canal Path Upgrade:</b> 90 metres upgrade into Halton Parish	Wendover Canal Arm Trust	£25,000	Delivered
<b>Respite Care:</b> To provide respite care for 2 families within the Community Board area.	CHAT Children’s Respite Charity	£1,600	Delivered

<b>Ecological Survey for Community Orchard:</b> Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Habitat Management Brief and Data searches	Weston Turville Parish Council	£1,876	Delivered
<b>Electricity for Christmas Lighting:</b> To provide electricity to allow lightning to a Christmas tree for parish.	Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	£1,950	Delivered
<b>Grown @ Kingsbrook – Community Orchard:</b> To develop a Community Garden within the area to allow those who are unable to obtain an allotment and for the use of the school and community groups	Kingsbrook Parish Council	£5,000	In progress
<b>Litter Bins:</b> Over the last 18 months there has been an increase of visitors into the green spaces and have identified a need for 10 additional bins	Kingsbrook Parish Council	£2,855	Delivered
<b>Wendover EV On Street Parking Pilot:</b>	Budget provided to Bucks Council service to run pilot	£22,931	In progress
<b>Outdoor Activity Equipment:</b> Installing activity equipment with the green areas of the parish to encourage healthy lifestyles and utilising outdoor space.	Kingsbrook Parish Council	£10,000	Delivered
<b>Energy Efficiency Drive:</b> 5 home energy efficiency reports (different house styles within the area) to then produce surveys to show how residents can improve their energy efficiency.	Climate Action Weston Turville	£3,504	Delivered
<b>BEE Squared:</b> Wildflower seeds (a 1 sq mtr amount in small envelope with a window sticker) is delivered to each house in Wendover (option1) and some of the surrounding villages (option2) to be planted by residents.	Climate Action Wendover	£5,575	Delivered – Evaluation report received
<b>ENGAGE – Youth Festival and Workshops:</b> 2 festivals for the young people in and surrounding Wendover. Identifying needs and support, encouraging socialising, activities and hobbies and subsequently encouraging them to attend workshops to increase activity.	Wendover Youth Centre	£10,000	Delivered – evaluation report received

### Projects Funded 20/21

<b>Scheme Funded</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Project Status</b>
Cllr Crisis Fund Projects	Various	£6,325	Delivered
20mph Speed Limitation (Green End)	Aston Clinton PC	£21,602	In progress / s106
Waiting Restrictions (London Road)	Aston Clinton PC	£10,987	In progress / s106
Weston Turville Speed Calming - Rumble Strips	Weston Turville PC	£3,927	Delivered
Perch Bridge Halton Repairs	Halton PC	£3,757	Delivered
Speed Indicator Device for Kingsbrook	Bierton PC	£2,500	Delivered
Bierton Community Care Package	Bierton PC	£440	Delivered
Lindengate Nature Based 13-18yr old Programme	Lindengate Charity	£26,540	Delivered
Halton Village Hall Refurbishment	Halton PC	£5,000	Delivered



## 5. Withdrawn and rejected applications

Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
Halton Parish Council	<b>Coronation Open Gardens:</b> Community Event for local residents, providing entertainment, bunting and promotion	£980	Small grant	Withdrawn
Buckland Parish Council	<b>Coronation Celebration Event:</b> Village celebration, with refreshments, hall hire, entertainment and promotion	£930	Small Grant	Withdrawn
Halton Parish Council	<b>Streetlighting:</b> Replacement of streetlighting to LED lights	£999	Small Grant	Rejected
Buckland Parish Council	<b>Streetlighting:</b> Replacement of streetlighting with LED lights	£2,000	£161.29	Rejected

Please note in 22/23 several applications were received from Lindengate but these have been explored with other officers within the Council as to the best source of funding for these requests.

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### **Update for Community Boards: Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) pilot scheme – Aylesbury**

Demand Responsive Transport is a flexible type of bus service that allows users to book their journeys on demand as they require it, between any two points within the operational area. This is instead of a traditionally routed and scheduled bus service but provided at fares that are in line with them.

Buckinghamshire Council were successful in submitting a bid to the Department for Transport Rural Mobility Fund (RMF) in 2020. This provides part-funding for two DRT pilot schemes which will operate for 3 years in High Wycombe and in Aylesbury. The High Wycombe scheme, known as "[Pick Me Up](#)", launched in September 2022.

The Council has recently awarded a contract to [Wemove](#), for the Aylesbury scheme. Once operational the service will drop off passengers anywhere within the coverage area, which includes Stoke Mandeville Hospital, railway stations, employment areas and Aylesbury town centre. As required, the scheme coverage area was closely defined in the grant bid to the Department for Transport, and the grant funding was awarded on this basis. This means that the area covered is unlikely to be expanded during the pilot scheme period.

The DRT schemes are new services to Buckinghamshire that are unlike anything we have operated in the past and Buckinghamshire Council is one of 15 local authorities with funding from Government to trial them. The purpose of the pilot schemes is to assess and understand whether this sort of service can affordably and sustainably link communities which are off the regular bus network together. As well as hoping to establish a sustainable service for these pilot areas going forward, there are significant learning opportunities about what does and does not work in this sector, as is the experience of the other 14 local authorities who are each running a slightly different sort of scheme.

