



Wexham & The Ivers Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Wexham & The Ivers Community Board held on Tuesday 19 October 2021 in Microsoft Teams, commencing at 7.00 pm and concluding at 8.50 pm.

Committee members present

Dr W Matthews (Chairman), Cllrs R Bagge, T Hogg, L Sullivan, Cllr G Spring (Wexham Parish Council), C Beary (Iver Village Residents Association), P Kinson (Wexham Parish Residents Association) and A Wilson (Iver Heath Residents Association), C Gibson, K Brown, N Pennie, S Pomeroy (Colne Valley Park), A Turner, Cllr P Stanhope (Iver Parish Council) and G Young (Richings Park Residents' Association)

Officers in attendance

Tom Fowler (Democratic Services Officer), Debbie Hulme (Community Coordinator), Palvinder Kudhail (Service Director, Childrens Social Care) and Alice Williams (Community Board Coordinator for Wexham and The Ivers)

Apologies

Cllrs T Egleton and, P Griffin, R Sangster, A Mayling, Sgt D Ryder,

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor Wendy Matthews welcomed the Community Board to the meeting.

2 Declarations of Interest

Alan Wilson and Kevin Brown declared an interest in Pinewood Studios.

3 Actions from the last meeting

The Chairman updated the Board on the outstanding actions from the previous meeting.

- Item 5, the working group membership had been collated and established.
- Item 6, information on how to join the Waddesdon meetings concerning Freight Strategy had been circulated.

4 TVP Update

The Community Board Co-ordinator, Alice Williams gave an update on behalf of Sgt Dan Ryder.

- There had been an 8% reduction in the number of burglaries compared with the same quarter from the previous year for the Wexham/Ivers and Stoke Poges Neighbourhood policing area. This reflected a 41% reduction in yearly burglaries. From October 2019-2020, there were 102 reported burglarly dwellings and from 2020-2021, there were 61.
- Action taken on antisocial behaviour and speeding had been successful and the pro-active response taken by police was highlighted in the report included in the minutes.
- The Community Board was pleased that the Police were taking action against parking on Iver High Street.

Action:

- **Alice to check with TVP the law regarding parking on the pavement.**

5 Colne Valley Park Update

Stewart Pomeroy, the Colne Valley Park Programme Manager gave an update on the Colne Valley Park.

- The work of the Colne Valley Park was highlighted, the 6 objectives were Landscape, Countryside, Biodiversity, Recreation, Rural Economy and Community.
- There were notable challenges were facing the park, including the construction of HS2, Pinewood Studios expansion and extensive construction works throughout the park.
- An ecological impact study was suggested for the park to pursue to assist with funding applications. The apprenticeship scheme the park operated could be eligible for funding from the Community Board.

Action:

- **Alice Williams to discuss with Stewart Pomeroy projects eligible for Community Board funding**

Colne Valley Update Presentation circulated with the minutes.

6 Formal Community Board updates

The Community Board co-ordinator, and sub-group leads presented the Community Board Updates.

- Environment and Green Spaces sub-group. The sponsored planters at various locations throughout Ivers & Wexham parishes were highlighted. Suitability of plants for these locations were being assessed. The group was exploring wildflower planting on verges, the approval process for this was being finalised by Buckinghamshire Council. Further ideas involved a community clean-up and an anti-littering campaign with school involvement.
- Economic Recovery sub-group. A virtual high street was still being pursued, using Princes Risborough as an example. Upskilling and developing employability skills were a priority for the sub-group. It was recently agreed to fund The Ivers hub, which may be used by Bucks Business First and Bucks Adult Learning for this purpose.

