



Wendover and Villages Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Wendover and Villages Community Board held on Thursday 1 July 2021 in Virtual meeting via MS Teams.

Committee members present

S Bulpett, M Collins, B Chapple OBE, T Dixon, S Morgan, R Newcombe and W Raja, L Ronson, B Thompson, P Wyatt,

Others in attendance

A Atkins, R Blackmore, A Brown, H Dean, N Dicker, J Durden-Moore, S Feeney, J Grant, R McMullen, P Moring, C Perkins, K Shanahan, T Skeggs, M Tubb, S Worth

Officers in attendance

M Parker and A-M Kenward and J Wainwright

Agenda Item

1 Apologies / Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received Cllr S Bowles, Mr A Dunbar, Inspector J Davies, M Nodes, M Simons, Cllr P Strachan, Cllr D Summers and Cllr D Thompson

2 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held 16 March 2021 were AGREED as an accurate record.

3 Introduction to Community Board and Review of last year

Ms M Parker and the Chairman, Community Board Co-Ordinator, referred to the report circulated with the agenda and the presentation appended to these minutes.

4 Key areas of focus, views on local priorities and establishing action groups

The item consisted of discussion, presentations and an interactive session on Google Documents to capture ideas and local areas of concern.

Each Community Board had been allocated additional funds to tackle the 4 areas of focus outlined below:

- Economy and Regeneration.
- Environment and Climate Change.

- Highways and Transportation.
- Health and Wellbeing.

Ms H Dean, Bucks Business First (BBF) and Mr J Grant, local business owner gave a presentation on local regeneration. A copy of the presentation would be appended to these minutes.

5 Funding Summary Overview

The Chairman referred to the papers circulated with the agenda.

£5110 of unallocated funds from 2020/21 had been carried over into 2021/22 giving a total budget for the year of £801,522. It was noted there would be no provision to carry over funds into 2022/23 however it would be possible to allocate funds to be spent on agreed projects for the following year. Unallocated funds would be returned to the central council budget.

Applications for funding could be made online on the [Buckinghamshire Council website](#). More in-depth guidance was now available online following a review in March 2021. Ms M Parker, Community Board co-ordinator, recommended contact her before making an application so she could support and answer questions.

6 TVP Update

Inspector J Davies gave his apologies. A copy of his local policing update would be appended to these minutes.

7 Community Matters

GP Service provision

There continued to be concerns regarding current and future GP provision in the local area given the high number of new housing developments at different stages of completion.

- Buckinghamshire Council's Health and Social Care Committee (HASC) were aware of concerns both locally and throughout Buckinghamshire. Like this board they had asked for reassurances from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) but had found a reluctance to answer.
- Current issues with Popular Grove Surgery, had been raised with the HASC.
- The Chairman felt that the HASC were in a better placed to put pressure on the CCG but recommended a small number of members met to discuss local issues and make sure the HASC was kept aware of them.

HS2 safety fund

The first ever round of applications to this fund had resulted in 35 applications totalling over £4m across Buckinghamshire for £1m of available funding. Applications from within the board area had been rejected at the first stage leading to the following concerns which would be taken as feedback:

- No information had been given as to how decisions had been made and a list of declined/approved applications had not been published. Members of the board felt unable to scrutinise decisions without this information.

- Ms J Wainwright, HS2 Engagement and Funds Officer, had been told by senior members of the Localities Team that Community Boards should not be involved. However, members of this board would like to see consultation with Community Boards and local councillors, neither of whom had been involved. This was felt to be contradictory to the funds aims.
- Ms Parker stated that there had been plans to bring details to the Highways and Infrastructure action group but details had not been available ahead of this meeting.

8 Looking Ahead

Ms M Parker, Community Board Co-Ordinator, opened the follow to views on future focus of the Community Board.

The following points were discussed:

- Volunteers were needed to join the action groups for the year ahead, interested parties should contact Mr Parker. Once formed each group would have their own action plan showing areas of work and progress.
- With many ongoing house building projects it was felt to be important to include new residents and their views. There was discussion as to how the community board could reach out to support new residents, some of whom be moving from an urban to rural area. Ms Parker would speak with Halton Parish Councillors to discuss their upcoming fete, which hoped to support this aim, and discuss fast tracking their application for funding to support this.

9 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21 September 2021, 7pm

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Community Boards

Wendover and Villages

Michelle Parker

Community Boards The Vision

Vision:

- For boards to proactively support council priorities at a very local level and in a way which is the best fit for that local community.
- For boards to connect the council with community groups, partners and residents to understand what matters to them and work together to problem solve.

How?

