



## Aylesbury Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Aylesbury Community Board held on Tuesday 9 March 2021 remotely via MS Teams, starting at 6.30 pm and ending at 8.25 pm. The recording of the meeting is available to view <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o4BEDGpWdc>  
Timestamps for each item are noted beside the minute item title.

### Members present

M Winn, S Morgan, S Chapple, A Christensen, A Cole, T Hunter-Watts, N Hussain, A Huxley, R Khan, R King, W Raja, A Waite and J Ward

Aylesbury Town Council and Councillor S James, Coldharbour Parish Council, C Harris, B Chapple, B Lasoye, B Russell, C Older, C Perkins, Dr P Dey, K Warner, K Rodwell, L Lloyd, M Dejoux, M Heime, P Batting, R Nutley, R Torpey, R Walker, S James, J Richings, J Kay, J Brewer, R Butler, A Walker, C Martin, D Furze, H Mee, J Seaton, J Priest, R Mahesh, A-M Poulton, R Takodra, V McPherson, A Morgan, Inspector G Horton.

### Apologies

M Bateman, A Poland, M Ibrahim, C Turnbull Ross.

### Agenda Item

**1 Chairman's welcome**

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 Declarations of interest**

None.

**3 Actions (4.06)**

The actions from the last meeting had been completed.

**Resolved:**

The action notes of the meeting 17 November 2020 were agreed as correct record.

**4 Community matters (5.13)**

Question 1

What is the Community Board doing to address the issue of bollards in Southcourt?

### Response 1

It was noted that Southcourt Emergency Active Travel Scheme Petition was due to be considered later in the meeting under item 6.

### Question 2

Any news about the Manor Park residents parking scheme?

### Response 2

It was noted that members of the council had recently met and decided to prioritise parking schemes and that this scheme will be considered as part of that piece of work.

### Question 3

Is the council working with the CCG and ICS to provide more healthcare facilities and staff that are needed due to the growth in population from the new developments?

### Response 3

It was noted that written response would be provided to this question.

## **5 Funded projects (11.25)**

This agenda item (8) was taken next (at agenda item 6).

The chairman was delighted to announce that the board had been able to use their funding to support a number of local and strategic projects to benefit the Aylesbury community, the detail of which was contained in the report at agenda item 8. An overview of the funded projects are appended to these minutes.

Dr Prakash Dey gave a presentation on the Aylesbury Hindu Temple Trust project. The trust received £1000 via the Councillor Crisis Fund to help fund their project. Dr Dey's presentation is appended to these minutes.

Lee Lloyd from the Florence Nightingale Hospice Trust spoke about the virtual Time to Reflect service established to support those who have faced the loss of a loved one. The Trust received £1800 towards their Time to Reflect project.

[Time to Reflect - YouTube](#) (timestamp for the portion of the Time to Reflect video shown in board meeting was 16.35 – 21.00. Full length of video is 25 minutes 48 seconds).

## **6 Southcourt Emergency Active Travel Scheme Petition (34.00)**

This item was taken next on the agenda. The board received a considered a petition on the Southcourt Emergency Active Travel Scheme. The petition organiser, Mr Wright, was present to speak to the petition. A number of people spoke to the petition. Order of speaking:

- Mr Wright (petition organiser).
- Councillor Niknam Hussain (Buckinghamshire Councillor).
- Councillor Clive Harriss (Buckinghamshire Councillor and Cabinet Member for Sports and Leisure).
- Suzanne Winkles (Head of Transport Strategy at Buckinghamshire Council).

Suzanne set out the council's response to the petition and her presentation is appended to these minutes. A question and answer session followed this presentation.

It was noted that the petition was due to be considered at a council meeting later this week. The petition organiser would be notified of the outcome and next steps.

**Action (group):** the group were able to direct any feedback via the website <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/active-travel/> and/ or by emailing [transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

It was noted that all feedback was logged, monitored and used as part of the ongoing evaluation of the scheme.

