



Community Board

Chesham and Villages

Chesham & Villages Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 7 July 2021

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Virtual meeting via MS Teams. Join this meeting by clicking on the following link 5 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to start: <https://bit.ly/CheshamandVillages>. This meeting will also be recorded and subsequently available to view via the [Buckinghamshire Council website](#).

Membership:

P Birchley (Chairman), J Baum, Q Chaudhry, E Culverhouse, M Fayyaz, J MacBean, N Southworth, M Stannard and G Williams.

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5 Community Board updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look back at 2020/2021.• Looking forward 21/22 – Key areas of Focus. Views on local priorities within these and ways of working to deliver projects to support these areas.• Funding overview and process update.	
6 Town & Village Regeneration The Board will hear from representatives about the plans and activity taking place around town centre and village regeneration and explore opportunities to support the community and economic recovery. Topic 1: Town Centre regeneration and planning. Cllr Gareth Williams will present an update to the Community Board on Town Centre regeneration and planning. Topic 2: Bucks Business First – Be Your Own Boss. Philippa Batting, CEO of Bucks Business First, will present an overview of the BYOB training programme to the Community Board. Topic 3: The Village Forum; Rural regeneration. Cllr Chris Brown will give an overview of the Board's Villages Forum, which represents the 6 rural areas of the Community Board.	15 - 30

Topic 4: Chesham Masterplan.

Tony Molesworth will present a brief update to the Community Board on the current status of the Chesham Masterplan.

Public Questions:

To respond to a

To respond to questions submitted to the chairman prior to the meeting.

Community Briefings (Papers):

Submit your article

- School transport scheme.
 - Public Health Covid-19.
 - Neighbourhood Policing Issues Survey and Panel.

8 Date of next meeting

21 October 2021.

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Agenda Item 3
Buckinghamshire Council
Chesham & Villages Community
Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Chesham & Villages Community Board held on Thursday 11 March 2021 in Via Video Conference, commencing at 7.00 pm and concluding at 8.20 pm

Members present

A Bacon, P Birchley, N Brown, E Culverhouse, A Garth, P Jones, J MacBean, N Southworth and F Wilson

Others in attendance

Ken Austin - Chesham Environmental Group

Anne Birkett – Cllr for Latimer & Ley Hill Parish Council

Chris Brown – Cllr for Cholesbury-cum-St. Leonards Parish Council

Andrew Clark - Chesham Environmental Group

Bill Chapple – Cabinet Member for Buckinghamshire Council

Dave Cooper

Marco Dias - Officer for Buckinghamshire Council

Richard Dunn - Zone 9 Cycling group – Sustainable Chesham

Annabel Foley - Sustainable Chesham

Phillip Folly - Chesham Environmental group

Fiona Harding – Sustainable Chesham

Paul Harding – Re-Wilding Project

Phil Harrison - Zone 9 Cycling group – Sustainable Chesham

Mike Johnstone

Rosi Jordan – Sustainable Chesham

Joan Lherbier – Cllr for Chartridge Parish Council

John Ormiston

Vanessa Martin – Cllr for Gt. Missenden Parish Council

Vicki Mistry – Sustainable Chesham

Jenny and Chris Pearson - Chesham Environmental Group

Alison Phillips – Sustainable Chesham

Layla Redway – Sustainable Chesham

Mark Shaw - Cabinet Member for Buckinghamshire Council

Aneta Stanc - Chesham Environmental Group

Colin Sully – Cllr for The Lee Parish Council

David Sutherland – Officer for Buckinghamshire Council

Roger Watts – Cllr for Ashley Green Parish Council

Hannah Webley - Chesham & District Natural History Society and Chesham Enviro. Group

Pam Wignall – Zone 9 Cycling group – Sustainable Chesham

Officers in Attendance

C Green and L Hornby

Agenda Item

1 Welcome and Introduction by Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the focus of the meeting was the environment which was a priority for this Community Board.

The new school crossing for Chiltern Hills Academy School in Chartridge Lane was now published for consultation and the Chairman urged members to respond as it was essential that this school had a safe school crossing due to the high numbers of pupils who walk to and from school.

Welcomed Caroline Green, the new Co-ordinator for this Community Board.

The Chairman referred to the report from Thames Valley Police which had previously been circulated.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from David Martin.

3 Declarations of Interest

4 Minutes from the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2020 were agreed as a true record subject to the addition of listing the Parish Councillors in attendance who were:

Parish Councillor C Sully – The Lee Parish Council

Parish Councillor C Brown – Cholesbury-cum-St. Leonards Parish Council

Parish Councillor J Lherbier – Chartridge Parish Council

Parish Councillor R Watts – Ashley Green Parish Council

Parish Councillor V Martin – Great Missenden Parish Council

5 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

6 Update about Buckinghamshire Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Bill Chapple.

Councillor Chapple introduced himself and explained that he was the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change and David Sutherland who was the Head of Climate Change and Environment.

Councillor Chapple explained that at the 16 February Cabinet meeting, it was decided this strategy would be taken out to Community Boards and schools. The key points of the presentation were:

- The Council accounted for less than 1% of emissions in the county although this would be looked at to see what improvements could be made, such as looking at council buildings

and how a direct approach could be identified. Understanding the connection between the Council and emission source would lead to planning effective actions.

- Sixty actions had been identified and were within the strategy and had been arranged in order of the degree of control or influence that the Council had from direct sources, suppliers and partners.
- Highlighting the strategy of helping communities to address climate change which was particularly relevant for groups such as the Community Boards it was hoped that support would be given to local projects ambitions.
- It was noted that support was being given to two groups who would be planting trees in suitable places along highways/roads.
- In reference to Emissions Reduction Target. It was hoped the emissions would be reduced by at least 75% compared to the 1990 baseline (this was the baseline year that all national targets were based on). This compared to the UK National Target of 68% reduction by 2030 based on those 1990 baseline figures. This meant that the Council was setting a quicker pace than the national pace.
- By 2040 it was hoped to achieve a 90% reduction with a 100% reduction reached by 2050. It was also hoped that the county would be carbon neutral by 2050 although it was hoped this could be achieved earlier.
- Tree planting projects could help in achieving net zero emissions as it provides a negative emission or carbon offset which would lead to net zero.
- The aim was to plant a tree for every man, woman and child in Buckinghamshire; a figure which was, currently, approximately 543,000 although this figure could increase following the national Census due to take place in March 2021. However, the figure would have increased by 2030 due to all the development taking place within the county.
- The new woodland would absorb between 300 and 400 tonnes of carbon dioxide over 30 years and would require in excess of 200 hectares of land to accommodate the number of trees.
- Once the programme was completed, it was estimated that a total of 60,000 tonnes of carbon would be absorbed from the atmosphere therefore reaching a net zero emissions figure.
- The tree planting would also have other benefits such as supporting biodiversity gains, flood alleviation and amenity access for the public.
- An outline programme of works had been laid out. It was noted that it was a deliverable programme which would ensure that net zero emissions was achieved. It was noted that funds would be put aside for the maintenance of the trees which were due to be planted. 200 acres had been identified for the planting of these trees although the location was yet to be announced.

In answer to questions is was noted that:

- The Council was working with DEFRA. Buckinghamshire had been singled out to be a pilot for Nature Recovery Strategy – one of five so had regular contact with ministerial contacts. Currently working with the Forestry Commission and Woodland Trust. HS2 stated that 2.3 million trees would be planted on 290 hectares which meant it would be very dense and would be doomed to failure. No indication of how much maintenance would be involved had been given. When asked how many trees HS2 had taken down the response was that they did not know. The Council had been working on its strategy before HS2 had done anything so planting these trees would be planted in any case. It was noted that the Government wanted 17% coverage of trees with 75% of trees to be planted in first five years.
- Under the Government Bill there were two key areas which would mandate. The first was to request Local Authorities to produce a local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Biodiversity Net Gain would be introduced into the planning system.

- In reference to the pilot scheme, a core team within Buckinghamshire Council also included DEFRA, Natural England and the Environment Agency were all working together and a series of workshops were run throughout February 2021. Areas would be identified as to where habitat could be restored or created. This would link in with the new Environmental Land Management Scheme which was to replace the Common Agricultural Policy.
- It was noted that to achieve the reductions in emissions would mean a change to our culture such as fewer foreign holidays, keeping a mobile phone for longer than previously, e.g. not changing a handset on an annual basis. Our culture needs to change to achieve carbon neutral. Work within the buildings the council owned were being looked at, for instance to place solar panels on buildings or in car parks.
- In relation to HS2 taking trees down and being informed of how many they have or intend to take down. It was noted that HS2 had special powers and under those special powers had taken down very many trees and therefore the number taken down could not be known.
- Once discussions with farmers and landowners had taken place the public would be notified of where the tree planting would take place. By following government guidance, the pot of funds had been increased from £5 million to £10 million.
- Discussions were taking place with the Council's own Highways team to replace the 189 trees that had been taken down for valid reasons. Agreement had been reached that from the 2021 financial year onwards, if a tree needed to be taken down, it would be replaced.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Chapple and David Sutherland for their informative presentation.

7 Presentations

Update about Communi-Tree Project

Councillor Nick Southworth explained that trees disappeared over the years and erosion of urban environment, the loss of tree lined streets had detrimental effect on the community. It was noted that pollution at the front of a house was reduced by 60% if trees were located in front of a property. Trees also reduced flooding and captured carbon among the many other benefits. Since 2017 vast amounts of work had been undertaken to get to a point to enable planting to take place. Funding had been approved and the Town Council had also approved £10,000 which meant that staff could be trained and equipment bought. CAT scanners were being bought and work with Buckinghamshire Council on licensing / site surveys was being undertaken in terms of getting people involved. In respect of Community engagement residents had been invited to nominate sites and following that response a long list of sites had been nominated. This list was being worked through. Residents would take ownership of the trees to maintain them. Covid had interrupted the work of planting trees. At first 35 trees were planted in the first few months of 2020. Covid then put everything on hold and no mass planting could be undertaken. As of December 2020 planting resumed and a total of 75 trees had been planted. The figure would be brought up to 100 within the next two weeks. A more ambitious project was being planned as the aspiration was for 1,000 trees to be planted in the next 2 years. It was noted that one of the biggest complaints was that residents had not got trees.

