



**Community
Boards**

Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 28 February 2024

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: MS Teams

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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

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.

AMERSHAM/CHESHAM & possibly MISSENDENS

Support for residents following King George V House closure

Amersham now has a new Library Council Access Point located in the Chilterns Lifestyle Centre. Chesham Library Council Access Point is also available for residents to visit. At the libraries residents will be able to find out about council services, report, pay or apply for services themselves using our computers, or use our telephones to contact the Council Customer Services team.

For residents looking for more personal support, such as needing assistance to report, pay, or apply for a service, or needing to talk to an advisor in person, our offices in High Wycombe and Aylesbury offer a Council Access Point+ service to help customers with more complex enquiries.

Our Council Access Points offer face-to-face support for residents who need support to access services. For customers who can, contacting the council online or over the phone remains the easiest and quickest way to contact us.

Consultations

Happening soon

Activity name	Start date	End date	Community Board
RAF Halton SPD	Monday 22 January	Monday 4 March	Wendover
Penn Neighbourhood Plan	Thursday 25 January	Thursday 7 March	Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye
All Age Carers Strategy engagement	End of Jan/ Early Feb	TBC	County-wide

High Wycombe Community Governance Review	Monday 12 February	Sunday 7 April	High Wycombe
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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



Denham, Gerrards Cross and the Chalfonts Community Board Meeting

Chairman: Cllr Santokh Chhokar

28th Feb 2024

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, Service Director, ASC	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	Energy Doctor Helen Edwards, Domestic Resource Efficiency Officer, BC	6.55pm
5	Project Gigabit Update Lloyd Little, Senior Programme Officer (Digital) BC	7.10pm
6	Community Board Update Funding position / Community Engagement LC Project spotlight – Seer Green Environment Survey, Nick Baddeley, Seer Green Parish Council CHANGE – Marie Cavanagh, CSP Chamber of Commerce	7.20pm 7.30pm
7	Action Group Updates Sustainability Action Group JC Infrastructure, Highways and Community Safety JR/TS/DB Health & Wellbeing ID	7.40pm
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

Foster Carers: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/foster

Regeneration Framework: [Buckinghamshire Regeneration Framework guidance](#)

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

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Buckinghamshire All-Age Autism Strategy



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[Find activities - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#)

Looking Ahead

Local Plan growth scenarios

Local Transport Plan 5

Buckinghamshire Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan

Housing Allocations Policy

Leisure Strategy

Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy

Street Trading Policy



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: Latest Newsletter from TVP with Agenda pack





Domestic Resource Efficiency Service

"Energy Doctor"

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Helen Edwards



Background

- A. 'Energy Doctor' scheme (Domestic Resource Efficiency Service) approved by [Cabinet on 5th January 2023](#)
- B. £1,957,841 (includes 4% management fee for Strategy and Partnerships) has been allocated to support the scheme until the end of March 2025 from the Council's allocation of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

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Key Objectives:

- Over 1200 properties visited by 31st March 2025 (DLUHC requires 400 visits)
- 300 tonnes of CO₂ saved p.a.



Eligibility Criteria

‘To qualify for a visit your home must meet all of the following criteria:

- you rent the property through a private rental agreement, or own and live in the property
- your 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 your household is disabled
- the domestic property you live in has an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G, or does not legally require an EPC

We will prioritise visits for those who meet these eligibility criteria and live in Opportunity Bucks areas.

How to apply

Please contact Better Housing Better Health in the first instance who can assess eligibility for an Energy Doctor visit and other services.

