



**Community
Boards**

Amersham & Villages Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Amersham & Villages Community Board held on Saturday 12 February 2022 in Amersham Community Centre, commencing at 3pm.

Agenda Item

- 1 Arrival of stall holders and set up**
- 2 Members of the public and guests arrive (tea and coffee available)**
- 3 Welcome and introductions**
- 4 Guest speakers update about funding from the board**
- 5 Stalls open for networking and further project information**
- 6 Proud of Bucks award**

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Get involved!

We want to know what local issues are important to you, so that we can focus our discussions and funding towards the right projects and initiatives over the coming year.

- What would you like the Community Board to focus on this year to make a real difference to the lives of people that live and work in Amersham, Chesham Bois, Coleshill and Little Chalfont?
- What makes your local community great? This could include anything from people and skills to places and community groups... we want to tap into our existing assets to develop new projects and initiatives
- If you could suggest one project that you would like to see developed in your local community, what would it be?
- What do you think it takes to encourage local people to get involved and take action on local issues?



Use our QR code to provide your feedback or email your thoughts to amersham@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Celebrate YOUR COMMUNITY

Welcome to our first face-to-face Community Board event. We're really excited to come together after working remotely for nearly two years!

We hope you enjoy the opportunity to meet, hear about what's going on locally, and discuss exciting new ideas for the future.

**Saturday 12th February, 3pm
Amersham Community Centre**

**Community Board
Amersham and
Villages**

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About the Community Board...

Amersham & Villages Community Board launched in 2020 to bring organisations together to work collaboratively and make a real difference to the lives of people that live and work in the area (Amersham, Chesham Bois, Coleshill and Little Chalfont).

Many people are involved in the board, including Buckinghamshire Councillors, Town & Parish Councils, Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations, Local Businesses, Community Associations, Residents, Schools and many more...

Anyone is welcome to get involved, come along to our meetings, share ideas and help with shaping the work we do. It's all about being creative, understanding the needs in the area and developing projects that will make a real difference. Contact our Community Board Coordinator to find out more.



Amersham@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk



tinyurl.com/AandVCommunityBoard



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**Congratulations to all
of our local Proud of
Bucks nominees!**

Helen Tyers	Kai Randles	Laura Silverstone	Grace Jarrold
Simon Parry	Adrian Lockyer/Baiba Sejejs	Little Chalfont community for Chiltern Foodbank	Dan Flecknoe
2AOH Brownie Group	Paula Hughes	Sienna Holmes	Matt Kirby
Leonie Nolan	Elaine Moore	David Wolstenholme	Sharon Jarrett
Ana Brown	Amersham In Bloom	Andy Honour	Gloria Balkwill



We will be taking photos and videos at this event for publicity purposes. Please advise upon arrival if you do not wish to be included or email Amersham@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Market Stalls

Amersham Museum	Amersham Youth	Big Community Take Away	Chiltern Open Air Museum
Chiltern Rangers	Citizens Advice Bucks	The Fitness Garden	Food Champions
2AOH Scouts	Sustainable Amersham	Restore Hope	Thames Valley Police
Voices & Choices	Amersham Action Group	Amersham Town Council	Old Amersham Revitalisation Group
Priority Setting for 2022-23	Little Chalfont Primary School	Community Engagement & Development	Little Chalfont Community Association

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Little Chalfont Primary School Edible Garden project



Rob Hacking

Community involvement

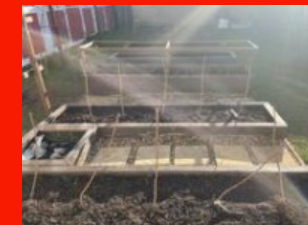
Part-funded by Amersham and Villages Community boards

All classes benefitting

All produce will be shared with the community

Eco-schools Green flag/RHS school gardening award

Future projects – please come and say hello!





CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM

Accompanied Walks

Chiltern Open Air Museum

Chiltern Open Air Museum is a leading regional visitor attraction with 37 heritage buildings set in 45 beautiful acres on the edge of Chilterns AONB. It is a leading centre of lifelong learning, keeping the heritage of the Chilterns alive for all to enjoy.

