



# Buckinghamshire Council

## Winslow & Villages Community Board

### Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting of the Winslow & Villages Community Board held on Thursday 18 February 2021 in MS Teams, commencing at 7pm and concluding at 9:15pm**

#### **Members present**

S Renshell, J Chilver, B Everitt, L Monger and B Stanier Bt

T Cawte, V Corben, C Cousin, C Dodds, J Gilbey, D Harnett, K Higgins, D Kuttner, S Lindsey, I Macpherson, A McGinn, P Molloy, G Morgan, C Older, A Simone, D Smedley, R Van de Poll, V Wright

#### **Others in attendance**

S Adkins, L Dale, M Dias, A Jenner, H Thomas, D Wilkinson

#### **Agenda Item**

##### **1 Housekeeping**

The Chairman gave a brief overview of the Virtual Meeting Procedural Rules for the evening's meeting.

##### **2 Apologies**

Members heard apologies from Scott Raven, Teresa Connolly, Andy Lane and Caroline Cornell.

##### **3 Minutes**

##### **RESOLVED:-**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th November, 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

##### **4 Declarations of Interest**

Ben Everitt declared a non-prejudicial personal interest as the Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes North in relation to agenda item 7.

##### **5 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman formally welcomed everyone to the meeting, and reminded Members of the Community Board's aims, objectives and priorities.

The Chairman also gave Members a brief update on recent events that had transpired since the last meeting of the Community Board in November. This included:

- A new PCSO would be starting work in the community.
- Winslow and Villages Community Board's new email address (winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk). Members were advised that future email correspondence to the board should be directed to this new email address.
- Winslow and Villages Crisis Fund was still open. Anyone with ideas regarding good use of the funds was encouraged to contact Leone for further information.
- John Gilbey (Great Horwood Parish Council) had made initial contact with the relevant landowner regarding a future cycleway from Great Horwood to Winslow as had been discussed at the previous meeting.
- Members were reminded to check the 'Your Voice Bucks' Citizen Space for current consultations at the following link: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>. The Chairman drew attention to a proposed Transport for Bucks Virtual Stakeholder Event taking place on 10 March for Aylesbury and the surrounding areas. Residents, parishes, external organisations and anyone else local was encouraged to attend. A TfB survey on future priorities would be issued and made available from 22nd February.

The Chairman welcomed Christine Dodds to the meeting as a new member of the public in attendance.

The Chairman reminded attendees of the upcoming Census which would take place on March 21, 2021. Further details would be distributed by Leone following the meeting.

Police Sergeant David Kuttner was then invited to give a brief update on the work of Thames Valley Police since the last meeting of the Community Board. Members were informed of Police action to tackle a spate of rural crime, resulting in five arrests and a subsequent reduction in similar crimes being reported.

There had also been an increase in telephone fraud with the aim of extorting money from vulnerable residents. A virtual fraud awareness and prevention event was being organised in partnership with Natwest Bank and Newton Longville Parish Council to tackle this. Aldo Simone (Trading Standards Officer) informed Members that anyone who would like a call blocker to prevent cold-calling of this nature to get in contact with Trading Standards at: [trading.standards@sureycc.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@sureycc.gov.uk) The information gathered from the call blocker could then be used by Trading Standards to try to prosecute the cold-callers.

Members were introduced to the new PCSO, Kate Michalska, who was starting work in the local area. Sgt Kuttner highlighted this appointment as a great asset in improving Thames Valley Police's local policing efforts, as their neighbourhood team had been short of a PCSO for the previous year.

Finally it was reaffirmed to Members that policing priorities in the area moving forward continued to be reducing anti-social behaviour, burglary and online fraud rates.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and were informed that Police had attended the scene of a dumped cannabis farm on Pilch Lane in Great Horwood, but were

unfortunately unable to find anything with substantial forensic value at the scene to identify the perpetrators.

## 6 **Funding Update**

The Community Board Coordinator Leone Dale gave a brief funding update to Members, highlighting the projects and applications that had already received funding and the remaining budget available to put towards future applications. A full breakdown of the funding would be included in the slides appended to the minutes of the meeting.

The Community Board's overall spend to date totalled £51,252, leaving £268,464 in the budget for future applications. Leone drew particular attention to the local infrastructure budget, which reflected the majority of the remaining funds, having allocated £8,994 to one application, leaving £208,635 for future infrastructure applications. It was confirmed for Members that the remaining funding would be carried over into the following financial year's budget.

Leone then gave an overview of the following application to be ratified by Members at the meeting:

- **Improving Access to Recreation Ground and Playground** £1,750.00 (submitted by Oving Parish Council)

The full funding recommendations and report for the application had been published with the Agenda Reports Pack for the meeting and made available to view on the Council's website.

No objections were raised to the approval of the project. It was therefore

### **RESOLVED: -**

That the application be approved.

Members were also updated on two applications that were pending funding approval at a future meeting of the Community Board. These were the Whaddon Allotment Gardens Accessibility Project, and a Horwode Pece Playground Safety Surface funding application. Leone would continue to work with the respective applicants through the funding process.

Due to the upcoming Local Elections in May, the Community Board was not scheduled to meet again until June 2021. During this intermission in regular meetings, funding applications would be considered and approved virtually. Details of applications would be made available, allowing five working days for comments before the outcome of the application was decided. Funding decisions could not be made during the purdah period (22<sup>nd</sup> March-6<sup>th</sup> May). To ensure that applications could be agreed before the beginning of purdah, Members were encouraged to submit applications before 5<sup>th</sup> March. Anyone with a funding application was encouraged to contact Leone for further details.

All transport applications had been given to TfB for consideration, and the Community Board was awaiting Project Initiation Documents to be drawn up for these.