Better Housing Better Health

Tel: 0800 107 0044

Website: www.bhbh.org.uk

DREO Visit Components

Each visit takes 3 hours (approx.) and the Energy Doctors each complete up to 7 visits per week

1. Advice given on support available (grants etc.) to help reduce resource consumption and costs
2. Suggestions made for appropriate behavioural changes that will help reduce energy and water consumption and costs
3. Energy bills and tariffs checked and advice given to change if better is available
4. Low-Cost Easy Retrofit Resource Efficiency (LCERRE) measures installed

1. Support - Grants

HUG2- Home Upgrade Grant

GBIS – Great British Insulation Scheme (previously ECO plus)

ECO 4 – Energy Companies Obligation

BHBH – Better Housing Better Health

2. Behaviour Changes



- Turn lights and appliances off when you're not using them
- Fill kettles as much as you need. Keep them descaled
- Use all your heating controls and settings – thermostats, timers, switch off pre-heat
- Close curtains at night
- Keep showers short
- Wash laundry in full loads at 30° not 40°
- Avoid using tumble-dryer – hang clothes to dry
- Return food to fridge quickly



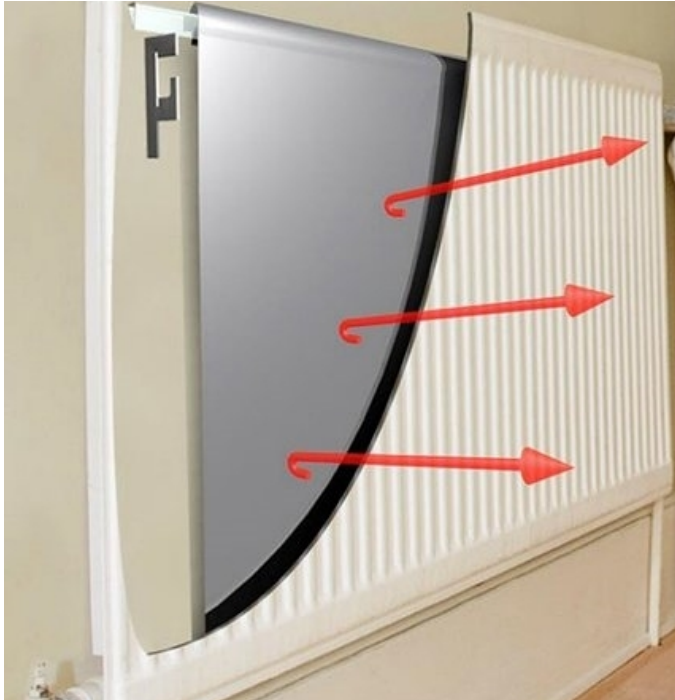
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3. Bills

- Is customer checking their supplier has them on the best tariff?
- Suggest a price comparison / check other suppliers
- Do they have a smartmeter?
- Do they pay by prepayment meter, DD or "standard credit"?
- Are they a long way in credit or debit with their supplier?

4. LCERRE Measures



Reflective Radiator Panels

- Radflek reflects wasted heat energy radiated from the rear of a radiator back into your room

Draughtproofing

V-tape, Chimney balloon, magnetic letterbox cover, door brush



Solar Generators



8.8W

LED bulbs



Hot water cylinder jacket



Secondary glazing film

Heated Throw



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Thermometer Cards



Electricity Consumption Monitor



Water measures: Shower head, Shower timer, Save-a-flush

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Aerated shower head means less water is used (so less water is heated if combi system)

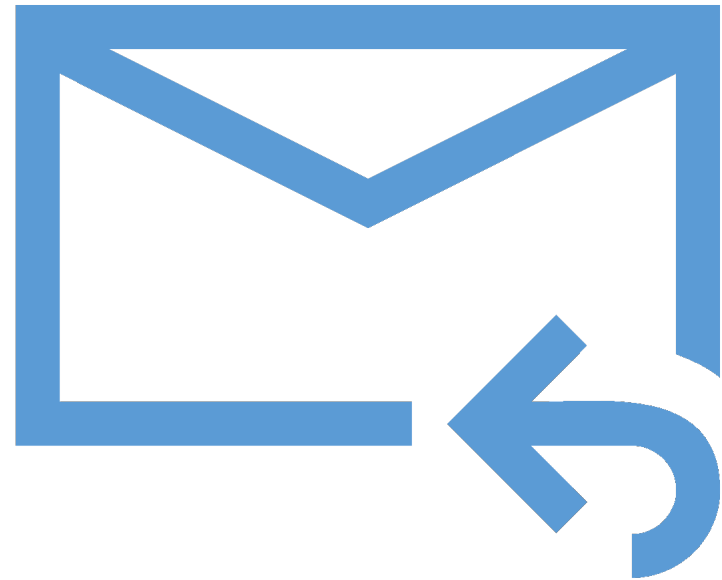
Shower timer: Prompts the user to spend less time in the shower, using and heating less water

Save-a-flush: takes up space in the toilet cistern, so less water is used per flush

Any Questions?