## 7 **Community board priorities updates (1.05)**

The board received an update on the community board priorities that were set in September 2020. Each priority had its own action sub group made up of local partners, including councillors and residents.

Updates were given from the following sub groups:

- Economic covid-19 recovery (Councillor Susan Morgan).
- Enhancing the lives of our youth (Amy Jenner).
- Community safety (Amy Jenner).
- Health & wellbeing (including covid-19 social recovery) (Councillor Susan Morgan).
- Road safety, transport and infrastructure (Mark Winn).
- Aylesbury Community Food Group (Amy Jenner).

It was noted that the Bucks Food Partnership were advertising a Trustee role available to view via <https://www.sustainweb.org/bucks-food-partnership> or for more information contact Tejal [tejal@sustainweb.org](mailto:tejal@sustainweb.org)

To be a part of the Food Growing Networks and/ or take part in Sustain's Good to Grow event 23 – 26 April contact Rebecca [rebecca@sustainweb.org](mailto:rebecca@sustainweb.org)

- Improving the environment (Councillor Sarah James, Coldharbour Parish Council).

**Action (group):** the group were welcome to attend any of the sub groups and get involved by emailing Amy [aylesburycb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:aylesburycb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

## 8 **Thames Valley Police (TVP) update (1.29)**

Inspector Graham Horton gave a presentation on the work of Thames Valley Police in Aylesbury. Inspector Horton's presentation is appended to these minutes, and includes contact details for the local Aylesbury Neighbourhood Team.

A Q&A document from the Q&A session that followed the presentation is also appended to these minutes. This document includes written responses to questions that were unable to be answered during the meeting.

**9 Community news (1.46)**

Members of the board received a community news report, presented by Amy Jenner.

Charlie Griffin, Assistant Census Liaison Manager for Buckinghamshire Council, encouraged members of the board to promote Census 2021 completion through their channels and groups. Census day was on Sunday 21 March 2021. It was noted that data collected for the census helped organisations like Buckinghamshire Council and charities to make decisions on planning and funding public services in Buckinghamshire, including transport, education and healthcare. Any questions could be directed to Charlie by email [charlie.griffin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:charlie.griffin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or phone 01494 732011. Twitter @censusbucks and @census2021

Amy encouraged the group to share any news from outside groups/ organisations with her that can be added to future community news updates [aylesburycb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:aylesburycb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

**10 Chairman's close and date of next meeting (1.51)**

The chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting, for their updates, presentations and petition and other contributions. The next meeting will be on 8 June 2021 (remotely via MS Teams). Special thanks were given to Amy Jenner, the Community Board Co-ordinator, for her hard work supporting the board to date.



Enhancing the lives of  
our young people

Aylesbury Youth  
Action & The  
Cloudy Foundation  
£8,000\*

Community  
Youth Ventures  
£15,027



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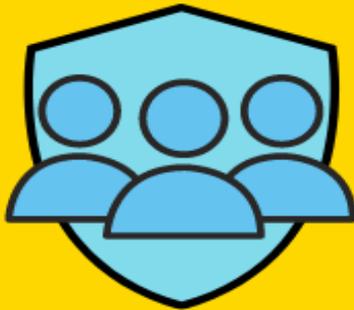
Health & Wellbeing

Florence  
Nightingale  
Hospice Trust  
£1,800

AVMKSAAASS  
£10,696

Healthy Living  
Centre  
£4,375

COVID-19 Cllr  
Crisis  
£17,981



Community Safety

Street Wardens  
£58,446

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**AYLESBURY**  
HINDU TEMPLE



# VISION

**HAVING A HINDU  
TEMPLE IN AYLESBURY**

**"Together We Can Make This Happen"**



**Councillor COVID Crisis Funding Story**  
**Dr Prakash Dey (AHT Sec)**  
**Rajat Mahesh (AHT Chair)**

# Vision & Objectives

**Build** a Hindu Temple in Aylesbury

**Promotion and advancement** of Hinduism

**Development and enhancement** of religious harmony within community

**Conduct** cultural, social, educational, religious and spiritual activities

Communit  
ity  
Support

# About Us

**Local Charity (Registration No - 1180887)**

**Managed by 13 trustees (Volunteers)**

**Members constitutes local Hindu residents**

**Working for the community since Sept 2018**

# COVID & Our Community

Corona virus pandemic has brought new challenges to the entire community. We stand together to help anyone who needs our support in this crisis