Finally, the first £1m of the Buckinghamshire HS2 Road Safety Fund would open for applications on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021. The deadline for applications was 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Further information could be found at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/hs2-road-safety-fund/> and Members were encouraged to send queries to [hs2roadsafetyfund@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hs2roadsafetyfund@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

## 7 **Aylesbury Vale and Milton Keynes Sexual Assault and Abuse Support Service**

The Chairman reminded Members that the Aylesbury Vale and Milton Keynes Sexual Assault and Abuse Service had been the recipient of Community Board funding following approval of their

funding application at the November meeting. Carol Older (CEO of AVMKSAASS) was invited to give a presentation to Members with some information about their work and plans for the funding received.

Members were informed of the AVMKSAAS' work to provide wide-ranging information and support to women across Aylesbury Vale and Milton Keynes and men in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes who had experienced sexual assault, abuse or rape. This had included fortnightly welfare telephone calls and online support as the pandemic had restricted and ultimately prevented the possibility of meeting safely face-to-face. Members were thanked for the funding awarded to AVMKSAAS, which would make improving and expanding their counselling service possible.

There had been a 14.7% drop in reported sexual offences across 2020 in Aylesbury Vale, though this was likely due to the impact of the pandemic preventing individuals from finding a safe space away from the perpetrator to report the incident.

Carol informed the Community Board of the impact of the service on the lives of individuals who had sought help. 94% reported reduced feelings of isolation and better health and wellbeing. 96% felt that they had increased control over their lives. 97% felt more informed and empowered to act. 90% reported feeling less anxious.

Carol confirmed that those service users who were living in an unsafe environment at the point of contact were referred to Women's Aid where possible if relocation was necessary. However, most individuals getting in touch had already taken the step of distancing themselves from the perpetrator and were seeking further advice.

48 of the counsellors within AVMKSAAS were volunteer counsellors who had been trained and supported internally. Many of those who initially volunteered their services to AVMKSAAS chose to stay because of the support they received in helping those seeking their services. Most of those seeking help were between the ages of 30-60, though there were also those falling either side of that age bracket.

Members thanked Carol and her team at AVMKSAAS for their work, and for her time and presentation.

Anyone wanting to contact AVMKSAAS or refer someone could do so via the following methods:

- [www.avmksaass.org.uk](http://www.avmksaass.org.uk)
- 01296 719772
- [support@avmksaass.org.uk](mailto:support@avmksaass.org.uk)

## **8 Sub-group Updates**

The Chairman reminded Members that the current Working Groups for the Community Board were as follows:

- Roads and Highways
- Public and Community Transport
- Health
- HS2 and EWR

The Chairman then invited the leaders of each Working Group to provide a brief update on their ongoing work since the last meeting of the Community Board.

## **Billy Stanier – Roads and Highways**

The Working Group had last met at the end of January to discuss highlighting and utilising MVAS data to ease speeding-related issues in the community. Billy had since discussed this with Councillor Nick Naylor (Cabinet Member for Transport) who suggested that a member of the highways and road safety team at Buckinghamshire Council could attend a future meeting of the Working Group or the Community Board to hear their ideas. Their next meeting was scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2pm.

## **Trish Cawte – Public and Community Transport**

Trish and Leone had contacted Andrew Clarke (Head of Public Transport) at Buckinghamshire Council to discuss bus services in the local area. They were informed that flexing an existing subsidised bus service to increase future local coverage would be possible. John Gilbey had responded to suggest re-routing the no.60 subsidised bus service, or purchasing a smaller community bus with s106 funds.

Trish detailed that the response rate to the recent Great Horwood questionnaire regarding Public and Community Transport was 12% with many respondents having no idea what services were available. Trish would look to investigate this with an aim to improve public awareness of existing services.

Vron Corben highlighted feedback from residents of the surrounding villages that a community car scheme would be beneficial to the public. The existing scheme in Winslow was economical and a similar scheme could be explored as an alternative to the changes in the bus route. Vron was happy to share the necessary information to help get the project up and running if required. Llew Monger suggested that allowing communities to bid for funding to provide community busses or car coverage could also be explored as an alternative to subsidising existing bus routes, as s106 money was to be used specifically for leisure purposes. John Gilbey highlighted £20,000 of s106 money for community transport in Great Horwood PC which could be used on a future project. Keith Higgins drew attention to a sum of £80,000 of s106 money in Stewkley PC for future community transport investment.

The next meeting of the Working Group was yet to be scheduled.

## **Vron Corben – Health**

The Working Group would examine the reports of both the CQC and Health Watch regarding Norden House Winslow Surgery. Some leaflets would also be acquired from LEAP to promote home exercise and dietary awareness to increase healthy living during lockdown. Anyone with ideas who would benefit from a leaflet was encouraged to let Vron know. Vron informed Members that there had been good feedback on the local vaccine rollout from the Winslow, Wing, Waddesdon and Whitchurch surgeries. The next meeting was scheduled to take place in April.

Llew gave an update on Norden House, stating that the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan allocated land in Winslow for a new Medical Centre. Initial proposals to the CCG were unacceptable causing progress on the development to stagnate. Winslow Town Council and Buckinghamshire Council were in regular meetings and further discussions with the CCG were being encouraged to overcome this. John Chilver (Cabinet Member for Property and Assets) informed Members that Greg Smith MP and senior Officers from Buckinghamshire Council were exploring avenues with the CCG to overcome this issue and expressed his desire for a positive outcome.

## John Chilver – HS2/EWR

Greg Smith MP gave an update at the last meeting of the Joint Working Group from the Parliamentary Transport Select Committee which had been attended by representatives of local Parishes. The next meeting was scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm and would be attended by Andrew Stevenson MP (Minister of State for HS2) providing an opportunity to question the Minister directly. There would be no presentations at that meeting to allow more Q&A time. Members' attention was drawn to the dedicated webpage for the Joint Working Group where further information on the questions submitted could be found. Members who had not received one were encouraged to contact Leone at [winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) for an invitation should they wish to attend.