- Highways and Infrastructure sub-group. The Ivers Parking scheme was progressing. The Iver Heath informal consultation had completed and TFB would be producing a PID which would come to the Community Board. The Group had been examining ways to fund elements of the Ivers Active Travel Strategy which would include regeneration of some rural footpaths. Bids had been received for TFB funding for next year, this was taken to the TFB group to explore options.
- Health and wellbeing sub-group. Key projects were highlighted. Mental wellbeing projects within school were being pursued, a key stage 1 project with Buckinghamshire Mind had been successfully funded. A street association project was explored with an update to be given at the next sub-group.

Funding Update

- There was currently £305,721 left in the budget from an initial budget of £321,405, with £15,684 spent.
- It was noted there were £59,844 in funding applications awaiting approval.

Formal Community Board Update Presentation

7 Community Matters

The Chairman gave an update on Community Matters.

- Buckinghamshire is part of the new national design code trial, the Community Board was encouraged to respond to the survey.
- The Bucks Health Team are to provide a Health profile for the Community Board.

8 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for 25th January 2022.

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Community Board update 19th October 2021

Good evening,

Firstly please accept my apologies I was unable to attend in person, I am committed on an evening training course and was unable to change the dates.

I have been requested to provide an update in relation to the below priorities

Burglary

From July to September 2021, we have seen an 8% reduction in the number of burglaries compared with the same quarter last year for the Wexham/Ivers and Stoke Poges Neighbourhood policing area. Considering that a larger proportion of residents were restricted and working from home last year, it is an encouraging sign that our increased presence in known burglary area is having the desired effect.

I was unable to get a reply from our analysis to confirm a larger time frame of Burglary rates, however from my own review I can determine that between Oct 2019-Oct 2020 we had 102 reported Burglary Dwellings. Between Oct 2020-Oct 2021 we saw this reduce to 61 reported Burglary, which I believe is a 41% reduction over the last year from the year before.

October is the start of our Winter Burglary Campaign and those who follow our social media accounts will see that this week my team are out at various locations with a Pop up Police station, providing Crime prevention around Burglaries and Keyless thefts along with other crimes and discussing NHW etc. Times and locations below

Thursday 21st
1045-1200 hours Parish Council, Stoke Poges

Friday 22nd
0900-1015 hours- Iver Heath Library
1045-1200 hours-George Green Village Hall
1330-1445 hours-Shops, Thorney Lane South

Beyond local Neighbourhood and Response officers, we are continuing to run police operations, enhancing our patrols around the area which have also included colleagues from Metropolitan Police, Hertfordshire and British Transport Police; tackling cross-border offending. As a universal priority for respective communities, our collective resources have proven a highly effective means apprehending those suspected of being responsible.

We continue to monitor any burglaries that occur and identify any developing patterns. On seeing these trends we have then enhanced our patrols in the area and utilising Social media to increase our visibility to both the community and any potential offenders. This has assisted in our disruption and helped us to see this reduction

Please remember to not leave your house in darkness, and consider purchases of alarms, timer switches and doorbell cameras are all great tools in combatting burglars. Take a look at Thames Valley Police Website for further crime prevention advice or contact your local Neighbourhood Team.

Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour

Since joining the Team last year I have looked at ways that we could simplify our process with resolving ongoing issues of ASB

We have always worked closely with partnership agencies including housing and the council to disrupt offenders that have caused the largest impact on our communities. However I have been looking at more simple and directed ways we can look to resolve these issues and ensuring that each agency gets the processes right from the start. Over the last year, We have been successful in issuing a number of injunctions, Criminal behaviour orders, Community protection warnings and closure orders on properties, which also in some cases include exclusion areas on persons. Although these orders have not totally resolved the issue, our reports indicate that it has certainly had the desired affect and the ASB is not having as much of an impact on the community that it was before these orders are obtained.

We continue to deal with Breaches robustly and have a number of pending court dates for these individuals

At the start of the summer, the team carried out a week of action targeting community asb hot spots, this assisted us in identifying offenders and issuing the relevant warnings and processes on them, we have also seen a decrease in reports in these areas and this will be a tactic I hope to utilise before next summer when the ASB tends to increase.