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Participated in Rapid Health Impact Assessment



Recognised higher impact on BAME communities

# COVID Crisis Grant Application

- We received £1000 Cllr crisis grant in July 2020
- We are Grateful to Buckinghamshire Council grant team to approve this funding
- We are thankful for support from Cllr Anders Christensen, Cllr Mike Smith & Cllr Susan Morgan

# AHT COVID Crisis Project

**Main target group: Vulnerable Elderly (shielding)**

**Plan 1: Weekly shopping (food & essentials)**

**Plan 2: Reducing social isolation by visiting**

**Plan 3: Provide online activities for the community**

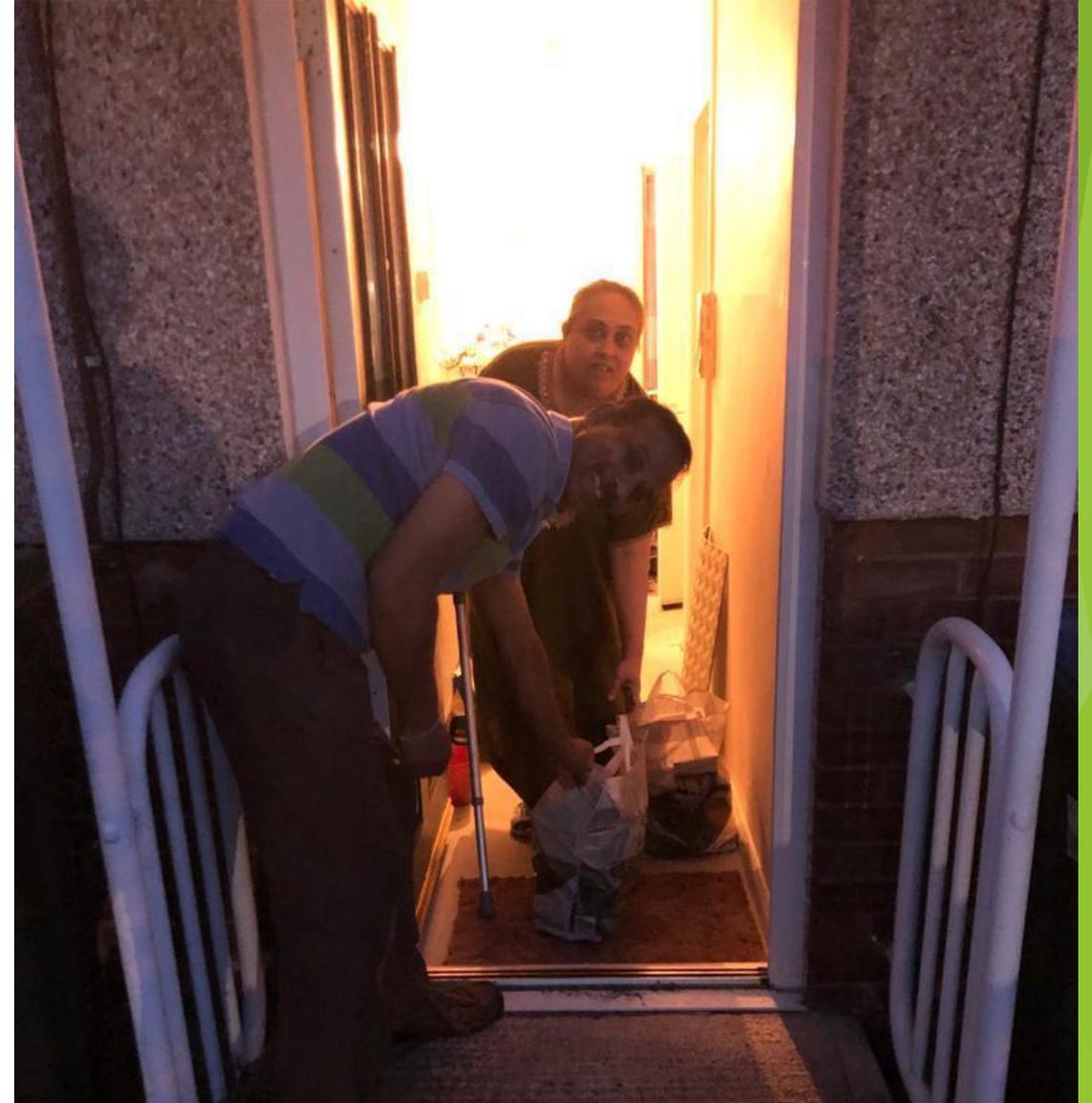
# Case Study 1

- 85 yr lady living alone with no family support
- Disabled with difficulty getting shopping & visiting healthcare services
- Agreed to receive support from the AHT
- Really felt more positive finding people from own community to talk



# Case Study 2

- Elderly couple shielded during lockdown
- Unable to avail online shopping
- Received food delivery weekly by our volunteer
- They were also received regular calls for any other support required



# AHT Online Activities



**AHT Zoom Online religious session for Members**

## Contacts

Website



[www.aylesburyhindutemple.org](http://www.aylesburyhindutemple.org)