The Chairman thanked each of the speakers for their updates and re-stated the importance of the Working Groups as the driving force for progress within the Community Board. Anyone who wanted to get involved with their work or knew someone who would be interested was encouraged to contact the Community Board through the new email address at: [winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

## 9 Highstreet Reopening Planning Session

Donna Wilkinson (Principle Economic Development Officer) from Buckinghamshire Council was invited to give a presentation to Members regarding plans to reopen the local highstreets as the social restrictions associated with the pandemic eased in the future. Donna stressed that this was a key opportunity for local businesses, shops, restaurants, bars/pubs and cafes to be considered in the planning process and was the latest stage in an ongoing effort to support local business since July 2020.

Donna drew Member's attention to the Business Survey conducted in Marlow in August 2020, to gauge the impact of COVID on local business practices and the steps that had been taken to mitigate the negative effects of traditional shop closures. It was suggested that a similar survey be conducted in the local area to generate ideas on how to promote footfall back into shopping centres and on highstreets as social restrictions eased. Feedback was sought on some further suggestions to create a welcoming and safe environment for shoppers including:

- Refreshed Signage
- Planters (for social distancing)
- Hand Sanitising Stations
- Bespoke Social Media-Ready Graphics

Some European funding had been made available, on the condition that it was not put towards helping an individual business over others, and that it promoted safe, socially distanced activities in the shopping centres to mitigate the risks of infection.

Llew Monger suggested the creation of a Community Loyalty Card Scheme to incentivise shoppers to return to the highstreets and shopping centres, and support local businesses that signed up to the scheme. This could be achieved with Council or Community Board Funding to subsidise discounts in stores. Donna informed Members that a similar suggestion had been made as part of the recent business survey and had also been implemented on a small scale in other community board areas. Llew stressed that a coordinated scheme across the county was key to encouraging wider public and business buy-in, which would also appeal to those already involved in the existing loyalty schemes in operation. Donna agreed to consider the idea further with the Economic Development team, including the possibility of a mobile app to be used in

place of a physical card.

Donna also encouraged Members to get in touch if they knew of anywhere that parking bays could be temporarily utilised to widen the pavement to enable pedestrians to practice social distancing with little disruption to motorists. Efforts had been made to simplify pavement licensing to allow customers of cafes to sit outside, though this was difficult in areas with narrow pavements which limited the ability for passers-by to social distance from those sat outside. Vron Corben highlighted that the size of many cafes and eateries in Winslow was too small for social distancing inside, but that the pavement on the Winslow high street was also narrow. As an alternative it was proposed that increased signage and publicity for the cafes might be more suitable.

It was suggested that the churchyard or market square might be able to provide an alternative location for a dining space outside as the weather improved, or that temperature checks could be required for customers to sit inside.

Members thanked Donna for her time and it was hoped that local shopping centres and highstreets could be reopened and revitalised as soon as possible after social restrictions eased.

## **10 COVID**

Members were reminded that at the previous meeting their views on the impact of COVID-19 in the community had been sought to explore future ideas to support local people through the Community Board. Owing to time constraints, Leone proposed that she focus on the work of the Council's Helping Hands Service. Anyone wanting to find out more about the wider COVID response across the Community Board area was encouraged to contact Leone.

The Support Hubs were supporting 17,629 residents since 20th December with food access/prescription collection/social wellbeing calls/financial support. Anyone who had received an NHS shielding letter who was not currently in contact with the hubs was encouraged to call 01296 395000 for help.

The Helping Hands Service was primarily supporting non-shielding residents through a number of available grants, contacts with local community volunteers and existing schemes. A full breakdown of all of the available grants would be included in the presentation slides and appended to the Minutes of the meeting.

Leone highlighted that in total, the Helping Hands Service had provided support to 447 people requiring help from the grants or with other needs as of 12th February 2021. This had included sourcing furniture and winter/children's clothing for residents as well as issuing 126 food bank referrals. Members were informed that the applications for help would be done through Helping Hands on behalf of the residents, and that BORG was helping with the delivery of items to residents as part of the scheme. The funding for these services was made available through Heart of Bucks.

As of 22nd January, the Winslow and Villages Community Board Area had the lowest Winter Grant recipient rate in the county, with only 0.01% of residents receiving support. Leone encouraged Members to be mindful that this could be due to a lack of awareness of the available services, and that continuing to spread awareness was key to ensuring that anyone still in need of help had the opportunity to seek it.

Digital food vouchers worth £15 were being issued by local schools for use by families with children who qualify for free school meals during the holidays. These vouchers could be used in

the 7 main supermarkets.

Helping Hands had noticed an increase in the number of families that had previously been comfortable that were now beginning to seek help because of the pandemic, particularly with financial needs. Cases were also becoming more complex, requiring cross organisational support. Leone drew particular attention to the pressure on food banks, which was reaching the point of requiring a significant review to ensure that future operations could continue.

Members were reminded of the key contacts for help or sources of useful information for residents:

- **Support Hub Service:** 01296 395000
- **Helping Hand Service:** 01296 531151
- **Bucks Online Directory:** [directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- **Council Website 'Contact Us' form:** [buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- **Email for Officers:** [helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

#### **11 Community Board Feedback Session – Have Your Say**

Owing to time constraints, Leone proposed that feedback on the work of the Winslow and Villages Community Board could be sought from Members outside the meeting. This was acceptable to attendees. Leone would seek feedback virtually after the meeting.

#### **12 Community Matters**

The Chairman reminded Members that information regarding funding to mitigate the impact of HS2 would be made available shortly.