In answer to questions, it was noted that:

- Residents had contacted Communi-Tree asking whether it was possible to donate trees

to the scheme. It was stated this was being investigated further.

Update about Re-Wilding Project

Paul Harding explained that there was a strip of land at the back of Lowndes Park along where Chiltern Academy was located which was mainly used by dog walkers who stuck mainly to the paths. He reported that he had been to the site with Jim Ashton, one of the country's biggest rewilding experts, discussing putting in a rewilded woodland. The advantages were that the site is south facing with runoff down to Berry Pond and it was close to the town centre. There used to be woodland there around 150 years previously although there was some woodland on private land to the south of the site. It was hoped that a full ecosystem would be put in place with deadwood for wildlife, shrubs around the edges and wild flowers along with habitat boxes for owls, kestrels as well as smaller birds.

The stage had now been reached whereby work could start during the next planting season, i.e. next winter. Being Town Council land permission would need to be obtained. It was noted that there was a budget of between £5,000 and £6,000 which was not considered large but it was hoped that the local community would get involved and help with the project.

A baseline survey would be carried out for the whole park or at least the site put aside for the rewilding project although cost was unknown at the moment. Funding would be applied for via the Friends of Lowndes Park.

In response to questions it was noted that:

- A mix of trees would be planted. There would be about 10 species of canopy trees of different heights so as to be able to maintain the whole area's attractive views. Then there were about 15 species of shrub etc.

It was agreed that the slides would be shared with Board Members.

Update about Public Health Community Grow Project

Sally Hone reported on two projects being delivered by Public Health within Chesham area both related to food growing. It was noted that there had been an increase of the use of Food Banks during the past year and work was ongoing, exploring how to support the more deprived areas of the county, helping them to achieve a healthier diet and lifestyle through community growing and cooking projects. The aim was to develop a more sustainable infrastructure and create a resilient local food solution for future years. It was hoped that communities would grow fresh produce on communal ground thereby supporting each other. Education and support would help communities gain the knowledge and skills to grow produce which, in turn, would lead to help develop nutritious meals.

The project would support communities for a year after which time they would take ownership of the sites, led by community champions. It was hoped to develop five sites across the county and while the growing season had begun sites would be up and running as soon as possible. Each site would be led by an expert gardener who had experience of setting up community gardens and who got local communities to engage. An expert gardener was either an individual or organization with such experience. The aim was that the expert gardener would support the community for a year after which time they would begin to slowly step back to allow the community to take complete ownership of the site. During the second year the community would run the site with guidance being given by the expert gardener if required. Each site would

be allocated a small pot of money to ensure that tools could be purchased as well as seeds etc. although it was hoped that communities would make donations. It was also hoped that partnerships with local garden centres could be set up as they could also support the scheme.

Another aim was to encourage other communities to set up their own growing gardens and this would be achieved by developing a website giving advice on resources, tool kits etc. and would also offer a training package.

The final element of the project was to set up a cooking project in the Spring in collaboration with communities who were involved in growing as well as wider stakeholders.

Within Chesham, 4 target wards had been identified and sites sought within those wards by contacting organisations from housing associations to Town Council etc. Following investigations a suitable site had been identified near the Waterside Primary Academy although the school did not use it. However, there were plans to develop the area to a forest school, school growing site and would house the community garden. Work with the school's headteacher was ongoing.

Next steps were identified as:

- Would the community support the initiative
- An expert gardener had been tentatively identified although further suggestions were welcome
- To identify local community champions to support the expert gardener. Some individuals had already come forward
- To support and cultivate the land. Any support through equipment and manpower was welcome

The Board was informed that Restore Hope in Latimer were to distribute 100 growing kits regardless of the size of land – or lack of land – an individual or household had. These kits were for windowsill, balcony or small garden. These kits were being distributed to families who were currently receiving support through Restore Hope with the aim to introduce them to growing their own food. All equipment was provided along with guides and recipe cards showing them what to do with their produce.

The Chairman thanked Sally Hone and noted that an offer from Work Aid in Chesham would help to provide tools for the scheme.

Sustainable Chesham

Vicky Mistry explained that the scheme was part of the Transition Town network and had been running for 10 years. It encouraged the community to work together to be more sustainable. It was noted that the Local Produce Market was popular and showed how sustainable Chesham worked well with the town.

Tree planting: 300 trees had been received from the Woodland Trust which had been successfully planted, most trees were used for community asset with some being distributed to residents. The initiative would be repeated next year.

The Community Energy Switch Programme encouraged residents to change to clean energy. Information was available to ensure that residents were able to be fully informed about suppliers and their sustainability therefore giving the resident the power to choose a more sustainable supplier. Many could swap and people were able to then see their carbon footprint.

Sustainable Chesham had partnered with the Clean Switch Initiative – they were a leading renewable energy comparison website.

Repair Café: this café encouraged people to not throw broken goods away but volunteers were available to help people learn how to fix/mend their broken items. During the pause, caused by Covid, the teams had been exploring venues, funding and repairers were being sought and there had been interest from community, Work Aid and the Artful Menders. Some micro-funding had been received from the Transition Network. The first of what was hoped to be a monthly event was starting in May (suitably socially distanced).

Community Assembly Series which was initiated to support the Town Council's Action Plan and two events had taken place, one to engage residents to discover what their priorities were and the second on the subject of water out of which 5 projects were identified to be implemented across the town.

It was noted that with other schemes the group was very active and it was hoped that the Community Board could assist with Sustainable Chesham in the future.

Zone-9 Cycle Group

Richard Dunn explained that Zone-9 Cycling Group was set up a year ago by Sustainable Chesham.

The group believed it to be essential and necessary to increase cycling and walking space in Chesham if the local population were to become healthier. In reference to tackling the climate change emergency it was believed there was a need to take action now, cutting down on motorized vehicles on the roads in Chesham. This would encourage more people walk, cycle or use public transport.

Cycle routes for Chesham had been identified for all types of cyclists and a Cycle Hub was proposed which was identified as a need. It was noted there was already a cycle repair shop and café all-in-one, but a cycle hub would be a positive addition to the town. Some councils had already installed pop-up cycle lanes

During lockdown more people had been out on bikes along with many walkers and runners although little has happened in Chesham. It was noted that the government was providing the Council with funds and that the Council was commencing with its cycling and walking infrastructure plan and the aim was for Chesham to be a part of the plan.

The Zone-9 Cycling Group were asking the Community Board to fully endorse their proposals; to be pro-active and that Buckinghamshire Council be approached to ensure part of larger plan was carried out rather than wait for the Council to approach locally. Also, to seek any appropriate funding to ensure that appropriate cycling and walking space was provided. The Cycling Group would provide any help it could. Action for the Community Board was needed now.

In answer to questions, it was noted that:

- Involvement with Phil Harrison looking at the Zone-9 proposition but that there were issues with it. Cycle lanes had not appeared all over the county and those that had been looked at had presented problems and that numerous officers had been made aware of all details within the Zone-9 proposal but that there were issues with it. The first tranche of government funding looked at shared spaces with cycles and vehicles. The second

tranche specifically looked at now having shared spaces because of problems with the first tranche. The plans had been carefully assessed against both sets of criteria for both sets of funding. The relevant officer had now left the Council but had sent a detailed list of how Zone-9 could improve their proposition. Councillor MacBean stated that she was in contact with the officer's replacement who was attempting to identify another officer to work with the Group.

- That Chesham was the third largest town in Buckinghamshire and therefore had a major A road which brought traffic through the town and meant there was certain criteria to be met particularly in light of national safety concerns.
- The Town Council was committed to taking this work forward. It was hoped that the cycle hub could be built into the 'gym and swim' expansion plan.

The Chairman thanked all the speakers for their very informative presentations.

8 Sub-Groups Updates

Village Forum

Board members noted the report circulated with the agenda.

Covid Support Group

Board members noted the report circulated with the agenda and the Chairman wished thanks to be passed on to everyone who had helped during the lockdowns over the past year.

HS2 Update

Councillor Colin Sully explained that the process of engagement with HS2 had improved. Regular meeting jointly with the Missendens Community Board, HS2 and Buckinghamshire officers were now taking place along with Members interest group and it was noted that the Parish Council also had regular engagement. Unfortunately while the engagement had improved, the content had not. There had been controversy over the felling of oak trees in Leather Lane and the issue had escalated and that the Council, the Chiltern Conservation Board and Cheryl Gillan (the local MP) were all now involved. The contractors had now agreed to review their tree felling plans on Leather Lane and would present an update the day after this meeting.

There was now a major impact on the landscape issue. There was also a problem with potential traffic on roads. Attempts were being made to get a better understanding of risk and mitigation of risk of levels of traffic on the A413 which remained unresolved. It was understood that Buckinghamshire Council were holding a number of Schedule 17 applications which were awaiting approval but had not, as yet, received sufficient information from HS2.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Sully for his informative report and update.

Town Team Update

Councillor Jane MacBean reported that the focus was to re-open High Street by encouraging residents to come out of isolation and rejoin daily life when safe to do so.

The Town Hall was undertaking excellent work as vaccination centre.

It had been agreed to put on low key public events to put some life back into the High Street.

The pedestrianisation of Market Square was now in place and it was noted that planters would replace the barriers currently in place in the town centre.

Town Team were looking at ways to support Chesham Town app which had the potential to be a good vehicle for retail and traders in the town as well as community organisations and the council.