Contact us:

EnergyDoctor@buckinghamshire.gov.uk





Project Gigabit

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Lloyd Little, Senior Programme Officer (Digital) BC

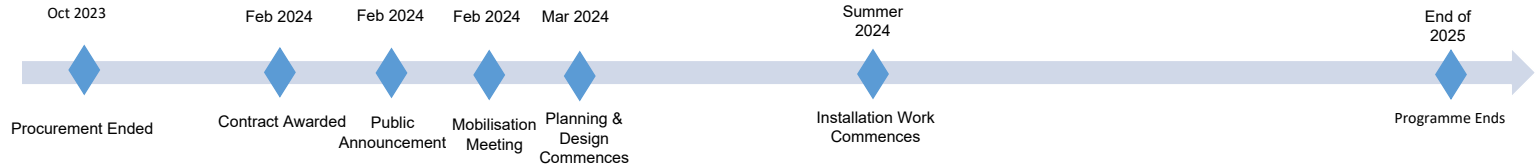


Project Gigabit

Programme Summary

Buckinghamshire County Council have been allotted with Hertfordshire and East Berkshire in Lot 26. Building Digital UK (BDUK – Central government's executive agency responsible for managing Gigabit contracts) have awarded the contract for this region to CityFibre and this will amount to £58m worth of investment, providing gigabit coverage to over 35,000 business and residential premises. Buckinghamshire are expected to benefit from the bulk of this investment due to poor connectivity in our rural and hard to reach settings – coverage volumes anticipated to be between 20,000 – 25,000 premises.

Contract Timeline



CityFibre

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CityFibre are an alternative network provider (altnet) who have been installing fibre networks since 2015. Altnets are smaller operators which use private investment to rival large providers such as Openreach & Virgin.

CityFibre do have an existing commercial footprint in Buckinghamshire and were most recently building networks in and around High Wycombe.

Similar to how Openreach services are delivered by BT, CityFibre also use internet service providers (ISPs) to deliver their services to end users – these include Zen Internet & Giganet.

CityFibre have invested significant resources into winning government contracts and to ultimately support the target of 85% Gigabit coverage by 2025.

Have won 9 Project Gigabit contracts – covering Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Kent, Sussex, Bedfordshire, Milton Keynes, Northampton Shire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk & Hampshire.

These contracts will use £780m worth of government subsidies and will provide Gigabit coverage to over 400,000 premises.

Have existing footprint in High Wycombe but provide fibre services to over 3 million premises nationwide and this commercial development will continue to grow alongside their Project Gigabit contracts.

Will create over 40 apprenticeships as part of the contract and will also help grow the economy by creating jobs as part of their network to facilitate the rollout of their infrastructure.

What Does This Mean for You?

Significant Investment in Fibre

Engagement Surveys

Focus Groups & Workshops

Alternative Solutions

Improved Connectivity



DGXC Community Board Update Activity & Impact 2023/24

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Cllr Santokh Chhokar





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and The Chalfonts

Summary of Activity during 2023/24

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Project work

- Worked on 37 projects

Engagement

- Community Liaison - held nearly 50 meetings in the community

Events

- Attended over 20 community events

Meetings

- Held 4 Community Board Meetings + 1 Engagement Event
- Facilitated 15 Action Group Meetings

Town & Parish Councils

- Held 3 Clerk Get Togethers
- Held 3 Chairs Meetings
- Attended at least 7 Town/Parish Council Meetings

Developing Partnerships / Collaboration

- Regularly collaborate with 20 key partners (in addition to Town & Parish Councils) – attended
- 22 meetings

Building Networks

- Attended 4 strategic events

Advocacy

*Supporting our Partners
Collaborating with Internal Services
to support our local community*



