



Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 21 October 2021

Time: 6.30 pm

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Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board held on Thursday 8 July 2021 in Via MS Teams, commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.03 pm.

Members present

S Chhokar, J Chamberlain (Chalfont St Giles Parish Councillor), M Bracken, D Bray (Chalfont St Giles Parish Councillor), T Broom, I Darby, G Hollis, E Hungin (Seer Green Parish Councillor) C Jackson, G Kirkby (Chalfont St Giles Parish Councillor), S Kumar (Chalfont St Peter Parish Councillor), J Rush, T Shinner (Chalfont St Peter Parish Chairman), L Smith BEM, A Vladar (Chalfont St Peter Parish Councillor), J Walsh (Denham Parish Chairman), S Williams (Denham Parish Councillor) and A Wood

Others in attendance

S Garwood (Localism Manager), J Brar (Denham Parish Clerk), C Gray (Democratic Services), D Evans (Chalfont St Peter Parish Clerk), S Moffat (Gerrards Cross Town Clerk), J Simmons (Gold Hill Baptist Church), P Vahey (Fulmer Parish Clerk), H Griffiths (Chalfont St Giles Parish Clerk), K Martin, D Holden, D Hulme (Community Co-ordinator, FIS), S Weston (Chairman of Economic Regeneration Sub-Group) , M Everitt (Assistant Service Director), J Arnold (Chairman of PACCAR Scout Camp) and A Sultan (Community Board Co-ordinator)

Apologies

P Bass, D Brackin, T Butcher and Eleanor O Connor

Agenda Item

1 Welcome

Members were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. The Chairman commented that last year the focus of the Board was on the pandemic. This year the focus would shift with four specific priorities:-

- Economic Regeneration (to also encompass last year's Business Forum)
- Improving the Environment (to continue the work of last year's Climate change and Environment Action Group)
- Highways and Transport (to carry on the work of last year's Highways and Infrastructure Group)

- Wellbeing and Safety (which would encompass last year's Community Safety action group, along with parts of the youth action group and the Wellbeing portion of the Covid Reset, Recovery and Wellbeing group)

Action groups relating to each priority would be set up. A Member asked about the Youth Group which had been set up and the Chairman reported that this would be accommodated within the Wellbeing and Safety priority as referred to above. Julia Walsh commented that their youth initiative involving the scout hut was still running and they hoped to carry out a survey and renovate the building. This issue was discussed further under the LAF reserve update.

The Chairman welcomed participation from all members of the Board and local residents.

2 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Paul Bass, Cllr Tim Butcher, Cllr David Brackin and Ellie O'Connor.

3 Declarations of interest

The following declarations of interest were declared:-

Item 7 - Presentation from Denham Parish Council on the Former Tilehouse Day Opportunity Centre. There were some Members of the Area Planning Committee present who would be considering the planning application linked to this Former site and therefore they would not express a view on this item so as to not have pre-determined the application. These were Cllrs Bracken, Broom, Hollis and Chhokar.

Cllrs Darby, Rush and Vladar declared an interest as Members of Chalfont St Peter Parish Council (Item 5 – Petitions). Cllr Vladar was also a Member of the Neighbourhood Action Group.

4 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 February 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

Cllr Shinner referred to an item which had not been included in the minutes regarding a request for all the funding bids being included in one single document and the progress on each application. The minutes would be updated to include this.

The Community Board Co-ordinator reported that there was a full funding report in the agenda papers which would provide the template for future funding information.

5 Petition - A413 Speed Reduction

The Vice Chairman reported that a petition requesting a speed limit reduction on the A413 Amersham Road between the Greyhound Roundabout and Kingsway Roundabout had been received by Buckinghamshire Council from Chalfont St Peter

residents.

The report stated that this section of A413 was originally considered for speed limit reduction as part of the County wide speed limit review in 2008, coming under Area 10. At the time it was decided the national speed limit should be retained as there was a good safety record on this section of road, and the current speed limit was appropriate. Following this comprehensive review, the Council was unable to justify funding any further speed limit changes. Since the speed limit review, there has been little change in terms of collisions, and in the past five years there have been no recorded collisions along this section of dual carriageway away from the roundabouts at either end. The collisions that have occurred were recorded at the two roundabouts, including a fatality late last year.

The report presented to the Board concluded that if there was overwhelming support for the speed limit assessment the Board and the Parish Council should be approached for funding. This petition would be referred to the Highways Action Group for further consideration.

Cllr Shinner reported that they had previously met with the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner about this issue and he had commented that the police would not be able to comment on this until a traffic survey had been produced. They had been informed that the survey would cost about £700 but the actual cost was £1150. The new funding application form only went online on 30 June 2021 but information on the traffic survey could only come from the Highways Department.

Cllr Bracken reported that it would be useful to look at other areas that had similar speeding issues and to look at the order of magnitude. He was invited to attend the Action Group to discuss this. Cllr Hollis commented that he had received detailed information on installing 20mph speed limits and would forward this to the Action Group for information.

Cllr Walsh also informed that Martin Baker had put in application for a relief road on the A413 between Denham and Chalfont St Peter and as part of that Buckinghamshire Council had asked for a roundabout with the back entrance going into Tatling End and would connect with the new relief road in Chalfont St Peter. This was part of an application 15 years ago. The Council had asked for a roundabout as they were concerned about the lack of speed limit. This could help extend the speed limit down to Chalfont St Peter. There had been one fatality on this road.

6 Priorities

Donna Wilkinson, Principal Economic Development Officer gave a presentation on economic recovery and development which was a corporate priority. During the presentation the following points were made:-

- Covid had a large impact on the economy. Many of the high streets were experiencing change before then with the change in retail delivery. Some businesses had closed and unemployment had increased (and may still

- increase once the furlough scheme ended).
- Changes in markets – some market retailers had not returned, there has been an increase on online retailers and an increase in vacant premises.
 - Covid has meant an increase in support for the local economy and supporting the community. Some new businesses have used the vacant premises available.
 - The main priorities for the Team were supporting town centres and local businesses to innovate and thrive; reviewing existing local regeneration strategies, delivering the regeneration programme, leading the inward investment and large enterprise engagement programmes and developing the Future Skills Strategy and Tourism Programme and Markets Strategy
 - Reference was made to the Welcome Back Fund which was European funding allocated to local authorities who had to claim the money back but were given an indicative allocation. It followed on from the High Street Fund which was a restrictive fund, however the Welcome Back Fund had a wider remit and focused on making local towns more vibrant e.g. events, cleaning and greening, trails and place information and seating, bins and lighting. It was important not to be prescriptive about how the funding was used as each local area was very different.
 - It was important to look at what was happening on the ground and what covid had created and accelerated. It was important to map the current local economy and understand what direction future business would want to take and what they need. There were 25 factors which made places vital and viable.
 - There had been a meeting of Community Board Chairmen where local projects had been discussed and the need to undertake surveys to understand shoppers and businesses needs and wants.
 - The Team would work closely with the Action Group as this was an ongoing project to identify opportunities to support the local economy.

During discussion a Member asked about when the welcome back flags in the High Street would be taken down as some of them were looking worn. Donna Wilkinson said that she would check this with the Communications Team. Another Member asked whether this funding could be used for CCTV and Donna Wilkinson said she would come back on this as well. Cllr Walsh asked how this could be promoted to Parish Councils and residents and was informed that the best way to engage on this area was currently being looked at. Donna Wilkinson could attend any Action Groups that were set up or could liaise individually with Town and Parish Councils. A copy of the slides would be circulated.

7 Tilehouse Day Centre Recommissioning Presentation

A presentation was given by Cllr Walsh, Denham Parish Council on the proposal for Tilehouse Day Centre which could be a model to help cash strapped Councils to serve local vulnerable residents better. The Former Day Centre had been previously used by residents from Iver, Denham and Gerrards Cross. During the presentation the following points were noted:-

- The Parish Council would like to acquire the Tilehouse Day Centre, sited in a Level 5 area of deprivation and to refurbish it as a not for profit day care centre with specialist facilities to support dementia and learning difficulties.
- The development plan includes refurbishment of the current caretaker bungalow, possible office accommodation and rooms for community use.
- There was a significant need in Denham for a day care centre to support those with dementia and learning disabilities to access services. By 2040 in Buckinghamshire the ONS estimate a 58% increase in dementia. Within a 5 mile radius of Denham there were 505 patients recorded with dementia in 2018. The nearest local day care centre was over 11 miles away in Burnham and did not have the capacity to meet future need.
- Whilst Learning Disabilities was funded through direct payments, dementia was not funded in this way.
- There had been good support from Denham Medical Centre and the Commissioning Managers at Buckinghamshire Council who have provided the data.
- Feedback from residents had been captured through a survey. 99% of those returning the card were in favour of the project.
- The buildings had been abandoned in 2015 and was formerly a day centre run by the Red Cross. Extensive repair and refurbishment was required and the proposal was to acquire freehold or a long lease from the Council. The Centre could be used as a separate adult learning and dementia centre with a kitchen and dining facility. There was also an opportunity for a self-contained office space and separate detached bungalows. Any refurbishments would be 'green' and energy efficient.
- The aim was for the Parish Council to provide the building and another day centre could help provide the operational expertise. They were working in partnership with an award winning quality day care centre for dementia and learning difficulties. The Centre would be run as a charitable entity.
- Funding – Capital budget would require a Public Works Loan taken out over 2-3 years with a 50 year payback period, with an interest rate of 2.3%.
- A planning application was being considered at the South Bucks District Council on 13 July from the council to build some houses including affordable homes on the site.

The report was noted.

8 New Funding Process

Simon Garwood, Localism Manager provided an update on the new funding process. The budget for this year was £347,377 which included an underspend of £124,675 and had taken into account population, deprivation and new homes. There would be one fund for each Board to spend on the priorities, minimum of 15% to be spent on projects to do with the environment, minimum of 15% on projects to aid Economic Regeneration and a maximum cap of 25% of this year's budget only (not to include last year's underspend) on transport projects.

- Improving the Environment – minimum £52,107 to be spent

- Supporting Economic Recovery – minimum £52,107 to be spent
- Highways and Transport – maximum of £55,676 to be spent

Building on the experiences last year the funding process has now been improved as follows:-

- Initial idea – via Action Group, application form or via discussion with Chairman or Co-ordinator
- Application & assessment – looked at by Co-ordinator and Localism Managers (complex applications could be referred to the Monthly Funding Panel)
- Community Board discussion and recommendation – Summaries of applications would be sent by email and a further email would be sent to confirm.
- Monthly Funding Approvals and Reporting Panel – signed off by the Service Director and Cabinet Member to meet governance requirements
- Implementation, Review and Monitoring – award letter would be sent and monitored with updates to the Board.

