



## Buckingham & Villages Community Board agenda

Date: Tuesday 15 February 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Via MS Teams

### **BC Councillors:**

W Whyte, P Fealey (Vice-Chairman), J Chilver, C Cornell, J Jordan, A Macpherson, F Mahon, H Mordue, A Osibogun, M Rand and R Stuchbury

### **Town/Parish Councils and other organisations:**

Ms J Beckett (Radclive-cum-Chackmore Parish Council), Ms S Boulet (Stowe Parish Council), Mr T Cavendar (Buckingham Canal Society), Ms T Connolly (Thornton), Ms J Dale-Evans (Maids Morton Parish Council), Mr R Edwards (Buckingham Society), Gittens (Calvert Parish Council), Mr D Jones (Buckingham University), Ms C Laurence (Thornborough Parish Council), Ms T Lightfoot (Tingewick Parish Council), Ms R Millard (Hillesden Parish Council), Mr P Miller (Biddlesden), Ms H Nethercleft (Preston Bissett Parish Council), D Newman (Lilingstone Dayrell with Luffield Abbey), Mr D Oakley (Charndon Parish Council), L O'Donoghue (Buckingham Town Council), K Pryke (Foscote), J Riches (Middle Claydon Parish Council), D Rogers (Water Stratford), H Sime (Turweston Parish Council), R Sloan (Twyford Parish Council), J Taylor (Leckhampstead Parish Council), V Webb (Westbury Parish Council), A White (Gawcott-with-Lenborough Parish Council), P Wright (East Claydon Parish Council) and G Johnston (Radclive cum Chackmore Parish Council)

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1	<b>Introductions and Notification of Chairman</b>	18:30	
2	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	18:40	
3	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> To disclose any Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.		
4	<b>Minutes/Actions from Previous Meeting - 12 October 2021</b>		5 - 8
5	<b>Service Director Update</b> Sara Turnbull, Service Director, Transport Services	18:45	9 - 12
6	<b>Thames Valley Police Update</b> To be presented by Inspector James Davies	18:55	
7	<b>Jedidiah Fresh Food Pantry and Baking Academy</b> Guest speaker Cynthia Stroud to present	19:15	
8	<b>Formal Community Boards updates</b> An update to be given by the Community Board Coordinator, including the following: Funding Update Funding report	19:35	13 - 18
9	<b>Action Plan and Action Group Updates</b> To be presented by Action Group Chairmen <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action Plan</li></ul>	19:55	19 - 26

<b>10</b>	<b>Community Matters</b> Updates to be given by the Community Board Coordinator on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public questions</li> <li>• Consultations</li> <li>• Petitions</li> </ul>	<b>20:15</b>	<b>27 - 32</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Topics for future consideration</b> Ideas to be welcomed from members of the board	<b>20:25</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> TBC	<b>20:30</b>	

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## Buckingham & Villages Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Buckingham & Villages Community Board held on Tuesday 12 October 2021 in MS Teams Virtual Meeting, commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.25 pm.

### Committee members present

Cllr W Whyte (Buckinghamshire Council), Cllr P Fealey (Buckinghamshire Council), Cllr C Cornell (Buckinghamshire Council), Cllr J Jordan (Buckinghamshire Council), Cllr A Macpherson (Buckinghamshire Council), Cllr F Mahon (Buckinghamshire Council), Cllr H Mordue (Buckinghamshire Council), Cllr A Osibogun (Buckinghamshire Council), Cllr R Stuchbury (Buckinghamshire Council), L Burt, R Butler, Cllr M Byrne (Maids Moreton Parish Council), T Cavendar (Buckingham Canal Society), E Churchill (Buckingham Town Council), F Coulter (Transitions UK), K Edwards, R Edwards (Buckingham Society), Cllr C George (Akeley Parish Council), S Handley, Cllr I Haest (Steeple Claydon), S Handley (Project Street Life), S Hoareau (Buckingham Town Council), Cllr S Holland (Akeley Parish Council), D Jones (Buckingham University), A Lane, Cllr T Lightfoot (Tingewick Parish Council), J Mortimer (Buckingham Edible Woodland), Cllr R Sloan (Twyford Parish Council), Cllr S Tribe (Thornborough Parish Council) and Cllr P Wright (East Claydon Parish Council)

### Officers in attendance

L Dale, M Dias, C Martin, S Turnbull and C Ward

### Agenda Item

#### 1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

#### 2 Apologies for Absence

There were none.