- The boards will use data and insight to understand local issues and help unblock issues or request projects that make an impact for local people and improve outcomes for residents.
- Action groups will explore local priorities, projects, and creative ways to make local changes
- Sharing local intelligence with each other and council services





Community Boards

Introductions

- Community Board Chair – Mike Collins
- Community Board Vice Chair – Richard Newcombe
- Service Director – Nigel Dicker
- Localism Manager – Kama Wager
- Community Board Coordinator – Michelle Parker



Community
Boards

The Community Board Coordinator

- Dedicated coordinator for each board
- Championing the needs of the area
- Driving force with local members and residents in a new collaborative style of working
- Engage and develop effective relationships with local partners, community groups and local people
- Works closely with the Chair and other councillors and officers
- First point of contact for town and parish councils, community groups, local organisations, partners and local people
- Administer the local delegated budget including monitoring and evaluation



Community
Boards

The Community Board Chair & Vice Chair

- Responsible for making sure the board is operating in alignment with the corporate priorities and policies of the Council
- Making sure the voice of the local community is at the heart of the work of their board
- Providing leadership to make sure the objectives and priorities of Community Boards are met
- Representing the board at Chairs' meetings
- Taking part in ongoing training
- Oversight and development of an action plan that is based on data and insight, supporting council and local priorities
- The Chair and Vice Chair will work closely with their Community Board Coordinator to develop an area action plan based on each board's priorities, and to collate pertinent information to ensure the agendas for the Community Board meetings are always relevant, inclusive and engaging.

The Chairs will get together regularly throughout the year to share ideas and best practice to enable this new way of working with our communities to continue to develop and improve.



Community Boards

Service Directors

- Demonstrate senior leadership commitment from the council to this way of working.
- Provide senior officer representation at key community board meetings. Take an active role at the formal (recorded) meetings including giving the update on Buckinghamshire Council news (a briefing note will be provided) and leading discussions on any BC consultations.
- Troubleshoot problems or issues
- Advise on any 'hot topics' in the area which the council needs to address
- Support the community board coordinator to follow up issues which are raised at Community Boards
- Provide feedback and direction on corporate issues, raising these issues if required with senior management
- Challenge services where further support to Community Boards is required
- Support community boards to develop an action plan that is evidence based, outcome-focused and linked to council's corporate plan objectives.
- Make sure that the Corporate Director, Service Director and Portfolio Holder for Community Services are kept aware and upto-date on any issues or problems arising at Area Boards
- Attend agenda setting or reflection meetings with the Coordinator, Chair and Vice-Chair to drive forward the work of the community board.
- Encourage good use of internal and external funding opportunities.

Community Board Membership Town & Parish Councils

- Aston Clinton
- Bierton with Broughton
- Buckland
- Drayton Beauchamp
- Halton
- Hulcott
- Kingsbrook
- Stoke Mandeville
- Wendover
- Weston Turville



Community Board Wendover and Villages

Who's involved?

- Buckinghamshire councillors
- Local businesses
- Health colleagues
- Voluntary & Charity Sector organisations
- Places of worship
- Parish councillors
- Thames Valley Police
- Community Associations
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Residents
- Schools



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Key Contacts

Julie Ward
(Chairman)



Mike Collins
(Vice-Chair)



Michelle Parker
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population size is over **26,000**
- **20%** of the population are 65+ years old.
- **920** clinically extremely vulnerable
- **7.2%** of children are living in poverty
- **24.8%** Year 6 children are overweight and obese.
- **9.2%** babies have low birthweight
- **41%** take up of NHS Health Checks
- **2.4%** claim unemployment benefits
- **19.8%** physical inactivity in adults
- **28.5%** of adults are obese.
- **3,416** households at higher risk of food poverty.
- **14** schools are within the area.

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- Local priorities/ working groups established
- **8** projects funded
- **14.3%** of budget allocated



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Top 5 Successes

- Created an opportunity for community groups, organisations and Cllrs to work together on COVID Recovery for the local area supporting vulnerable residents e.g. COVID Recovery working group.
- Funded transport and highways projects within the area; for projects that had been an issue for a number of years e.g. Perch Bridge, Halton
- Funded Lindengate charity to run a 'Planted' programme for young people who are facing mental health challenges and feel like they have nowhere to go.
- Funded a Community Care Package project for approximately 30 vulnerable residents within the Bierton area.
- Developed good working relationships with Town and Parish Councils creating a Clerks Forum to enable strong links with Buckinghamshire Council providing support and aligning all the work that already takes place within the area.

Community Board Priorities



Covid-19 Response and Recovery



Transport and Infrastructure



Community Safety



Supporting vulnerable adults and young people

Working Groups

The Community Board created 4 working groups for those areas that there was a focus and drive to have discussions to tackle local issues.

These working groups addressed issues and concerns and took action to support the local community, issues raised and what support was needed from the Community Board

“The Wendover and Villages Community Board reflects localism at it’s best. This is a real opportunity for community focused projects and organisations to deliver real change and results right on their own doorsteps and in the heart of their communities. Community Board open the door to everybody to make a positive contribution. The fantastic participation of the members, officers and guests so far has shown what can be achieved and I would like to thank everyone for helping to get the board off to a fantastic start.”