For Highway applications there would be a deadline of 30 September 2021 so that the application could be assessed before the Community Board decided whether or not to fund the application.

During discussion the following points were made:-

- A suggestion was made that the Chairman of the Action Groups should work together and liaise with Town and Parish Councils to find out what their problems were and to prioritise projects to deal with these issues.
- In terms of rolling forward funding for future years it was thought that this would be unlikely to happen next year. A decision was made to roll forward for 2021/22 due to the impact of the pandemic and also because the Boards starter later in the year due to the new unitary council coming into fruition. Funding could still be used if a project was to be started in February or March but would not be completed for a number of months as funding could be reserved for this. However, unallocated money would not be rolled over.
- The Local Infrastructure Fund and community priorities had been combined into one fund this year. There was no specific Health and Wellbeing fund this year – last year this was a separate pot of money that was provided by Public Health.
- The percentage splits were strong recommendations in terms of where funding should be directed. However, if there was a need to have one project that strongly fitted into the priorities and would skew the percentages, then this should be discussed with the Chairman and the Co-ordinator in order to see if it would be feasible.
- A Member asked about the total funding and the percentage split and how much of that budget was funding from last year and whether the split still applied to that part of the budget. The Member also raised concern about

- the monthly process and whether the Board should step back and look at the whole picture to be able to make better decisions for their local community. In response the Localism Manager reported that there was just one fund this year. There were a number of ways to distribute funding e.g the Board could have a small grants fund to help provide support for smaller organisations. The remaining funding could be used for two or three big projects. The Board needed to discuss how they wished to allocate the funding.
- A Member commented that it would be helpful to have a report on how the funding was spent last year. The Localism Manager would check whether any funding had been left over from the Health and Wellbeing Fund and whether this still could be spent on public health initiatives.

9 Budget Update

The Board noted the budget update and that regular updates would be provided to the Board. A Member commented that it would also be helpful to have an update on the progress of projects.

10 LAF Reserve Update

Simon Garwood reported on legacy funding for past Local Area Forum projects. There were four projects; a good neighbours scheme (£7,000); scout hut scheme for Denham Parish Council (the reason this has not been progressed was that it was a devolution project and the property needed to be devolved therefore funding was reserved but was awaiting release); Denham Benches (£345); Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs in Denham (£1,600 each) and Fulmer. There were 19 Schemes across the County. The LAF reserve would finish at the end of this financial year and had been extended due to the pandemic. At the last meeting a query had been raised regarding a parking scheme in the Gerrards Cross area, this was not a reserve but a scheme which had been carried out.

A question was asked about the funding process and whether the Board would be updated on a monthly basis with the decision taken by the Monthly Funding Panels. Simon Garwood reported that the Co-ordinator would update the Board on a monthly basis with decisions from the Panel and an updated budget report. A Parish Councillor commented that she hoped having the monthly panel meetings would mean that the decision making on funding applications would be quicker. Simon Garwood reported that this should make the process quicker with a decision being made between 4-6 weeks.

A further question was asked regarding holding back funding for larger projects so that all funding was not being spent at the beginning of the year. Simon Garwood responded that the Board could submit bi-monthly applications if it wished, or could hold back a project and wait to see if any more worthwhile projects came later in the year.

11 Action Groups

The Chairman gave an update on Action Groups to help support the work of the Board:-

- Economic Regeneration (Chairman – Steve Weston, and Vice Chairman Jane Chamberlain)
- Improving the Environment (Chairman – Simon Rouse and Vice Chairman Norman Barnett)
- Highways and Transport (Chairman – Jonathan Rush and Vice-Chairman Michael Bracken)
- Wellbeing and Safety (Chairman – Tony Shinner and Vice-Chairman Guy Hollis)

Participation in any of the Action Groups was welcomed, and anyone interested should contact the Chairman of each Group or the Community Board Co-ordinator. The Action Group meetings would be held virtually.

12 Corporate Messages

Matt Everitt introduced himself as the Assistant Director for Service Improvement and also a champion of this Community Board. His Service area carried out the following:-

- Service Improvement (leading the Better Buckinghamshire programme)
- Project and Programme support for key areas (including covid such as setting up vaccination centres)
- Business Intelligence and Insight Team (leading the corporate performance framework) and consultation and research analysis and data integration modelling.

Matt Everitt provided two updates :-

Home to school transport:-

The Council contracts bus operators to provide school buses for eligible children and contracts were being renewed to ensure best value for money. As many Council run bus services carry very few eligible children it was important to focus resources on those that were eligible. Therefore those routes that carry few or no eligible children were being taken over by bus companies as commercial school bus routes from September 2021 and bus companies would sell tickets directly to parents. Remaining Council school bus services would have changed routes and pick up points to focus on travel for eligible children. Individual journey times may change because of the realignment of routes. Timetables for September would be available on the website by 15 August. Available spare seats would still be given to paying parents. Online applications were currently open and applicants would hear by the end of July. All children who could no longer have a Council spare seat would be able to buy a seat on commercial services.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-transport/>

Update on covid

As of 8 July the key messages were to up to groups of 30 outside or rule of six

indoors with two households. All adults over 18 were now able to get vaccinated and there was a drive to get younger people vaccinated ahead of the restrictions lifting on 18 July. There were numerous places to have a vaccination including GP surgery, pharmacies and the larger vaccination centres. These could be booked online or over the phone. There were several drop in clinics which allow eligible people without an appointment to turn up and Health on the Move vans were focussing on areas where there was a low take up of the vaccine.

The Chairman reported that it would be helpful to have support from the Champion on cross-border issues eg fly tipping and flooding.

13 Updates from Parish Councils (written)

The reports received from Chalfont St Giles, Denham, Gerrards Cross, Seer Green and Fulmer Parish and Town Councils were noted.

14 Neighbourhood Community Matters

Simon Garwood, the Localism Manager reported on how Community Boards were supporting Thames Valley Police with setting priorities for the area which was through the Chiltern and South Bucks Policing Issues Forum.

The Forum's aims were to:-

- to support the process for identifying and setting areas of focus for the Chiltern & South Bucks LPA Neighbourhood Police teams.
- to provide a platform for meaningful engagement between residents and Neighbourhood Police teams – helps latter fulfil statutory obligation.
- to promote community engagement, and encourage involvement by individuals, businesses and other stakeholders within the area.
- to make the Chiltern & South Bucks community more resilient, and for Chiltern and South Bucks to be a better, safer place to live and work.

Since 2018, quarterly surveys have informed the setting of focus areas for Neighbourhood Policing across Chiltern & South Bucks Local Policing Area (LPA). The meetings facilitate open discussions between public and senior police officers, give an opportunity to examine specific issues, introduce guests eg Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner, facilitate surveys and meetings to help TVP meet statutory duty to consult with local people about crime and disorder in their neighbourhood.

From 2021, a panel of Community Board chairs would be setting TVP Chiltern & South Bucks Neighbourhood Policing focus areas. Three surveys would be sent out a year so that priorities could be revisited every four months. Survey responses would be made available to individual Community Boards to inform on local concerns. Surveys would be hosted and analysed by Buckinghamshire Council Communities/ Business Intelligence teams.

E-mail: contact@csb-forum.org Web: <https://www.csb-forum.org>

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The Chairman also referred to Be Your Own Boss and suggested that if anyone was

interested in the Scheme that they should contact the Community Board Co-ordinator.

15 Topics for future consideration

Members were asked to let the Community Board Co-ordinator of any topics for future discussion and also asked to promote the work of Community Boards. They were also asked to send through any useful information that could be shared on social media or in the monthly newsletter. The Chairman reported that the Community Board Co-ordinator co-ordinates a meeting with the Parish Clerks on a monthly basis and he had also met with the Parish Chairmen and hoped to set up another meeting and attend one Parish Council meeting for each of the areas this year.

A Member asked if the Community Board Co-ordinator could check when the handbook would be available. Another Member asked if Linked in could be looked at as well as facebook.

16 Date of Next Meeting

21 October 2021 at 6.30pm

Overview of Denham, Gerrards Cross and The Chalfonts Community Board budget 2021/22

	2020/21 carried over	2021/22 budget	Total budget
	£124,675.00	£222,702.00	£347,377.00

Agreed applications

Applicant	Project	Priority	Cost	Contribution	Cost to Board
Chalfont St Giles Parish Council	Bowstridge Recreation	Wellbeing & Safety			
Seer Green Baptist Church	Ground Defibrillator	Wellbeing & Safety	£1,600	£0.00	£1,600
Gerrards Cross Town Council	Car Park Defibrillator	Wellbeing & Safety	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
	Wildflowers for Gerrards				
St Peter's Memorial Garden Group	Cross	Improving the Environment	£2,486.00	£0.00	£2,486.00
Chalfont St Giles Parish Council	Memorial Garden – Phase 1	Improving the Environment	£10,000.00	£3,000.00	£7,000.00
Bucks Mind	Trees of Hope	Improving the Environment	£2,670.00	£0.00	£2,670.00
	KS1 Mental Health Project	Wellbeing & Safety	£9,476.00	£0.00	£9,476.00

Total allocated

£24,732.00

Remaining

£322,645.00

Pending applications

			Cost	Contribution	Cost to Board
Chalfont St Peter Parish Council	Cycle Racks	Improving the Environment	£1,425.20	£0.00	£1,425.20 Out to Board for votes
Denham Parish Council	Pedestrian Island Upgrade S10	Highways	TFB	£44,542.64	£35,884.20
Denham Parish Council	Cheapside Lane TRO	Highways	TFB	£5,979.83	£2,990.00
Fulmer Parish Council	Fulmer Common Road Verge	Highways	TFB	£74,817.74	£25,000.00
Chalfont St Peter Parish Council	A413 Speed Tubes	Highways	TFB	£1,385.00	£0.00
All Together Community	All Together Community Fridg	Improving the Environment		£16,377.00	£0.00
Gerrards Cross Town Council	Cycle Racks	Improving the Environment		£2,000.00	£0.00
Seer Green Parish Council	Safety of Residents in Seer	Wellbeing & Safety			Yes at Action group level, next step is to send to Board
	Green who use The	Improving the Environment			Has been deferred, pending
Chalfont St Giles & Jordans Revitalisation Group	Literary Festival 2021	Economic Regeneration			£4,683.00 more info
		Wellbeing & Safety			Will go to Economic
		Improving the Environment			£13,000 Regeneration action group
Denham Parish Council	Footpath	Highways	Non-TfB	£7,250	on 9th Dec
Denham Parish Council	Dementia Café			£16,284.00	Will go to Environment
					£8,284.00 action group on 15th Dec
Chalfont St Peter Parish Council	Bollards	Improving the Environment	Non-TfB	£8,000.00	Not yet submitted
					Yes at Action group level, next step is to send to Board