#### 3 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

#### 4 Minutes/Actions from Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2021 were **AGREED** as an accurate record.

The Board were also updated on the actions from the previous meeting:-

- '20 is plenty' stickers could be placed on private property.
- An introduction of a 40mph zone needed to be considered by officers not the police. This was being investigated.
- Reports of edible drug usage had not increased in the Community Board area.
- Equipment for speed watch schemes could be funded through applications for Community Board funding.

Regarding flooding, Mr T Cavendar updated that Greg Smith, MP for Buckingham, was scheduled to visit the canal soon. A flood resilience exercise had recently been held and would be reported on at the next Buckingham Town Council Environment Committee meeting. The mobile flood van was now available for hire. Costs, including officer attendance, would be investigated.

**ACTION: M Dias**

## **5 Thames Valley Police Update**

An update from Thames Valley Police was presented by M Dias as TVP were unable to attend. It was highlighted that there had been a steady increase in crime following the easing of lockdown. The report is appended to the minutes and it would be checked whether this information is sent to neighbourhood watch groups.

**ACTION: M Dias**

The Board discussed the update and noted that residents should be encouraged to carry a torch as the nights become darker. An issue was raised regarding a row of street lights not working which would be investigated by the ward councillors. Cllr J Jordan requested that future reports have more detailed crime figures and that the Board be updated on the status of the CCTV camera installations in Buckingham Town Centre.

F Coulter introduced herself to the Community Board as a representative from Transitions UK. This was an organization that supported the lives and futures of disadvantaged young people, and were currently working with care leavers. Their Aspire Project aimed to prevent offending and restart for those who had offended. The Chairman thanked Ms Coulter for attending and raising awareness of her organization.

## **6 Action Group & Priorities Updates**

Updates were provided by the Chairman of each Action Group:-

### **Environment – Cllr Ade Osibogun**

Meetings had taken place since the last Community Board meeting. The group were looking at tree planting and continued to encourage participation in the Green Canopy Project. The group were still awaiting the Section 19 flood report and would consider the recommendations once published. The report may contain potential projects that would be suitable for Community Board funding through applications. The group was meeting next on 16 November.

Members discussed the Salix Finance loan scheme to finance LED street-lighting. Akeley Parish had used this scheme and repaid the loan over five years based on the cost savings. The Salix contact details would be circulated separately.

**ACTION: M Dias**

#### **Highways – Cllr Caroline Cornell**

The group wanted to ban HGVs over 7.5 tonnes in the villages. The group were also looking at signage outside schools to promote driving at 20mph and discourage engine idling. Consideration was also being given to encourage pedestrians and cyclists to wear bright and/or reflective clothing. The group wanted to liaise with the police regarding the possibility of installing a speed camera on the A422 through Bufflers Holt.

Members of the Community Board raised concerns regarding lighting, road safety and pot holes on Tingewick Road related to the new estate. It was suggested that these issues were best raised in the Action Group meetings.

Cllr I Haest raised an issue regarding a new development in Steeple Claydon having no pavement access to Buckingham Road. Cllr P Fealey requested this be emailed to him specifically to be addressed.

Cllr P Wright was concerned that these issues raised should be dealt with as a matter of course and commented on the difficulty of obtaining an officer response since the Parish Liaison officer had left the Council. Cllr P Fealey provided the contact details that were for the specific use of Members and Parishes to contact Buckinghamshire Council.

#### **Youth – Cllr Patrick Fealey**

Existing projects were outlined which included a project with the Highways group to promote go-karting at Silverstone. It was hoped this project would encourage interests and develop into potential careers in mechanical industries.

#### **Economy – Cllr Warren Whyte**

The Chairman briefly updated that the group would be meeting in November.