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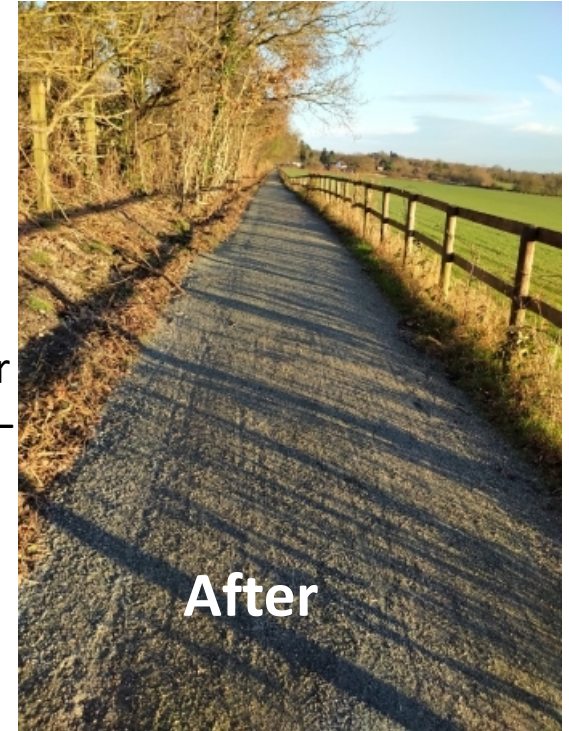


- **Denham Parish Council over their proposal to lease a disused Red Cross Centre in Tilehouse Lane and develop a whole community space, encompassing a Dementia Day Care Centre.**
- **King Georges Field Trust to seek alternatives to parking and safety issues around the site and to secure transfer previously committed funds.**
- **The Kindness Club and Asset Management, to relocate a larger container to a more suitable site, to secure premises for storage, linking in with other partners, such as The Clare Foundation and Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board.**
- **Most recently, linking in with Planning Growth & Sustainability and Comms to support local businesses affected by localised flooding in CSP**

Recently Completed Projects



We were very pleased that the Higher Denham Footpath was completed by the start of the year. This key pedestrian route was previously in a poor state of disrepair forcing users onto Old Rectory Lane – a fast road with no pavement. The Community Board was pleased to be able to joint-fund with Denham Parish Council for such an important right of way.



Denham Parish Councillor, Julia Walsh said, "*Thank you to the Community Board for their contribution to the project and especially for progressing the project to it's conclusion.*"

Engagement Activity: Autumn / Winter

- Supporting & Attending Events, e.g. CSG Wellness Day
- Networking, e.g. NEP, CVRP



Engagement Activity: Autumn / Winter

- Linking with Services, e.g. Chiltern Dial-a-Ride
- Meeting with local charities, voluntary groups & CICs e.g. Age Concern GX Plus, Village Action Group, Revitalisation Group, Friends of CSG Church, Friends of GX & CSP Community Hospital, GXCA
- Advocacy work, eg. DPC Day Centre Proposal, CSPCC Lease renewal, GXCA funding connections
- Clerks Meeting 2:10:23, 29:01:24, next meeting 22:04:24