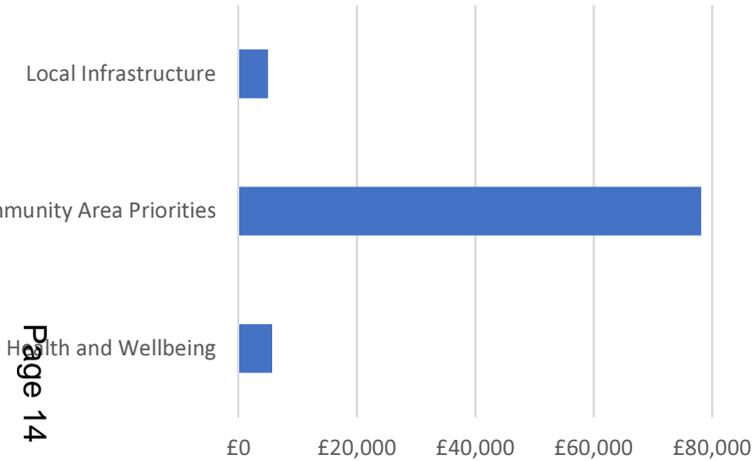
- Cllr. Julie W...



Next meeting: Thursday 1 July @ 7pm

Budget Breakdown

2020/21 Expenditure To Date



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Total budget for 2020/2021
£596,422

Funding allocated so far
£88,819

Project Summaries



The Community Board have funded transport and highway schemes within the area such as Rumble Strips within Weston Turville, Feasibility Study to reduce the speed limit in Green End Street, repairs to Perch Bridge in Halton and Speed Indicator Device in Kingsbrook.



Lindengate 13-18 year olds nature based programme

'Planted' is a programme offered to young people who are facing mental health challenges and feel like they have nowhere to go. This is a course that will help them connect with nature and creativity. To gain a sense of achievement and purpose.

Get Involved

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



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2020/21 In Review

April- May 2020

Highlights & Board Focus

- Cllr Crisis Fund launched in response to the first lockdown.
- Supporting local VCS groups in supporting vulnerable residents during lockdown.

Projects Funded

- Wendover Dementia Support – Telephone advice helpline (£1k)
- Chiltern MS Centre – Zoom subscription (£1k)
- Wendover Youth Centre – Penpal Scheme (£925)
- Aston Clinton COVID 19 Support Group (£1.4k)
- Lindengate – Rest and Reflect Programme (2k)

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June- July 2020

- Launch of Community Boards
- **First meeting- 28 July 2020**
- Introduction to Chair and Coordinator, key topics included presentation from Public Health Buckinghamshire presenting information and insight relevant to the local area.
- Discussion of priorities for the area

August- September 2020

- Started networking within the area; discussing issues and concerns with the parish councils, Cllrs and partner organisations.
- Established an informal Clerks Forum for the parishes to network; share ideas and concerns.

2020/21 In Review

October -
November 2020

Highlights & Board Focus

- **Second meeting- 1 October 2020**
- Meeting focus on Transport and Highways applications.
- Update from TVP and Community Safety issues within the local area.
- Presentation provided by Aylesbury Garden Town on collaborative working.
- **Third meeting – 24 November 2020**
- Presentations on the Impact of COVID on the Community; HS2 update and Strategic Infrastructure.
- Funding applications were reviewed.

Projects Funded

- Transport and Highways Schemes approved:
 - Perch Bridge – Halton - £3,757
 - Rumble Strips – Weston Turville - £3,927
 - 20mph speed limit – Aston Clinton £21,602
 - Waiting restrictions – Aston Clinton £10,987
 - Speed Indicator Device – Kingsbrook £2,500
- Bierton Parish Council – Community Care Package - £440
- Lindengate – Nature-based wellbeing and resilience programme for 13-18 year olds - £26,540

December 2020-
January 2021

- Working groups established for COVID Recovery, Community Safety and Highways and Transportation.

February - March
2021

- **Fourth meeting – 16 March 2021**
- Focus on Climate Change and Environment.
- Discussion held on funding applications.

- Action for Youth – Mentoring project £8,389
- Halton Village Refurbishment - £5k





The Public Health CB Profile for 20/21 highlighted the following as areas of focus for our area:

- Reducing smoking, childhood obesity and physical inactivity
- Interventions that support women to achieve a healthy pregnancy, particularly older mothers, can reduce the risk of babies being born with a low weight. 3.
- Wendover ranks amongst the highest for proportion of adults with cancer compared with the other community boards. Risk of cancer is linked to a number of factors including smoking, being overweight, physical inactivity, sun exposure and excess alcohol consumption.
- Loneliness for people aged 65 years and older is a key area.
- Promotion of NHS Health Checks is strongly encouraged.
- Support to residents affected by increasing levels of debt during the pandemic should be considered. Financial stress can negatively impact mental health, which may already have worsened by other aspects of the pandemic including restrictions due to lockdown