					May need to be sent by email to Wellbeing & Safety Action Group due to
Burnham Beeches Rotary Club	Christmas Bags	Wellbeing & Safety Wellbeing & Safety Improving the Environment	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00 timescales Being presented at CB
Chalfont St Peter Parish Council	Big Biodiversity Battle	Economic Regeneration	£62,258.70	£21,735.20	meeting on 21st October as £40,523.50 it covers a few priorities
Careers Springboard	Counselling for job seekers	Economic Regeneration	£1,080.00	£0.00	Will go to Economic Regeneration action group £1,080.00 on 9th Dec
GLL	Community Yoga & Pilates	Wellbeing & Safety	£4,114	£0.00	Will got to Wellbeing & £4,114 Safety Action Group on 1st December

Total pending £160,191.51
Remaining if pending applications agreed £162,453.49



Agenda Item 12
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05 October 2021

Dear Councillor Chhokar

Community Board Profiles and Public Health Recommendations

Improving the health and wellbeing of our residents is a priority for Buckinghamshire Council and in particular levelling up outcomes for those at greatest risk of poor health. Community Boards have already demonstrated the great potential of local action to support residents' health during the pandemic and it is vital this continues as many challenges remain. We have worked with wider business intelligence to combine both the public health and community board profiles. I am pleased to attach this updated Community Board profile for your area with specific Public Health recommendations that will help Community Boards improve the health of your residents. These recommendations are a starter for 10 and a member of the public health team will be happy to discuss any of the proposed priorities and actions with you. An updated, interactive online version of the data profile will be available soon.

We have suggested a few areas of focus but recommend that **all Boards would have a profound beneficial impact on residents health if they were to include preventing heart disease and stroke in their priorities**. This is because heart disease and stroke is one of the most significant drivers of poor health and health inequalities in Buckinghamshire, there is good evidence of what works and the actions we take to prevent heart disease and stroke also help prevent dementia, some cancers, the commonest type of diabetes and many other conditions. It would also contribute to other important aims such as protecting the environment and economic success and reducing demand on council services.

In each of these areas, we propose a small set of actions that your Board can take to support your residents. These actions are categorised into different levels of input:

1. DEVELOP/FUND: introduce, expand, or develop initiatives supported by Public Health and/or other partners
2. PROMOTE, SIGNPOST, REFER or TRAIN: communicate information about local activities and services to residents, or develop new skills
3. PARTICIPATE: represent your community in shaping public health policy and actions across Buckinghamshire

Your Public Health lead, Stephanie Moffat (stephanie.moffat@buckinghamshire.gov.uk), will be pleased to provide more information and support discussions as you explore which actions to work on this year, advise what support is available, and how these might fit in with your other priorities.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Jane O'Grady

Director of Public Health, Early Help and Prevention
Buckinghamshire Council

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DENHAM, GERRARDS CROSS & THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY BOARD

PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS



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Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board Public Health Recommendations

Improving and levelling up the health and wellbeing of all our residents is a priority for the Council. Buckinghamshire is one of the least deprived local authority areas in England and consequently has better health overall than the England average. However, in Buckinghamshire the health of residents varies within, and between, community board areas. For example, people living in more deprived areas are more likely to live in poor health and die earlier than people living in less deprived areas. They are also more likely to develop multiple long-term conditions earlier, such as diabetes and heart disease. Different ethnic groups also have different risks of developing some long term conditions.

These differences existed before the pandemic and COVID-19 has worsened them. For example, people living in more deprived areas have a higher risk of being infected and experiencing complications of COVID-19.

One impact of the pandemic has been an increase in the unhealthy behaviours that increase our risk of long-term conditions. Many people have been less active, eaten less healthily and drunk more alcohol. People have also experienced poorer mental health and greater social isolation. COVID-19 has also impacted some people's income, employment, and children's education - all factors that can affect their health and wellbeing.

Supporting and improving residents' physical and mental health is vital and initiatives to do so will have wider impacts on economic recovery, workforce productivity and environmental sustainability. Our County-wide "levelling-up" health priority is Cardiovascular Disease (which includes conditions such as heart attacks and stroke) because this is a significant cause of early death, is more common in deprived and some ethnic minority communities, and contributes to worse Covid-19 outcomes.

Community Board Profile Commentary

The Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts community is one of the least deprived in Buckinghamshire, and residents in this community live longer than the average for Buckinghamshire. During their lives, however, many residents in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts community experience poor physical and mental health.

More than a quarter of children aged ten to eleven years old are overweight or obese and nearly 1 in 5 adults are physically inactive. Obesity increases the risk of developing heart disease, diabetes, stroke, dementia and many cancers, as does smoking. Before the pandemic, a higher proportion of residents in Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts had been diagnosed with cancer, dementia, and high blood pressure than the Buckinghamshire average. Whilst this may be related to more older people living in this area compared to Buckinghamshire as a whole, supporting residents to engage in healthy behaviours such as exercise, eating well and not smoking can help to reduce the development of long-term conditions. As less than half of those eligible have received their NHS Health Check, there may be more people in this community at higher risk of stroke, dementia, diabetes and heart disease than is currently known. Data is currently being updated for the post COVID period.

Residents living in southern parts of the community board area have a higher probability of experiencing loneliness. This highlights the importance of developing community activities and promoting resources around mental wellbeing and social isolation for this community. Data is currently being updated for the post COVID period.

Nearly 5000 residents in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts community are estimated to be at higher risk of food poverty, there is limited access to green space for those living in this area, and there is a higher concentration of air pollutants in this community board area than the Buckinghamshire average. Each of these factors contribute to residents' overall health, and initiatives to support those at risk of food poverty, improve public access to green spaces and reduce exposure to air pollution can improve community physical and mental health and support sustainability.

Recommendations

There are many opportunities for the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board to work with Public Health and other partners to support residents to have healthier, happier lives. We propose that you focus on the following areas:

- Preventing diabetes, heart disease and stroke
- Supporting residents to stop smoking
- Improving mental health, tackling social isolation and reducing stigma

In each of these areas, proposed actions that your Board can take are categorised into different levels of input:

1. DEVELOP/FUND

Introduce, expand, or develop initiatives supported by Public Health and/or other partners.

2. PROMOTE, SIGNPOST, REFER or TRAIN

Communicate information about local activities and services to residents, or develop new skills.

3. PARTICIPATE

Represent your community in shaping public health policy and actions across Buckinghamshire.

Six selected DEVELOP/FUND proposals are:

- Fund the Active Movement programme across a group of schools in your local area
- Work with businesses and other partners to increase the use of the Healthy Start vouchers
- Fund one or more community gardens through the Grow it, Cook it, Eat it scheme
- Make your parks and playgrounds smoke free
- Enhance Healthy Ageing projects with community board funds
- Support schools to organise wellbeing service days

Further details on these actions and more can be found in the following pages.

Next Steps

Your Public Health lead, Stephanie Moffat (stephanie.moffat@buckinghamshire.gov.uk), will be pleased to provide more information and support discussions as you explore which actions to work on this year, advise what support is available, and how these might fit in with your other priorities.

For more information and support on any of the actions suggested, get in touch with
Stephanie Moffat at
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Further Considerations

Based on your local insight and knowledge there may be other health and wellbeing priorities you wish to consider for support and action and/or you may already have ideas to address needs identified by the community. The recommendations included in this document are not all encompassing and are intended to start a conversation on where and how the Community Board can get involved to improve local health and well-being.

Further opportunities for supporting a variety of health and wellbeing topics in your area can also be found in the Buckinghamshire Online Directory.

Please see the following pages for the full list and details of proposed actions.

Opportunities for Action – what you can do for residents' health and wellbeing

1. Prevent diabetes, heart disease and stroke by promoting healthier behaviours and knowing your risks

Preventing Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) is our Buckinghamshire-wide priority to “level-up” health. Heart disease, stroke and diabetes are very common, affecting hundreds of residents a year, more commonly in deprived and some ethnic minority communities. Heart disease and stroke account for 20-30% of the gap in life expectancy between the most and least deprived areas in Buckinghamshire.

The good news is a significant proportion of new cases can be prevented by things we can do as individuals and community boards. We can reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and stroke by

- supporting residents to have healthier behaviours
- helping residents know their individual risk and getting advice to reduce this by for example increasing uptake of NHS health checks

The most important behaviours that reduce the risk of developing cardiovascular disease, diabetes, dementia, and many cancers are 1. Not smoking 2. Being physically active 3. Eating a healthy diet and being a healthy weight and 4. Not drinking too much alcohol. Adopting these 4 healthy behaviours could prevent 75% of new cases of heart disease, stroke, and Type 2 diabetes; 40% of cancer cases; and reduce the risk of people suffering serious consequences of COVID-19 and flu. In particular, efforts to reduce and stop smoking in your area can make a huge difference – smoking reduction actions are discussed in further detail separately, under key area two. Healthy behaviours also bring other benefits, at all ages, from boosting school achievement to improving mental health and boosting the economy through increased workforce productivity and reduced sickness absence.