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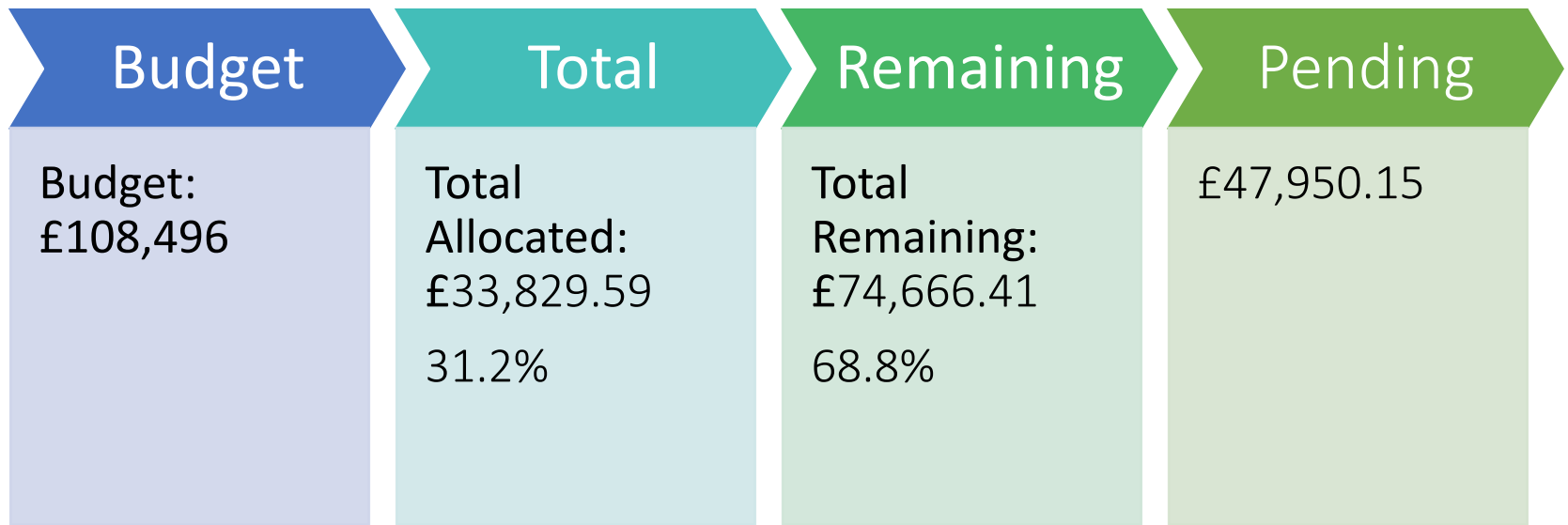


Engagement Activity: Winter

Christmas Events



Projects Funded to Date



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Potential Underspend: £26,716.26

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**

Applicant	Project Details	Priority *	Project Cost	CB Contribution	Contributory Funding
Chiltern Dial A Ride	Essential Wheels	SC HW	£128,018.00	£1,215.00	£126,803.00
Fawsett Trust	Christmas Vouchers	SC SE HW CoL	£3,400.00	£1,700.00	£1,700.00
Hedgerley Conservation Volunteers	Equipment	S HW	£995.54	£995.54	£-
CSPCC	PA System	SC SE HW	£6,300.00	£3,300.00	£3,000.00

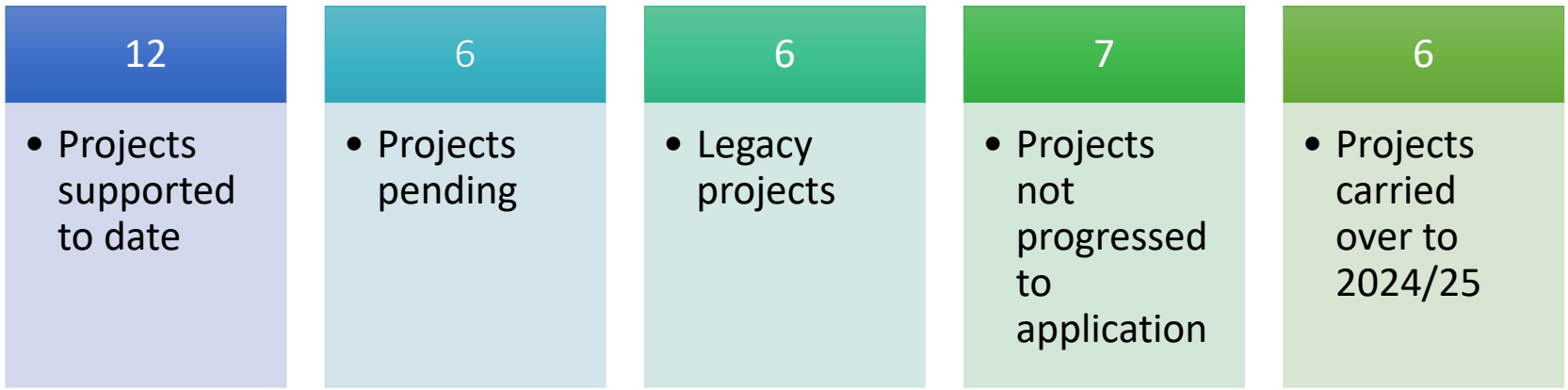
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Pending Projects 2023/24