## **7 Funding Update**

The Community Board received a report of funding applications that had been received, considered and approved this financial year. The report also contained a brief description of each application, their value and current status. An amendment to the report was highlighted: the figure for Tingewick Parish Council's project on Stage 1 and 2 of a new footway on Water Stratford Road was £32,463.25 for both Requested Community Board Funding and Contributory Funding.

Discussion was had regarding an email that had been sent to the Community Board on 4 October which had asked for comments on applications received. The Chairman clarified that Buckinghamshire Councillors had formal voting rights however they

wanted to hear from all Community Board members prior to a decision in order to promote inclusivity. An organisation's non-attendance at Action Group meetings would not impair any applications. An update on applications would be circulated after the Funding Panel had met.

## **8 Petitions**

The Council had received a petition requesting a speed limit reduction to 30mph on the Tingewick Road, Buckingham. All attendees were encouraged to respond to the consultation once it became live on <https://www.buckinghamshiretraffweb.uk/consult/main.html>

## **9 Community Matters & Pre-Submitted Questions**

There were no pre-submitted questions.

The Chairman updated that Buckingham School had recently unveiled its £2m improvement scheme and that the Board would put forward individuals worthy of recognition to the Proud of Bucks Community Awards. Additionally, an updated Community Board health profile had been drafted along with recommendations in the Community Board area from Public Health. This would be considered at a future meeting.

M Dias confirmed to Cllr J Harvey that it was possible to apply for two stage funding, for instance to consider initially feasibility, depending on the project. M Dias also advised that circa £275k remained to be committed this year.

Cllr R Stuchbury suggested that communications on community safety during bonfire night be undertaken since it had been two years since widespread firework usage. M Dias would investigate any Buckinghamshire Council communications planned.

**ACTION: M Dias**

Board members commended the community response to recent arson in Tingewick and supported local fundraising taking place in pubs, clubs and online.

Members were also reminded of the upcoming Charter Fair.

## **10 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Community Board meeting would be in February 2022.





## Buckinghamshire Council Updates for Community Boards Jan – Feb 2022

### 1. 98 councillors proposed for Buckinghamshire

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

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

[consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/29857](https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/29857)

### 2. Local Plan

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

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

### 3. A helping hand for those struggling financially this winter

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

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

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

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

### 4. Children's Service updates

#### Ofsted reinspection

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

- overall effectiveness

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

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

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

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

## **5. Buckinghamshire Online Directory**

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

## **6. Community Cafes**

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

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

## 7. Jubilee Celebrations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **8. 70 trees for 70 years**

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

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

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



**Community Board**  
Buckingham and  
Villages

**Funding summary report**  
**Buckingham and Villages Community Board**  
**15 February 2022**

This paper provides a summary of the funding applications received, considered and approved since the last Community Board meeting on 12 October 2021.

**Community Board Budget Overview**

The table below details the current budget position for the Buckingham and Villages Community Board.

Community Board Fund 21/22	Spend to date 7 February 2022	Remaining budget as of 7 February 2022
£228,200	£164,501	£63,699

**Funding Applications Status Summary**

Project funding under consideration: £115,950

Funding applications that have been received by the Buckingham and Villages Community Board and their current status are detailed in the table below.

Funding applications received				
Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	CB funding recommendation
Akeley Parish Council	Akeley Parish Council intends to begin a speed watch scheme in the village to enable local residents to take an active role in reducing the speed of road users in the village.	£215.00	£0	Awaiting decision
Twyford Parish Council	Request for assistance in funding a new Community Speed Watch project in Twyford	£1,717.27	£0	Awaiting confirmation of Speedwatch registration
Flood Mobile	The Environment Action Group would like to hire the Flood Mobile and contract 2- 3 consultants	£5,000	£0	Awaiting decision