How the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board can act to support this key area:

CONTACT STEPHANIE.MOFFAT@BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.GOV.UK FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY OF THESE ACTIONS	
Develop / Fund	
Active Movement: A behaviour change programme which incorporates achievable activity into daily life. This programme runs in schools and empowers schools to make their environment non sedentary.	The Board can fund the Active Movement programme across schools in the local area. A group of schools will need to be identified for this programme and costs are around £3k per school.
Healthy Start: This programme provides free vouchers to eligible families (pregnant women and families with at least one child under 4, who are on a low income and in receipt of benefits) to help buy basic food and milk as well as vitamin supplements.	The Board can increase awareness of the Healthy Start programme within the community by working with businesses to ensure they are signed up to the scheme and actively promoting it within their stores without the need for the individual to ask if they accept vouchers. The Board can also work collaboratively with Bucks Food Partnership, Helping Hands, the Buckinghamshire Hospital Trust 0-19 service and Public Health to increase awareness, uptake, and distribution outlets.
Grow it, Cook it, Eat it: This programme brings communities together through a common interest to grow their own food, gives them	The Board can fund one or more community gardens to benefit the health and wellbeing of the local community (this project has a wide range of benefits

access to fresh fruit and vegetables, and offers a way to engage in low impact exercise.	including reducing risk of heart disease and alleviating social isolation through promoting community spirit), as well as environmental and green priorities.
Promote, Signpost, Refer and Train	
<p><u>Live Well Stay Well:</u> Buckinghamshire's Healthy Lifestyle Service provides effective and evidence-based support for people to stop smoking, lose weight and be active amongst other support and advice.</p>	Promote the service through your own communication channels, encouraging stakeholders to refer and residents to self-refer.
<p><u>NHS Health Checks:</u> This is the cardiovascular disease prevention programme for people aged 40-74. It helps spot the early warning signs of stroke, diabetes, or cardiovascular disease and offers individual advice on reducing risk.</p>	Help residents find out about and tackle their risk of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes by promoting NHS Health Checks and encouraging residents to attend their appointment.
Participate	
<p>Health Behaviour Campaigns: These are communications and engagement activities to promote healthy behaviours.</p>	<p>Your Community Board can amplify health campaigns to your local community by promoting them through your own communication channels. Examples include: Stoptober (October) Healthy weight (Better You) Alcohol Awareness Week (15-21 Nov 2021)</p>
<p>Whole system approach to obesity: Public Health have recently commenced a 'Whole Systems Approach to Obesity', a health in all policies approach which brings stakeholders from across the county together to create effective local approaches, engaging communities and local assets, to address obesity in Buckinghamshire. An action plan jointly owned by stakeholders will be developed creating a joined up approach to addressing obesity across Buckinghamshire.</p>	Participate in the Whole Systems Approach to Obesity workshops (Sept and Nov '21) and stakeholder events to ensure action plans developed meet the needs of your local communities and fully utilise the assets available.

2. Support residents to stop smoking

Smoking is a major priority for the Council and warrants special focus by Community Boards as a key driver of deaths from heart disease, stroke, diabetes, dementia, and cancer. Most people who currently smoke report wishing that they could quit, or at least reduce their habit, but the addictive nature of nicotine makes this very difficult to achieve. In the absence of professional assistance and peer support, people who smoke in Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board will be likely to continue smoking, damaging their health and that of those around them. Supporting people to quit, or reduce, their smoking habit, is one of the most effective ways to improve the health of your community.

How the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board can act to support this key area:

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Develop / Fund	
Smoke Free Parks and Playgrounds: This is a voluntary ban on smoking in community parks, where children and families are often present. This protects children and adults from second-hand smoke and means children are less likely to observe role models smoking which reduces their risk of taking up smoking.	Identify playgrounds and/or parks in your area to make smoke free and put up signage to show residents that this is a smoke free area. You can encourage community participation by, for example, having local schools enter a 'no smoking' sign competition and use the winning design in your chosen parks. The average cost for each playground is likely to cost around £600, depending on how many signs are needed and for how many parks in your area.
Making Every Contact Count Training: MECC upsills people to have effective and informal healthy conversations around making positive changes to physical and mental health and wellbeing.	Support MECC training within your local area by promoting its availability to your members and partners. You could also organise training sessions in partnership with Public Health.
Promote, signpost refer and train	
Live Well Stay Well: Buckinghamshire's Healthy Lifestyle Service, Live Well Stay Well, provides a smoking cessation service through which over 1200 residents have been supported to quit smoking.	Promote the service through your own communication channels, encouraging stakeholders to refer and residents to self-refer.
Smoke Free Side-lines: From January 2022, local football clubs can pledge to a voluntary ban on smoking on their pitches and in their clubs.	Encourage football clubs in your area to sign up to the smoke free side lines pledge.
Tobacco Roadshows: These are community events that highlight the impact of illicit tobacco.	Promote the roadshow events through your communication channels to encourage the public to attend.
Participate	

Tobacco Control Alliance and Action Plan: Buckinghamshire has a tobacco control strategy (and accompanying action plan) that is overseen by the Tobacco Control Alliance. The strategy aims to save lives and improve the health of thousands of people in Buckinghamshire by minimising their exposure to tobacco and works towards the national ambition for a smoke free generation.	Representative(s) from your community board can be part of the Tobacco Control Alliance and participate in quarterly meetings to inform the Buckinghamshire strategy and action plan for tobacco control.
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3. Co-ordinate community activities and promote resources to improve mental health, tackle social isolation and reduce stigma

The COVID-19 pandemic has had negative impacts on many people's social support networks and mental health. People who experience poor mental health and/or social isolation can be at higher risk of experiencing physical ill health and wider challenges. Community-level efforts to improve social connectivity and mental health resilience, for example, group-based physical activity sessions or campaigns to reduce stigma, can bring wide-ranging benefits to both individual and community health and wellbeing.

How the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board can act to support this key area:

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Develop / Fund	
Healthy Ageing Collaborative: This is a joint initiative between Public Health, Adult Social Care, and the voluntary/community sector. A series of projects to address the emotional and cognitive impacts of isolation and lack of social contact amongst older people will be developed and tested from September 2021.	The Community Board can enhance the test and learn projects by matching the current funding and/or funding additional projects. The Board can also play a key role by encouraging the local VCSE groups to engage with the programme.
School Wellbeing Service Days: Secondary schools can host a wellbeing day for pupils and staff to learn about services that can support their mental health and wellbeing and reduce stigma for young people around discussing mental health.	Support schools in your area to develop and organise a wellbeing service day to promote local services to pupils and staff. Together, you can invite services to speak about what they offer, give out leaflets signposting to services and more.
Grow to give: This initiative supports communities to donate surplus fresh produce from allotments and back gardens to local food banks and community fridges. This encourages healthy eating, promotes sustainability, and fosters community connection.	Set up a local Grow to Give scheme by following the step-by-step guide and using the free resources on the Grow to Give website.
Promote, signpost refer and train	

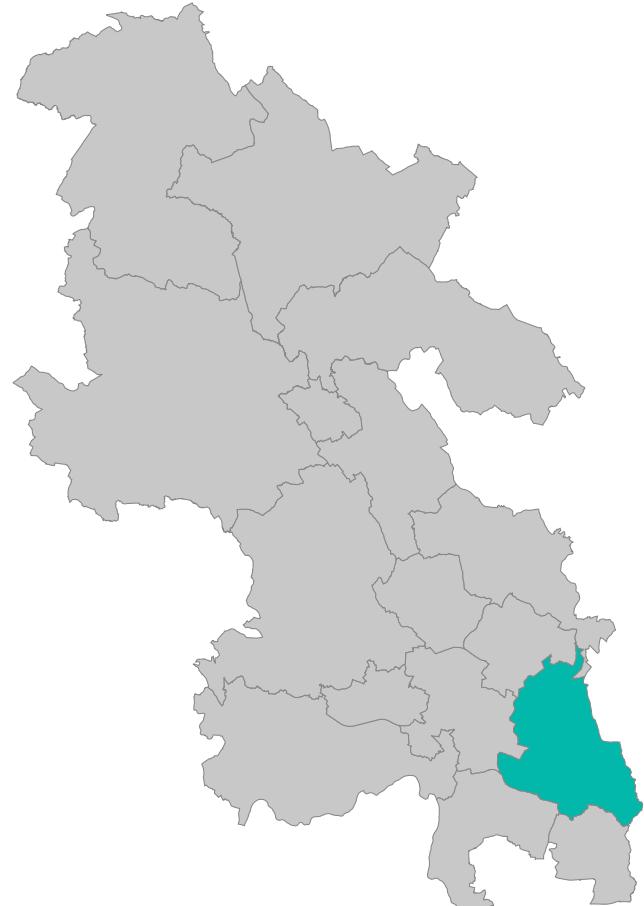
<p><u>Champion the Change – Buckinghamshire Mind:</u></p> <p>Champion the Change Buckinghamshire is a partnership of local organisations and people who are committed to ending mental health stigma and discrimination and create hope for those affected by mental illness. Their activities include holding ‘Big Bucks Chat’ Awareness Days and welcoming people with experience of mental health to become champions.</p>	<p>Promote Champion the Change events, for example, Bucks Big Chat Awareness Days, through your communication channels.</p> <p>Encourage residents and board members to become champions. Champions can organise small community activities, share their stories, and/or create resources for schools, workplaces, and sports clubs.</p>
<p><u>Moving Minds:</u></p> <p>Through this initiative, people with mild-moderate poor mental health are invited to take part in community physical activity sessions. The sessions are delivered by trained instructors and aim to build peoples resilience, self-esteem confidence and support mental health recovery. The sessions will act as a stepping stone for accessing other community based physical activity.</p>	<p>Promote the Moving Minds sessions through your communication channels.</p>
<p>First Aid Training:</p> <p>Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England provide a variety of online and face-to-face courses, including Youth and Adult Mental Heath First Aid training.</p> <p>Further training will also be available via Bucks MIND.</p>	<p>Board members can attend and promote training sessions covering Mental Health First Aid, Suicide First Aid, Psychological First Aid.</p>
<h3>Participate</h3>	
<p>Annual Mental Health Communications:</p> <p>There are a range of communications campaigns throughout the year that promote ways to improve mental health, reduce stigma and/or promote places to get support.</p> <p>You can take part in awareness raising to reduce stigma and help signpost residents who want to get involved in supporting the mental health of their community or those who may benefit from information on services that are available for them to access.</p>	<p>Promote national campaigns through your own communication channels, such as World Suicide Prevention Day (September) and World Mental Health Day (October), using local Buckinghamshire council information, media, tweets and more.</p> <p>Share information on local services that are available for residents to improve their mental health.</p> <p>Have a themed community board meeting on Mental Health and invite local organisations to talk about their work/support that is available.</p>



Community Board Profile

Board Name

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts



Overview



People in your
community



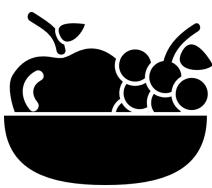
Life expectancy



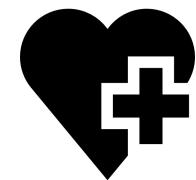
Growing up in your
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Health behaviours



Long term conditions
and healthcare usage



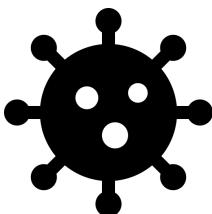
Disease registers



Vulnerable groups



COVID-19 headlines



Natural built
environment



Increasing our
prosperity



Improving community
safety



Reference



Overview

Why are communities important for our health?