My process we are working to resolve issues of ASB is as follows if the behaviour continues

Identity of the suspects

Various problem solving referrals based on character(s) assessment

First stage ASB warning (valid for 6 months)

Antisocial Behavioural contract (Valid 12 months)

Evidence gathering and partnership working to consider Community protection notices or warnings or injunctions and exclusions.

We are trying to become more fluent in this process to resolve issues quicker, however at this time, PC BOX has recently left the team and PC McBroom is not due to start until middle of November and therefore this has slowed the processes temporarily.

During October, we will focus more specifically on Anti-social Behaviour around Halloween and fireworks and have dedicated tasked patrols to focus on this.

Priority – Speeding

Speeding has been an area of concern to many residents within the community but, with the slight increase in traffic gradually taking effect, the number of complaints has reduced. We have not been able to complete any Community Speed Watch Events during the summer due to the lack of volunteers. To address this, we are hoping to increase speed enforcement in and around Bells Hill, Church Road Iver and Wood Lane, Iver.

As discussed with many of you, for a successful prosecution of speeding or weight restrictions, without the recording device, is challenging, so I have been trying to push we proactively looking to target offenders of speeding by identifying no insurance, drivers licence and no tax to seize their vehicles off them. Your local neighbourhood team have seized 8 vehicles and reported the drivers in this area over the last 3 months. Making the streets safer to use

To support this, we are training more officers to conduct speed measurement and enforcement; using the speed enforcement devices. Unfortunately enhancing the training to officers on the devices has been a slow process due to Covid restrictions however we are happy to report that training has recommenced to increase our numbers. We are reviewing the information we are getting from these operations and using this data to guide future deployments. We work very closely with our Roads Policing Dept. and work with them when operational demand allows.

More of this work will continue over the festive period; including our annual Drink Drive Campaign.

Thank you for your time and please I base myself out of the Iver Parish council office along with 2 PCSO's and PC MCBROOM also soon, if there are any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me or pop in.

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Colne Valley Regional Park



43 square miles

>3M people within 10 miles

70 lakes + 200km rivers/canals

100's of green spaces, 5 country parks, 20 Nature Reserves, 13 SSSI's

270km of public rights of way

CVRP - key to fulfilling the positive aspects of Green Belt policy

Key to physical and mental health, biodiversity & farming

Most pressured part of the (inner) Green Belt



Landscape
Recreation

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Countryside
6 OBJECTIVES
Rural Economy

Biodiversity
Community



Members

Local Authorities

Buckinghamshire Council
Chalfont St Peter Parish Council
Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council
Denham Parish Council
Horton Parish Council
The Ivers Parish Council
London Borough of Hillingdon
R B Windsor & Maidenhead
Slough Borough Council
Surrey County Council
Wexham Parish Council
Wraysbury Parish Council

Charities

Angling Trust
Buckinghamshire Conservation Trust
Chiltern Open Air Museum
Chiltern Society
Groundwork Hertfordshire
Groundwork South
Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust
Hillingdon Outdoor Activity Centre
London Wildlife Trust
National Trust
Rickmansworth Waterways Trust
Surrey Wildlife Trust
Sustrans
TCV

User Groups

Blenheim Angling Society
Bucks Natural Environment Partnership
Colnbrook Community Association
Colnbrook Community Partnership
Colne Catchment Action Network
Colne Valley Fisheries Consultative
Colne Valley Ringing Group
Denham Water Ski Club
Earthworks Conservation Volunteers
Eastcote Conservation Panel
Eastcote Residents Association
Fisheries Inn Angling Society
Friends of Great Barn Harmondsworth
Friends of Pinn Meadows
Friends of Slough Canal
Friends of Stockers Lake
Hillingdon Canals Partnership
Hillingdon Narrowboat Association
Hillingdon Natural History Society
Hillingdon Ramblers
Inland Waterways Association
Iver & District Countryside Association
Iver Heath Residents Association
Maple Cross & west Hyde Residents
Maple Lodge Conservation Society
North Harrow Waltonians Angling
Society
Richings Park Residents Association
Rickmansworth Residents Association
Ruislip & District Natural History Society