Funding Group

Caroline Green reported that the funding group met on 21 January 2021 for the third round of funding. Among the applications discussed were Chenies Footpath which the group agreed to put on hold pending revised final costs and detailed breakdown from Transport for Bucks with a revised bid. This revision had been received today (11 March 2021) and would be discussed at the next meeting of the group due to be held on 22 March 2021. The other application was from Transitions UK which was a mentoring and support project for young people at risk of offending or criminal exploitation. The bid was for £4,000 which was turned down by the group as they believed this should be funded centrally.

For the fourth round of funding, the group met on 8 March 2021 where the Chenies Footpath was raised again although this had already been mentioned. Another application was from the Big Community Takeaway with a bid for £2,500 to continue the supply of hot meals to those people who had been affected by the Covid-19 situation. This bid was recommended for approval by the funding group.

Councillor Emily Culverhouse recommended the application for approval by the Board.

AGREED.

9 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 24 June 2021 at 7.00pm.

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Be Your Own Boss

Marketing Update – June 2021

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The programme

1. Enterprise Day

- Is running a business right for me?
- How do I start and what are the legal requirements?
- How do I evaluate my business idea?
- What help can I get with selling, marketing, branding etc...?
- What support is available to me?

2. A Two Day Course

- digital skills
- the basics of accountancy
- producing a business plan
- marketing
- sales

3. A One to One

- With a Business Adviser

Event schedule

	June	July	Sept	Oct
Enterprise day	9th	7th	9th	6th
2 Day Workshop	23rd & 30th	14th & 21st	23rd & 30th	14th and 21st
one to ones	Planned on an individual basis			

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Marketing Support

Carried out:

- Created a toolkit including promotional assets for Community Boards to use
- Targeted email campaigns
- Created social media posts
- Included details in our e-newsletter to our c13K members
- Included within our events bulletin to our members
- Shared the communications toolkit with other organisations who can help to spread the word.
- Added to our website – in our 'Starting Up' area
- Press release

hip between:

Planned:

- A further press column and advert in Bucks Free Press
- Radio interviews on local radio to raise the profile of the programme

Community Board marketing

Further support provided as required for Community Boards to spread the word to their residents

Comms toolkit

The Be Your Own Boss toolkit has been created to help the Community Boards promote the Be Your Own Boss start up programme to their areas.

The toolkit includes:

- Suggested press release/website copy
- Promotional leaflet and poster
- Promotional video
- Social media posts, graphics and suggested themes

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Promotional leaflet & Poster

or distribution to:

Village magazines

Doctor's surgeries

Town and Parish noticeboards

Churches

Citizens Advice

The flyer can also be used for email distribution.

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Register with Be Your Own Boss to access:



Help and guidance



Enterprise Day



A great support network



Two-day workshop



1:1 support for each participant



Discounts on products and services

This programme is part of a Community Board initiative delivered in partnership with Buckinghamshire Business First - helping people develop the skills and meet the contacts they need to give their business idea the best chance of success.

1. Attend One Enterprise Day
10th February, 10th March, 7th April, 5th May

2. Followed by One Two-Day Workshop
17th & 24th February, 24th & 31st March,
21st & 28th April, 19th & 26th May

3. Receive Two Hours of 1:1 Support
Scheduled in when appropriate

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& book
your place

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Social graphics and themes

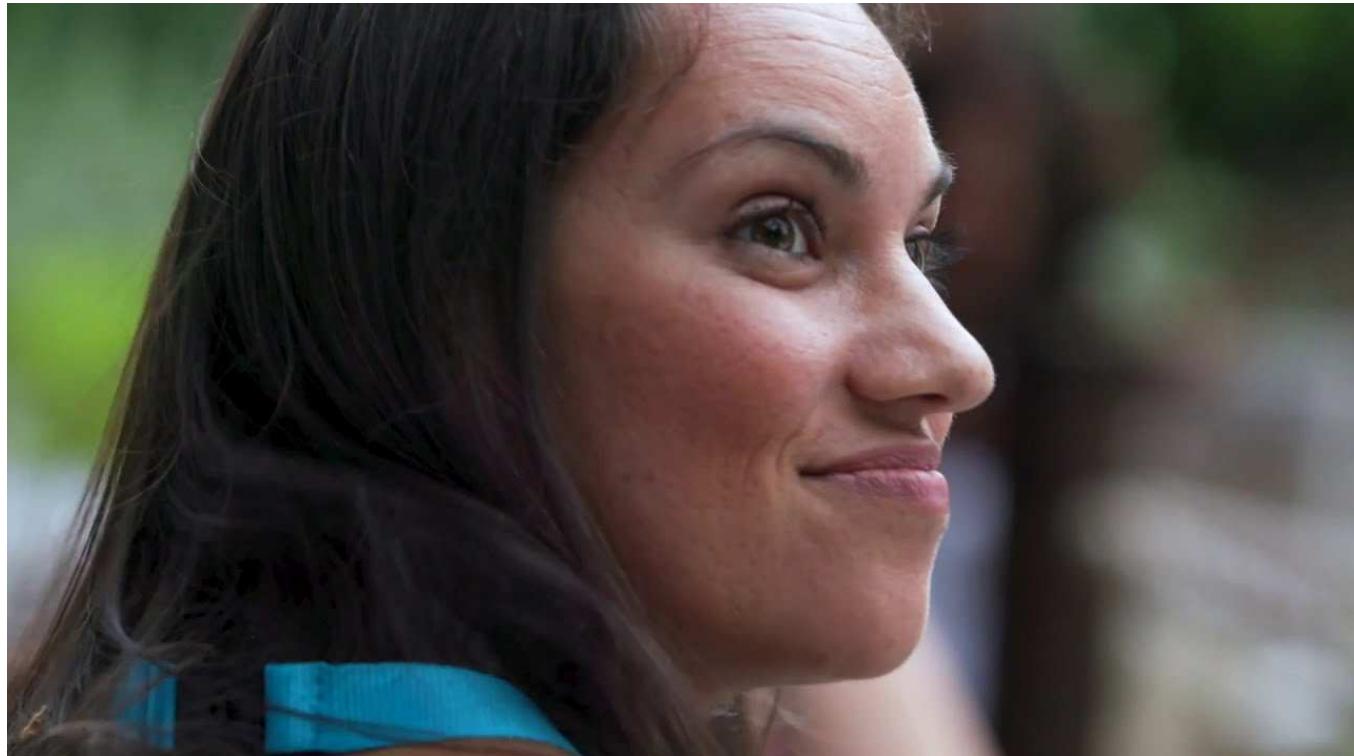


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Promotional video

The video was created to showcase the Be Your Own Boss programme. This can be shared with contacts and on social media:

<https://youtu.be/oG82ojBdNyY>



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Be Your Own Boss 2 Day Course - May 2021

19 May, 2021 | 10:00am | Free

Webinar



This is a two day intensive course and will take place online on both Wednesday 19th and Wednesday 26th May 2021.

This virtual event is part of the Community Board, Business Start Up initiative that helps people develop the skills and meet the contacts they need in order to give their business idea the best chance of success. Following on from the Enterprise Day, at this event you will learn and develop crucial new skills.

The online event is open to anyone based within one of the following [Community Board areas](#):

- North West Chilterns
- South West Chilterns
- Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye
- High Wycombe

Over the two days, this highly interactive course will cover...

- digital skills

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Chesham Renaissance Community Interest Company

Paper for the meeting of the Chesham and Villages Community Board

Wednesday 7 July 2021 at 6.30pm

1. For this meeting it is assumed that the Members present are aware of the content of the Masterplan and its Objectives. All should have received copies of the reports, which are also available on the CRCIC [website](#). An Extract of the Executive Summary is attached as an Appendix to this paper.
2. The purpose of this paper is to update the Community Board on the progress with the Chesham Masterplan and to explore ways that Chesham Renaissance Community Interest Company (CRCIC) can communicate and work with this Community Board.
3. The Chesham Masterplan Stage 2 Report was published in February 2018 and soon after the Chesham Masterplan Consultation Report in April 2018. This Stage 2 Report was produced after public consultation in late 2017 on Stage 1 of the Masterplan. This consultation was with Chiltern District and Chesham Town Councils as well as large numbers of residents, businesses and other local organisations.
4. CRCIC is now working on delivery of Stage 2 which covers some fifteen sites in and around the town centre. The developer of the first site has almost completed the land assembly phase with three major landowners. A pre-application response was received from CDC for up to 75 dwellings and some workspace. A full planning application will be submitted to Buckinghamshire Council (BC) soon. Existing industrial use will be relocated to a site on the edge of Chesham. The proposed siting of this should be of interest to the Community Board.
5. CRCIC has worked closely with BC since its formation in April 2020. The decision to not pursue the Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan resulted in a strategic re-think moving the focus from the Planning to the Regeneration route. BC advised that this will enable faster progress and easier access to central government funding.
6. The Chesham Regeneration Group Committee was formed in late 2020. This includes BC, CTC, CRCIC and local Chesham based community groups. It was initially chaired by Cllr Steve Bowles, the Cabinet member for regeneration. This has resulted in Chesham, the third town in Buckinghamshire, being identified for Regeneration, behind Aylesbury and High Wycombe, which were recognised before formation of the Unitary Authority. It is disappointing after six months and three committee meetings that Terms of Reference and specific actions have not been forthcoming. CRCIC is still committed to this Regeneration Group.
7. It is encouraging that Chesham Town Council (CTC) has started to produce a Chesham Neighbourhood Plan (CNP) with its objectives including most of the wording from the Chesham Masterplan and indeed the content appears to be closely aligned. It is noted that the timing and actual content of the CNP is not available yet but BC has stated that progress with this plan will not delay regeneration.
8. In early June BC Economic Development committed to submitting a Levelling Up Fund bid entitled "Chesham Station Quarter Regeneration". This was supported by CRCIC which supplied a large dossier of supporting information for inclusion in the bid. BC completed the bid in record time, a major and impressive undertaking. It is recognised that the chance of success is low, not helped by the newly elected local

MP needing to sign this bid on the day after election.