Anyone with queries concerning the upcoming May Local Elections or seeking information about applications to stand for election could contact the Elections Team at: [elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk), or by phone on: 01494 421180 / 01895 837236 / 01296 585701. Llew Monger stated that meetings were also being held on the week beginning 22nd February between Parish Clerks and Election Agents to discuss changes to the usual procedures to enable the elections to go ahead. Further information could be expected following the conclusion of those discussions.

#### **13 Time and Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 24th June at 7pm

Billy Stanier put on record special thanks to Councillor Sue Renshell, who was retiring from her role as a Local Councillor for Winslow at the next Local Elections. Councillor Renshell had been the Chairman of the Winslow and Villages Community Board since its first meeting in July 2020.



# Winslow and Villages Community Board

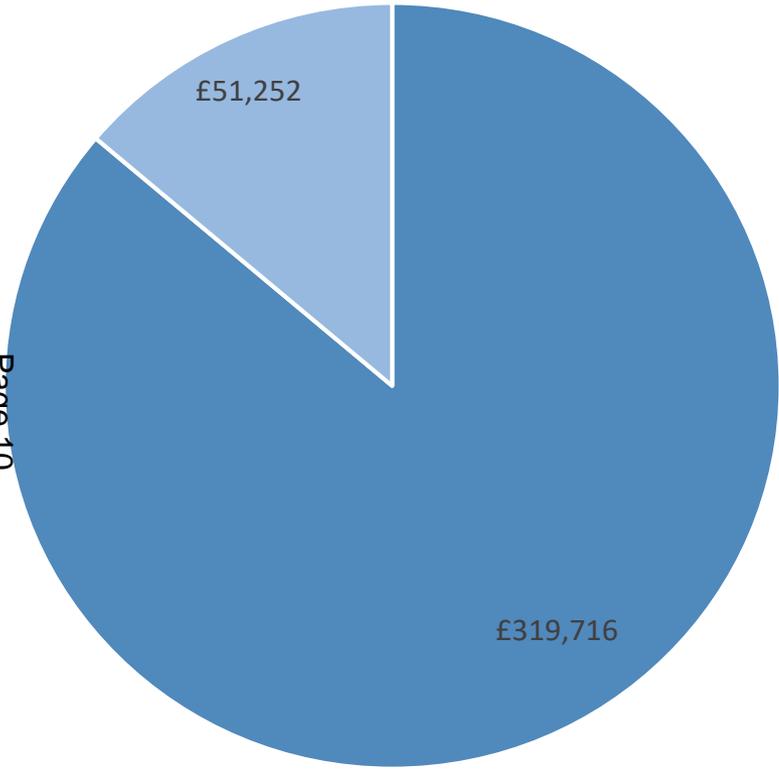
Funding Update

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# Overall Spend 2020/21

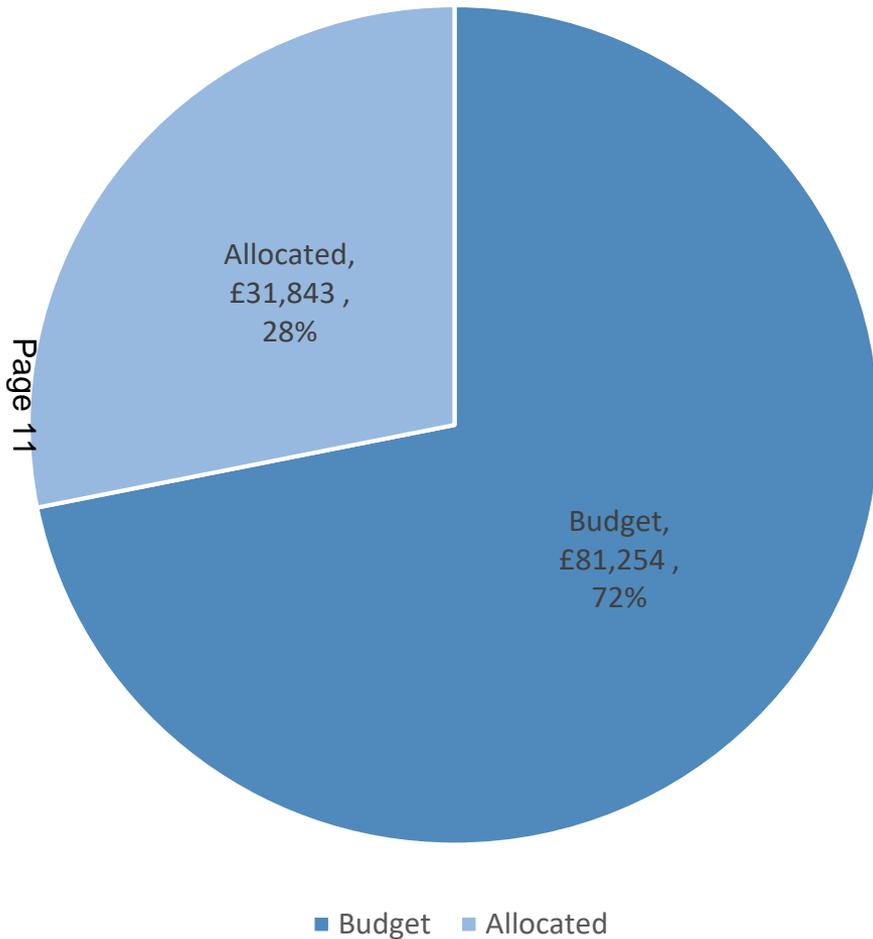
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# Community Area Priorities



Great Brickhill  
Traffic  
Calming:

£20,523

Padbury  
MVAS:

£4,150

Newton  
Longville  
Footpath  
Repair:

£2,587

AVMKSAAASS:

£2,139

Mursley  
MVAS:

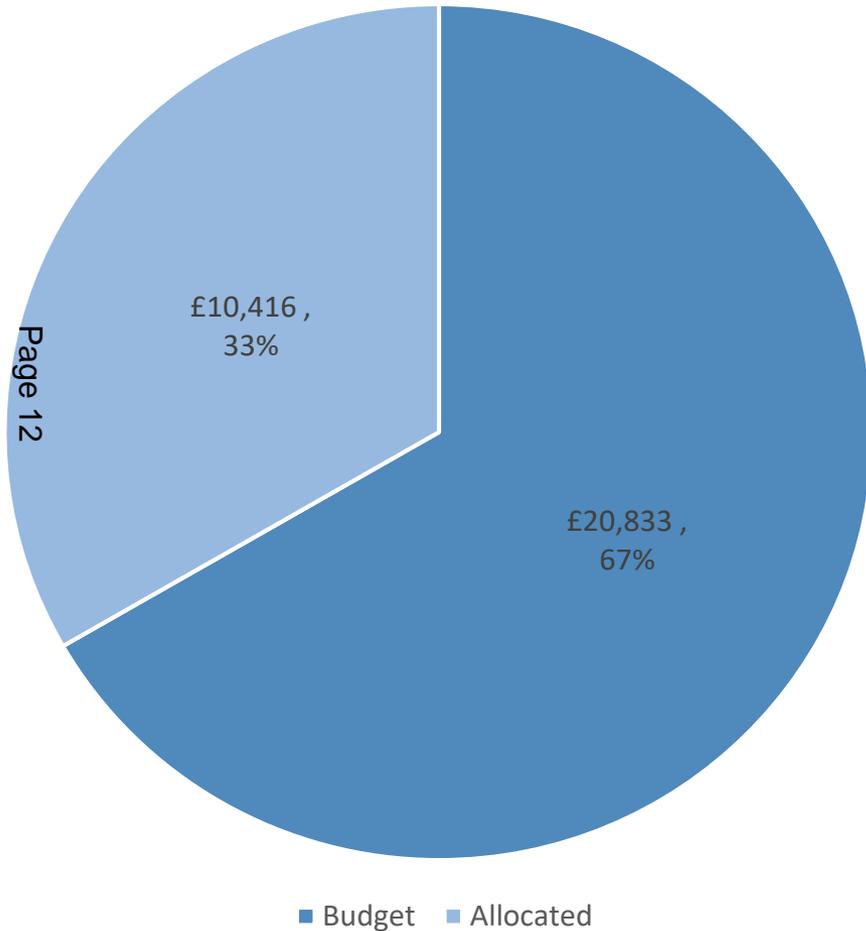
£2,063

Little  
Horwood  
Garden of  
Peace and Bus  
Shelter:

£380

# Health and Wellbeing

(£10,416 allocated to Community Board Crisis Funding)



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**St Laurence Church**      **£3,000**

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**Young Carers**      **£1,278**

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**Winslow Big Society**      **£500**

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**Citizen's Advice**      **£500**

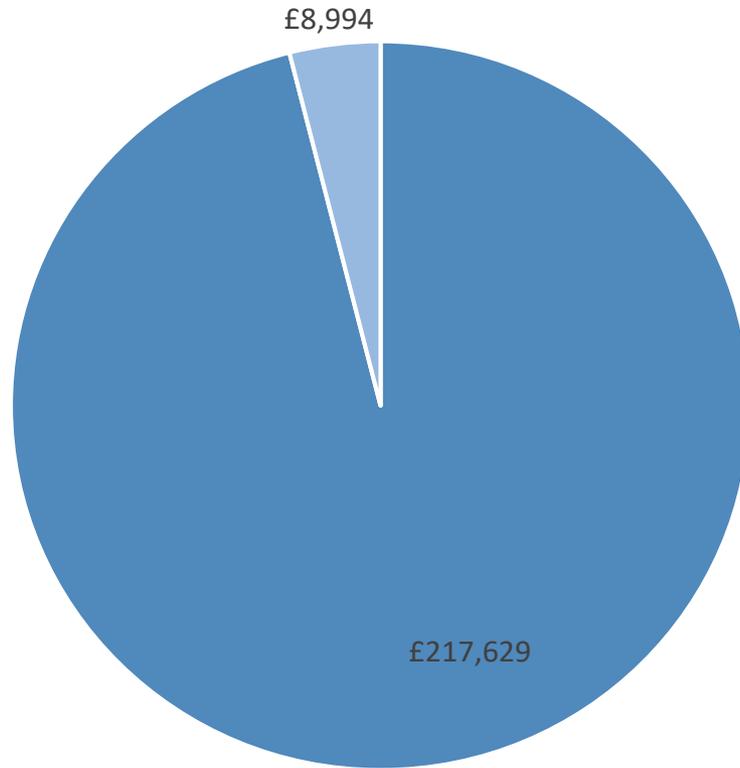
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**Soulbury Helpers**      **£500**

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# Local Infrastructure



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**Winslow  
Town Centre  
Feasibility  
Study**

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**£8,994**

# Funding Applications

<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Improving Access to Recreation Ground and Playground</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	Oving Parish Council
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£1,750.00
<b>Amount Requested</b>	£1000.00
<b>Match Funding Provided</b>	£750.00
<b>Project Description</b>	Installing an accessible footpath and restoring gates so that local facilities can be accessed by all.
<b>Project Aims</b>	To improve the access to the local recreation ground and playground so that these assets can be better accessed by a wider number of people
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>It is recommended that this application in approved by the Community Board</b>