Email



[contact@aylesburyhindutemple.org](mailto:contact@aylesburyhindutemple.org)

YouTube



@Aylesbury Hindu Temple

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## Our Vision

### TEMPLE IN AYLESBURY

**“TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN”**



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# Aylesbury Community Board

## Southcourt Emergency Active Travel Scheme (EATF)

Suzanne Winkels – Head of Transport Strategy

9<sup>th</sup> March 2021



# Background

The Southcourt scheme is funded through the Emergency Active Travel Fund, which is part of the Government's investment of £250 million to support local journeys by foot and bike through the reallocation of road space.

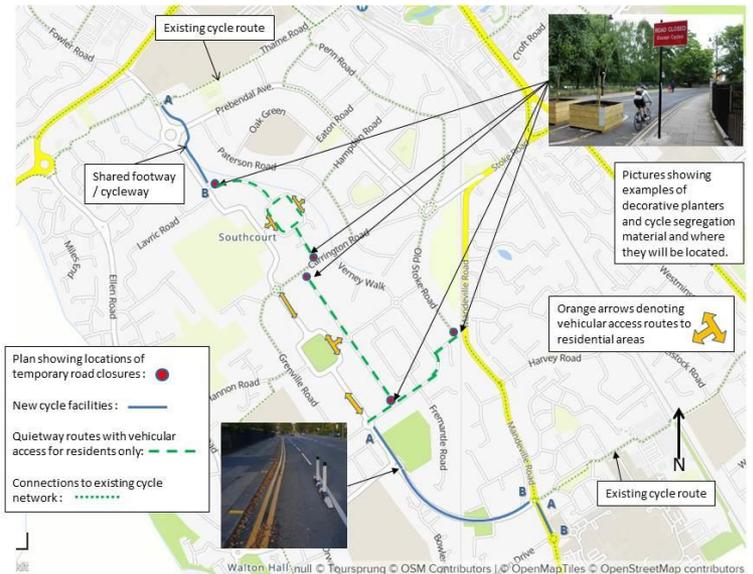
Initially, this was to support journeys during the Covid-19 pandemic. There were significant increases in cycling in Buckinghamshire through the pandemic.

Over 100 schemes were shortlisted in Buckinghamshire, based on Department for Transport (DfT) propensity for cycling tools.

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Southcourt was identified as a potential location that would also provide a solution to the severance of the existing Jetway Cycle Route, resulting from the closure of Old Stoke Road Railway crossing.