9. It is recognised that BC is the major authority which can submit bids for central government funding that will be required for infrastructure funding needed for any significant development in Chesham.
10. CRCIC is in discussions with developers to work on other sites within the Chesham Masterplan. It is recognised that many of these sites are owned by BC and currently used as car parks. This is only part of the reason that CRCIC must work in a close partnership relationship with BC, and indeed with CTC as part of the local Chesham community.
11. It must be borne in mind that CRCIC is a Community Interest Company which means that all assets generated by this CIC will, under the terms of the Asset Lock, remain property of the Chesham Community. All work carried out to date has been privately funded and the Company Directors are not drawing any financial benefit.

12. What is CRCIC asking from the Community Board today?

13. The Chesham Masterplan Stage 2 currently is initially focussed on the Town Centre. Stage 3 will cover the rest of area within the Town Boundary and the adjoining parishes. These parishes have not been engaged with yet but will be when funding is available. CRCIC will need their assistance.
14. It is recognised that the Chesham Masterplan was initially focussed on dwellings, employment and infrastructure. Further input on community well-being, sustainability, work patterns and other issues is under consideration and community input will be sought.
15. Strategic Employment Site. In relation to point 4 above, an old brownfield site has been identified as a suitable location close to Chesham. It is in within the area protected landscape and wrongly classified. It will need to be considered with care and sympathetic design. This will be progressed after detailed discussion with Parish residents and the CCB. Local input will be essential, with confidentiality for now.
16. The CRCIC policy is, where possible, to build on brownfield sites in Chesham and replace old housing stock and infrastructure – in summary Regeneration. Villages will not be ignored and their needs to survive and be viable in the future recognised. CRCIC will need their Input.
17. CRCIC is not asking the Community Board for funding now because it is recognised that limited funds are available. It is hoped that assistance may be available for specific projects yet to be identified.
18. This document should be read as a Positioning Paper to open a discussion with a different audience to Buckinghamshire Council (Aylesbury) and Chesham Town Council. There has not been an opportunity since April 2020, to meet with this new Cabinet. We should not dismiss this opportunity.

Tony Molesworth
Chairman, CRCIC
29.06.2021

Annex A, Extract from the Master Plan executive summary

1. Development of the Chesham town centre in the manner described in the Masterplan is essential before the full potential for tourism and further inward investment can be realised. The centre of Chesham will be home to a substantial increase in residential accommodation with a higher density and a corresponding increase in population together with the retail and other necessities to support it. Land must also be found adjacent to the town to accommodate enhanced commercial development.
2. The alternative is to have isolated and remote hilltop settlements surrounding the decaying original core of the town located in the bottom of the valley. Its physical working and living environment must change from a rather tired legacy of its largely industrial manufacturing past to become a significant outward focused town. It must be welcoming to new businesses and new residents resulting in substantial inward investment of capital and revenue. This inward capital investment must go towards re providing some of its public and private end of life assets and its ageing and deficient infrastructure provision which must be expanded to accommodate substantial commercial and residential growth.
3. The Chesham Renaissance Community Interest Company (Chesham Renaissance) has been inspired by the vision to embrace newer residential accommodation, not in the Green Belt periphery of the town but within the town itself. It accepts the increase in population density, and welcomes capital investment and long term inward investment which will result from this. It accepts that developer levies in various forms will be insufficient to provide the income needed for this perhaps counterintuitive and ambitious plan.
4. In addition, the focus cannot be entirely on additional residential accommodation. There is already a thriving industrial business sector in Chesham. It is an attractive place for people and new businesses to locate because of its geographic location in the South East and closeness to London, the West Coast Main Line at Watford, the Chiltern Railways connections at Great Missenden and Little Chalfont, and the point of termination in the town of the TfL Metropolitan Line. There are two circumstances which require the commercial element to receive attention sufficient to do justice to its importance. First, there is already a need to update or create new business premises or locate commercial enterprises out of the town in different accommodation forms to meet the needs of new conventional and higher technology businesses with adequate access. Second, the imposition of higher density residential accommodation in and around the urban core of the town will gradually require the re location of those industries currently located in this area. Residential accommodation will gradually displace commercial use.
5. In simple micro economic terms, Chesham Renaissance is aware of the fragility of the current perilous state of some of the smaller commercial enterprises located in and around the town centre and the retail offering which is available. The published census data illustrate all too clearly the root of the problem with insufficient disposable income to sustain a growing, vibrant and demand led retail offering.
6. The masterplan was commissioned by Chesham Renaissance. The service provider's Alison Morrison, who are at the forefront of work of this nature and based in London. Alison Morrison have produced many master plans of urban developments for settlements like Chesham. The masterplan is being produced in 3 stages. Stage I has been completed and was essentially a scoping exercise, although it did produce

the basis for the stage II masterplan which has now been completed. These 2 stages combine to provide the draft masterplan for Chesham.

7. The masterplan provides an interesting and essential introduction to Chesham and its history. Without this historical narrative it is difficult if not misleading to make judgements about some of the future characteristics of the town. One of the essential features of the town is its location both in terms of geography and geology in the Chilterns. This provides an interesting perspective on the town and its prospects for growth.
8. It has been clear for some years that the town's population is growing, in part because of the location of the Metropolitan line underground station and to the increase in small business employment. This is having the effect of gradually increasing the population of the town which in turn is meaning that the available space inside the AONB or in green belt is becoming severely constricted. The result of this is a gradual increase in the price of land and house prices.
9. The masterplan addresses five principles for growth. The first concerns town life. This like many market towns, the shift in shopping patterns has led to gaps in Chesham's provision. Consolidating shops in a central area will ensure this area is active and successful. The focus on shops in this way will also help to generate the second principle which is developing the evening economy. Chesham has a potential evening economy but which is now largely underutilised. It is possible that these future uses will be clustered in areas which will be attractive to those who operate and use them.
10. The third and fourth principles concern the civic buildings which are scattered around the town, and the theatre. The Elgiva Theatre it is proposed should be integrated better with the town centre with strong pedestrian connections and preferably a front door presence to the street. Creating a group of related civic buildings in a way which is both recognisable and easy to access is an important consideration. The Masterplan is proposing that those which need regenerating are re provided in a way which groups most if not these buildings together as a coherent whole.
11. A common principle of urban design in many towns is to provide space for pop-up uses. The masterplan considers that the popular market in the town provides a good base for enabling this activity in the town centre through events and performances. This can be focused on the high street, but also on sites identified for development in the short term. It may be that this can be related to a revival in craft industries. The beer brewing and fabric weaving and joinery industries are all part of Chesham's industrial heritage and are all crafts which are being revised as cottage industries across the country. This is something which the Masterplan encouraging stop
12. The last two principles for growth are related to commercial enterprise. The Masterplan regards it as important to retain some SME knowledge-based businesses in the town centre and to encourage others. There are many buildings identified in the masterplan for encouraging this, many of which are successful and others hold huge potential for similar adaptation.
13. The last of the principles for growth concerns the current large employers which are embedded in and around the town centre. The masterplan has identified that the release of some of this land, to the benefit of the large users of these sites, will enable housing to be re-provided on a scale not seen in Chesham for a long time. The Masterplan's proposal therefore is for the gradual relocation of many large

industries, and the transport arrangements necessary to support them, towards the periphery of the town. This basic principle is fundamental to the masterplan and provides the land required for new residential accommodation.

14. The provision of new homes is a central part of the master plan proposes. Reference has already been made to some of these proposals in the section on principles for growth. The provision of new homes is based on the following seven principles:
 - a) prioritise homes in the town centre;
 - b) redevelop poor quality buildings;
 - c) make use of former industrial sites;
 - d) promote living above the shop;
 - e) exploit background and parking areas;
 - f) ensure a broad mix of homes; and
 - g) provide homes for older people.
15. The character of Chesham is also referred to in the Masterplan and makes the conventional point of having to work with the historic urban grain and re-establish and recognise some of the historic approaches to the town. It also advocates the rejuvenation of historic yards and lanes and most particularly safeguarding the historic buildings and settings. An important element of the town which is emphasised is to retain views of the Chiltern Hills and Lowndes Park, and to reflect the materials which have been used over many centuries in creating some of the older buildings which still exist.
16. The streets and spaces in the town are also recognised in the Masterplan. It advocates consolidating parking to create more space for homes and businesses, and to change the character of Saint Mary's way which the Masterplan recognises is a key barrier between the centre of the town and Lowndes Park. This is in addition to another important characteristic related to streets and spaces which the need to strengthen the links to and from the town centre and relate these to the underground station and the bus network, and to invest in network of public spaces which are currently fragmented connected within the town centre.
17. This the masterplan has made some tentative proposals with a series of propositions for sites in around the town centre for either residential development, relocated car parking and similar uses. For example, proposals are made for many of Chesham's yards to provide a series of interconnected opportunities for mixed-use redevelopment. For Saint Mary's Way it is to provide an opportunity to reconnect the town centre with Lowndes Park, the Church and residential hinterland thus creating a strong new first impression for the town.
18. This approach also includes the Backs. The Master Plan makes proposals to consolidating parking for the station and the Waitrose store and introducing new street frontage development. The provision of accommodation in a central place for buses adjacent to this transport hub is also considered.

19. In addition to these proposals' others are made for some more distant sites. For example, Water Meadow car park and some of the areas to the south are considered for residential development, as are some other sites further to the north.
20. One of the most significant changes that is proposed relates to St Mary's Way. The Masterplan refers to the development of St Mary's Way which was instrumental in taking the pressure off traffic away from the High Street thus creating a much more attractive town centre environment. However, over time the Masterplan acknowledges that this new road introduced further problems of its own to the town including cutting off historic connections to the park and the parish church and the wider residential Internet.
21. The masterplan acknowledges that approaches to road design have changed considerably since St Mary's way was built. The Masterplan makes proposals which provide opportunities to address some of them whilst recognising that the road has an important part of play in the national highway network.
22. This the masterplan therefore provides a broad comprehensive introduction to the possibilities of regenerating the central part of Chesham and providing an increase in housing growth on a regulated basis for market sale and affordable homes, and providing for small businesses to thrive and prosper. It recognises Chesham as an historic market town and it recognises its position within the valley system of this part of the Chilterns. The industrial legacy of the town is recognised and built upon and it is anticipated by Chesham Renaissance that the Chesham which we see today will be very different and much improved because of the implementation of this Masterplan.