	and other partners to provide support on the day. The vehicle is fitted with a range of different items that will help to prevent damage from flooding.			
Buckingham and Villages Community Board	Consultancy work to coordinate and secure funding for town centre projects	£50,000	£0	Due diligence
Buckingham Town Council	The project will enable the planting of fruit trees at Lace Hill School and outside the Lace Hill sports and community centre, in support of the green canopy initiative. The use of fruit trees will encourage healthy eating, and enable school children to use and learn about the fruit grown.	£955	£0	Due diligence
Maids Moreton Parish Council	The Parish Council would like to purchase 2 gazebos in order to facilitate ongoing events, including the Queen's Platinum Jubilee	£1,058	£0	Awaiting Decision
Buckingham West Bowles Club	Replacement BBQ's for summer events	£800	£200	Due diligence
Feedback Global	Maps to direct walkers and residents alike around a local route, highlighting areas of Urban Harvest, from sloe berries to blackberries, hedgerow herbs to apples. The route would also include signage as well as options to connect to local groups and initiatives like the Edible Woodland or other Urban Harvest activities across the county.	£2,940	£0	Awaiting decision

Leckhamstead Village Hall Trust	Installation of dishwasher to maximise volunteer time in Leckhampstead Village Hall	£1,350	£0	Awaiting Decision
Stowe Parish Council	Funding for the purchase of outdoor play/ exercise equipment for Dadford Playing Field	£6,600	£2,400	Awaiting Decision
Thornborough Parish Council	Thornborough Parish Council would like to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and energy bills by investing in new LED (light-emitting diode) street lighting.	£11,982.70	£310.10	Taken back to funding panel
Buckingham Canal Society Drainage Scheme	The Buckingham Canal Society is seeking £25k towards a feasibility study for their water surface drainage scheme at Page Hill.	£25,000	£0	Due diligence
Buckingham Town Council Speed Study	The Town Council would like to carry out a speeding study to reduce speed limits in areas where vulnerable road users are more frequent e.g. schools and care homes.	£10,360	£0	Due diligence
Steeple Claydon Angling Club Otter Proof Nets	Nets to prevent otters from destroying fish reserves	£7,822	£0	Due diligence
Action Group	20mph / No idling signs Roads and Highways Action Group project to provide schools in Buckingham and Villages with signs	£800	£0	Due diligence

<b>Funding applications completed</b>				
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project title and description</b>	<b>Funding requested from CB</b>	<b>Contributory funding</b>	<b>CB funding recommendation</b>
Buckingham Athletic Sports & Social Club	Flood Crisis Funding To replace equipment beyond repair in the flood	£1,230	£0	Approved
Buckingham Canal Society	Wildlife Cameras To set up wildlife cameras at the Buckingham Canal restored section at Bourton Meadow	£2,950	£750	Approved
Twyford Parish Council	Twyford Park & Gym Equipment Introduction of a new outdoor gym facility and refurbishment of existing children's playground facility	£8,000	£53,328	Approved
Buckingham Youth Club	The Youth club plans to run three different trips over the summer holiday	£2,220	£710	Approved
Action4Youth	1:1 mentoring 12 month project aged 11-17 years from the Aylesbury Vale area	£6,712	£0	Approved
The Compassionate Friends	Support Group for Bereaved Parents Venue costs for the next year to give the charity time to find more a suitable longer term meeting space	£216	£340	Approved
East Claydon Parish Council	Request for funding to purchase an MVAS	£2,327	£0	Approved
East & Boltoph Claydon Parish Council	Playground Refurbishment project to improve the structure, wooden elements, and paintwork on play area equipment.	£2,700	£0	Approved
Pavilion Floor	Thornborough Parish Council wishes to replace the Sir Harry Moore Field and Pavilion floor	£4,952	£496	Approved
Bucks Mind	Cross-Board project to provide Mental Health First	£1,238	£0	Approved