Ruislip Woods Trust
Runnymede & Maple Cross Ringing
Group
Slough Local Access Forum
Spelthorne Natural History Society
Three Rivers Joint Residents
Association
Uxbridge Rovers Angling &
Conservation
West London Group of the Ramblers
West London Model Aeroplane Club
Willowbank Association

Corporate

Affinity Water
Ambush Security
Coca Cola
Grundon Waste Management
Harleyford Valley
Lakeside EFW
Mad Squirrel Brewery
Thames Water

Statutory

Environment Agency

Friends of the Colne Valley Park



G.I. Strategy

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COLNE & CRANE VALLEYS
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY
SEPTEMBER 2019
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



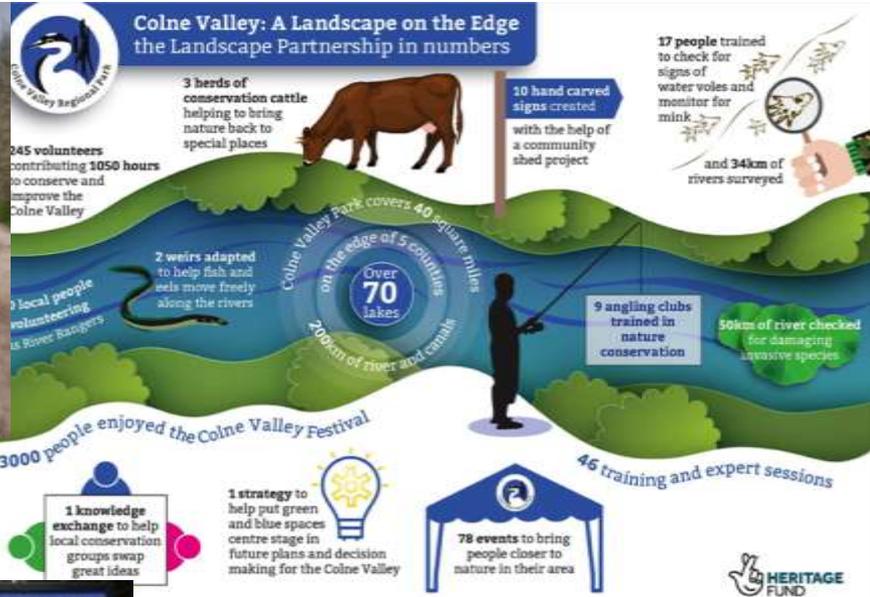
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Landscape Planning and Assessment Award

The good work to improve the Colne Valley as a resource for people and nature



Floating Pennywort Removal at Uxbridge Moor

We need your help to remove Floating Pennywort which is suffocating the River Colne in Uxbridge.

Friday 11th October (10.30-15.30)

Free entry welcome. No registration or fee!

Meeting Point: 11 Anandale Rd, Uxbridge, UB8 2JP

Confirm your place with Colne at: colne@heritagefund.org.uk or 01753 838003

All you need: suitable clothes and sturdy shoes/boots. We will provide: hand saws, rfid gear, and Debitos.