Home to school transport

Changes for September 2021

School transport is changing

- The Council contracts bus operators to provide school buses for eligible children.
- Contracts are being renewed and we're ensuring new contracts provide best value for money to the taxpayer.
- Many Council-run bus services carry very few eligible children – in some cases none at all.
- We need to focus our resources on our obligation to carry eligible children.

New commercial school bus routes

- Those routes that carry few or no eligible children are being taken over by bus companies as commercial school bus routes from September 2021.
- These bus companies will sell tickets directly to parents, and are responsible for setting ticket prices at a level which makes their services financially viable.
- www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/commercial-school-buses

Changes to routes

- Remaining Council school bus services will have changed routes and pick up points to focus on travel for eligible children.
- Average journey times will remain unchanged, but individual journey times may change because of the realignment of routes.
- Timetables for September will be available on the website by 15 August.

The Spare Seat Scheme

- We're still providing available spare seats to paying parents, though the number available is much reduced.
- Online applications are currently open, and applicants will hear the outcome by the end of July.
- All children who can no longer have a Council spare seat will be able to buy a seat on a commercial service – either one run for school children only or a public bus or train.
- www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/spare-seat-scheme

Further information

- 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



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Stay Safe, Protect Bucks

Key message update for Community Boards

June/July 2021

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- If you're meeting with family and friends, please continue to remember the rule of 6 or two households indoors, or up to 30 people outside
 - Please continue to protect your loved ones – remember hands, face, space and fresh air to help stop the spread
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- Regular testing will help us to control emerging variants. Rapid/ Lateral Flow Testing is only for people who are displaying no symptoms and can be done either at home or at a test centre
 - If you have symptoms or if your LFT result is positive, you must self isolate immediately and arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible

COVID-19 vaccination update

Who can get the vaccine?

- All adults **aged 18 and over** can now get the COVID-19 vaccine. [Book online here](#) or call free 119
- **Anyone aged 18 - 39 will be offered an alternative vaccine to AstraZeneca.** Currently these vaccines are Pfizer or Moderna. Anyone in this age group should expect to wait between **8-12 weeks between doses.**
- If you are **aged 40 and over, or in an at risk group ([cohorts 1-9](#)),** you will receive the **AstraZeneca vaccine** and can expect an **8 week gap between doses** unless otherwise advised by a clinician.
- You will have the **same vaccine for both doses.**

How you can get the vaccine in Bucks?

- You can get a vaccine via your **GP, pharmacy** or at the **Mass Vaccination Centre** at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Bowls Centre. You can find out more about where you can get a vaccine on the [council webpage](#). As you know there is a huge drive now across the country to get as many people vaccinated before the 19 July. Getting fully vaccinated with both doses is really important now as variants pose a risk. The latest data shows how being vaccinated can really help lower the risk of hospitalisation and serious illness or death if you do manage to contract the virus.
- Over the next month or so **some GPs are stopping vaccinating** as they return to normal practice work. This is because they were only ever due to vaccinate those most at risk in Phase 1 of the vaccine rollout.
- **Pharmacies are going to take over vaccination** in many of these areas.
- There are also a number of **drop-in clinics** popping up across the county. These allow eligible people to just **turn up without appointment** and get vaccinated with either their 1st or 2nd dose. [Bucks CCG updates webpage](#) is the best place to find out where clinics are planned and also for all other vaccine news



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- 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 us 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.

Other vaccine news

- Finally, the new **Vaccine Voices** training is starting next week. This is a **90-minute online training session** for anyone keen to **share the benefits of vaccination within their communities.**

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We hope to get lots of different people to sign up and act as advocates across the county and with lots of support and advice in the form of a toolkit and the training session, we hope to really build up trust and an good ear at a ground level. Please email me for more info and details on how to share.



Neighbourhood Policing Survey Results and Analysis

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1. Executive Summary

This survey was open from 14 April 2021 to 3 May 2021 and the results will be taken to the ‘Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum’ on 18 May 2021 for discussion and consideration. Results will help to support setting Neighbourhood Policing focus areas.

Residents, organisations and Councillors gave their views on their top neighbourhood policing issues and concerns. Respondents were also invited to make any general comments or suggestions regarding any other issues they felt were of importance.

There were a total of 674 completed responses to the survey, which includes 637 residents, 25 Councillors and 9 representatives of organisations. 652 respondents were from the Community Board areas which incorporate the legacy Chiltern and South Bucks District Council area.

30% of respondents ranked ‘Burglary – residential property’ as their top neighbourhood concern. ‘Anti-social behaviour’ and ‘Speeding’ were also high areas of concern for respondents, with 19% and 13% respectively ranking these as their top priority.

This was a self-selecting, online survey which was open to all stakeholders, with a focused promotion in the legacy Chiltern and South Bucks District Council area. Due to Purdah leading up to the local Council elections, Buckinghamshire Council was unable to widely promote the survey, however there was a lot of localised promotion undertaken to raise awareness of the survey and to encourage participation, this included:

- **Promotion at Community Boards** - including sharing the details and survey link on the Board Facebook Page (Buckinghamshire Council)
- **Sharing with members** - via email (Buckinghamshire Council)
- **Thames Valley Alert**
- **Neighbourhood Watch Alert**
- **Posting within a variety of local Facebook groups** - Our Chesham, Prestwood Village Association, Holmer Green Village Society, Your Amersham, Your Prestwood & Great Missenden, Chalfont St Peter Connected, Iver, Iver Heath & Richings Park Crime Watch Group, Beaconsfield Community, The Ivers Community Group, The Farnhams Community Group, Hyde Heath Village Society
- **Weekly Newsletters** - The Ivers, Stoke Poges, Burnham

This report includes a variety of graphs, charts and verbatim comments to highlight key insights into respondents’ neighbourhood policing concerns.

2. Results

Q1. What are your top three neighbourhood concerns or issues?

Respondents were presented with a list of 21 different neighbourhood concerns and issues and were asked to rank their top 3 options by way of a drop-down box option. Respondents were only able to select 3 different concerns/issues and there was an option of 'Other' if respondents felt that there was a different concern or issue which should be ranked, that hadn't already been mentioned.

Highest Priority Issues and Concerns

30% (200 respondents) of all respondents ranked 'Burglary – residential properties' as their highest priority neighbourhood concern. Other concerns and issues which were ranked highly and received a large number of responses were 'Anti-social Behaviour' with 19% (131 respondents) and 'Speeding' with 13% (85 respondents). All other reasons saw less than 10% of respondents choosing them.

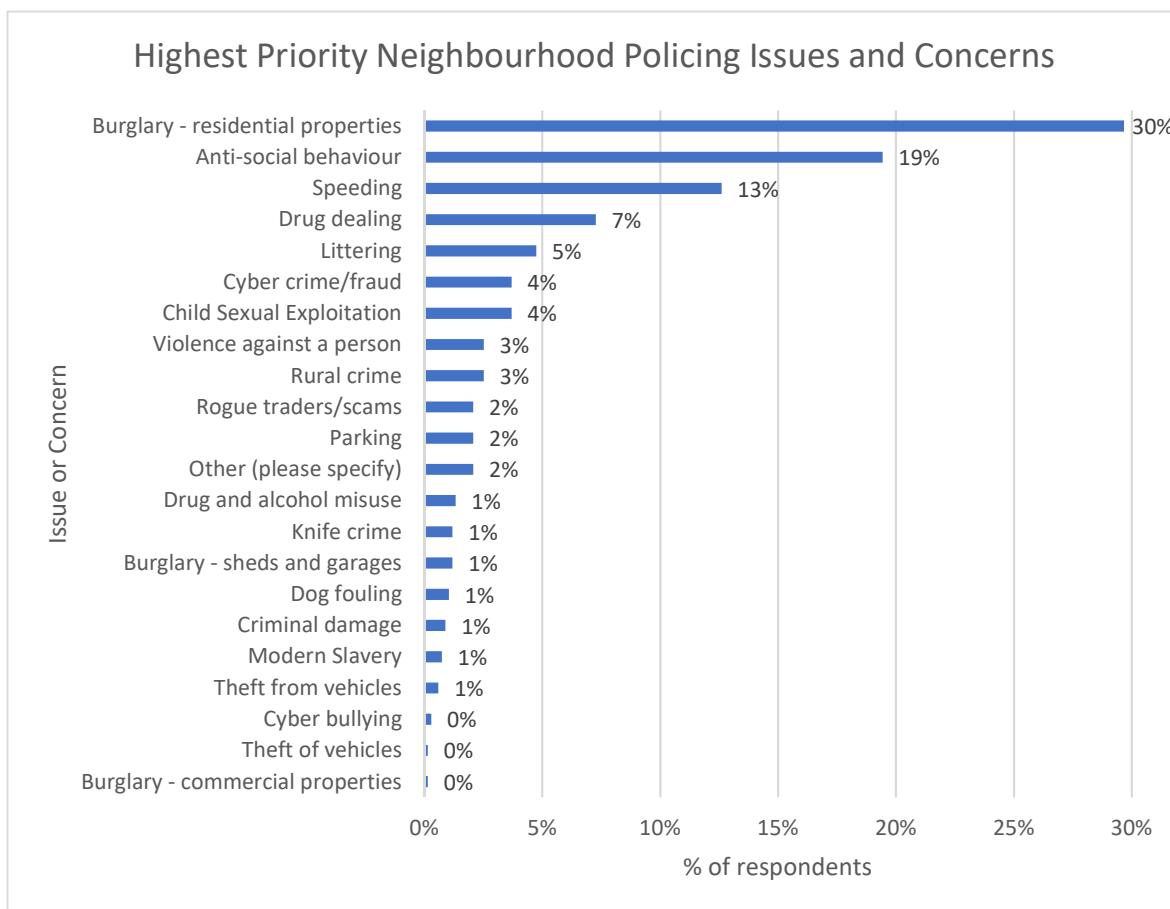


Figure 1: Proportion of respondents who selected their neighbourhood policing concerns and issues as the highest priority. Based on 674 respondents. Due to the rounding up of figures, percentages may not equal 100.