The community we live in is one of the most important factors for our health. We thrive in communities with strong social ties, a feeling of togetherness and a sense of belonging. Our local social, economic and physical environment can affect our health directly, the health behaviours we adopt such as being physically active, and sometimes whether we access health and care services. The local environment we live in is vitally important throughout the whole of our life course. In addition, strong communities will be a key driver for recovery from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The indicators included in this Community Board Profile are all important markers of the health and wellbeing of your community and provide a high level overview from existing data. They highlight areas where things are going well but also importantly where improvements can be made. Some data is provided at geographic levels smaller than community board. For further data please see Local Insight ([Local Insight](#) ([communityinsight.org](#))) and Local Health ([Local Health - Public Health England](#))

Please note: If an indicator flags as higher or lower than a comparator this does not suggest statistical significance for that comparison unless stated, therefore will be indicative only. Future refreshes of this profile will hopefully include more of this detail. The data is mostly pre-COVID and provides a useful baseline of the population needs before the pandemic which can also be used to look at the impact of Covid-19 over time. Communities will have more intelligence on local issues and assets which can be incorporated into the full picture of local needs and how they can best be met.

Population



There are 38,760 people living in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area

Health and wellbeing



Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board has a higher life expectancy for men (82.6 years) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 81.8 years (England average 79.8). The life expectancy for women is higher (85.6 years) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 85.1 years (England average 83.4).

Vulnerable groups



6.3% of children are living in poverty in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area, compared with 9.5% across Buckinghamshire

Education and skills



14.6% of people have no qualifications in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area compared with 16.8% across Buckinghamshire...

Housing



0.9% of households lack central heating in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area, compared with 1.4% across Buckinghamshire

Economy



3.6% of people are in receipt of unemployment benefit (JSA and UC) in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area compared with 4.6% across Buckinghamshire

Crime and safety



There are higher levels of crime in Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts compared with the Buckinghamshire average (IoD 2019 Crime Rank)

Access and transport



8.7% of households have no car in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area compared with 12.6% across Buckinghamshire

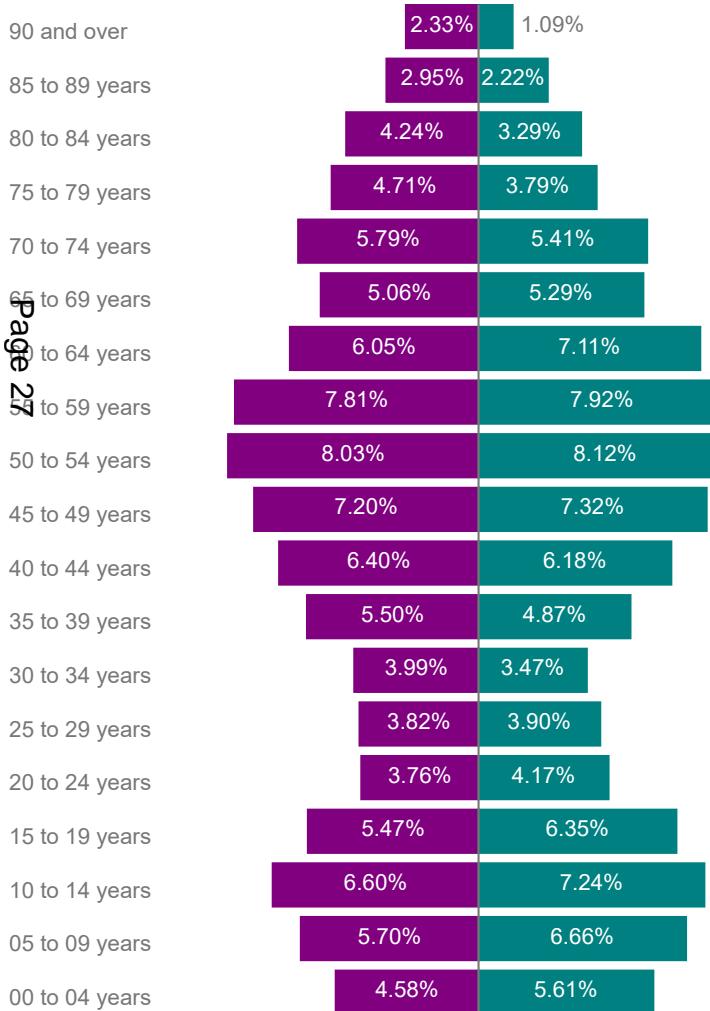
People in your community

Board Name

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts

Age Structure

Female Male

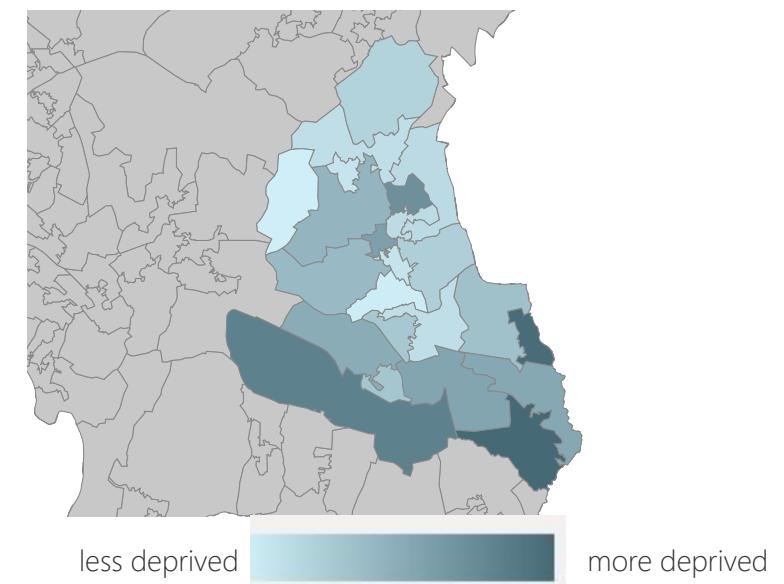
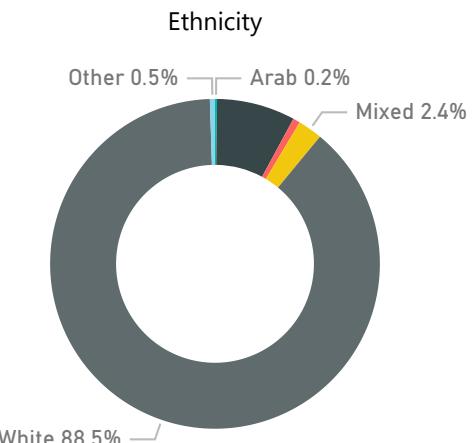


It is important to understand who lives in your community to understand their health and wellbeing. Factors such as age, ethnicity and level of deprivation influence our physical and mental health. Understanding these factors may help decide which interventions may be needed to improve the overall health and wellbeing of the community. For example, areas with higher levels of deprivation are at higher risk of developing multiple long term conditions at a younger age so preventative interventions are needed earlier in the lifecourse.

There are 38,760 people living in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area.

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board has fewer young people than the county average, with 19.5% of the population under 16 years of age (Buckinghamshire average 20.7%, England average 19.2%) and more older people than the county average, with 23.2% of the population aged 65+ (Buckinghamshire average 18.9%, England average 18.4%).

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board is less ethnically diverse than Buckinghamshire as a whole. Ethnic minorities (excluding white minorities) make up 11.4% of the population compared with 13.6% in Buckinghamshire overall, and 14.6% in England.



The Indices of Multiple Deprivation is a relative measure of deprivation of small areas. A higher score indicates an area is experiencing higher deprivation.

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board has a deprivation score of 6.0 within Buckinghamshire (Buckinghamshire as a whole is 10.1). The map shows the pockets of higher deprivation across this community board.

Board Name

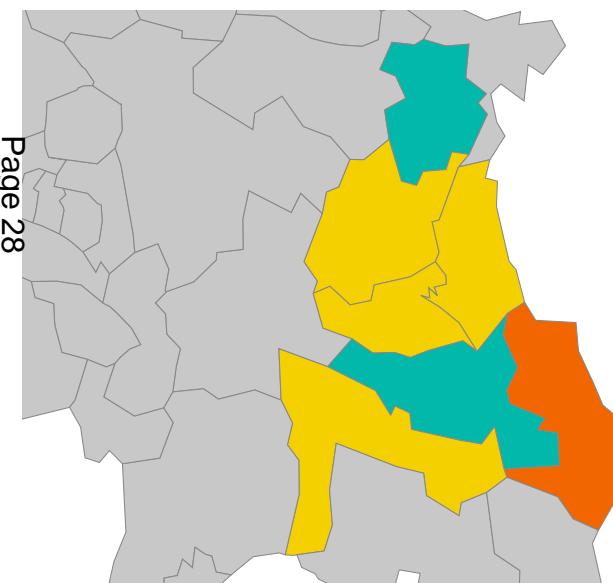
Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts

Life expectancy at birth (males) by MSOA, 2015-19



● Better ● Similar ● Worse

compared to Buckinghamshire average



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81.8 Buckinghamshire

79.8 England

Life Expectancy

Life expectancy is a summary measure of illness and death in an area. It provides an estimation of how many years a newborn baby would expect to live based on current death rates.

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board has a higher life expectancy for men (82.6 years) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 81.8 years (England average 79.8).

The life expectancy for women is higher (85.6 years) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 85.1 years (England average 83.4).

The maps highlight areas within the community board and whether they are significantly different compared to the Buckinghamshire average.

Impact of COVID

Data presented here is pre-COVID and looks at life expectancy up to 2019. Given the very high level of excess deaths due to the Covid-19 pandemic, life expectancy fell in 2020 across the country.

Compared with 2019, life expectancy in England in 2020 was 1.3 years lower for males and 0.9 years lower for females. In Buckinghamshire it was 1.3 years lower for males and 1.5 years lower for females.

This drop in life expectancy has not been experienced equally across the country and national analysis shows more deprived areas have seen a larger drop which has resulted in greater inequalities in 2020.