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Buckinghamshire Business First

Heather Dean

Head of Skills and Business Support



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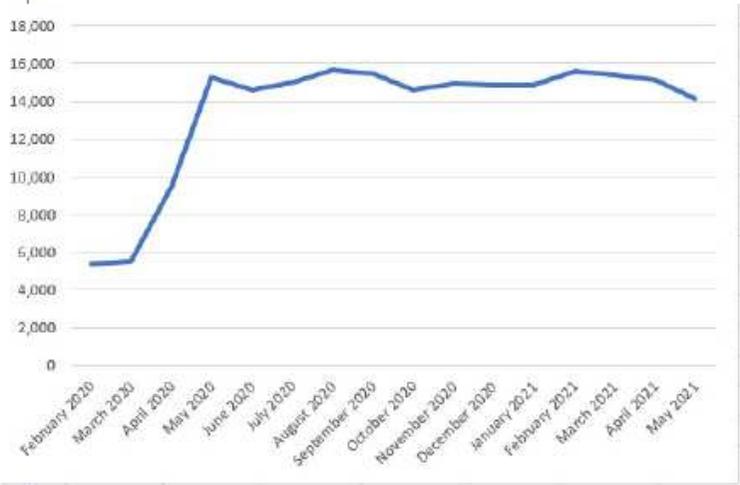
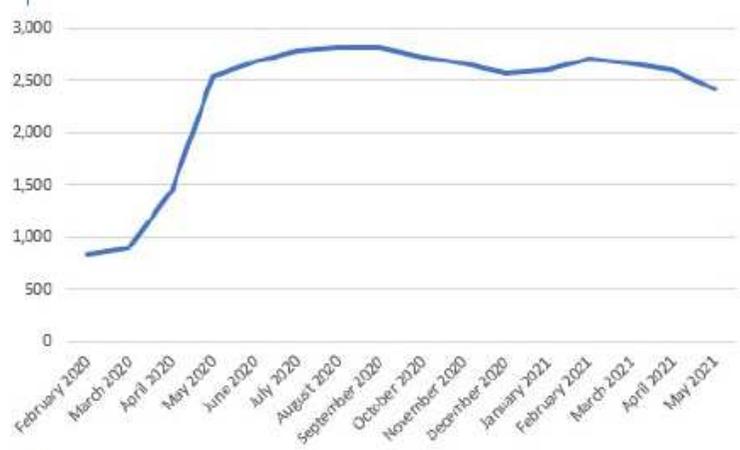
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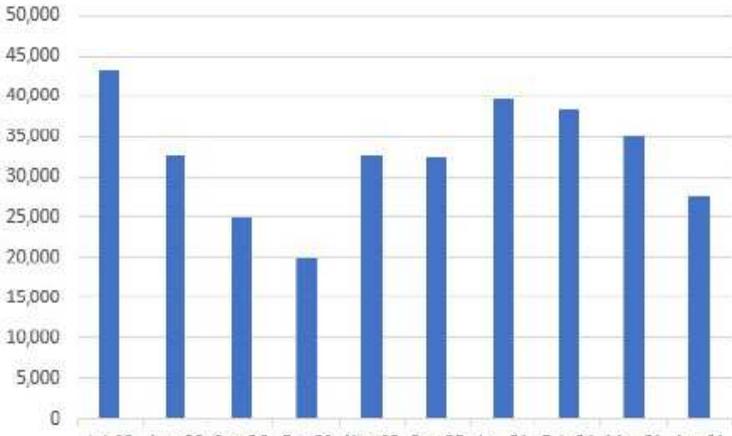
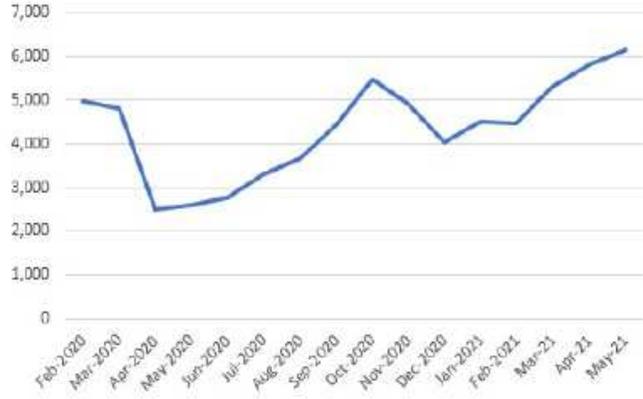
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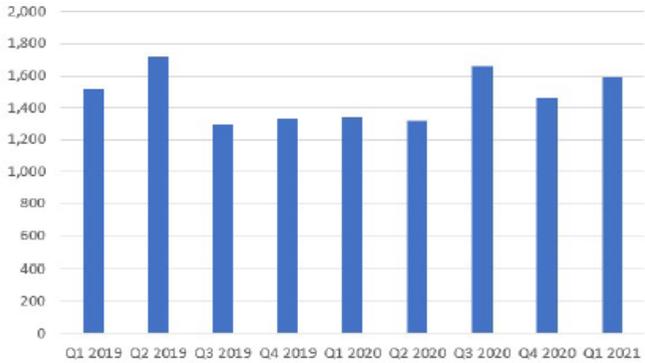
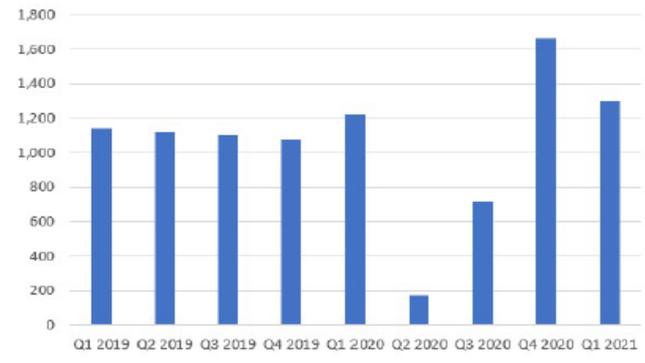