Second Highest Priority Issues and Concerns

15% (99 respondents) of all respondents ranked 'Anti-social behaviour' as their second highest priority neighbourhood concern. Other concerns and issues which were ranked highly and received a large number of responses were 'Burglary – residential properties' with 14% (92 respondents) and 'Speeding' with 12% (79 respondents). All other reasons saw less than 10% of respondents choosing them.

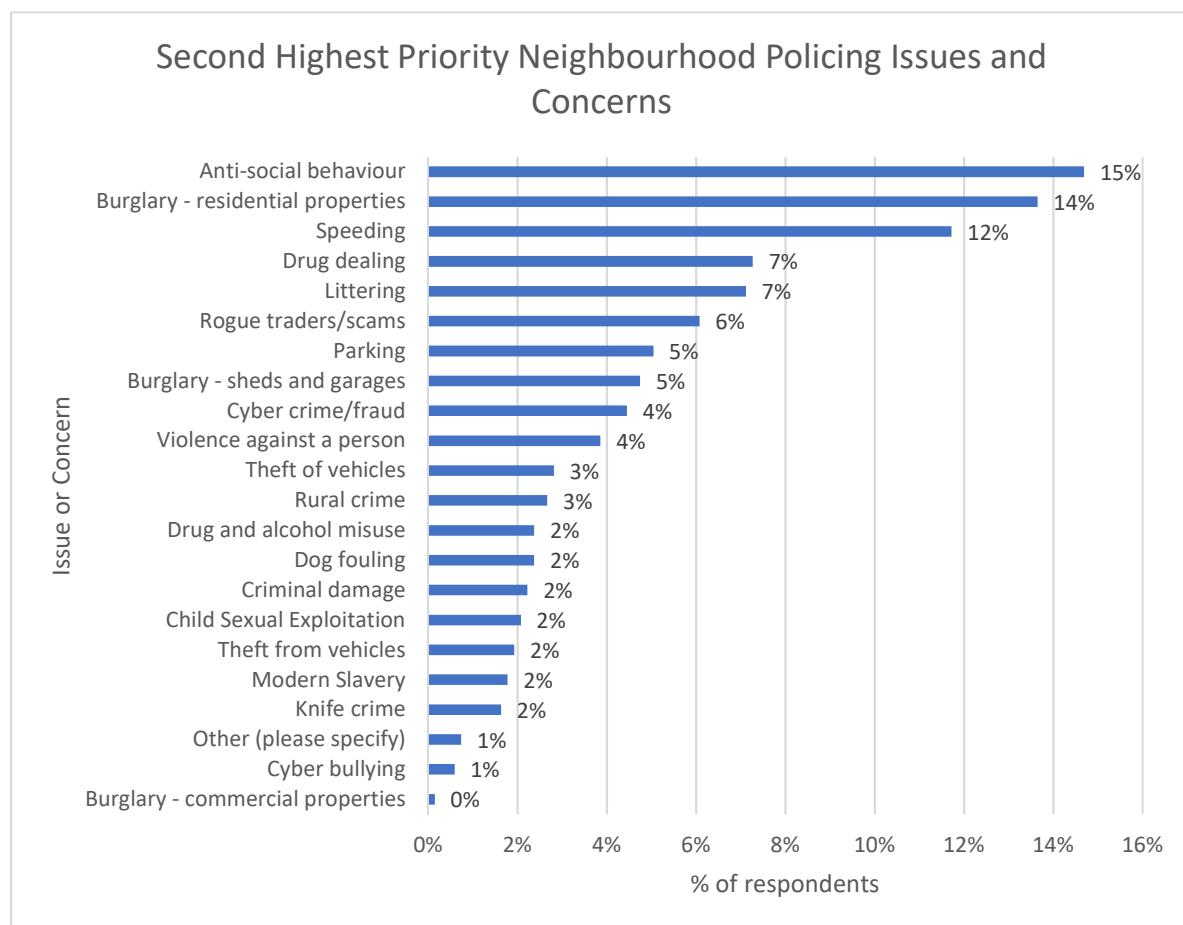


Figure 2: Proportion of respondents who selected their neighbourhood policing concerns and issues as the second highest priority. Based on 674 respondents. Due to the rounding up of figures, percentages may not equal 100.

Third Highest Priority Issues and Concerns

11% (76 respondents) of all respondents ranked 'Antisocial behaviour' as their third highest priority neighbourhood concern. Other concerns and issues which were ranked highly and received a large number of responses were 'Speeding' with 10% (69 respondents) and 'Littering' with 10% (65 respondents). All other reasons saw less than 10% of respondents choosing them.

Third Highest Priority Neighbourhood Policing Issues and Concerns

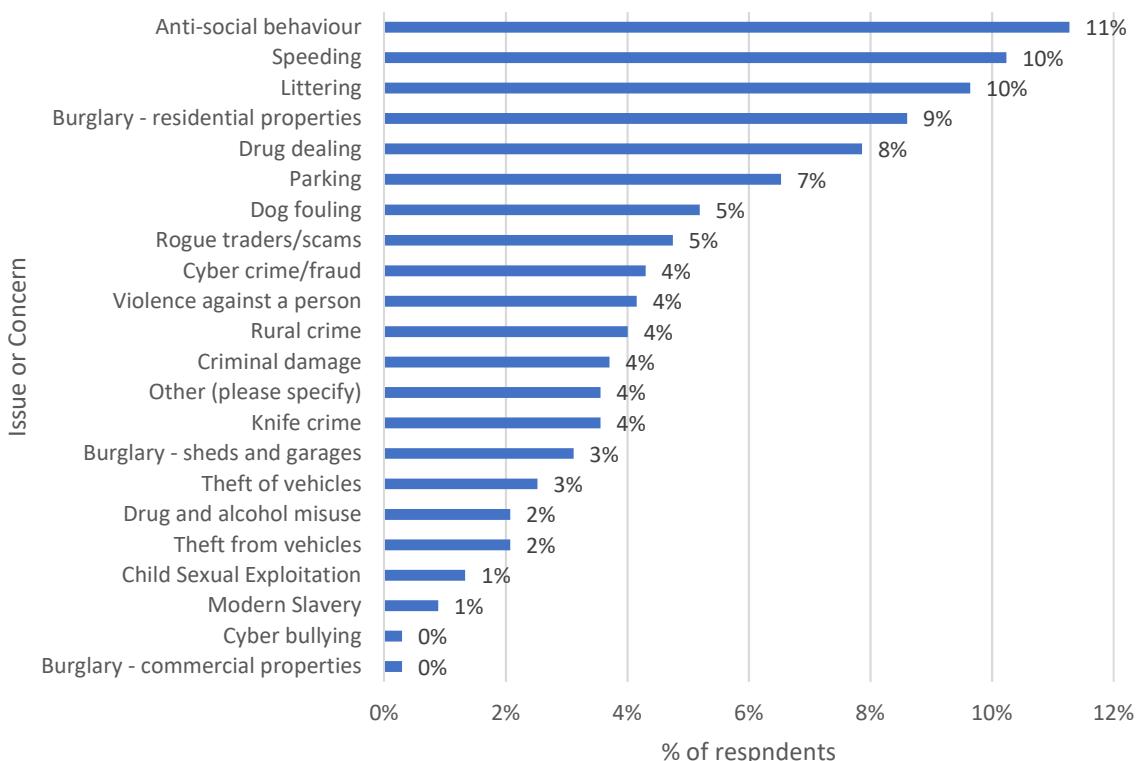


Figure 3: Proportion of respondents who selected their neighbourhood policing concerns and issues as the second highest priority. Based on 674 respondents. Due to the rounding up of figures, percentages may not equal 100.

The issues and concerns which feature highly amongst all 3 priority questions (but not always in the same order) are:

- Burglary – residential properties (52% of all respondents)
- Anti-social behaviour (45% of all respondents)
- Speeding (35% of all respondents)
- Littering (22% of all respondents)
- Drug Dealing (22% of all respondents)

All of the above feature in the top 5 selected reasons within all 3 ranked questions which would imply that these reasons are of most concern to residents.

What are your top three neighbourhood concerns and issues? – Other

The option of ‘Other’ was available to respondents when choosing their top 3 priorities if they felt there was another neighbourhood concern of importance to them which hadn’t already been mentioned in the other options available.

43 of the 674 respondents selected ‘Other’ as one of their ranked options, however there were also some respondents who chose to enter a comment in the free text box associated with this option who didn’t select the ‘Other’ option as part of their top 3 concerns.

The total number of respondents who chose to enter a comment for this question was 82 respondents.

Each comment provided was categorised to understand common themes. Comments were excluded where responses were too niche, too specific or were not appropriate to include within this report.

Please note, a respondent may have mentioned more than one theme and would therefore appear in multiple categories where appropriate.