	Aid training to school staff, to enable them to support the mental wellbeing of young people.			
CHAT Charity, SEND Grants	CHAT Charity, SEND Grants Short term respite care packages of up to 40 hours that families can use to have a much-needed rest, to spend time with other family members or friends.	£2,400	£0	Approved
Thornborough Parish Council	Holding Back the Waters Funding to continue the flood prevention work by clearing and dredging the village pond and adjacent stream in advance of the 7-year cycle normally recommended.	£4,070	£0	Approved
Turweston Village Hall	Turweston Village Hall are seeking funding for the upgrade of the Village Hall including accessible toilet facilities and wheelchair lift.	£10,000	£20,000	Approved
Thornborough Parish Council	Funding for resurfacing of the parking area at the pavilion. The Highways Action Group supports this project.	£33,171	£1,320	Approved
Buckingham School	Project to install dropped kerbs and emergency access outside the school which will deter road users from parking there.	£19,440	£0	Approved
Tingewick Parish Council	The construction of an extension to the pavement on the Water Stratford Road to the Recreation Ground.	£32,463	£32,463	Approved
East Claydon Parish Council	St Mary's Road Feasibility Feasibility study to improve visibility and layout of junction on St Mary's Road	£4,855	£0	Approved
Akeley Parish Council	Akeley Parish Council would like to purchase	£3,000	£0	Rejected – Alternative

	warning signs to indicate a stretch of road that is a concern to local residents. The road becomes dangerous during the winter as it becomes icy.			solution suggested
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## Action Plan for Buckingham and Villages Community Board

### Introduction:

Buckingham and Villages Community covers 29 town and parish areas: Akeley, Berton Hartshorn, Biddlesden, Buckingham, Calvert Green, Charndon, Chetwode, East Claydon, Foscott, Gawcott with Lenborough, Hillesden, Hogshaw, Leckhampstead, Lillingstone Dayrell with Luffied Abbey, Lillingstone Lovell, Maids Moreton, Middle Claydon, Preston Bissett, Radclive-cum-Chackmore, Shalstone, Steeple Claydon, Stowe, Thornborough, Thornton, Tingewick, Turweston, Twyford, Water Startford, Westbury

This action plan sets out how Buckingham and Villages Community Board will work with the community to address community priorities and take action on local issues.

### Community Board Priorities

- **Improving the environment** (*council area of focus for 2021/22*)
  - Improving local wildlife
  - Support green projects within our Community Board.
  - Support reducing flood risk
  - Improving people's health and wellbeing
  - Reducing food waste
- **Supporting Economic Recovery** (*council area of focus for 2021/22*)
- **Supporting young people**
  - Youth Café
  - LGBTQ+ Youth Project
  - Cloudy IT Project
- **Highways and Road Safety**
  - Review and comment on highways related funding applications.
  - Invite communities along to the Action Group to discuss local highways issues and explore solutions.
  - Young Driver Program – Silverstone

- Cycleways/ footpaths

Aim	Action	Date/ Deadline	Lead	Progress update
Implement communications plan	To develop regular updates via social media local groups on Facebook. To set up quarterly electronic newsletters <b>and to develop a communications plan</b>	October 2021	CBCs	Facebook page set up
<b>Theme: Improving the Environment</b>				
Understand local issues		October 2021	Chairman/CBC	
Improve wildlife in the local community	To fund projects that support local wildlife.	March 2021	CBC	<p>Have had two action groups, where individuals have shared ideas including pond restorations, improving the situation for swifts, creation of habitats for bees and butterflies.</p> <p>Megan has sent communication out to local Parish's and Community groups about ideas on</p>

				projects to 'green up' local spaces
Tree Planting for the Jubilee	Megan scoping out potential projects for this	tbc	Kate Walker and CBCs	Have sent an email to the community board to register their interest.
Food waste	Find projects for tackling food waste - Harvest Walks	February 2022	CBC	Have linked up Rebecca Nutley (Food Partnership Network) and John Mortimer (Edible Woodland). Possibility for smaller working group to work on project ideas relating to food. Had initial conversation with Rebecca about an Urban Harvesting project in Buckingham.
Flooding	Flood Mobile	April 2022	Leone	Meetings held with Flood Mobile consultants. Meeting scheduled with Tia from Cambridgeshire to discuss learning from recent flood mobile project.
Bee Bus Stops	Bee Bus Stops	TBC		Multi-Board Project in development
	Swift City	TBC		Action Group Priority