Chiltern Open Air Museum is a registered charity and receives no regular grants towards its running costs or capital projects.

We are grateful for the fantastic support of over 200 volunteers and the Friends of the Museum Association.



The Accompanied Walks projects have been made possible thanks to funding from Amersham & Villages Community Board, the Sherling Charitable Trust and the King/Cullimore Charitable Trust.

- **Conditions Experienced by Walkers**

Dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's Disease, Motor Neuron Disease, depression, anxiety, limited mobility, grief due to bereavement, loneliness and autism/ASD

Accompanied Walks 2021

- Facts and Figures

- We conducted **77** Accompanied Walks
- We welcomed **116** walkers and companions (and 5 dogs!)
- The programme was delivered by **10** wonderful COAM volunteers
- For **60%** of our walkers, it was their first visit to COAM
- Social Prescribers referred **22** walkers to us
- Several care home residents joined us for Accompanied Walks including those from The Croft and Chesham Bois Manor. In most instances, this was their **1st** trip out since the start of the Pandemic.



“I hadn't been out for a long time due to Covid so it was a big step and I was nervous but I needn't have been as everyone was lovely. As a result, a few days later, I had the confidence to go for a local walk.”

“I have mobility problems which COAM took into account and adapted my walk to suit me. Wonderful people and very welcoming.”

“I wanted to let you know how well we were looked after....There are so many people that need to be given the opportunity to get out after Lockdown and resume some social activities. We will pass on the leaflet to others that might benefit from such individual attention and access to a safe outdoor venue to walk in.”

“It seemed to be well organised and thought out particularly for people with walking difficulties. The transfer in the buggy was very welcome and made the visit more enjoyable.”

-Accompanied Walkers

“We are telling everyone we meet about COAM, and all the great things you are doing. We will pass on to the PPGs in each surgery and ask if we can leave some of your leaflets too. We were in Amersham Health Centre telling the practice manager about your walks and she was really impressed.”

-Social Prescriber



CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM

**Accompanied Walks for young adults with autism / ASD will run at Chiltern Open Air Museum on
Tuesdays and Wednesdays during May and June 2022**

**Accompanied Walks for the over 65s will run at Chiltern Open Air Museum on
Wednesdays and Fridays from April to October 2022
(subject to health guidelines)**

**For further information on Accompanied Walks at COAM,
please contact Jacqui Gellman**

COAM Outreach outreach@coam.org.uk / 01494 871117

Chiltern Rangers Environmental Youth Engagement Amersham & Villages Community Board Project





Chiltern Rangers Environmental Youth Engagement Amersham & Villages Community Board Project

- 17 Community Events
- 6 More on the way
- 320 Young People Volunteers, 70 Adult Volunteers
- 700 hours of volunteering
- Community Partners:

Amersham & Villages Community Board, Stony Dean School, St Mary's Amersham CofE School, Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Action for Youth, Chesham Bois Parish Council, The Woodland Trust, Amersham Hospital Staff and Volunteers, Chiltern Rangers Volunteers.













How can we get involved?

1. Easter Mop End Pond and Heathland Community Session
2. Volunteer as an individual or introduce your community group
3. Suggest a project or place to enhance
4. And much more...

paul@chilternrangers.co.uk



The Fitness Garden

Benson Miyoba





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Buckinghamshire Council Updates for Community Boards Jan – Feb 2022

1. 98 councillors proposed for Buckinghamshire

A public consultation completed by the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) on proposed council size for the authority, has decided that the number of councillors in Buckinghamshire should be **98**.

A consultation is now open for residents to provide information on local areas to help the LGBC complete proposals for new ward boundaries – it closes on 4 April.

consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/29857

2. Local Plan

We are preparing a new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire. A Local Plan sets out where new development will be located and what we will need to protect within Buckinghamshire.

We want to involve all of our communities in the first stage of producing a new local plan for Buckinghamshire and would like to have your views on the proposals. More information is available on Your Voice Bucks: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/local-plan-2021/>

3. A helping hand for those struggling financially this winter

If you know of any residents who may need some extra help to cover food, heating and other essential costs, please put them in touch with us The Household Support Fund (HSF) is available until 31 March 2022 and could help.