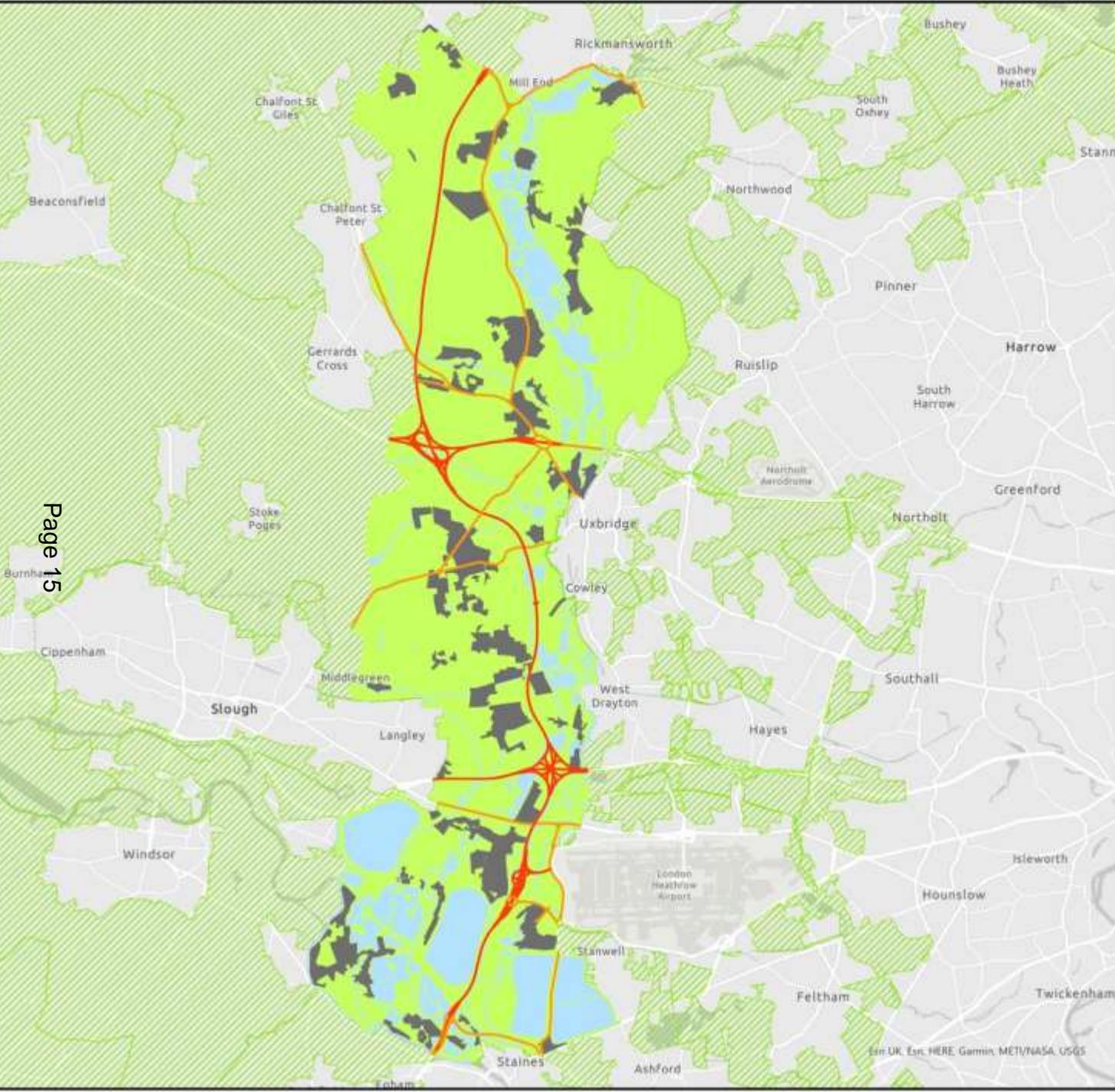
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Good work frustrated on a daily basis by so much (plus all the development proposals)



Colne Valley Regional Park (2018)