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Latest v previous month	Trend	National comparison (latest period)	Commentary
		<p>England = 6.1%</p> <p>Bucks = 31st highest of 38 LEPs (4.3%)</p> <p>Highest LEP = Black Country (8.7%)</p> <p>Lowest LEP = York, NY and E Riding (3.5%)</p>	<p>The number of Buckinghamshire residents claiming 'out-of-work' benefits fell by 930 between April and May 2021, to the lowest level in 12 months.</p>
		<p>England = 19%</p> <p>Bucks = 37th highest of 38 LEPs (17%)</p> <p>Highest LEP = Tees Valley (21%)</p> <p>Lowest LEP = London (16%)</p>	<p>17% of claimants in Bucks are aged 16-24. This is lower than the national average and the second lowest figure in the country*</p> <p>*likely linked to the smaller relative size of the 16-24 population.</p>

Latest v previous period	Trend	National comparison (latest period)	Commentary
		<p>England = 11%</p> <p>Bucks = 11%</p>	<p>On 31 April, 11% of Buckinghamshire's eligible employees were on furlough, in line with the national average.</p>
<p>n/a due to seasonal fluctuation</p>		<p>England = 131%</p> <p>Bucks = 143%</p>	<p>Job postings have continued to rise as the economy re-opens. They are now at their highest levels for over a year.</p>

Latest v previous period	Trend	National comparison (latest period)	Commentary
		<p>Registrations as a % 2019 registrations</p> <p>England = 116%</p> <p>Bucks = 105%</p>	<p>The number of new incorporations in Q1 2021 in Bucks was higher than in Q1 2019, although not to the same extent as across England as a whole.</p>
		<p>Companies in liquidation or dissolved as a % 2019 liquidations / dissolutions</p> <p>England = 136%</p> <p>Bucks = 114%</p>	<p>The number of companies entering liquidation or dissolving in Bucks in Q1 2021 was higher than in Q1 2019, although, again, not to the same extent as across England as a whole. The company 'strike off' process has not yet returned to normal, so we don't yet have a full picture of how many firms have closed.</p>