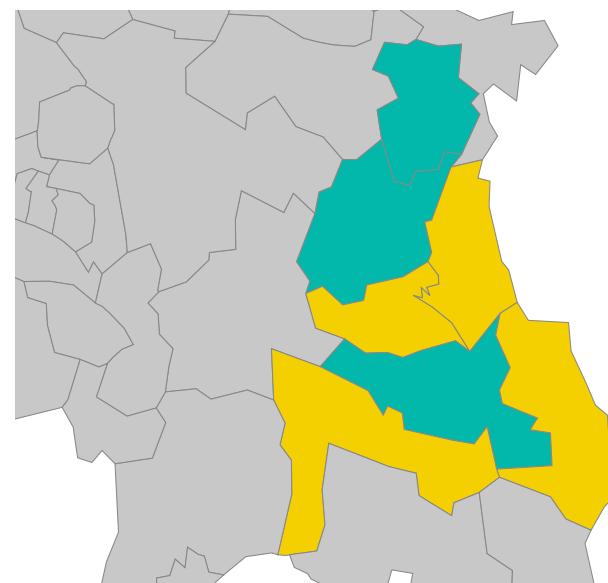
The maps do not match the Community Board boundary exactly. Data is being presented by the Middle Super Output Areas (MSOA) covering the Community Board. These are geographic areas with a mean population of 7,200 people and their boundaries cross the Community Boards boundaries. The interactive profile will enable the maps to be explored in more detail.

Life expectancy at birth (females) by MSOA, 2015-19



● Better ● Similar ● Worse

compared to Buckinghamshire average



85.6 Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chal...

85.1 Buckinghamshire

83.4 England

Growing up in your community

What happens in pregnancy and early childhood impacts on physical and mental health all the way to adulthood. Important factors in the early years include being born at a healthy birth weight, growing up in a household with sufficient income, receiving a good education and adopting healthy behaviours from childhood.

Births (2019)

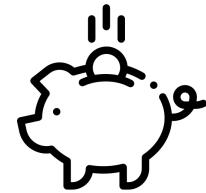
384



Low Birthweight
babies

6.8%

Low birthweight increases the risks of childhood death, developmental problems and is associated with poorer health in later life. Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board had 384 births in the latest year. Of these births 6.8% had a low birthweight, which is lower than the Buckinghamshire average of 6.8% (England average 6.8%).



Children in poverty

6.3%

There is a lower proportion of children living in poverty (6.3%) compared to the Buckinghamshire average of 9.5%. (England average 17.0%).

The children in poverty measure shows the proportion of children (aged 0-15) in families in receipt of out of work benefits, or in receipt of tax credits where their reported income is less than 60% of the median income.



Child excess weight Year 6

29.4%

29.4% of children in year 6 (ages 10 and 11 years), are overweight or obese compared to 31.1% in Buckinghamshire as a whole.

The risk of obesity in adulthood and future obesity-related ill-health are greater as children get older.



School Readiness and Attainment data is not currently available due to Covid-19

Board Name

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts

Health behaviours

The four main health behaviours – smoking, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet and alcohol misuse - account for 40% of all years lived with ill health and disability. Addressing these four behaviours could lead to a reduction by up to 75% in new cases of heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes and a reduction of 40% in new cases of cancer.

The pandemic has led to a rise in unhealthy behaviours. A local survey in Buckinghamshire, following the first lockdown, found 22% of respondents said they were drinking more alcohol during lockdown, a fifth (20%) said they were eating less healthy and nutritious food and more than a third (38%) were doing less exercise. National surveys show 40% of the population gained weight during the pandemic and demand for drug and alcohol services increased. In Buckinghamshire, this demand increased by 15% for alcohol services over 2020.



Adult Obesity

Data will be added to
this section once
available



Adults who are physically inactive

19.2%

- lower proportion of adults
who are physically inactive
(19.2%) compared to the
Buckinghamshire average
(20.3%)



Smoking

Data will be added to
this section once
available



Treatment for drugs and alcohol
(rate per 100,000 population)

72.3

- lower rate of residents (per
100,000 population) receiving
treatment for alcohol and
non-opiate misuse (72) than the
county overall (134)

Data on disease registers will be added to this section once available.

Long term conditions and healthcare use

Long term conditions not only cause significant amounts of poor health to individuals but they also lead to higher use of health care and social care. These conditions are often preventable by adopting healthy behaviours, but also through dedicated prevention strategies such as the NHS Health Checks programme. In addition, people with some long term conditions, such as heart disease, are at higher risk of poorer outcomes following infection with coronavirus (COVID-19).

Emergency Hospital Admissions 2019/20 by illness - Directly Standardised Rate per 100,000 population

Board Name	All	Cancer*	Cardiovascular	Dementia	Mental Health*	Respiratory	Under 5 years
Amersham	8,690	148.4	642.1	566.3	83.8	1,110	19,786
Aylesbury	12,888	242.8	1,014.5	604.0	118.7	1,719	24,439
Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye	8,578	179.9	715.8	471.3	77.6	1,165	19,977
Beeches	10,896	182.0	870.8	586.1	88.9	1,501	19,811
Buckingham and Villages	9,083	230.0	824.3	560.2	75.5	1,293	24,213
Chesham and Villages	9,739	167.7	765.1	524.7	72.0	1,374	23,095
Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts	9,660	221.9	751.0	516.7	62.0	1,445	20,054
Haddenham and Waddesdon	10,243	193.3	779.7	558.3	48.7	1,238	24,004
High Wycombe	12,494	220.9	1,077.4	795.1	112.9	1,811	26,102
Missendens	9,119	152.8	721.5	420.5	77.5	1,068	25,942
North West Chilterns	10,116	169.4	738.2	477.6	82.0	1,262	23,716
South West Chilterns	8,981	141.6	744.9	481.0	50.7	1,236	20,943
Wendover	10,067	219.5	724.7	449.1	61.8	1,247	20,169
Wexham and Ivers	10,909	212.2	1,024.7	622.3	106.5	1,394	19,865
Wing and Ivinghoe	10,422	194.7	799.6	599.2	107.0	1,261	22,031
Winslow and Villages	9,288	184.2	676.8	606.8	64.7	1,473	27,156
Buckinghamshire	10,283	193.3	819.0	549.9	84.6	1,389	23,042

The standardised rates used here are taking into account differences in ages of populations so comparisons across areas can be made. The rates above are based on number of admissions per 100,000 population - all age population is used for all except under 5 admissions. **Red** indicates the admission rate calculated is statistically significant higher than the Buckinghamshire average, **Amber** indicates the rate is similar and **Green** indicates the rate is significantly lower.

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board (where a rank of 1 out of 16 indicates higher emergency admissions):

- Ranks 10 for emergency admissions overall
- Ranks 3 for cancer emergency admissions
- Ranks 9 for cardiovascular emergency admissions
- Ranks 11 for dementia emergency admissions
- Ranks 13 for mental health emergency admissions
- Ranks 12 for under 5 years emergency admissions
- Ranks 5 for respiratory emergency admissions

NHS Health Checks



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Uptake 2019/20

45.3%

NHS Health Checks (%)

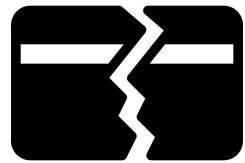
The admissions data in this profile is pre-Covid-19 and covers 2019/20 (*due to smaller numbers for cancer and mental health emergency admissions, in a single year, data presented for these covers 2017 to 2019). Data is presented showing whether the rate is statistically significantly different to the Buckinghamshire average.

The NHS Health Check programme aims to help prevent heart disease, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease. A high take up is important to identify early signs of poor health leading to opportunities for early interventions. Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board had a higher uptake of health checks (45.3%) compared with the Buckinghamshire average (43.8%).

Source: Long term conditions - HES data extracted from NHS Digital Data Access Environment (DAE) (2019/20); Office for National Statistics (ONS) mid-year population estimate for relevant year; TCR (Nottingham) Quest Health Checks Reporting; and Buckinghamshire Public Health Intelligence.

Vulnerable groups

Individuals in certain vulnerable groups (e.g. those who are living on low income, socially isolated or unemployed) experience worse mental and physical health outcomes compared with the general population. For example, people living in more deprived circumstances are more likely to have multiple long term conditions and develop these at a younger age compared to those living in least deprived circumstances. The Covid-19 pandemic also continues to have wider impacts on communities including social, educational and economic impacts which affect health and wellbeing. These impacts have also not been experienced equally across the population and many have increased existing health inequalities.



Personal debt
(unsecured loans) per
person aged 18+
£811.60

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Personal debt in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area (£811.62) is greater than the Buckinghamshire average (£751.71), and greater than the England average (£661.90).



Unemployment Benefit
Claimants
3.0%



Food Poverty
4,890

Residents living in households at higher risk of food poverty (September 2019)

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board has a lower proportion of unemployment benefit claimants (3.0%) compared to the Buckinghamshire average (3.9%), and a lower proportion than the England average (5.6%).

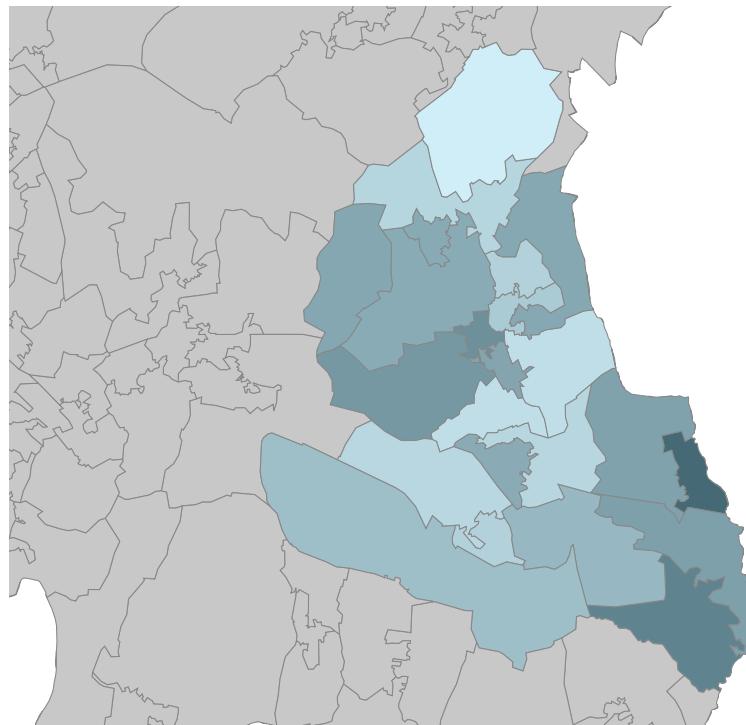
Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board residents have a below above average risk of food poverty compared to the county overall. 4,890 residents are living in households at a higher risk of food poverty (12.4% of the Community Board population). This compares with 79,896 people in Buckinghamshire overall (14.9% of th...