# Pending Applications

Name of Project	Whaddon Allotment Gardens Accessibility Project	Horwode Pece Playground Safety Surface
Organisation	Whaddon Parish Council	Great Horwood Parish Council
Total Project Cost	£3,962.50	£20,700.00
Amount Requested	£1,962.50	£10,350.00
Match Funding Provided	£2000.00	£10,350.00
Project Description	Provision of a new gate and central pathway for Whaddon Allotment Gardens. The gate currently only has a clearance of 88cm/35".	Removal of wood chip surface at Horwode Pece Playground and replace it with rubber chippings
Project Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve access for visitors/users, particularly for those with limited mobility and pushchairs.</li> <li>To provide better security to protect from any attempted vandalism and theft; including damage to crops, theft of tools and equipment and damage to shelters and sheds.</li> <li>Maintaining traditional design in keeping with position on the boundary of a conservation area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove the higher maintenance surface that exists currently in order to improve safety and reduce long term upkeep.</li> <li>The reinstatement of rubber surfacing will result in a longer lasting, safer surface for the play area and promote use of the playground.</li> </ul>

# Virtual Funding Allocation Proposal

- The next Community Board meeting will take place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June**. This is a larger gap due to elections
- It is proposed that **funding applications should be considered electronically** between today and 24<sup>th</sup> June. Funding requests will be sent to all and there will be a week to consider and respond.
- **No funding allocation decisions can be made between 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> May** due to purdah.

# Other Updates

- Transport applications have all been passed to TfB for Project Initiation Documents to be drawn up.
- The Buckinghamshire **HS2 Road Safety Fund** will open on **22 February 2021**. £3.95m has been allocated to Buckinghamshire by the Department for Transport. The first, £1m, will be made available in 2021. Applicants need to **apply by 15 May 2021**. Schemes to be funded will be carefully selected to maximise the long-term benefits across the county.
  - For more information, including fund criteria and guidance for applicants, please visit:
  - [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/hs2-road-safety-fund](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/hs2-road-safety-fund)
  - Queries should be sent by email to [hs2roadsafetyfund@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hs2roadsafetyfund@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

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# Sexual Assault & Abuse Support Service

Aylesbury Vale & Milton Keynes

We Listen  
We Believe  
We Support

CIO 1175021

# Who we are

- Feminist Led organisation
- Established as Aylesbury Vale Rape Crisis in 1995
- Became CIO AVMKSAASS in 2018
- Members of:
  - Rape Crisis Network
  - The Survivors Trust
  - BACP
  - Male Survivors Partnership





## Who we support

- 16 +
- Females Aylesbury Vale and Milton Keynes
- Males Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes
- All Forms of Sexual Assault and Abuse including Rape, Assault, FGM, Honour abuse, Childhood Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation

### Who experiences Sexual Assault and Abuse -

- 1 in 4 Women
- 1 in 6 Males
- From all walks of life

# How we support

- Information Advice and Guidance
- Telephone Helpline
- Online Chat
- Advocacy
- Assessment prior to Counselling
- Counselling sessions
- Crisis Counselling
- Peer to Peer Group Support
- Therapeutic Group Support
- Online Fitness and Wellbeing courses

All Services Free to Access



# Local Picture Aylesbury Vale

## TVP Reported cases January to December

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% change</u>
<b>Sexual Offences</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>-14.7</b>
Rape	136	143	141	-1.4
Non Rape	259	286	225	-21.3



# Local Picture Aylesbury Vale

- The fall in this years figures are expected to be related to Lockdowns and individuals not having safe spaces to report because they are living with the perpetrator.
- Rape Crisis England and Wales estimate that 15% of incidents are reported.
- The NHS Strategic direction for sexual assault and abuse services estimate that 20% of cases are reported.
- Based on these calculations there are likely to be between **1830** and **2440** incidents of sexual assault and abuse in Aylesbury Vale.
- This does not include the sexual assault that occurs within Domestic Violence households



Myth: If someone didn't scream or try to fight their attacker off, then it wasn't rape.

- **Fact:** There are many reasons why someone might not scream or struggle. In fact, many people find that they cannot move or speak at all – this is a [very common reaction](#). Some rapists also use manipulation or threats to intimidate or control the other person. No matter whether or not someone 'fights back', if they didn't freely consent to sex then it is rape.



**Myth:** Women shouldn't go out alone at night as they are likely to get raped.

**Fact:** Only one in 10 of rapes are committed by 'strangers'. The rest are committed by someone the survivor knows – such as a friend, neighbour, colleague, partner, or family member. People are raped in their homes, their workplaces and other settings where they previously felt safe. The risk of rape by a stranger shouldn't be used as an excuse to restrict what women can do.



**Myth:** Women provoke men to rape them by wearing revealing clothes or flirting.

**Fact:** It doesn't matter what a woman is wearing, or how she is behaving – if she doesn't consent to sex, that is rape. Only the rapist is ever responsible for rape.

- Approximately 1% of prosecutions for rape are successful



**Myth:** People who were sexually abused as children are likely to become abusers themselves.

**Fact:** The vast majority of people who were sexually abused as children never rape or sexually abuse other people. This is a dangerous myth that is sometimes used to excuse the behaviour of people who do sexually abuse children or others. There is never any excuse for sexual violence against children or adults

Out of 53 service users in Aylesbury Vale 23 experienced Childhood Sexual Abuse and 34 experienced multiply . Those who have experienced sexual abuse often experience multiply incidences of abuse including Domestic Violence



Myth: Men don't get raped.

**Fact:** Men are also raped and sexually assaulted. We of course recognise that the impacts of sexual violence and abuse on men and boys are no less devastating. We believe all survivors of sexual violence and abuse deserve specialist support

- The majority of male assaults are carried out by males
- If you have experienced sexual assault through the church you are more likely to be male.