Buckinghamshire Business First

Levels of Activity during a Pandemic

2020/21

64,000 business engagements

£6,852,333 grants paid

£2,621,248 created in match funding

804 jobs created

266 new products / services created

68 people attended an Enterprise Day

91 people joined a start up course

Over 5,000 people took part in the Skills Show

117 business owners joined a peer networking group

2019/20

34,500 business engagements

£2,145,840 grants paid

£4,455,162 created in match funding

392 jobs created

109 new products / services created

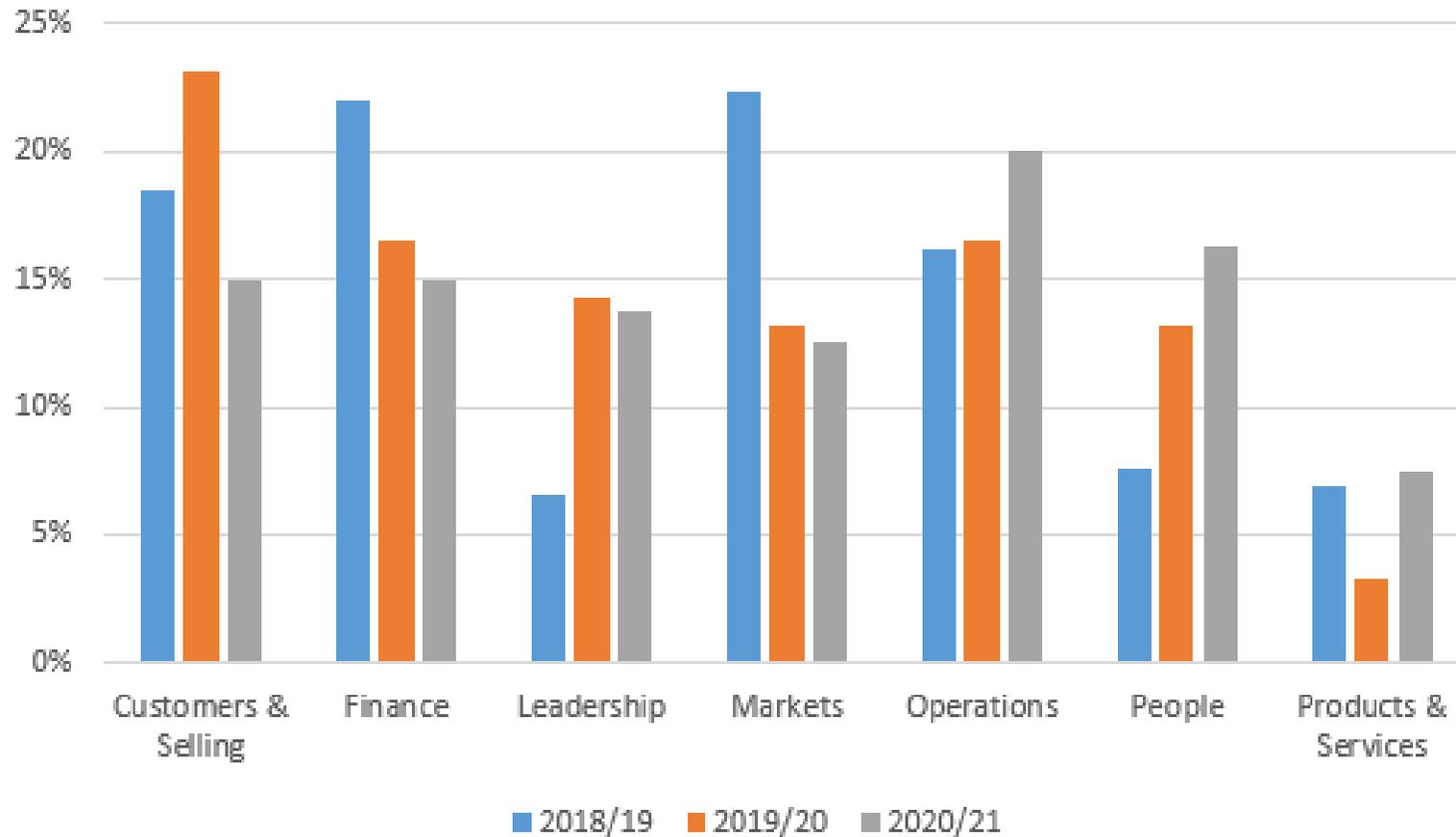
64 people attended an Enterprise Day

40 people joined a start up course

4,000 people took part in the Skills Show

30 business owners joined a peer networking group

The key issues businesses want to discuss with a business adviser in a 1:1 meeting, a 3 year comparison