Applicant	Project Details	Priority *	Project Cost	CB Contribution	Contributory Funding
DPC	Information Boards	S HW	£6,270.00	£3,135.00	£3,135.00
WI Gems CSG	Swap One Thing	S	£580.30	£290.15	£580.30
CSP Village Action Group	Memorial Garden	ALL	£72,822.00	£15,000.00	£57,822.00
CSP PC	CSP Nature Reserve Winter Works	S HW	£63,252.00	£15,000.00	£48,252.00
CSG Revitalisation Group	Great War Book - printing	SC	£4,775.00	£2,525.00	£2,250.00
Jordans Conservation Volunteers	Manor Farm Field Biodiversity Project	S HW	£23,660.00	£12,000.00	£11,660.00

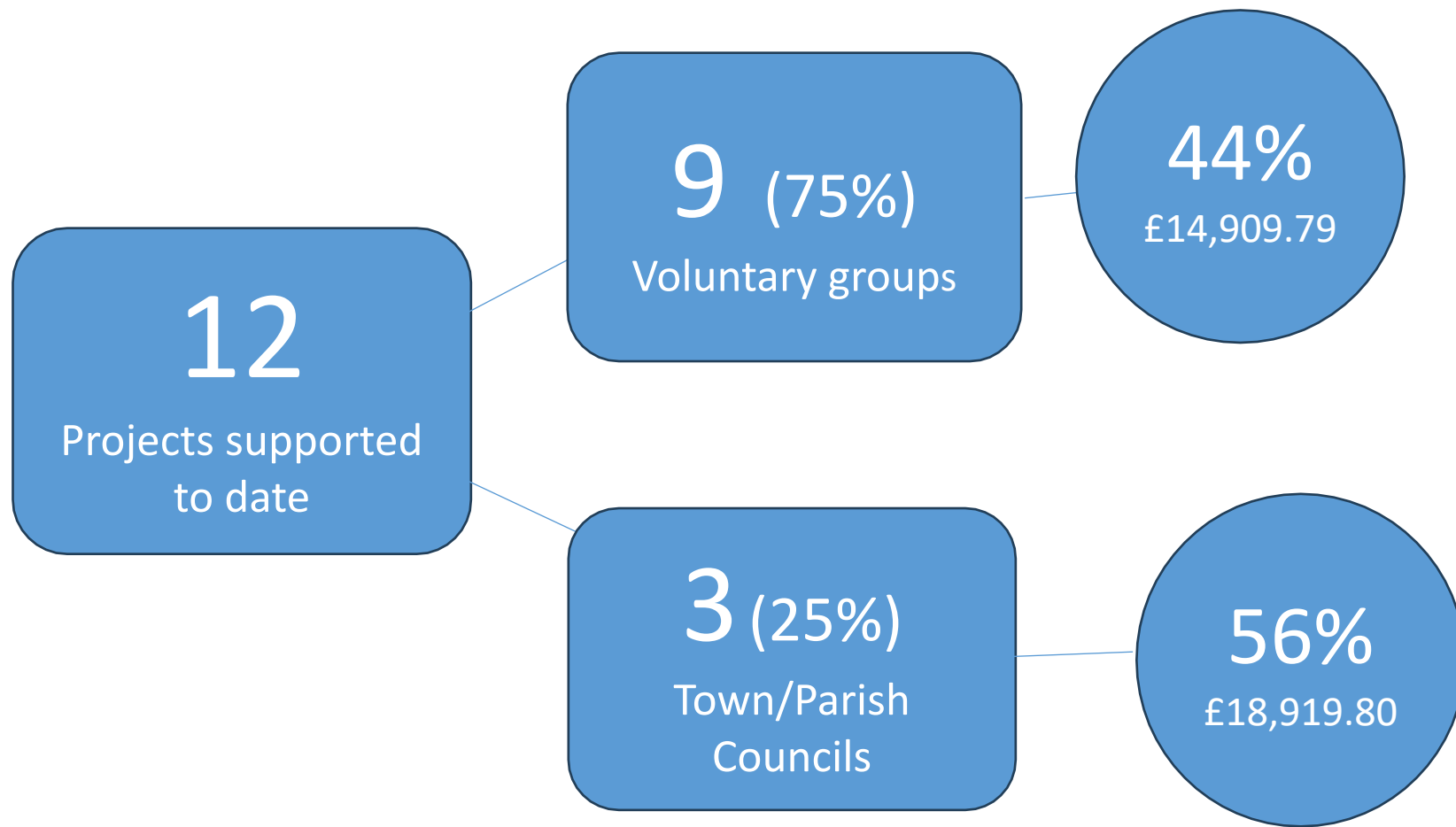
Overview of Projects from 2023/24

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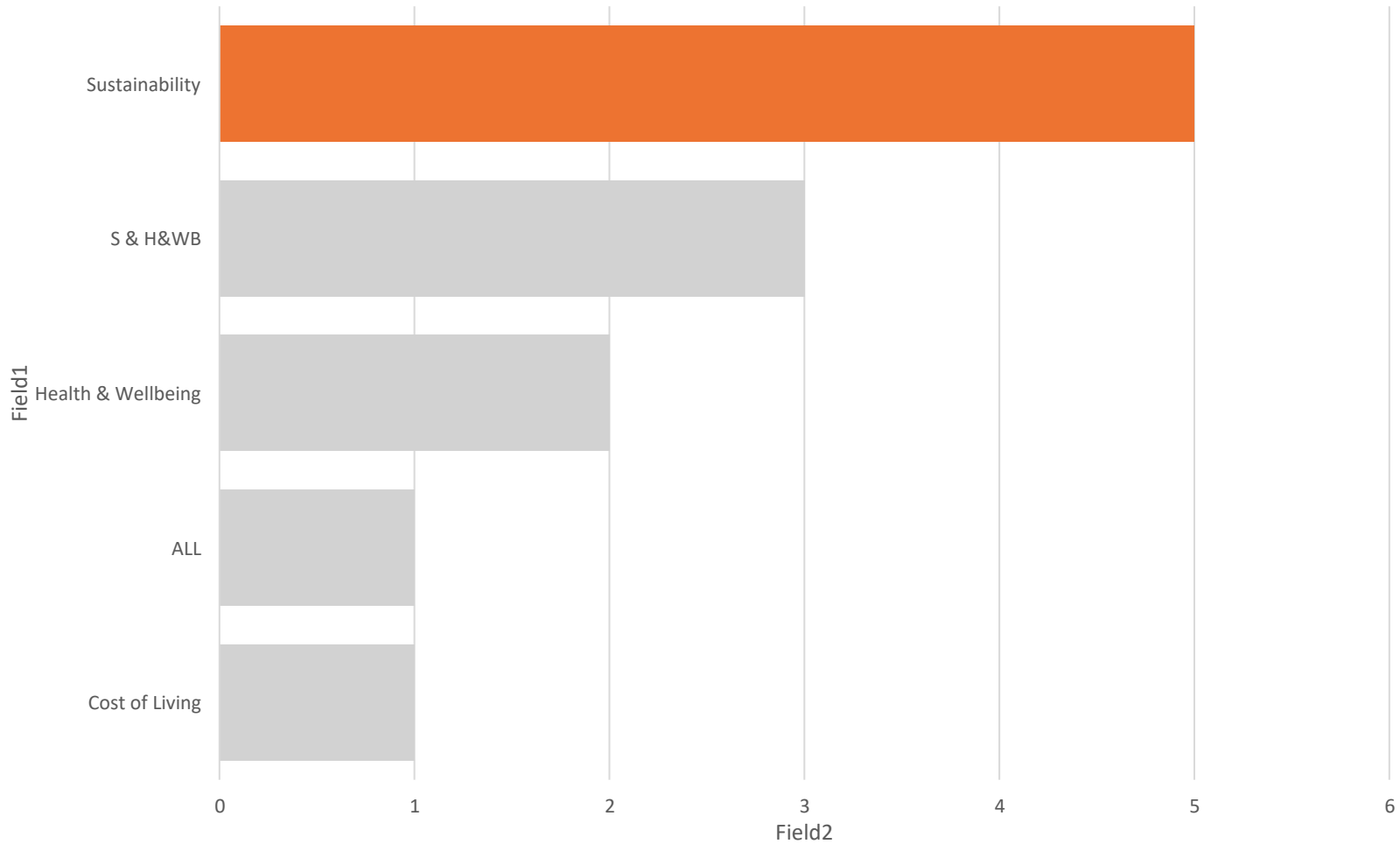
Review of Funding to Date