The scheme was implemented in consultation with Local Councillors and was fully implemented on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020.



# Southcourt Scheme

## Objectives

- Promote walking and cycling to shops, schools and local facilities.
- Improve access between the town centre, Southcourt and Stoke Mandeville Hospital.
- Improve links to existing Gemstone Routes: Pebble Way and Pearl Way at the Churchill Avenue/ Prebendal Avenue Roundabout; and a diverted routing to overcome the existing severed Jet Way.

## Details of Scheme

- Improved cycle route signage.
- Re-fresh of lining and minor highway repairs.
- Installation of segregated cycle lane on Churchill Avenue.
- Temporary point closures using decorative planters on:
  - Chalgrove Walk near the junction with Churchill Avenue
  - Chaloner Road near the junction with Carrington Road
  - Thrasher Road near the junction with Carrington Road
  - Thrasher Road near the junction with Cottesloe Road
  - Old Stoke Road near the junction with Clover Lane

Any diversion is approx. one to two minutes for drivers.



# Petition

We received notification that a petition was being circulated during October. This was prior to the scheme being implemented and there is concern it therefore does not take into consideration attitudes to the scheme following implementation.

The scheme was fully implemented on 18<sup>th</sup> November, and the petition received on 27<sup>th</sup> November by the Cabinet Member for Transport.

## The petition states that:

“This is a petition about moving the planters and bollards, also the ones near Stoke Mandeville School that people have signed.”

On some individual pages it states:

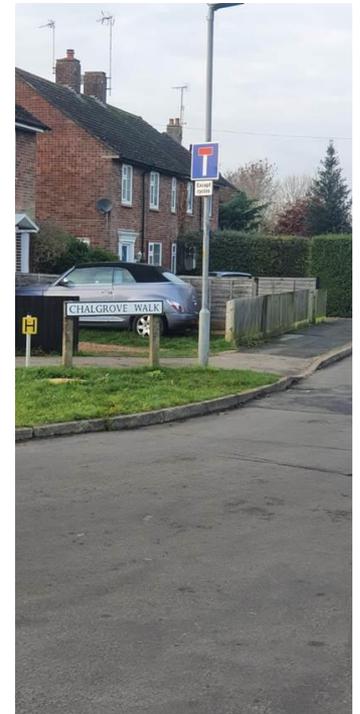
“This is a petition about the work on Chalgrove Walk.”

## Area Petition Covers

The petition signatures were collected door to door and includes residents from the wider area, as well as Southcourt where the scheme is implemented.

In response to the petition, which is mainly focused on Chalgrove Walk, we considered the following revisions to the scheme:

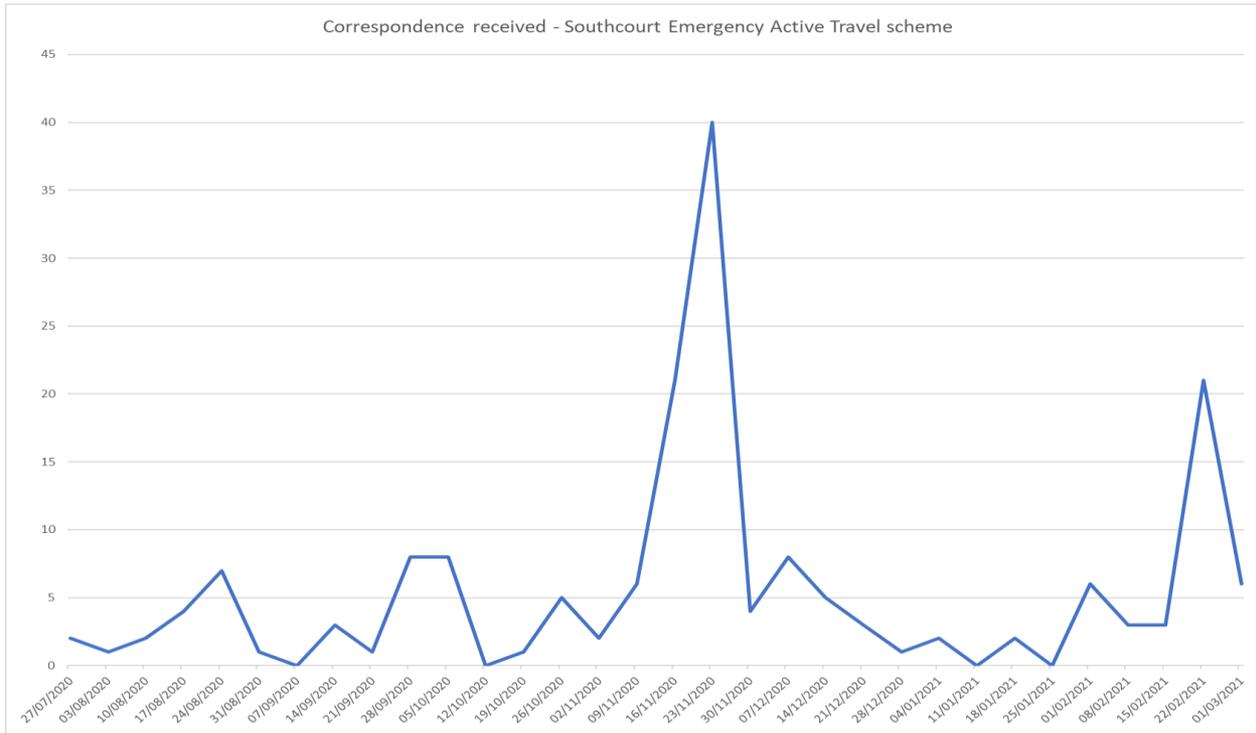
- Removing the closure
- Moving the closure to its junction with Hampden Garden
- Implementing a one way street
- Alternative local roads



## Feedback Responses

As part of the trial, we set up a public on-line feedback form and also provided an email address. The graph shows correspondence over time, with peaks when installation was completed and when the extension was announced. In total we have received 176 pieces of correspondence, which is low compared to other Active Travel Schemes considered in the Council area.

As with any change, we would expect objections, especially initially after the scheme was introduced. During the duration of the scheme, support for the scheme has increased (which fits the national picture).



## Main Feedback Concerns and Our Response to Address These:

### Churchill Avenue - lining and narrow lanes

Concerns over confusing lining and lanes being too narrow.

- Better lining cover and addition of centre line.
- Lanes remeasured and are within standards set out in MfS.
- Additional signage installed.
- Additional Safety Audit undertaken.

### Planters being moved

- Have fixed Planters to roads, especially on Chalgrove Walk and Chaloner Road.

### Verges Being Driven over on Old Stoke Road and Chalgrove Walk

- Moved the road closure on Chalgrove Walk to reduce opportunity for driving on the verge .
- Installed mini concrete bollards.
- Will reinstate the verge in summer at Chalgrove Walk.

### Missing Bollards near Chaloner Road

Missing following work by a utility company, not this scheme, but local residents highlighted issue.

- Replaced white firepath bollards using this budget.



# Positive Feedback

## Comments supporting the scheme include:

*Churchill Avenue, segregated cycle lane*

“The new segregated cycle lane is great and improves cyclist safety.”

*Chalgrove Walk*

“Cars used to scream down our road at dangerous speeds...this has all but stopped, I’ve seen a noticeable increase in cycle and pedestrian traffic.”

*Old Stoke Road*

“As a resident on Old Stoke Road, I am really enjoying the planters ...it’s stopped cars racing (I mean this literally) down the road. The planters look lovely and a welcome change from bollards.”

*Chaloner Road*

“They are a good addition to the area, please make this permanent.”

*Thrasher Road*

“Since the temporary road closures we have had a reduction in Disturbed sleep from loud cars driving at high speeds down the road. No commuter traffic cutting through...a reduction in taxis... On the whole a safer and welcomed improvement, may it remain in place.”