	Residential wildlife projects	TBC		Wilson Homes Wildlife Project – Visit?
	Cycleways/ greenways – Transport Strategy	TBC	Action Group	Updates at future meetings
	Fruit Trees – Lace Hill School	February 2022	Action Group	Bring to future Action Group Project
<b>Theme: Economic Recovery</b>				
Board understands local issues & actively engages with partners to problem solve and collaborate		Ongoing	Marco	
	Buckingham Town Centre Projects	Ongoing		
	Click it Local	Ongoing		How can we engage better with the Click It Local Project Team? More locally focused. Sarah and Leone to pick up with Graham Bentham.
<b>Theme: Transport and Highways</b>				

Work with TfB to progress Community Board Transport Schemes		30 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 for TfB schemes	Leone	In progress
2021 TfB Project	East and Boltoph Claydon MVAS	30 November 2021	Leone	Approved by CB
2021 TfB Project	Thornborough Pavillion Parking	30 November 2021	Leone	Approved by CB
2021 TfB Project	Buckingham School Road Markings and Cropped Kerb	30 November 2021	Leone	Approved by CB
2021 TfB Project	Tingewick Pavement	30 November 2021	Leone	Approved by CB
2021 TfB Project	East Claydon Feasibility Study	30 November 2021	Leone	Approved by CB
2021 TfB Project	Buckingham Town Council 20mph	30 November 2021	Leone	TBC
Action Group	20mph / School Idling Signs	Early 2022	Action Group	Caroline to speak with Steve
2022 TfB Project	Canal Society Thornton Road and Buleigh Peice	Early 2022	Leone	PID to be completed
2022 TfB Project	Maids Moreton Traffic Calming	Early 2022	Leone	PID to be completed
2022 TfB Project	Radclive cum Chackmore Traffic Calming	Early 2022	Leone	PID to be completed
2022 TfB Project	Canal Society Bridge Improvements	Early 2022	Leone	PID to be completed
Road Safety	Youth drivers course with Silverstone/ Technology Park	On Hold	Leone and Caroline	Caroline Cornell is working with Stuart Pringle on developing a young driver course/ engineering / technical college

	Cycleways/ greenways – Transport Strategy	Ongoing	Action Group	Updates at future meetings
	School walking routes including Gawcott Road, Emberton Way (Buckingham) A421	Ongoing	Action Group	Add to list for future Action Group meeting – monitoring
<b>Theme: Supporting Young People</b>				
Board understands local issues & actively engages with partners to problem solve and collaborate		Ongoing	Leone	In progress
Understand opportunities to increase Youth provision		Ongoing	Leone	In progress
Youth Action Group Projects	LGBT Space	Early 2022	Leone	Follow Up Meeting Required – Leone and Patrick to follow up with Stuart Parker
Youth Action Group Projects	Cloudy IT Project	Early 2022	Leone	Cloudy Foundation to produce proposal
Youth Action Group Projects	Youth Café	Early 2022	Leone	Leone to produce proposal for group
<b>Funding</b>				



Fund projects that align with our Community Board priorities	Identify local key partners who can help deliver our priorities	Ongoing	All	In progress
	Respond to funding application queries and conduct due diligence checks.	Ongoing	All	In progress
	Send out monthly email to all Community Board members on status of all applications and invite them to comment/support applications.	Ongoing	Megan	In progress
	Award funding to successful applicants	Ongoing	Megan	In progress
Monitor and track budget spend and progress funding process	Monthly funding panel meetings take place to review spend and access funding applications.	Monthly	Business Support/Localism Managers	Monitor and track budget spend and progress funding process

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## Report to Buckingham & Villages Community Board

<b>Date:</b>	15/02/2022
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Petition Report: Make School Lane and Castle Street, Buckingham One-Way Streets</b>
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	Buckingham East
<b>Author:</b>	Jonathan Fuller, Transport Strategy Officer
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>That the Community Board consider the petition and this report and determine whether it wishes to investigate the feasibility of introducing one-way only streets on Castle Street and School Lane</b>

### 1. Summary

- 1.1 Buckinghamshire Council have received an e-petition requesting that Castle Street and School Lane, Buckingham are made one-way only streets. The petition states that 'Castle Street is not wide enough for two lanes and the same applies to School Lane'. The e-petition ran from 23/12/2021 until 20/01/2022 and received 32 signatures. This response sets out the considerations made by Buckinghamshire Council in preparing its recommendation.