The funds are available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

For more information, residents can contact the Helping Hand team by calling 01296 531151 or visit the council website.

In addition if you need support with money problems, there's many organisations available, who will not only help with making ends meet today but also with long term solutions to get #backontrack. Visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/backontrack

4. Children's Service updates

Ofsted reinspection

At the end of 2020, Ofsted conducted their reinspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers. As part of the inspection, inspectors will make the following graded judgements:

- overall effectiveness

- the experiences and progress of children in need of help and protection
- the experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers
- the impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families

Inspectors will make their graded judgements on a 4-point scale:

- outstanding
- good
- requires improvement to be good
- inadequate

The findings and outcome of the inspection will be published on Ofsted's website on Friday 11 February 2022.

5. Buckinghamshire Online Directory

At <https://directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk> you can find activities, groups, organisations and services for adults in Buckinghamshire - from yoga and walking groups, to lunch clubs and social groups to advice and support. An exciting new feature is the ability for community groups, organisations and activities to add and keep up to date their own information about services and activities. You can log in or create an account at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/community-safety/bucks-online-directory/create-an-account/>

6. Community Cafes

One of the underlying principles we have in adult social care is working with our residents and partners close to where they live. *Community Cafes* was an idea developed by staff which means that adult social care is more visible in the community. We hold 8 *Community Cafes* a week in council-run day opportunity centres across the county. The aim is to provide a space for people to come to a booked appointment to meet with social care face to face in a warm and friendly environment. Other partners have joined us such as Occupational Therapists and One Recovery Bucks to help where people have other areas of support that they want to discuss. We hope that this will grow and that other partners will join the *Community Café* approach.

Adult social care uses *Community Cafes* if, after an initial phone discussion, the resident feels they need further information, advice or signposting. Booked appointments are used to have meaningful discussions with the person and their family which can prevent, reduce, delay the need for specialised care. They are also used to undertake care act assessments for social care and for carer assessments.

7. Jubilee Celebrations

There are many different ways in which everyone can mark the Jubilee and we'd like to encourage people of all ages across Buckinghamshire to come together and make it a special event that is remembered for years to come.

Communities can get involved in the Big Jubilee lunch or hold their own celebration event on/ around 5 June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

[How you can get involved – The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022](#)

For anyone wishing to hold a Jubilee street party, the Council has waived the temporary road closure fee. You can request an application form for a temporary road closure by emailing events@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is 6 May 2022.

You can find out more about what we are doing at the council and how to apply for street party road closures on our website. [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

As a council, we are working towards a number of projects that will enable the community to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and provide a legacy for future generations.

In particular, we are supporting [The Queen's Green Canopy \(QGC\)](#), unique tree planting initiative created to mark the occasion which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Tree planting is a great way to get involved in Jubilee celebrations and enhance the environment for future generations. We have offered trees to all schools, nurseries and care homes in the county. The first of these trees were planted during National Tree Week at the start of December.

We have also updated our tree planting guidance which details what to consider before deciding to plant a tree, as well as sources of funding that you may be able to claim to offset any costs, which includes applying for Community Boards funding:
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/trees-and-hedges/tree-planting/>

Find out more about what's going on nationally and locally for the Jubilee Weekend on our website

[Plans announced for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend 2022](#)

[Guide to taking part in a beacon lighting ceremony](#)

[HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee- Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy website](#)

8. 70 trees for 70 years

As part of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we're looking to compile a list of the the 70 best-loved trees and woodlands in Buckinghamshire to celebrate celebrate 70 years of her Majesty's service.

We would like to include nominations from every Community Board area in Buckinghamshire, and ask Community Boards and people across the county to nominate trees or woodlands, as well as encouraging partners, family and friends to submit their own.

To take part, take a photo of your chosen tree or woodland, tell us where it is and why it is meaningful to you, and send it to us via social media @BucksCouncil or email 70trees@buckinghamshire.gov.uk Find out more on our website: [70 Trees for 70 Years | Buckinghamshire Council](#)