The new Aylesbury DRT service is planned to start in late spring 2024 and will benefit residents in villages around Aylesbury, including Aston Clinton, Weston Turville, Stoke Mandeville, Weedon, Hartwell and Bishopstone, by providing a convenient and affordable travel option to supplement existing public transport services.

Further information about the Aylesbury scheme will be publicised in the coming weeks as the new contract is mobilised. Officers from the Public Transport team would be very happy to attend a future Community Board meeting to provide information and promote the new scheme as it launches.

For more information about the DRT pilot schemes in High Wycombe or Aylesbury please contact: [passtrans@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:passtrans@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

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## Community Boards – Corporate Update – January 2024

### Could you or someone you know foster?

With a national and local shortage of Foster Carers, coupled with an increase in demand, Buckinghamshire Council has set up a dedicated task force to look into how we can improve our support to Foster Carers as well as review our processes and procedures to increase the number of people applying, being approved and staying as a Buckinghamshire Council Foster Carer.

The task force are looking into all options and are working on a package of incentives which will make fostering for Buckinghamshire Council a unique and favourable option in a very competitive market. Following feedback from our current Foster Carers one quick win before Christmas was the issuing of larger size wheely bins to all current foster carers which was a welcomed support for fostering families.

We will also be reaching out to our local community partners and would welcome your insight and help too, to ensure we are reaching more of the right people who could care for our children.

With over 500 Buckinghamshire children needing; caring, supportive and loving homes on long and short term basis we're committed to building our fostering community and taking good care of our fostering families. As our unique offer is developed we will keep you updated and seek your support in reaching your local residents and communities.

If you, or someone you know would like to find out more about Fostering, please visit: [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/foster](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/foster)

### Regeneration framework – what it means for our towns

Our regeneration framework sets out an over-arching approach to deliver our vision to create places where people want to be, driving local revitalisation and creating vibrant, thriving spaces for people to live and work across the county. It sets out the opportunities to build on our strengths as well as the economic and social challenges we need to respond to.

As well as setting out our vision for three town centres – Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Chesham – the regeneration framework provides a toolkit to enable areas to develop and progress their own plans for renewal.

[Buckinghamshire Regeneration Framework guidance](#)

In addition to the Regeneration Framework we set out we have set out more detailed regeneration strategies for our three biggest towns:

View the [Aylesbury Regeneration Strategy](#) (PDF, 11.6 MB)

View the [Chesham Regeneration Strategy](#) (PDF, 8.41 MB)



View the [High Wycombe Regeneration Strategy](#) (PDF 7.87 MB)

## **Our Local Plan: what, why and how**

Local plans are at the heart of the planning system and are the main consideration used in deciding planning applications. A local plan sets out the long-term vision and framework for future development of an area – the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire will go up to 2045.

It will look at future needs for housing and employment across the county, identifying where development should take place and protected places where it needs to be carefully controlled.

The Local Plan is our opportunity to set out how we intend to manage and accommodate future growth, meet our local social, economic and environmental needs and get the right infrastructure in place. We have already started preparatory work with two recent public consultations covering an [Attitudes Survey](#) and our [draft vision and objectives](#).

Our next consultation will invite people to have their say on a selection of different strategic growth scenarios for how we can accommodate new homes and jobs throughout Buckinghamshire. This will help establish the guiding principles which will help to shape where and how we will plan to deliver new housing in the next Local Plan. This is likely to take place in spring this year.

[The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

## **Housing Strategy – vision for future housing supply**

We have recently completed a public consultation on our first Housing Strategy. The strategy sets out how all the partners involved in delivering housing in Buckinghamshire will work together to ensure that the housing offer delivers the housing our residents need. It focuses on three main priorities:

- Responding to the needs of our diverse population
- Better homes which are good quality, sustainable and matched to need
- New homes which are affordable, accessible and appropriate

It sets out the challenges we face, the opportunities we can use and how we are responding to these.

## **Buckinghamshire all-age autism strategy**

Buckinghamshire Council is launching its first autism strategy, bringing together an all-age plan of lifelong support for autistic people in Buckinghamshire. The strategy has been co-produced with autistic people, their families and professionals in Health and Social Care.

Our vision is to help autistic people live as independently as possible and have the same life opportunities and experiences as everyone else. We want to ensure autistic people can

access the right support whenever they need it and contribute to shaping how the council works.

The all-age autism strategy focuses on the following areas:

- Improving awareness and understanding of autism
- Tackling health and social care inequalities
- Developing a needs-based approach so that autistic children and young people get the best start in life
- Developing better support for employment and meaningful activities
- Ensuring more adults with autism maintain their independence

The strategy has been consulted on and is looking to be adopted in March – subject to Cabinet approval.

## Consultations

### Happening soon

Activity name	Start date	End date	Community Board
RAF Halton SPD	Monday 22 January	Monday 4 March	Wendover

### Looking ahead

We have a number of county-wide activities currently scheduled for Spring/Summer 2024:

- Local Plan growth scenarios
- Local Transport Plan 5
- Buckinghamshire Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan
- Housing Allocations Policy
- All Age Carers Strategy consultation
- Leisure Strategy
- Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy
- Street Trading Policy

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