**Myth:** Women don't commit sexual offences.

- **Fact:** The majority of sexual assaults and rapes are committed by men against women and children. However, women do perpetrate sexual violence against other women, men and children. Often people who've been sexually assaulted or abused by a woman worry they won't be believed or their experiences won't be considered 'as bad'. This can make it difficult for these survivors to access services or justice.





# Aylesbury Stats January 2021

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Out of 56 Service users

<b>Multiple incidents</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Supporter</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Sexual_harassment_stalking</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Domestic_abuse</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Non_recent_rape_sexual_assault</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Recent_rape_sexual_assault_exploitation</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Non_recent_CSA_for_adults_abused_as_children</b>	<b>23</b>

# How our service impacts lives

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- I am the one who is Grateful for your support in reaching out to me when I really needed it. Your expertise in what and how you give that support has given me the strength I never knew I had to make my life better going forward. I can't thank you enough for my match with my' counsellor Buddy', my goodness I cried, I laughed, and I cried some more. But she was there every step of the way with encouragement and the tools I needed to carry on. My new quote to myself is " I am Brave" For that I am most grateful. Thank you doesn't seem enough! So, Thank you from the bottom of my heart.
- 94% reported reduced isolation leading to better Health and Wellbeing.
- 96% had increased sense of control and power over their lives and emotions resulting in increased ability to cope with aspects of everyday life.
- 90% reported feeling less anxious and depressed and knowing how to access support. Leading to increased feelings of safety.
- 97% feel more informed and empowered to act, able to make everyday decisions and have learnt positive coping skills and strategies for taking care of their emotions.



## How our service impacts lives

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- “I feel consistently calmer and in control and feel able to meet challenges. My relationship with my children is now so much better than has been – I am able to enjoy them and connect with them (previously very challenge)”.
- “I have learned new coping skills, I have been given hope for the future. A warm, safe and friendly environment”.
- “An invaluable and important service that helped me to believe in myself, value myself more. I have increased confidence and able to think about my wellbeing more”.

# Thank you

- Referrals
- [support@avmksaass.org.uk](mailto:support@avmksaass.org.uk)
- Helpline 01296 719772
- [www.avmksaass.org.uk](http://www.avmksaass.org.uk)

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# Reopening High Streets: Round 1



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Princes Risborough  
Town Council



HWBIDCo



Temporary crossing  
on Institute Road,  
Marlow



Marlow Town  
Council

**15 June:**  
**Non-essential shop reopening**  
Linking with **Town and Parish Councils, HWBIDCo and Aylesbury TCP**

Social distancing posters and pavement graphics – centralised approach

**4 July:**  
**Hospitality reopening**  
Linking with **businesses, TfB and Licencing**

Simplified licencing for outside seating requests and online resources / forms

**Ongoing:**  
**Reopening – Recovery – Transformation**  
Comms campaign: 'shop local' etc

Baseline data collection for recovery planning

**Link to Community Boards – and Sub Groups**

Minute Item 9

## Reopening High Streets: Round 2

### Menu to support social distancing:

*Planters / barriers*

*Hand sanitiser stations*

*Refreshed signage and bespoke social media ready graphics*

*Additional measures (highway)*

**Note:** RHSSF runs to 31 March 2021 . . .

**Winslow**  
+ smaller  
'high streets' +  
neighbourhood  
shopping areas?

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### Lockdown 3

### ??? Reopening

January - February

**Preparation for reopening** (experience of Lockdown 1 and 2)

Walk Talk Menu discussion based on place

??? March

**'High Street' reopening**

Welcome back to your high street / shop local – comms campaign

Ongoing:

**Recovery – Transformation**

*Opportunity to also talk about:*

**High Street Business Survey** to shape next steps

Vibrancy, footfall and dwell: **Covid-safe event potential**

Baseline data collation / **footfall monitoring**

# 'Virtual' Walk Talk



Planters or barriers (for social distancing)

Q Location and future guardianship?



Hand sanitiser stations (for public areas – not individual shops)

Q Location and 'guardianship'?

Refreshed Signage

Q Directional?



Bespoke social media ready graphics

Q Signs for shop windows?

? Additional measures to support social distancing (highway changes – timing challenge)



Timeline: 'Walk Talks' (Jan/Feb) – central procurement (Feb) – ready for deployment (Mar) subject to Government

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# Support Hub & Helping Hand update

12 February 2021



# Support Hub Service continues

Support **17,629** residents shielding with:

- Access to food including supermarket delivery slots
  - Prescription collection support
  - Regular keeping in touch calls
  - Other general support with finances etc.
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- If anyone is struggling, ask them to call **01296 395000**

# Support provided since 20 December

**17,629** residents shielding

- 394 new additions to the shielding list
- 523 calls to check on welfare
- 30 requests for befriending calls
- 17 requests for support to access food
- 10 for financial advice information
- 10 support with getting medicine

# Helping Hand Service (using the Winter Grant Fund)



Supporting **ANY** resident who has food & warmth concerns or needs extra support this winter:

- Providing vouchers, referrals or grants to residents who are struggling
- Working closely with community and voluntary groups
- Making use of existing energy schemes