### 2. Background information

- 2.1 The roads relevant to this petition, Castle Street and School Lane, are single carriageway roads in the historic town centre area of Buckingham. Both roads have sections with restricted width. Castle Street links with West Street/Market Square to the north and with Bristle Hill/Elm Street to the south. School Lane, west of Castle Street, links with West Street/A422 to the north and with Nelson Street to the south.
- 2.2 The latest collision data available, covering the five-year period 01/10/2016 – 30/09/21, indicates that there was 1 slight collision on Castle Street which involved one vehicle. There were no recorded collisions on School Lane during this period.
- 2.3 One-way only streets facilitate only one-way traffic or direct vehicles to move in one direction. The petition does not specify an intended direction for the proposed one-way only streets. In evaluating the potential suitability of Castle Street and School

Lane for the introduction of one-way only streets, Buckinghamshire Council has considered relevant guidance and local policies, as detailed in 2.4 and 2.5.

- 2.4 *Buckingham Transport Strategy (2017)*<sup>1</sup>: This strategy, adopted by the former Buckinghamshire County Council, outlines a range of transport measures required in response to local growth. During the development of the Buckingham Transport Strategy, a proposal to introduce a one-way only street on Castle Street was investigated. Transport modelling of this proposal, using 2013 baseline data, suggested that the existing traffic flow on Castle Street was fewer than 200 vehicles per hour, with the road not used by significant volumes of through-traffic. The strategy notes that applying such a one-way restriction could encourage re-routing onto School Lane and West Street. As a result, a recommendation to introduce a one-way only street on Castle Street was not included in the final Transport Strategy.
- 2.5 *Transport for Buckinghamshire – Traffic Calming in Buckinghamshire (2020)*<sup>2</sup>: This guidance summarises the typical advantages and disadvantages associated with the introduction of one-way only streets, as described below:

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can ease traffic congestion and vehicle movement in narrow roads</li> <li>• Can reduce the likelihood of conflict with oncoming traffic</li> <li>• Can increase available capacity on the road</li> <li>• Can reduce intersection conflicts for pedestrians and vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can increase travel times</li> <li>• May not be locally supported due to the circuitous route that is created</li> <li>• Potential to increase vehicle speeds, which may affect pedestrian safety</li> <li>• Typically result in higher traffic volumes as drivers may avoid encountering oncoming traffic or turns through oncoming traffic</li> <li>• The signage and lighting required can be expensive or may look out of place</li> </ul>

The guidance also explains that Buckinghamshire Council is only able to promote and fund traffic calming schemes in specific circumstances, for example, where there is a high incidence of personal injury collisions or developer funding contributions are available to mitigate the effects of increased traffic resulting from new development. In all other instances, proposed schemes will need to be evidenced and funded through local sources, such as Parish/Town Councils and Community Boards.

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<sup>1</sup> Buckingham Transport Strategy (2017): <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/media/4511792/buckingham-transport-strategy-final-jan-17-1.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Transport for Buckinghamshire – Traffic Calming in Buckinghamshire (2020): [https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s12321/App%20A%20TrafficcalmingGuide\\_2020.pdf](https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s12321/App%20A%20TrafficcalmingGuide_2020.pdf)

2.6 It should be noted that, following a public consultation, Buckinghamshire Council has recently undertaken works to improve signage and road markings on Castle Street. In December 2021, a 'give way to oncoming traffic' and associated 'STOP' line road marking were installed outside the Villers Hotel, on the approach to West Street/Market Square. These measures clarify the traffic prioritisation on a specific section of Castle Street where the carriageway width is not sufficient for two vehicles to pass each other.