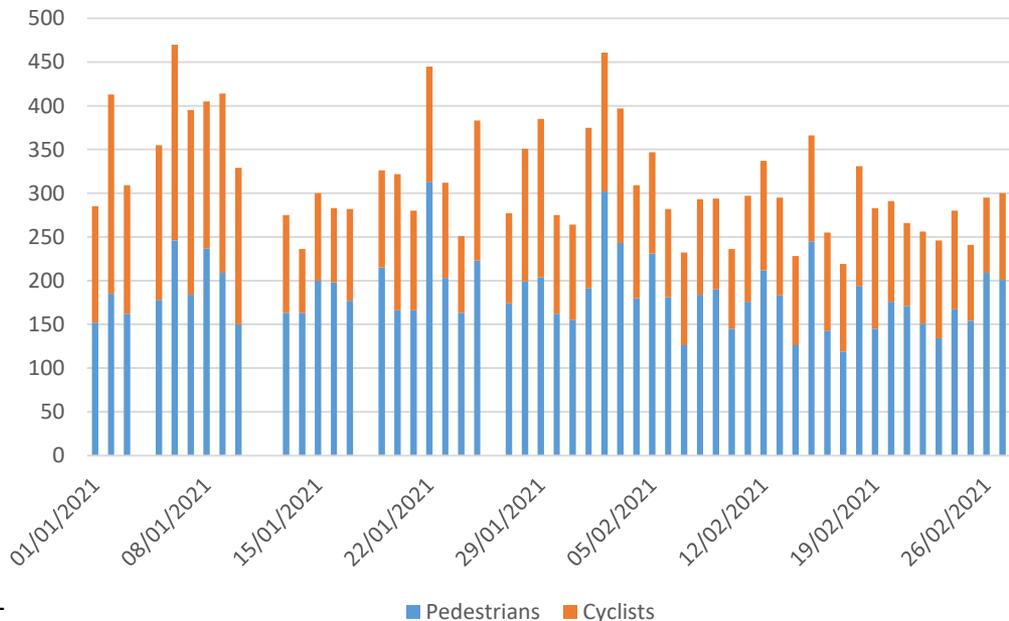
We have also received requests from other roads for the scheme to be extended to their area.



## Scheme Success and Next Steps

- Results show regular usage by pedestrians and cyclists.
- On-going monitoring and tweaking of the scheme.
- We regularly review the scheme with local Buckinghamshire Councillors and Aylesbury Town Councillors.
- Due to Covid we are unable to undertake a full public consultation and we would like to do this before we consider removing the scheme, due to increased support in the area and to allow for analysis based on a post-lockdown environment.
- We will take feedback from this Community Board to our next review meeting.
- The scheme has been extended by one month to facilitate this Community Board meeting.

Total 24h pedestrian and cyclist counts, Chaloner Road  
Quiet Way scheme - January & February 2021







Churchill Avenue and Ellen Road junction



Thrasher Road



Chaloner Road

# Your Neighbourhood Teams –

- Aylesbury North East – Oakfield / Broughton / Bedgrove / Buckingham Park / Elmhurst
- Aylesbury South – Mandeville / Southcourt / Walton Court / Elmfarm / Hawkslade
- Aylesbury West – Fairford leys / Prebendal / Quarrendon / Meadowcroft
- Town Centre



#KeepingAylesburyValeSafe

- Recent successes

- Warrants
- Civil Orders
- Safeguarding

- Emerging crime

- Covid 19 breaches
- Cat-Con thefts



# How to get in touch with your local Neighbourhood Team

AylesburyCentralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

AylesburyNorthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

AylesburySouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

AylesburyWestNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

AylesburyEastNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

CrimeStoppers – 0800 555 111

<https://www.facebook.com/TVPAylesburyVale>

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Aylesbury Community Board- 9th March 2021