Website Activity in May

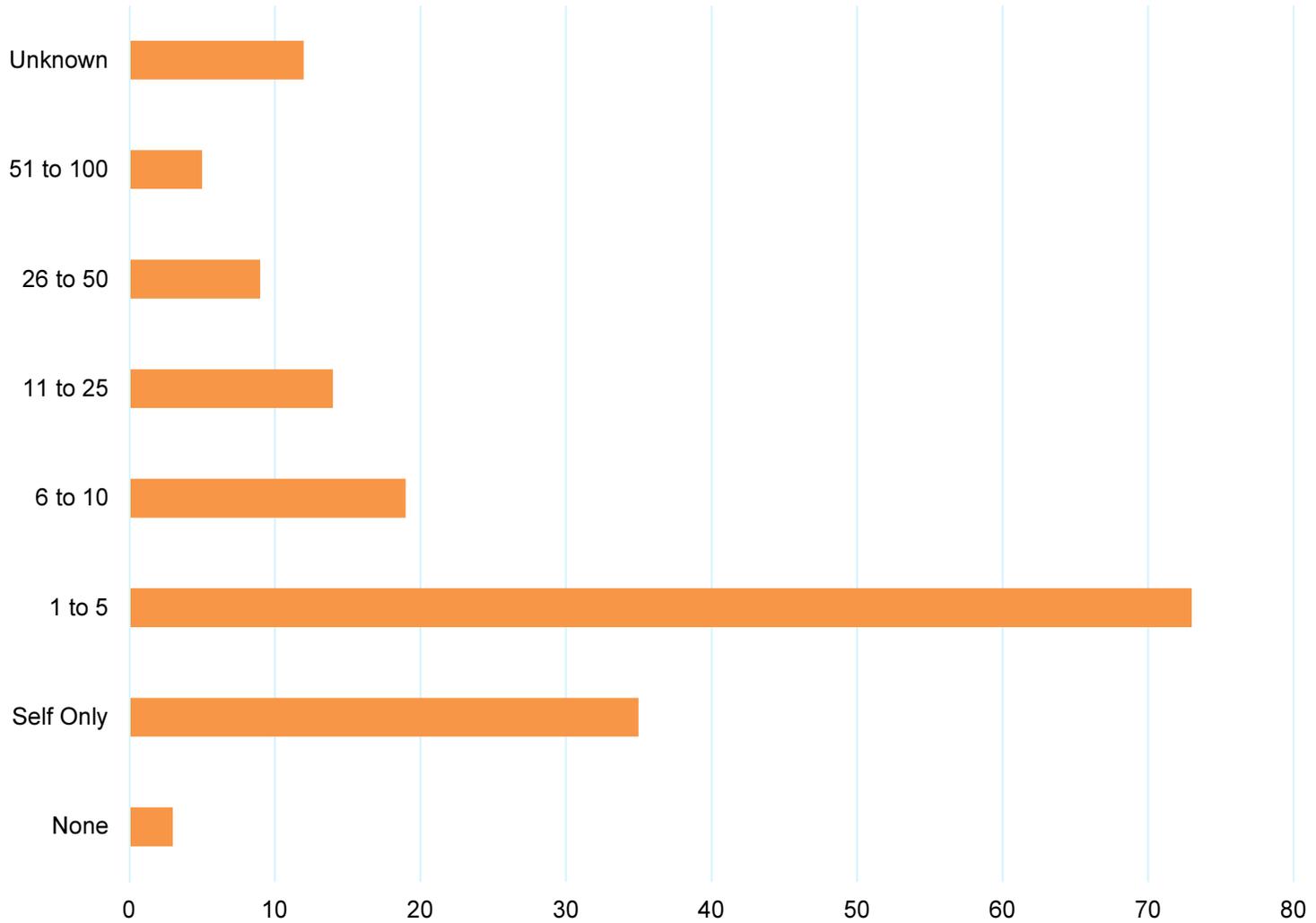
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Types of businesses we are working with in Wendover and Villages