Projects by Organisation Type



Review of Funding to Date

Project Allocation by CB Priority



Analysis of Funding to date



Sustainability was the top priority for projects, followed by Health & Wellbeing



Voluntary / Community Groups grants averaged £1,657



Town / Parish Council grant applications averaged £6,307



Average Contributory funding from Voluntary / Community Groups £2,228* (exception Chiltern Dial A Ride)



Average Contributory funding from Town/Parish Councils £9,476

Budget 2024/25

Total Project Budget across all boards
£1,000,000

Reduction of 1/3rd across all boards



Total Budget for Denham, Gerrard's Cross & The
Chalfonts 2024/2025 **£57,103**

Looking Forward: Projects 2024/2025

- Encourage and support community groups to connect with the Community Board for support with projects that meet our priorities and fit criteria.
- Projects can be delivered by Boards themselves, but Board members will also be responsible for delivery (if there is no delivery partner), it's not the responsibility of the Chairman/Board Manager.
- Generate projects from action groups, following discussion, potentially working with a suitable delivery partner.
- Aim for all projects to first be scrutinised by the appropriate action group where time allows.

** Agenda Change **

Flooding in Chalfont St Peter

Marie Cavanagh, local business owner and Chamber
of Commerce



Action Group Update and Review



Sustainability Action Group



SUAG	Resident	Vol Groups	T & Parish	Unitary
CSG	2	1	2	
CSP	1	1	1	1
DENHAM		1		
FULMER				
GX				
HEDGERLEY				
SEER GREEN			1	

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12 active members
6 Meetings
3 Working Group Meetings

Chair: Jane Chamberlain
Vice Chair: Sharad Jha

Meet every month, initially in person, now online.

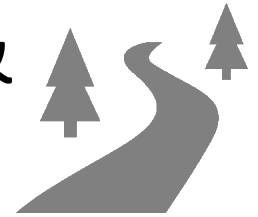
A splinter Working Group was established in December - The Energy Working Group

Next Meeting Date: 18th April





Infrastructure, Highways & Community Safety



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IHAG	Resident	Vol Groups	T & Parish	Unitary
CSG		1	1	
CSP			1	1
DENHAM			3	
FULMER				
GX				1
HEDGERLEY				
SEER GREEN			1	

Chair: Cllr Jonathan Rush
Joint Chair : Tony Shinner
Vice Chair: Des Bray

Supporting the development of resilient communities

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

Active Travel, Fix My Street, Parking, Speeding

Next Meeting Date: March 7th

Nine active members
 4 Meetings held
 Meet regularly in person, approx. every 6 weeks.

Health & Well-being



Chair: Isobel Darby
Vice Chair: Position vacant

**Supporting
Volunteering
Promoting healthier
lifestyles**

H&WB	Resident	Vol Groups	T & Parish	Unitary
CSG		2	1	1
CSP				1*
DENHAM			1	1*
FULMER				
GX				
HEDGERLEY				
SEER GREEN			2	

**have not attended*

Nine members, 5 regular attendees
2 meetings

**Proposed next meeting
dates:**

**March 21st
April 25th
May 23rd**



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Thank you

Next meeting dates: June 20th, Oct 9th 2024, March 19th 2025

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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