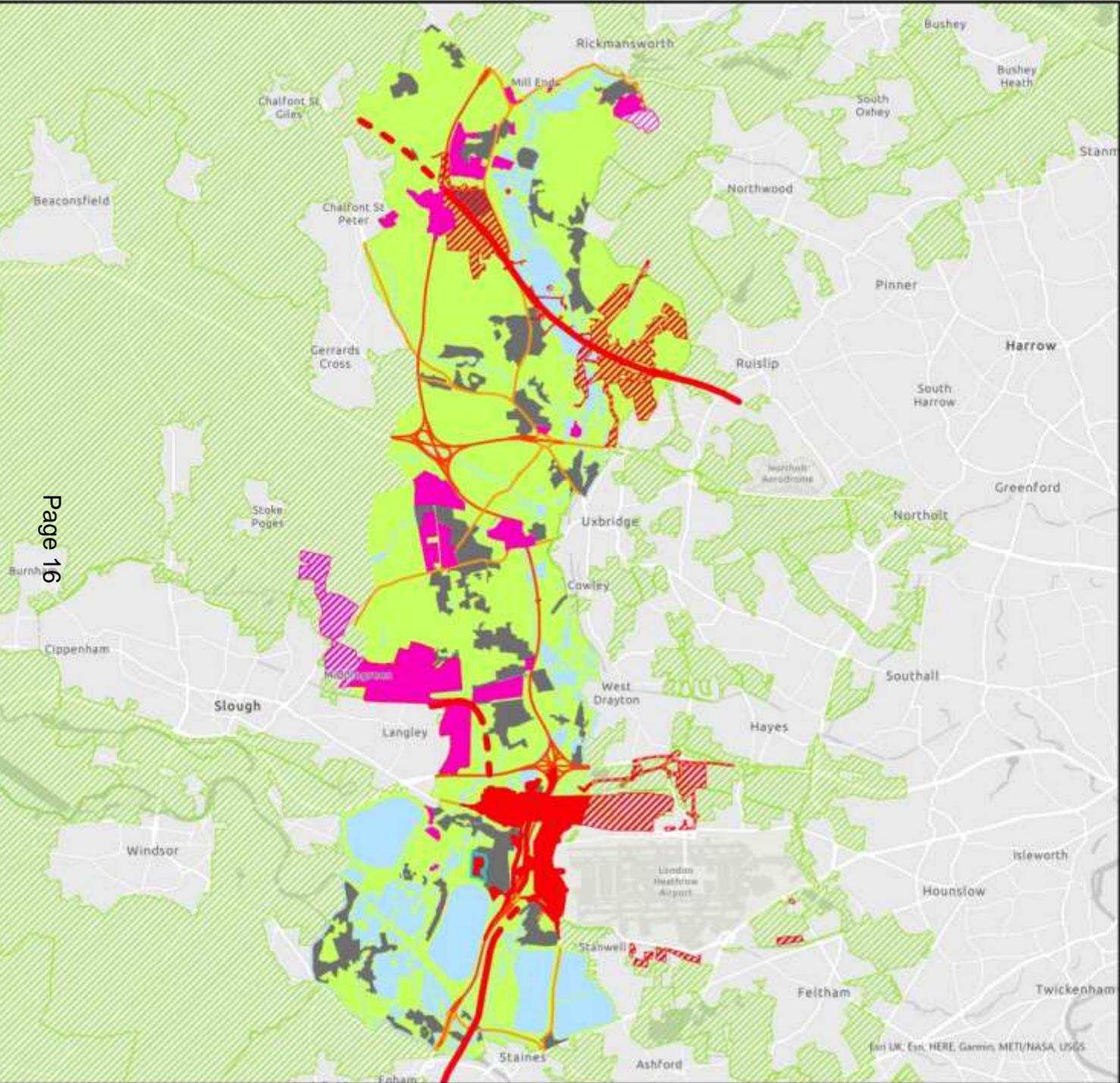


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Colne Valley Regional Park (The Future?)