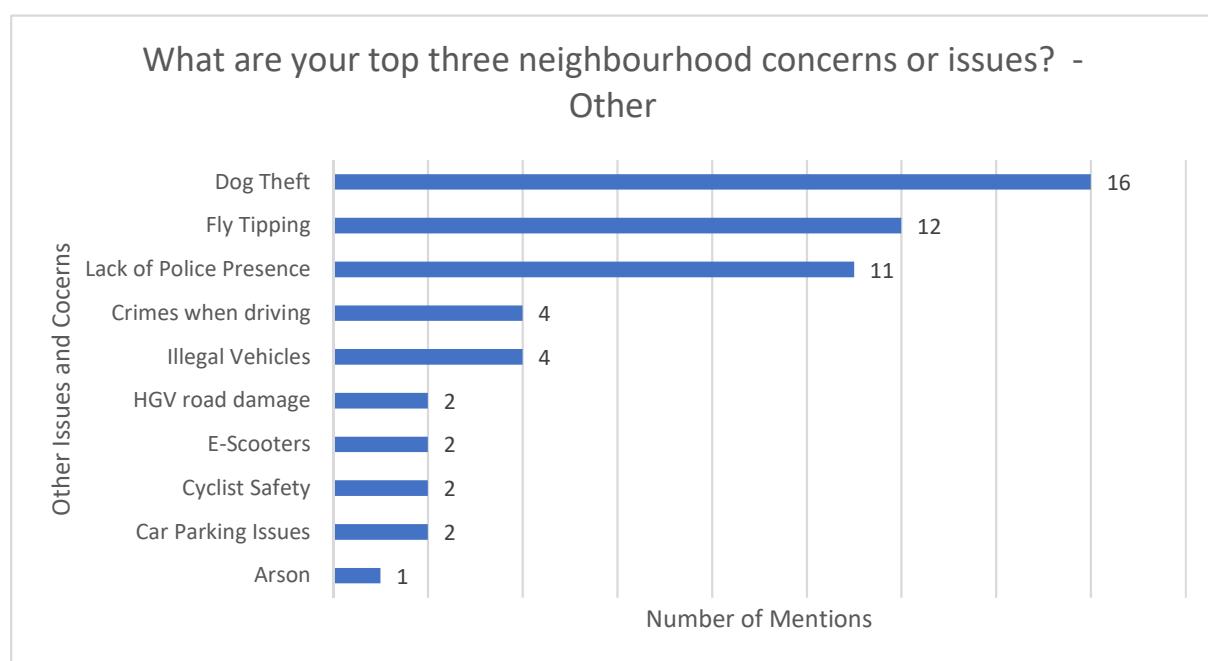


Figure 4: Count of comments by category. Based on the 82 respondents who made a comment for this question.

The themes which received the highest amount of mentions were, Dog Theft (16 mentions), Fly Tipping (12 mentions) and Lack of Police Presence (11 mentions).

Responses given were short and succinct in most cases and therefore no verbatim comments have been included in this report.

Q2. Use this space for any comments about your policing concerns or issues

Respondents were provided with a free text box in which they could provide any additional comments or concerns which had either not been already mentioned or if they had anything further, they would like to add to answers already provided. This was an optional question.

207 (31%) of all respondents provided a response to this question.

As with the previous question, each comment provided was categorised to understand common themes. Comments were excluded where responses were too niche, too specific or were not appropriate to include in this report.

Please note, a respondent may have mentioned more than one theme and would therefore appear in multiple categories where appropriate.

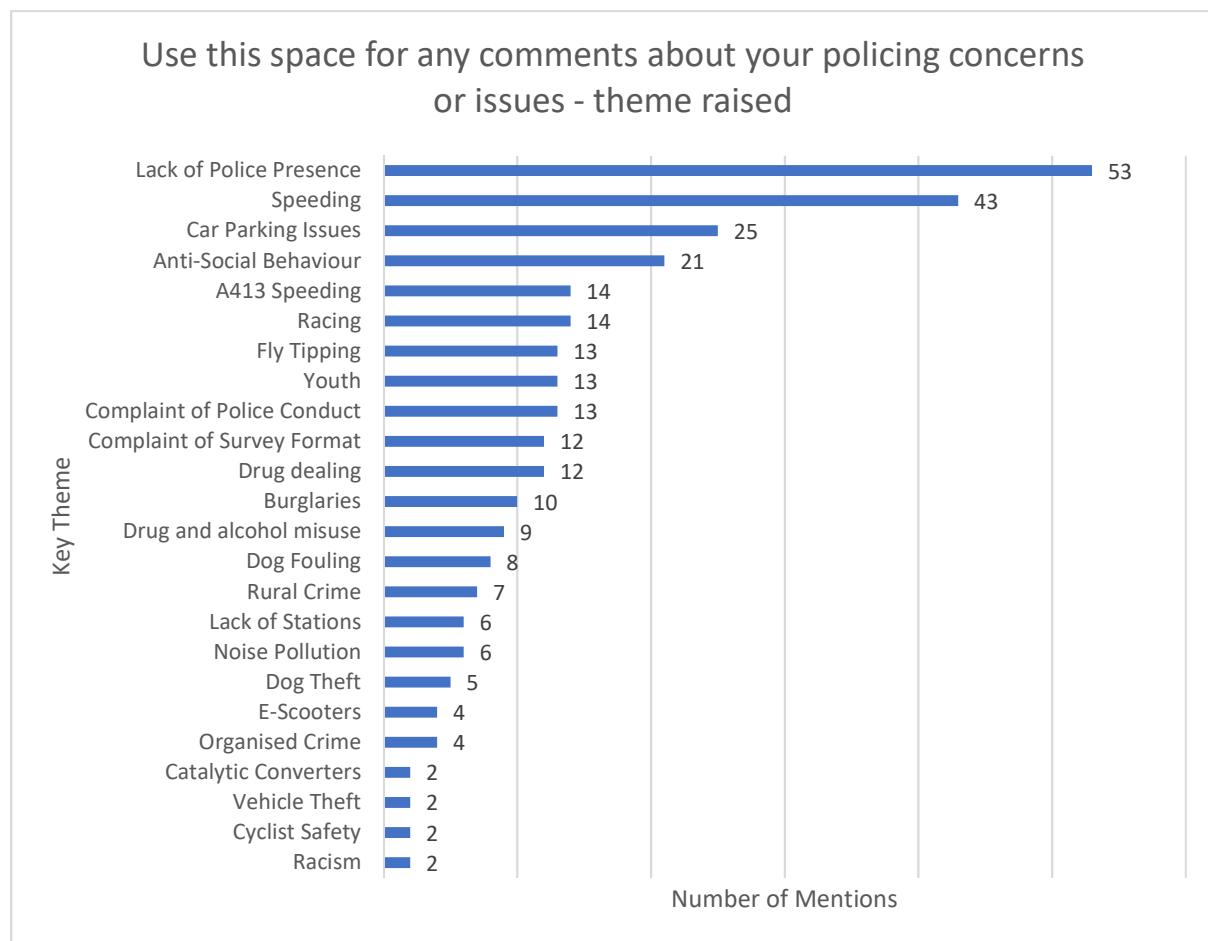


Figure 5: Count of comments by category. Based on the 207 respondents who made a comment for this question.

The graph shows that the most common themes mentioned by respondents include: a Lack of Police Presence (53 mentions), Speeding (43 mentions), Car Parking Issues (25 mentions) and Anti-Social Behaviour (21 mentions).

The key themes from these comments along with verbatim comments are detailed below:

Lack of Police Presence

Not enough visible Police on the streets or patrols, to help deter would be thieves and opportunists

It appears that the police have 'lost the street' and appear not to care.

There is no local police station or office, and I have not seen a patrolling PC or PCSO either driving or walking.

My main concern is in trying to actually make contact with a Police Officer - I would like to know the phone numbers of the local Police stations and to also have confidence that the phone will be answered.

Speeding

Speed limits seem to have been abandoned since beginning of lock downs.

School zones need to be monitored for speeding

Car Parking Issues

Pavement Parking seems to be given a very low priority by the police.

Parking on footpaths, half in half out of drives or in any way that limits full access to footpaths is an increasing problem.

Anti-social Behaviour

It's a lovely area to live it but spoilt by anti-social behaviour which we seem powerless to do anything about.

Need more police on the beat to tackle antisocial behaviour, especially at night.

Anti-social behaviour - principally in public spaces (parks, commons, etc), petty vandalism, offensive language, blatant drug and drink consumption - not just during the day, but also well into the small hours.

A413 Speeding

Would also welcome police checking on possible speeding traffic along the a413. I am concerned that I hear speeding traffic at night along the dual carriageway sections of A413.

Speeding on the main A413 by motorbikes especially at weekends and when the weather is good.

Racing

I commonly see/hear vehicles racing through town mainly at night. I'm concerned they might be "boy racers" as I've seen a few (rather more than emergency vehicles!) speeding. It might be worth investigating whether this is an issue.

Cars racing at night along a413 Amersham Road

Responses by Community Board Area

Respondents to the survey were given the option to include their postcode with their response. 668 respondents did so, with 665 of these being matched to Buckinghamshire Community Board areas (the remaining postcodes were either out of county or typed incorrectly).

The table below shows the number of respondents by the Community Board areas which cover the legacy Council area of Chiltern and South Bucks. Respondents from Community Board areas outside of the Chiltern and South Bucks area have been grouped together in 'All other areas'.

Community Board (CB) Area	Number of Respondents	Population of CB Area
Amersham	93	25,755
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	64	40,366
Beeches	74	25,689
Chesham & Villages	95	28,505
Denham, Gerrards Cross & The Chalfonts	168	38,760
Missenden	111	16,167
Wexham & The Ivers	47	14,690
All other areas	13	
Total	665	

Figure 6: Number of survey respondents and population by community board area.

Population Data Source: ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates 2019

To allow for all areas to be analysed in the same way, the priority concerns will be shown in a table for each area. This will be supported with verbatim comments where appropriate for the area.

Amersham

The Amersham Community Board area received 93 responses to the survey.

The top 5 neighbourhood concerns and issues which were rated highly by respondents regardless of ranking are shown in the table below:

Concern/Issue	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Burglary - residential properties	59	63%
Anti-social behaviour	48	52%
Drug dealing	21	23%
Speeding	21	23%
Cyber-crime/fraud	17	18%

With the exception of Cyber-crime/Fraud, the main concerns of the respondents from the Amersham Community Board area fall broadly in line with the concerns of all respondents to the survey.

Verbatim Comments

21 respondents within the Amersham Community Board area gave additional comments. Some comments contained multiple themes. Where Amersham has been specifically mentioned, these comments have been included below.