### **3. Next steps and review**

3.1 It is recommended that the Buckingham & Villages Community Board consider the petition and determines whether it wishes to further investigate the proposed introduction of one-way only streets on Castle Street and School Lane. In considering the petition, the following points should be noted:

- At present, the proposed scheme is not identified in Buckinghamshire Council policy, such as the Buckingham Transport Strategy, or evidenced by data demonstrating a road safety issue in this location.
- This report has summarised the common advantages and disadvantages of one-way only streets. To further consider the feasibility of the proposed scheme, the direction of the one-way only streets must be specified. An assessment would be required to consider any resulting impacts of the proposal on local access, the surrounding town centre roads and the wider local network.
- Whilst Buckinghamshire Council is in receipt of developer funding contributions for transport measures within Buckingham town centre, these contributions are predominantly for the delivery of sustainable transport infrastructure or schemes that are identified in the Buckingham Transport Strategy. As such, if it is to be progressed further, it is likely that local funding sources would be required to fund the assessment and potential delivery of the proposed scheme.
- In addition to a feasibility assessment and funding source, the introduction of the proposed one-way only streets would be subject to the outcome of a statutory consultation and the making of a Traffic Regulation Order.

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## **Electric Vehicle Charging for Parishes Fact Sheet**

**January 2022**

Parishes are able to apply for funding to install EV chargers for car parks that they own.

### **Office for Zero Emission Vehicles - OZEV**

Parish councils can apply to the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) to fund chargers. They must apply directly to OZEV but the Transport Strategy team can assist them in the assessment of their car parks and help with their application as our supply partner can assess the car parks as part of the council's bid.

Guidance and Application form can be found here.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/grants-for-local-authorities-to-provide-residential-on-street-chargepoints>

### **On-street Residential Charger Scheme - ORCS**

OZEV have several funding sources available and the most relevant is the On-street Residential Charger Scheme, known as ORCS. Although this fund is primarily for on-street chargers the purpose is to support residents who want to charge their vehicles, so the funding can be used to install EV chargers in car parks in residential areas.

#### **ORCS Criteria**

In order to meet the ORCS funding criteria car parks must be:

- In a residential area;
- Car park charge points must be available to residents for free overnight use, between 6pm and 8am;
- Car parks must have a minimum 'maximum stay' time of at least 4 hours during the day;
- A minimum of six parking bays will need to be dedicated as EV spaces;
- A maximum of £13,000 per car park is allowed for power connection to the chargers; and
- Funding is available for 75% of the capital costs of procuring and installing the chargers and an associated dedicated parking bay (if required), so the parish must provide 25% match funding.

### **Process for preparing your application**

1. If a parish council would like their car park assessed to see if it is possible to have chargers installed they can contact their local Community Board Co-ordinator.
2. The Transport Strategy team at Buckinghamshire Council (BC) can then help in the car park assessment prior to bid submission. This is to:
  - a. Ensure the car park meets size and health and safety requirements for the type of charger required.

- b. Assess the power connections to the site and secure a quote for connectivity from the local Distribution Network Operator (DNO). It should be noted that faster chargers need high voltage power so they need a direct power supply and cannot operate from existing power sources.
3. The DNO will then provide a quote. This stage can take several weeks.
4. If the assessment and DNO quote are acceptable then the parish can apply to OZEV for funding using the attached form.
5. The form will be sent to the Energy Saving Trust (EST) to be checked prior to submission to OZEV. They act to help to ensure that the application is correct.

### **Other options - Slower EV Chargers**

If the car park does not meet the criteria to have faster chargers there is still an option for the parish to install slower chargers on their existing power supply, similar to home chargers. It is suggested that in this case the parish contact the EV charger supply companies directly. They will still need to meet the ORCS minimum specification.

### **Devolution**

It is the owner of the car park that needs to apply for ORCS funding. If BC own the car park then they can apply under OZEV on behalf of the parish council. In this situation please contact [transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk). Please note that we have a rolling programme of assessment for suitability of BC car parks.

### **Residents without off-Street parking**

Buckinghamshire Council have recently completed a study looking at the different options available for residents without off-street parking who would like to charge their vehicles.

The study concluded that the best option is provide EV 'hubs' close to residential areas, focused on council owned car parks, EV chargers at key destinations and workplaces. We are also looking in the future at providing on-street chargers, although historically these have proven challenging to implement due to local resident opposition. We would welcome ideas on how we could address this challenge.