**Agenda Item 9- TVP Update: Q&A raised during meeting**

Question	TVP Response
<p>We are seeing an increase in Nitrous Oxide canisters littering certain spots in Aylesbury. is there a way i can report the hot spots to the Police? the hot spots are the same areas regularly.</p>	<p>These bullet-shaped vessels are the empty shells of laughing gas, the second most popular drug, after cannabis, among young people. Typically, the gas is inhaled from a balloon, inhaling directly from the canister is extremely dangerous. Nationally there has been an increase in the use of this drug since lockdown measures were introduced. Experts have warned of the dangers of nitrous oxide, it is a harmful and potentially lethal substance.</p> <p>Please let our Neighbourhood Teams known about locations that you are finding the canisters in via e-mail (see below) or messaging TVP on our web site reporting form. We can then follow up with uniformed patrols in those areas –</p> <p><a href="mailto:AylesburyCentralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk">AylesburyCentralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:AylesburyNorthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk">AylesburyNorthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:AylesburySouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk">AylesburySouthNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:AylesburyWestNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk">AylesburyWestNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:AylesburyEastNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk">AylesburyEastNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</a></p>
<p>Can you please give some examples of the causes of crime in Aylesbury and what action the Council &amp; voluntary sector can do to reduce the causes of crime? e.g. what can be done to reduce drug abuse &amp; domestic violence, burglary etc.</p>	<p>Many of the ‘traditional’ crime types, including burglary and violent crime have seen a decrease in the Aylesbury Vale, however we are seeing increases in online crime and domestic abuse. Some of the increases in recorded domestic abuse can be attributable to improvements in victim confidence to report offences, either to the Police directly or via other agencies.</p> <p>Drug abuse / dependency is a key driver for acquisitive crime. By reducing the number of people who are drug dependant, encouraging them to engage with support services we can reduce Theft and Burglary offending. My view is that drug recovery services need additional resources in order to support addicts reduce their drug dependencies and therefore the need to commit crime to fund their addictions. We cannot arrest our way out of this problem. Drug addicts can live very chaotic lifestyles and getting them to engage with services and commit to support programmes is very challenging.</p> <p>I would like to see a dedicated substance abuse outreach worker, who can work together with my neighbourhood officers to engage with and provide support to those members of our society who</p>

	<p>without this type of intervention will continue to be dependent on drugs, vulnerable to exploitation and commit crime to fund their addictions.</p> <p>Drug dealing is the main driver for violent crime. Again, if we can reduce the demand for the supply of class A drugs (Heroin and Crack Cocaine) in Aylesbury we will reduce associated violent crime.</p> <p>The Police regularly arrest drug dealers and we have a dedicated team that targets County Drugs Lines operating on our Police Area. Over the last year this team made over 120 drug related arrests, seized 4.5 kilograms of drugs and £90,000 cash.</p> <p>There are a number of charities that we work with that are looking for volunteers – Women’s Aid, Barnardos, Aylesbury Homeless Action Group. One Recovery Bucks.</p> <p>We are currently looking for volunteer Special Constables or a Police volunteers - <a href="https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk">https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk</a></p>
<p>Trying to report any non-urgent issues is really hard. I tried to report an abandoned vehicle and lost the will to live reporting online. Not easy &amp; too long....same on non-emergency line.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, unless it is an emergency and a call for an immediate response (999) then the online reporting and 101 are the recommended ways to report incidents. We do have dedicated neighbourhood e-mail addresses; however, these are not monitored 24/7.</p>
<p>We are finding new "drug Dens" do you want me to report these also?</p>	<p>Yes please – Again by e-mail or using the online web form.</p>
<p>Have you seen an increase in properties in Aylesbury being marked with chalk? I know some reports have been made to the police. What does this mean and can the police perhaps put something on social media to make residents aware but also to reassure</p>	<p>Please report any unusual chalk marks and we can investigate and build an intelligence picture. This can be linked to crime, but not necessarily. We have not seen an increase reported to us.</p>

<p>them. I had a lady with a baby who is petrified, and still hasn't been contacted by the police.</p>	
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