Showing approved schemes (current Pinewood Studios expansion & HS2 works) and if planned proposals (from Local Authorities and others) are followed through



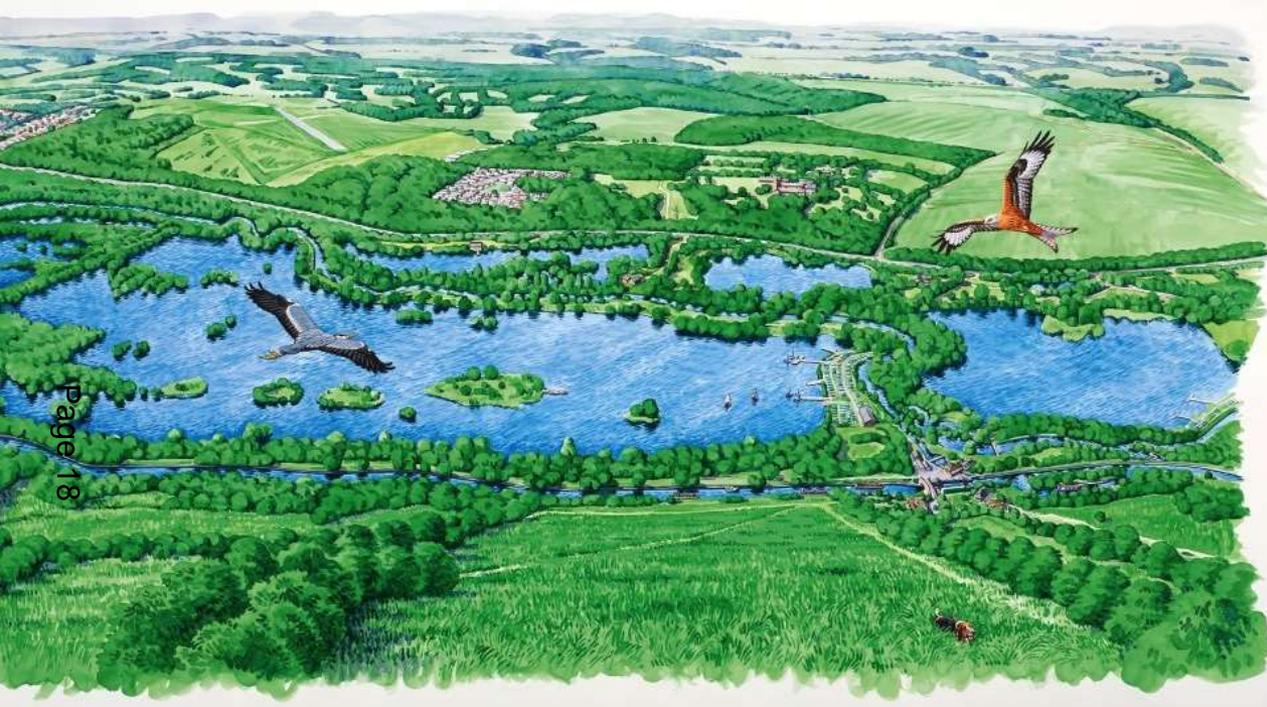


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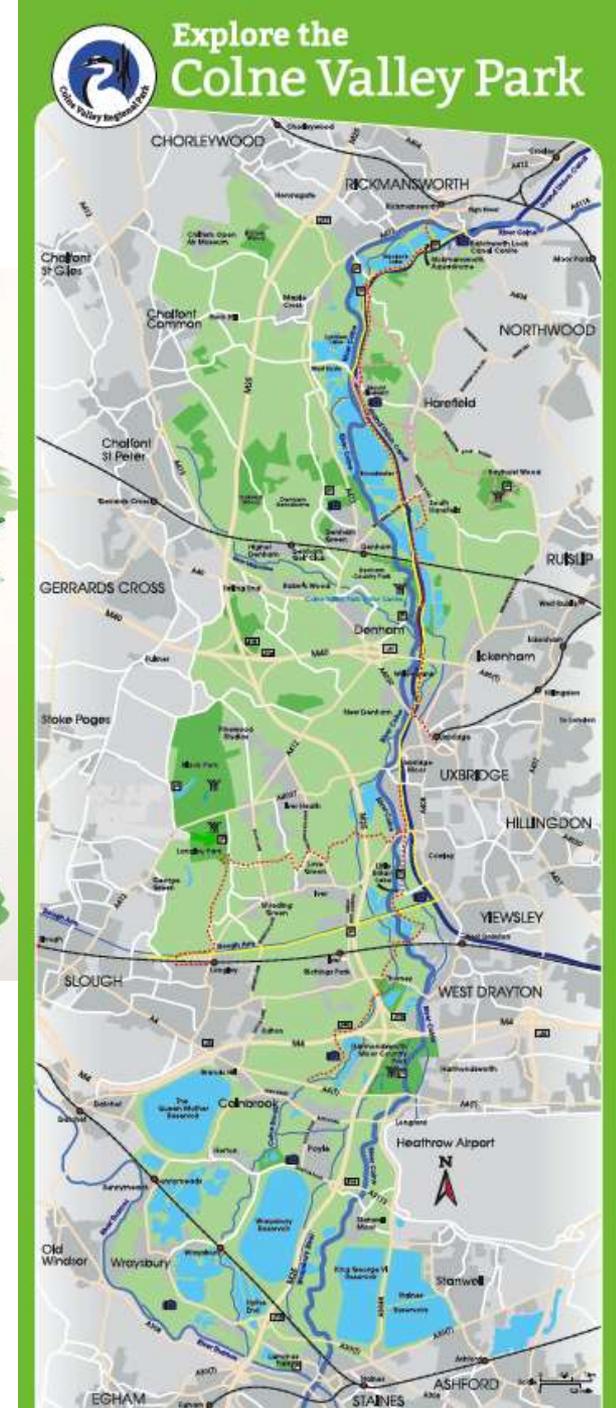


£14 of projects for every £1 invested by local authorities and corporate supporters.

Thank You



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Formal Updates

19th October 2021



Working Groups

- **Environment and Green Spaces- Luisa Sullivan**
Date of next meeting- 4th November 2021
- **Highways and Infrastructure- Wendy Matthews**
Date of next meeting- TBC 9th November 2021
- **Economic Recovery- Ann Mayling**
Date of next meeting- 10th November 2021
- **Health and Wellbeing- Paul Griffin**
Date of next meeting- 17th November 2021

If you would like to join a working group email wexiverscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or Alice.Williams@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Funding Update:

Community Board Budget Overview

The table below details the current budget position for the Wexham and the Ivers Community Board.

Community Board Fund 21/22	Allocated to date	Remaining budget as of 19/10/2021
£321,405	£15,684	£305,721

Funding Update:

Funding Applications Status Summary

Funding applications that have been received by the Wexham and the Ivers Community Board and their current status are detailed in the table.

Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
Triple Threat Performing Arts	Local youth production	£980	N/A	Approved
The Ivers Parish Council	The Ivers Hub	£11,842.35	£5,370.00	Approved
Bucks Mind	Key Stage 1 Mental Health Project	£2,862	N/A	Approved

Funding Update:

Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
Dealford Colts FC	Sporting Equipment	£5,000	N/A	Awaiting Decision
Bucks Mind	Mental Health First Aider Project	£1,732.50	N/A	Awaiting Decision
Smartville Iver Heath	Phase 2 Camera Roll Out	£4,000	£1,000	Application Received
1 st Iver Heath Scouts	Outdoor Area Transformation	£25,000	£16,000	Application Received
The Ivers Parish Council	Seniors Coffee Morning	£3,000	£540	Application Received

Funding Update:

Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
Friends of St Margarets Church	Equipment to maintain church yard	£1,427	N/A	Application Received
The Ivers Parish Council	Christmas Lights-Iver Highstreet	£4,000	N/A	Application Received
				Total of applications received: £59,844