Vulnerable groups (2)

People who experience social isolation and loneliness are more likely to experience depression and anxiety, be physically inactive, smoke and drink alcohol, have an increased risk of heart disease and dementia, and die prematurely. Adults most at risk of being lonely, and increasingly over the pandemic, have one or more of the following characteristics: they are young, living alone, on low incomes, out of work and, or with a mental health condition.

Probability of loneliness by LSOA

(a value closer to 0 predicts a greater prevalence of loneliness)



Data is difficult to collect on social isolation and loneliness. The indicator presented on this page shows an estimate of risk of being lonely in the older age groups at small area geographies within the community board area.

Loneliness and social isolation can affect people of all ages though, including children, and can have a significant impact on health and wellbeing. Nationally, people aged 16 to 24 years were more likely to say they felt lonely than any other age group. During October 2020 and February 2021 an estimated 11.8% of the Buckinghamshire population (16+ years) reported feeling lonely.

The probability of loneliness in those aged 65 years and over in Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts is lower (-4.33) than the Buckinghamshire average (-4.18). The average for England is -3.9. A value closer to 0 predicts a greater prevalence of loneliness.

In addition, the proportion of working age residents receiving personal independence payments (PIP) is lower (2.3%) than the Buckinghamshire average (3.2%), and lower than the England average (6.2%).



2.3%

Personal Independence
Payment (PIP)

less prevalence of loneliness



greater prevalence of loneliness

COVID-19 headlines

Board Name

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts

Covid-19 has undoubtedly had an impact across Buckinghamshire. The data on this page highlights the direct impacts looking at the cumulative picture in terms of cases, deaths and vaccination uptake. Data will be updated for this page at regular intervals in the interactive version of this profile.

COVID Cases

10,198

COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population (up to 20 Sept 2021)

South East

9,538

England

11,175

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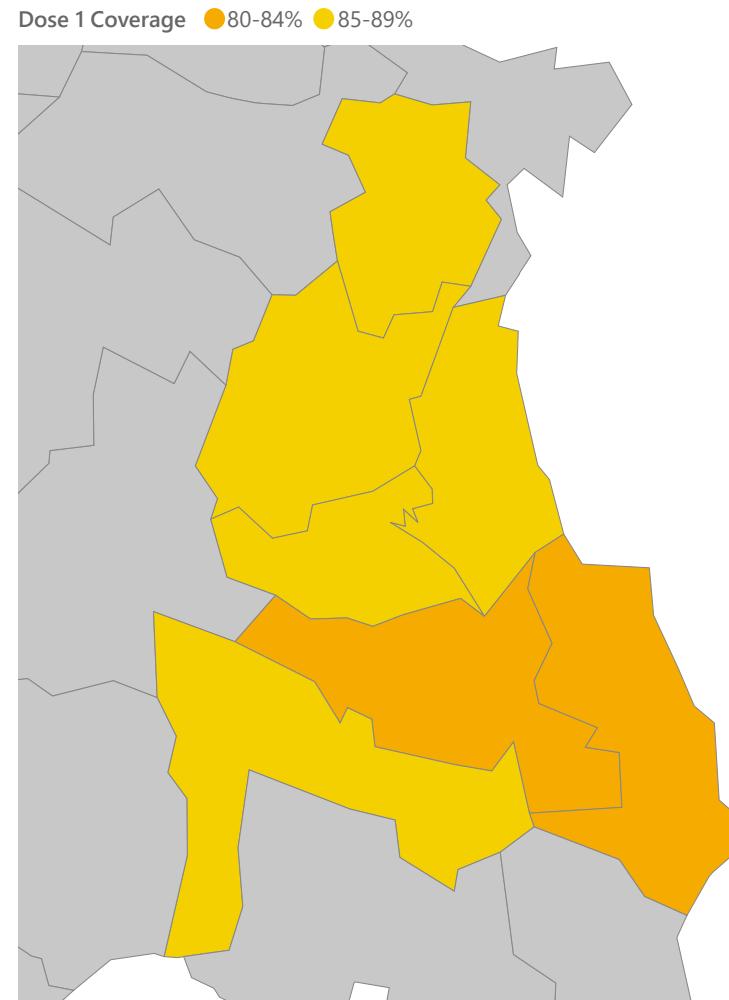
COVID Deaths

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Deaths involving COVID - data up to July 2021

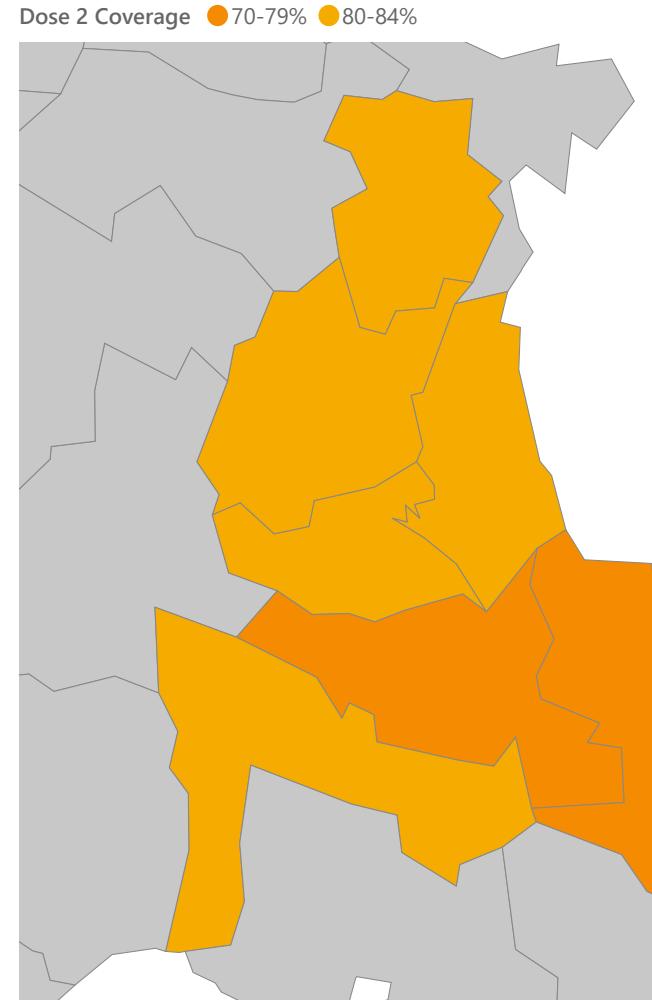
Vaccine data up to and including

19/09/2021



Vaccine data up to and including

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The maps do not match the Community Board boundary exactly. Data is being presented by the Middle Super Output Areas (MSOA) covering the Community Board. These are geographic areas with a mean population of 7,200 people and their boundaries cross the Community Board boundaries. The interactive profile will enable the maps to be explored in more detail.

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Natural built environment

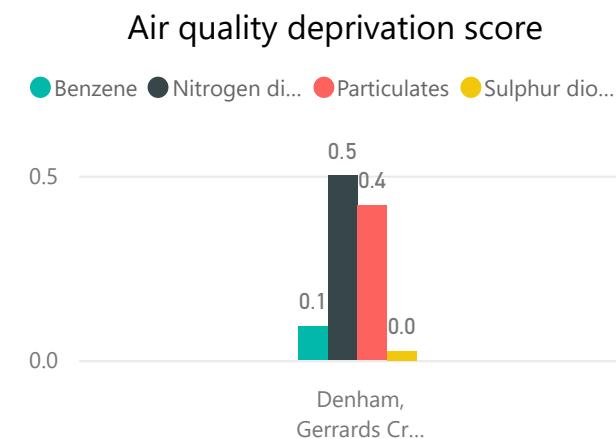
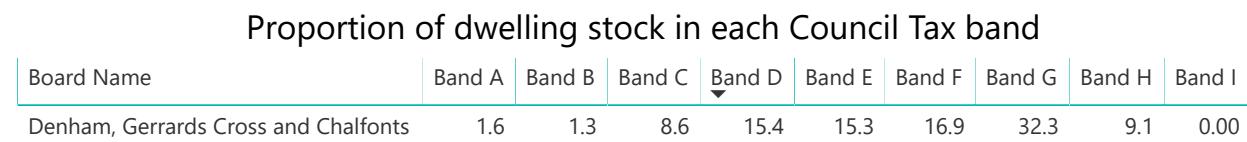


Median house price

£735,352

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Being in contact with the natural environment is vital for our mental wellbeing and physical health at all ages. Air pollution contributes to a range of poor health outcomes including low birth weight babies, stroke, dementia, lung disease and heart disease. The environment affects our mental health and ability to adopt healthy behaviours such as being physically active.

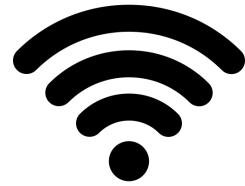


The Office for National Statistics Health Index ([Health Index \(lcp.uk.com\)](https://www.lcp.uk.com/)) measures how healthy people are today and also looks at wider social and economic circumstances that will influence peoples ability to live healthy lives. For Buckinghamshire as a whole the index highlights public green space and access to green space for residents below the national average. The two maps on the online version show the council services and the accessible green space in this community board area.

The median house price in Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts (£735,352) is higher than the Buckinghamshire average (£472,944), and higher than the England average (£297,067)

The Indices of Deprivation (IoD) 2019 Air Quality measure is an estimate of the concentration of pollutants. Overall, the Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board Area has a higher concentration of air pollutants than the Buckinghamshire average, and a higher concentration than the England average.

- lower concentration of Benzene (0.092) than the Buckinghamshire average (0.093)
- higher concentration of Nitrogen Dioxide (0.5) than the Buckinghamshire average (0.377)
- higher concentration of Particulates (0.42) than the Buckinghamshire average (0.407) - lower concentration ...



Broadband speed (Mbit/s)

38.9

Shows the average broadband download linespeed (Mbit/s) for connections in the area.

The broadband speed in Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board is slower than the average for Buckinghamshire (39.9 Mbit/s) and slower than the national average (England, 45.1 Mbit/s).