## Grants available for fuel

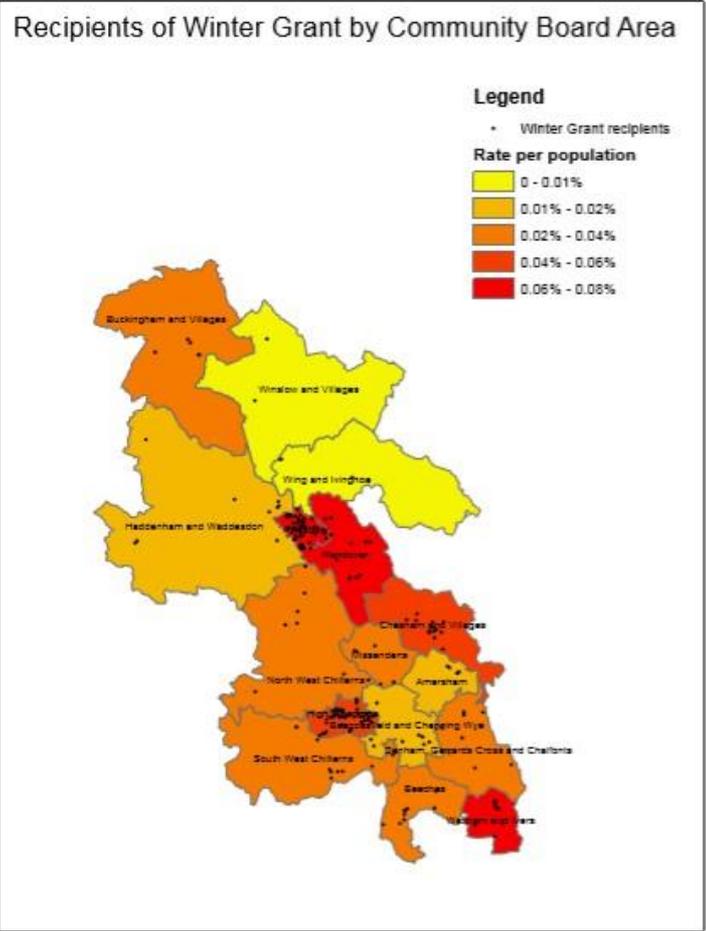
- **Citizens Advice** £49 fuel voucher for those with pre-payment meters, plus free impartial advice on keeping warm
- **Citizens Advice Fuel Grant** voucher for those with Direct Debits for fuel
- **Heart of Bucks Winter Warmth Grant** up to £500 for fuel bills, warm bedding, boiler repairs, winter clothing etc.
- **Charis Grants 'Let's Talk' Warm Home Scheme** £140 credit towards electricity bill and gas bills
- **British Gas Energy Trust** to pay off fuel debt via a grant, supporting the resident to have a sustainable position moving forward
- **Better Housing, Better Health** – for support with boiler replacements/repairs



# Recipients matched to Community Board Area



helping  
hand



As of 22/1/21

# Recipients matched to Community Board Area



**helping  
hand**

Community Board	Winter Grant support recipients	Rate per population
Wendover	16	0.08%
Aylesbury	56	0.08%
Wexham and Ivers	11	0.07%
High Wycombe	48	0.06%
Chesham and Villages	16	0.06%
Beeches	9	0.04%
Missendens	5	0.03%
Buckingham and Villages	6	0.03%
South West Chilterns	10	0.03%
North West Chilterns	10	0.03%
Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts	10	0.03%
Amersham	6	0.02%
Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye	9	0.02%
Haddenham and Waddesdon	9	0.02%
Wing and Ivinghoe	3	0.01%
Winslow and Villages	2	0.01%

As of 22/1/21

# Supporting families eligible for free school meals



- Providing £15 food vouchers (per week) for families with children and young people registered as eligible for free school meals – over 9,000 in Bucks!
- Digital vouchers can be used at the 7 main supermarkets
- Distributed via schools and pre-schools
- Helping Hand team runs the holiday offer
- Schools decide what they want to offer during term time – education team supporting this offer

# Typical cases:

## SELF EMPLOYED DAD WITH 2 CHILDREN

- Self-employed Carpet Fitter – not been able to work during the lockdowns plus people not happy to have him in their homes.
- Now on Universal Credit
- Rent arrears and possible eviction
- Denied gov self-employed grant

### Helping Hand Service provided:

- Applied for Emergency assistance aid grant –contribute towards essential payments (utilities, rent including groceries)
- Applied for BHBH fuel voucher for pre-payment meter
- Signposted to Bucks Business First

## MUM WITH 1 CHILD

- Self-employed driving instructor
- Now on Universal Credit
- Debts high and increasing every month.
- Accessed the self-employed grants twice this year but these only cover one month's salary each time and then affect Universal Credit in the following month
- Heating house with electric heaters of which she does not have enough of and they are extremely expensive to run. Her and son are at home 24/7 so heating bills are high.
- Cooker not in good state, microwave and kettle now broken

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### Helping Hand Service provided:

- Food support – Using Vineyard for food parcels
- Fuel support – Applied for Emergency Assistance Grant to assist with her with fuel bills, more efficient heaters and debt
- Debt /Housing- P3 support put in place as at risk of becoming homeless

## ELDERLY RESIDENT SHIELDING DUE TO CANCER DIAGNOSIS

- Resident currently shielding due to cancer diagnosis
- Independent, would normally go out and do the grocery shopping for the household
- Can afford to pay for his food

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### Helping Hand Service provided:

- Food Support – Signposting food support advice was given to the resident’s family member -included information about the Morrisons Food Box and Apetito (hot meal delivery)
- Social Care Support – Information about adult social care was also given as family want to put some caring support in place

# Key themes developing

1. Current situation is impacting families previously perfectly comfortable
2. Becoming apparent that families require short, medium and potentially long term support
3. Cases are becoming more complex and distressing in nature so many require a multi agency/cross organisational approach
4. A key theme are families now 'Financially Insecure'
5. Demand for support is increasing significantly e.g. pressure on food bank support is reaching a point where a significant review is required

Helping

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positivity service

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times family

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understanding

offer star helpful

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heart appreciate

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Hand

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# Reminder of key contacts

- Support Hub Service **01296 395000**
- Helping Hand Service **01296 531151**
- Website contact us form **[buckinghamshire.gov.uk](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)**
- Bucks Online Directory **[directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/directory)**
- Email for officers **[helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)**