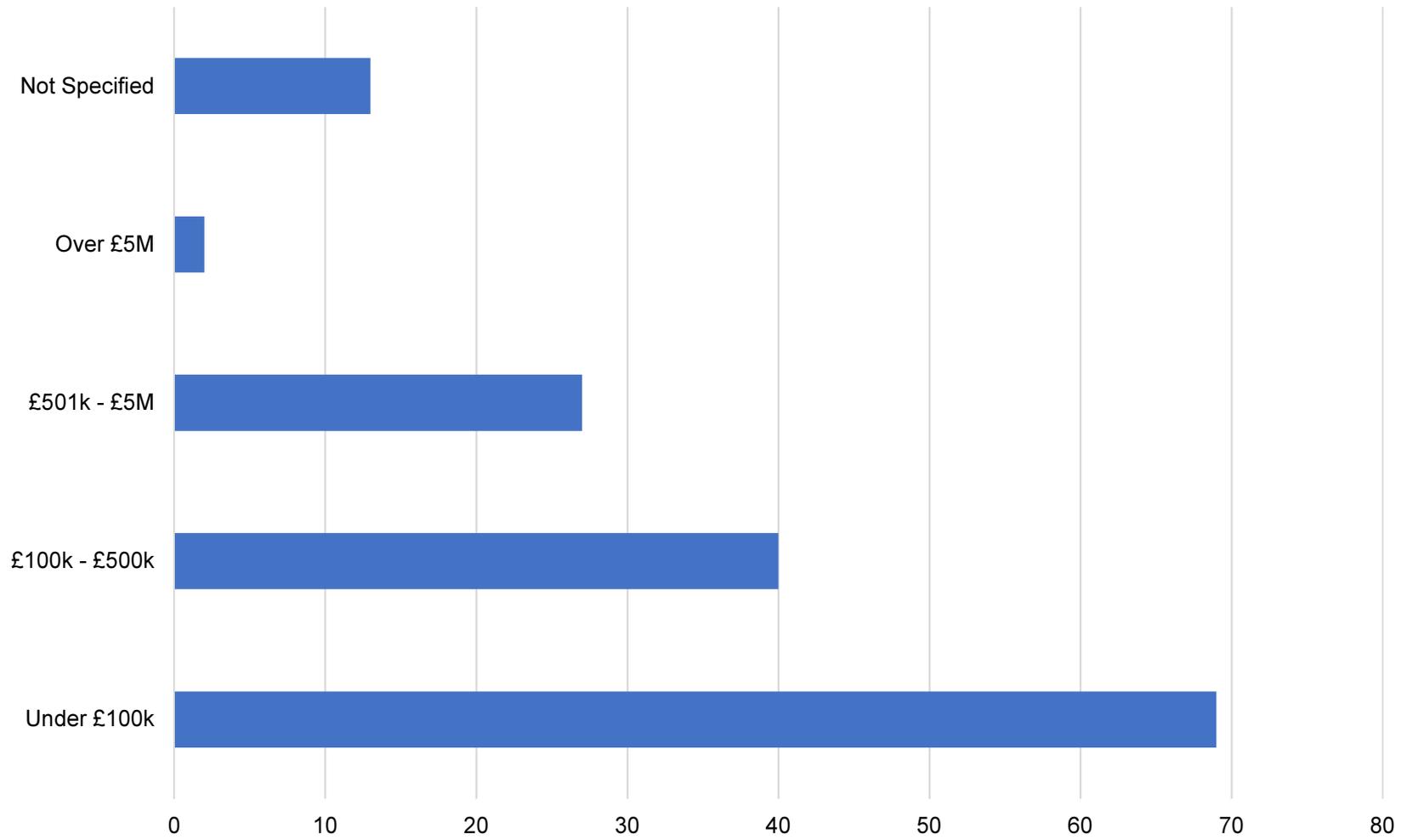
Businesses by Sector



Businesses by no. of Employees



Businesses by Turnover



Supporting Recovery and Growth

Face to face advice

Virtual Advice 24/7

Workshops on demand

Grants

Access to Finance

Mentoring

Workforce Skills support

Digital support

Leadership and Management support

Networking

Be Your Own Boss

- A named business adviser – 2 hrs of support
- Mentoring with a Start Up Champion
- Enterprise Day
- 2 day short course
- The events are open to anyone based within one of the following Community Board areas:
 - Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye
 - Beeches
 - Buckingham and Villages
 - Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts
 - North West Chilterns
 - South West Chilterns
 - High Wycombe

A programme for Wendover?



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Agenda Item 7 - Community Matters

This document highlights some key community activities and updates for the Wendover and Villages Community Board area. Please click on the links below for more information.

Please note any questions you have related to this content, should be directed to the relevant contact detailed on the website/social media, and that events and dates may be subject to change.

Getting help

Helping Hands: 01296 395000 <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/get-support-food-and-energy-bills-over-winter/>

If you, or someone you know, needs extra support because of shielding, self-isolating, or if you are struggling day to day financially or with your mental health the Helping Hands team can help.

Local Emergency Support: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/business-and-benefits/apply-for-local-emergency-support/>

This is intended to cover urgent short-term emergencies (i.e. no immediate food, no heating or lighting) through the use of food banks, food vouchers, and utility meter top-ups.

Bucks Online Directory (BOD): <https://directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Find activities, services and groups near you. This directory also includes groups offering support for those affected by Covid-19/lockdown. Groups who are registered with BOD are advised to update their listing.

Bucks Family Information Service:

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/parent.page?parentchannel=24>

A place for families to find activities, organisations and services- such as things to do, advice support and details of the local offer for SEND

Fix My Street: <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

Report a problem on a street/road in Buckinghamshire or track the progress of reported issues.

Have your say

Your Voice Bucks: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com>

Have your say and participate in local and Countywide consultations and surveys.

Whole Systems Approach to Obesity - Buckinghamshire Council are currently undertaking a review of current healthy weight / obesity work in the county and as part of this we would like to gather the views of community members regarding what they would like to see put in place and what currently works well. If you would like to join one of our 1-hour virtual discussion groups, please contact sally.hone@buckinghamshire.gov.uk by 9 July 2021. Your details will be passed to Leeds Beckett University who will contact you to book you into a group. You will receive a £10 Amazon voucher to residents who take part as a thank you.

Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Update

Health on the Move

- Starting **Friday 2 July Health on the Move** vans will be rolling out 7 days a week across the Bucks, Oxon and Berks (BOB) region. They will be initially visiting key areas in the county where take up is low and to make it easier for people to access vaccines. Initially people will need to book a slot via the National Booking System, but we will swiftly be moving to a drop-in model once more established.
- **You can help by sharing the links to the webpage where the weekly van schedule will eventually sit** - it will be on the [CCG webpage](#)
- The Health on the Move vans will offer other outreach health provision: Health Checks, flu vaccination etc. and the testing team will also be linking up to offer advice and support to people who come along for a vaccine.

Home to School Transport

There are changes being made to Home to School Transport. Full information on home to school transport for mainstream school buses and transport for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) can be found at: www.Buckinghamshire.gov.uk/school-transport

Parents can contact us via the online web form:
www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/askclienttransport

Getting Involved

Wendover and Villages Facebook Page:

Please like and share our Facebook Page to your networks, residents and friends so that we can engage and promote projects, initiatives and community related content.

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Local Action Groups

If you are interested in taking part in these groups, or want to discuss project ideas that fit within these categories or just want to be kept up to date about what is happening within the area please contact Michelle.Parker@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can complete the online form:

[Community Board - Getting involved - Section 1 - buckinghamshire.gov.uk \(buckscc.gov.uk\)](#)

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