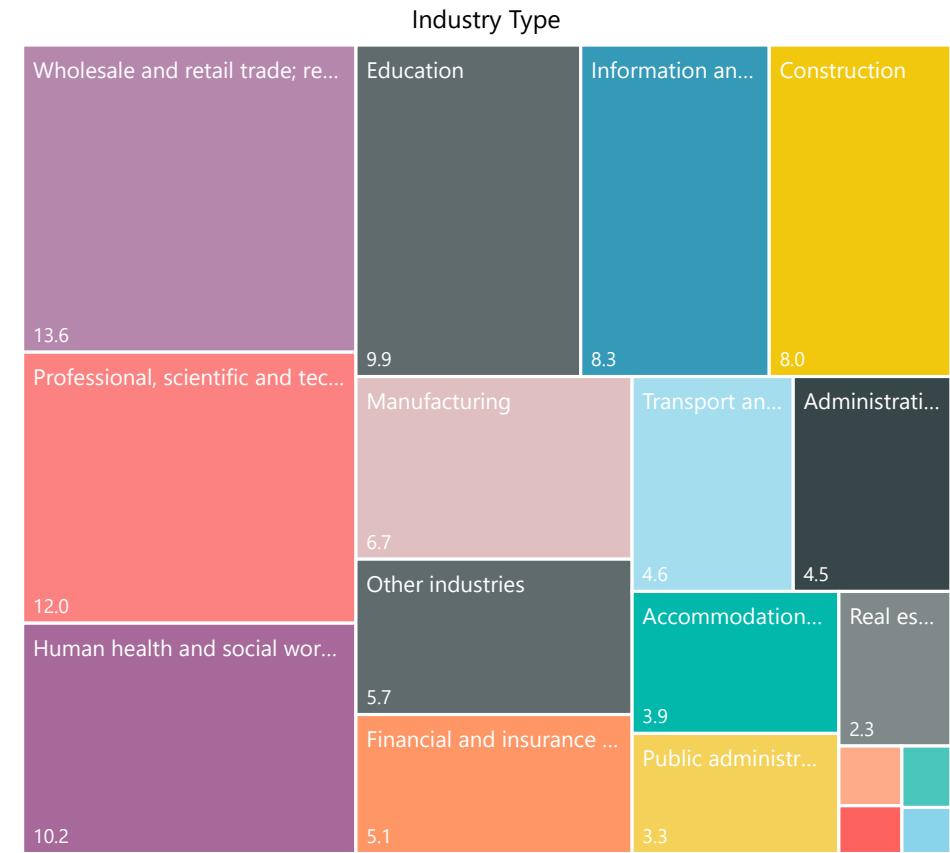


Jobs density (%)

85.1

Shows the number of jobs located in the local area as a percentage of the working age population in that area

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts has a higher jobs density (85.1%) than Buckinghamshire (74.7%). The overall jobs density for England is 78.1%.



Shows the proportion of people in employment aged 16-74 working in each industrial sector

Board Name

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts ✓



Safer
Buckinghamshire
Partnership
Priorities

Resilience in the
Community

Protecting the
vulnerable

Reducing crime
linked to Drugs,
Alcohol and Mental
Health

Tackling Domestic
Violence and Abuse

Preventing
offending



Improving community safety

Crime rates (per 1,000 residents)

Board Name	ASB	Burglary	Drug crime	Vehicle crime	Violent crime and sexual offences	Total crime offences	Domestic Violence and Abuse
Amersham	7.90	8.60	1.9	4.7	16.6	53.70	7.00
Blenheim	12.70	5.60	4.7	4.1	31.6	83.10	11.20
Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye	9.10	7.90	1.5	4.4	17.2	53.30	5.90
Cheshires	8.60	12.90	1.9	7.6	23.6	69.60	8.80
Buckingham and Villages	5.00	7.30	1.5	3.2	19.9	47.30	8.70
Chesham and Villages	12.60	10.40	2.6	5.1	25.8	74.00	11.30
Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts	9.30	11.90	2.6	8.0	18.1	65.30	7.30
Haddenham and Waddesdon	4.30	9.80	1.0	3.0	13.1	35.50	6.20
High Wycombe	13.60	7.60	4.1	6.0	34.6	92.00	14.30
Missendens	7.90	7.00	1.1	2.5	14.2	42.70	6.20
North West Chilterns	6.40	5.00	1.3	4.2	15.6	42.60	7.50
South West Chilterns	8.80	7.20	1.3	5.0	18.4	56.90	7.90
Wendover	6.60	4.10	1.2	3.5	16.1	44.70	7.60
Wexham and Ivers	8.60	12.60	2.5	11.8	24.7	86.40	13.20
Wing and Ivinghoe	6.80	6.60	1.2	3.9	15.9	42.70	5.00
Winslow and Villages	3.30	7.80	0.7	3.6	14.8	36.70	6.10
Buckinghamshire	9.10	7.90	2.3	5.0	22.0	62.50	
South East	21.80	8.80	2.8	4.4	29.7	90.00	
England	29.30	10.70	3.1	5.4	29.2	99.70	

Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board

- Ranks 4 for incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour

Includes behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress, such as littering, public drunkenness, noisy neighbours, aggressive dogs and vandalism. Some, but not all, ASB may also be a crime.

- Ranks 3 for Burglary crime

Includes theft, or attempted theft, from a premise where access is not authorised. Both residential and commercial premises are included

- Ranks 3 for Drug crimes

Includes possession, consumption, supply of or the intent to supply illegal drugs.

- Ranks 2 for Vehicle crime

Includes theft of, theft from, or tampering with a vehicle.

- Ranks 8 for Violent crime and sexual offences

Includes a range of offences from harassment and common assault, to grievous bodily harm and all sexual offences.

- Ranks 10 for Domestic Violence and Abuse

Includes occurrences from any of the crime types that are deemed to be related to Domestic Abuse. DVA occurrences are a subset of other crime type rather than an additional crime type.

Improving community safety (2)

Crime rates (per 1,000 residents)



Antisocial Behaviour

9.3



Burglary

11.9



Drug crime

2.6



Total Crime Offences

65



Vehicle crime

8.0



Violent crime and sexual offences

18.1



Domestic Violence and Abuse

7.3

Outcome Rate %

Aylesbury LPA: 17%

Chiltern & South Bucks LPA: 14%

Wycombe LPA: 15%

Outcome rate (%) is the proportion of 'Positive Outcomes' a Local Policing Area (LPA) has achieved as defined by the Home Office.

The overall crime rate in Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board area is higher than the Buckinghamshire average and lower than the England average.

Compared to the Buckinghamshire average, Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board has a higher rate of Anti-social Behaviour, Burglary, Drug Crime, Vehicle Crime, and a lower rate of Violent Crime and Sexual Offences, Domestic Violence and A...

Improving community safety (3)

Indices of Deprivation 2019 Score



Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts has a lower IMD score than Buckinghamshire, suggesting it has a lower level of deprivation.

The Indices of Deprivation are a relative measure of deprivation across England. The overall Index of Multiple Deprivation combines together indicators under seven different domains of deprivation: Income Deprivation; Employment Deprivation; Education Skills and Training Deprivation; Health Deprivation and Disability; Crime; Barriers to Housing and Services and Living Environment Deprivation. A higher score indicates that an area is experiencing high levels of deprivation.

References

Domain	Indicator name	Tooltip description
(1) People in your community	Deprivation - IMD Score	A higher value indicates a greater level of deprivation. The Indices of Deprivation 2019 are a relative measure of deprivation for small areas (Local Authorities). It consists of seven domains of deprivation: Income Deprivation; Employment Deprivation; Education Skills and Training Deprivation; Health Deprivation; Crime and Safety Deprivation; Living Environment Deprivation; and Housing Deprivation. A higher score indicates that an area is experiencing high levels of deprivation.
(1) People in your community	White ethnic groups	Shows the proportion of people who identify their ethnicity as specified ethnic group. This information was created from responses to the ethnic background question. The question covers all people usually resident in the area and shows the detailed 16-way classification of ethnic groups. Rate calculated as = (Ethnic Group (census KS201))/(All usual residents (census KS201))*100
(1) People in your community	Mixed ethnic groups	Shows the proportion of people who identify their ethnicity as specified ethnic group. This information was created from responses to the ethnic background question. The question covers all people usually resident in the area and shows the detailed 16-way classification of ethnic groups. Rate calculated as = (White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British (census KS201))/(All usual residents (census KS201))*100
(1) People in your community	Asian ethnic groups	Shows the proportion of people who identify their ethnicity as specified ethnic group. This information was created from responses to the ethnic background question. The question covers all people usually resident in the area and shows the detailed 16-way classification of ethnic groups. Rate calculated as = (White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British (census KS201))/(All usual residents (census KS201))*100
(1) People in your community	Black ethnic groups	Shows the proportion of people who identify their ethnicity as specified ethnic group. This information was created from responses to the ethnic background question. The question covers all people usually resident in the area and shows the detailed 16-way classification of ethnic groups. Rate calculated as = (White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British (census KS201))/(All usual residents (census KS201))*100
(1) People in your community	Arab ethnic group	Shows the proportion of people who identify their ethnicity as specified ethnic group. This information was created from responses to the ethnic background question. The question covers all people usually resident in the area and shows the detailed 16-way classification of ethnic groups. Rate calculated as = (White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British (census KS201))/(All usual residents (census KS201))*100
(1) People in your community	Other ethnic group	Shows the proportion of people who identify their ethnicity as specified ethnic group. This information was created from responses to the ethnic background question. The question covers all people usually resident in the area and shows the detailed 16-way classification of ethnic groups. Rate calculated as = (White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British (census KS201))/(All usual residents (census KS201))*100
(1) People in your community	Non-white ethnic group	Shows the proportion of people who identify their ethnicity as specified ethnic group. This information was created from responses to the ethnic background question. The question covers all people usually resident in the area and shows the detailed 16-way classification of ethnic groups. Rate calculated as = (White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British (census KS201))/(All usual residents (census KS201))*100
(1) People in your community	Population aged 0-15	Shows the proportion of the total population in each age group. These population figures are taken from the Office for National Statistics (OIS). Rate calculated as = (Population in age group)/(Total population)*100
(1) People in your community	Population of working age (16-64)	Shows the proportion of the total population in each age group. These population figures are taken from the Office for National Statistics (OIS). Rate calculated as = (Population in age group)/(Total population)*100
(1) People in your community	Population aged 65+	Shows the proportion of the total population in each age group. These population figures are taken from the Office for National Statistics (OIS). Rate calculated as = (Population in age group)/(Total population)*100