Anti-social Behaviour

The anti-social behaviour, especially in the evening is very concerning. Loud music, aggressive shouting, rubbish strewn everywhere despite the bins and bottles of alcohol left.

Drug Dealing

It is very worrying to see people dealing drugs on the street both in Amersham and Chesham.

Lack of Police Presence

Apart from the speed camera vans, you do not see any general patrolling going on in Amersham. I cannot recall the last time I saw a police officer on general foot patrol.

I'm concerned that we will no longer have a police station in Amersham.

Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye

The Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board area received 64 responses to the survey.

The top 5 neighbourhood concerns and issues which were rated highly by respondents regardless of ranking are shown in the table below:

Concern/Issue	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Burglary - residential properties	32	50%
Anti-social behaviour	22	34%
Speeding	18	28%
Cyber-crime/fraud	17	27%
Littering	15	23%

With the exception of Cyber-crime/Fraud, the concerns of the respondents from the Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board area fall broadly in line with the concerns of all respondents to the survey.

Verbatim Comments

10 respondents within the Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board area gave additional comments. Some comments contained multiple themes.

There were no specific comments relating to Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye, therefore some comments from respondents from this area have been included.

Cyclist Safety

Cyclists on dual use footway/cycleway paths who do not have or do not use audible warning when overtaking pedestrians often at unreasonable speed.

Speeding

The dangerous speeding in Whielden Lane (30) speed limited road with occasional footpaths continues.

Lack of Police Presence

Finding the nearest Police Station.

Beeches

The Beeches Community Board area received 74 responses to the survey.

The top 5 neighbourhood concerns and issues which were rated highly by respondents regardless of ranking are shown in the table below:

Concern/Issue	Number of Respondents	% of respondents
Burglary - residential properties	38	51%
Anti-social behaviour	28	38%
Speeding	24	32%
Littering	20	27%
Drug dealing	16	22%

The top concerns of the respondents from the Beeches Community Board area match the top concerns of all respondents to the survey.

Verbatim Comments

23 respondents within the Beeches Community Board area gave additional comments. Some comments contained multiple themes. Where the Beeches area has been specifically mentioned, these comments have been included below.

Speeding

Wexham street 30mph limit between the stag and the plough is routinely ignored by some drivers

Anti-social Behaviour

Burnham Tennis/Bowls Club car park. Drug taking and drinking amongst youngsters. Using the car park as a toilet.

Lack of Police Presence

Poor evidence of policing around Taplow river area

There is no police station in Burnham and I have not seen a police officer or PCSO in the 2 years I have lived here.

Chesham & Villages

The Chesham & Villages Community Board area received 95 responses to the survey.

The top 5 neighbourhood concerns and issues which were rated highly by respondents regardless of ranking are shown in the table below:

Concern/Issue	Number of Respondents	% of respondents
Speeding	41	43%
Burglary - residential properties	40	42%
Anti-social behaviour	34	36%
Drug dealing	29	31%
Littering	19	20%

The top concerns of the respondents from the Chesham & Villages Community Board area match the top concerns of all respondents to the survey.

Verbatim Comments

33 respondents within the Chesham & Villages Community Board area gave additional comments. Some comments contained multiple themes. Where the Chesham & Villages area has been specifically mentioned, these comments have been included below.

Speeding

In Chesham I have certainly recognised more incidents involving speeding cars and pedestrians being hit.

Speeding along Cartridge Lane...more 30mph signs/road markings required and speed cameras

Drug Dealing

Drug dealing is rife in Chesham with antisocial threats being made.

Littering

People leaving dog excrement in black sacks on the ground/hanging on trees. Whilst litter picking this behaviour is disgusting to deal with.

Lack of Police Presence

I am slightly concerned about a lack of Police within the Chesham area in light of the number of crimes taking place and the ability of our Police to attend within a reasonable time scale from their designated locations.

Denham, Gerrards Cross & The Chalfonts

The Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board area received 168 responses to the survey.

The top 5 neighbourhood concerns and issues which were rated highly by respondents regardless of ranking are shown in the table below:

Concern/Issue	Number of Respondents	% of respondents
Burglary - residential properties	108	64%
Anti-social behaviour	82	49%
Speeding	53	32%
Drug dealing	38	23%
Littering	36	21%

The top concerns of the respondents from the Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board area match the top concerns of all respondents to the survey.

Verbatim Comments

70 respondents within the Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board area gave additional comments. Some comments contained multiple themes. Where the Chesham & Villages area has been specifically mentioned, these comments have been included below.

Speeding

Speeding of cars and lorries traveling up and down Denham Green Lane UB9 5LG to the hotel and Denham Aerodrome.

Burglary – residential properties

There have been several burglary attempts and theft of cars in our estate recently (Woodhill Estate GX).

Car Parking Issues

Parking by the zebra crossing on the A413 by the Pheasant Hill Roundabout

Drug Dealing/Use

Drug related behaviour is witnessed by many residents in particular those with gardens backing onto Mill Meadow where they say drugs are openly and brazenly seen exchanged.

Missendens

The Missendens Community Board area received 111 responses to the survey.

The top 5 neighbourhood concerns and issues which were rated highly by respondents regardless of ranking are shown in the table below:

Concern/Issue	Number of Respondents	% of respondents
Anti-social behaviour	60	54%
Speeding	51	46%
Burglary - residential properties	37	33%
Littering	26	23%
Drug dealing	19	17%

The top concerns of the respondents from the Missendens Community Board area match the top concerns of all respondents to the survey.

Verbatim Comments

27 respondents within the Missendens Community Board area gave additional comments. Some comments contained multiple themes. Where the Missendens area has been specifically mentioned, these comments have been included below.

Speeding

Speeding - often see cars speeding and overtaking on Prestwood High Street

Drug Dealing

I live in a village within Buckinghamshire (Prestwood), where I am now seeing drug dealing going on in broad daylight because they know that no one in authority is policing these areas anymore so they get away with it.

Lack of Police Presence

We hardly ever see a policeman on the street in Great Missenden even though we have a police office in the village

Wexham & The Ivers

The Wexham & The Ivers Community Board area received 47 responses to the survey.

The top 5 neighbourhood concerns and issues which were rated highly by respondents regardless of ranking are shown in the table below:

Concern/Issue	Number of Respondents	% of respondents
Burglary - residential properties	28	60%
Anti-social behaviour	19	40%
Speeding	18	38%
Parking	16	34%
Drug dealing	10	21%

With the exception of Parking, the concerns of the respondents from the Wexham & Ivers Community Board area fall broadly in line with the concerns of all respondents to the survey.

Verbatim Comments

19 respondents within the Wexham & Ivers Community Board area gave additional comments. Some comments contained multiple themes. Where the Wexham & Ivers area has been specifically mentioned, these comments have been included below.

Lack of Police Presence

I'd like to see more Police Officers in the communities of The Ivers.

Car Parking Issues

Since covid we have seen an influx of visitors to Langley Park who park as they wish, on pavements etc, narrow roads etc.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Concerned about 24/7 access to council car park and recreation ground enabling anti-social behaviour and more

Respondent Profile

The profile of the respondents of the survey was compared to the demographic profile of the legacy Chiltern and South Bucks District Council area to understand whether the survey sample contains an over or under representation of certain demographic groups.

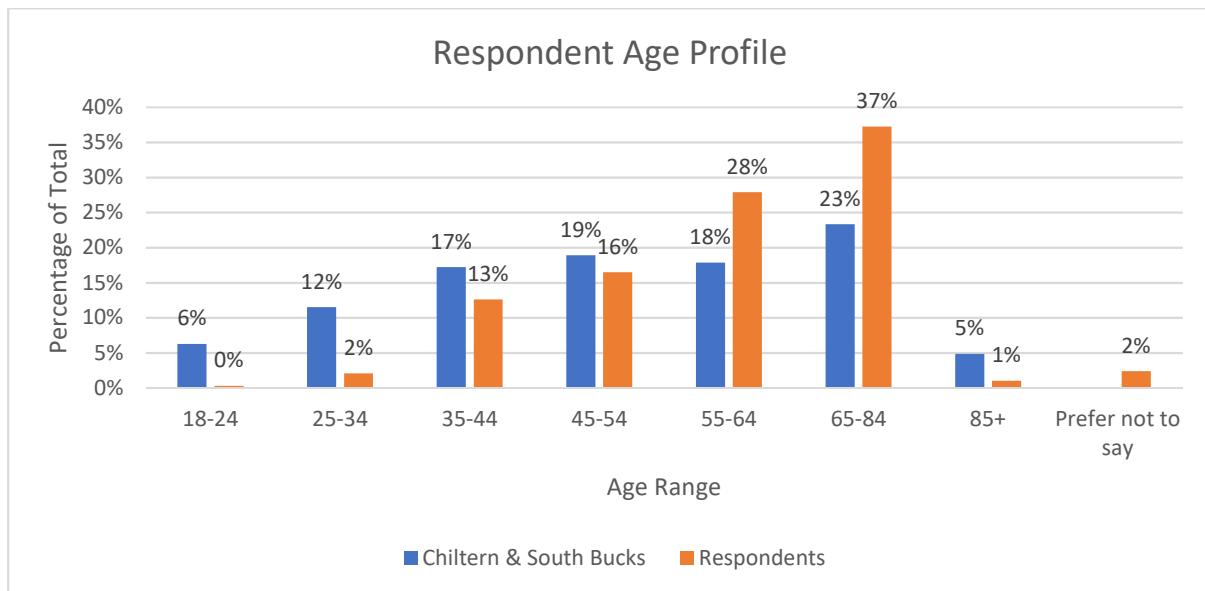


Figure 7: Respondent age profile. Based on 658 responses to the age question.

Source: Chiltern & South Bucks figures, ONS 2021 Population Estimates (2019)

A higher proportion of respondents (66%) were in the 55+ age groups compared with the Chiltern and South Bucks population where there were 46% in these age bands.

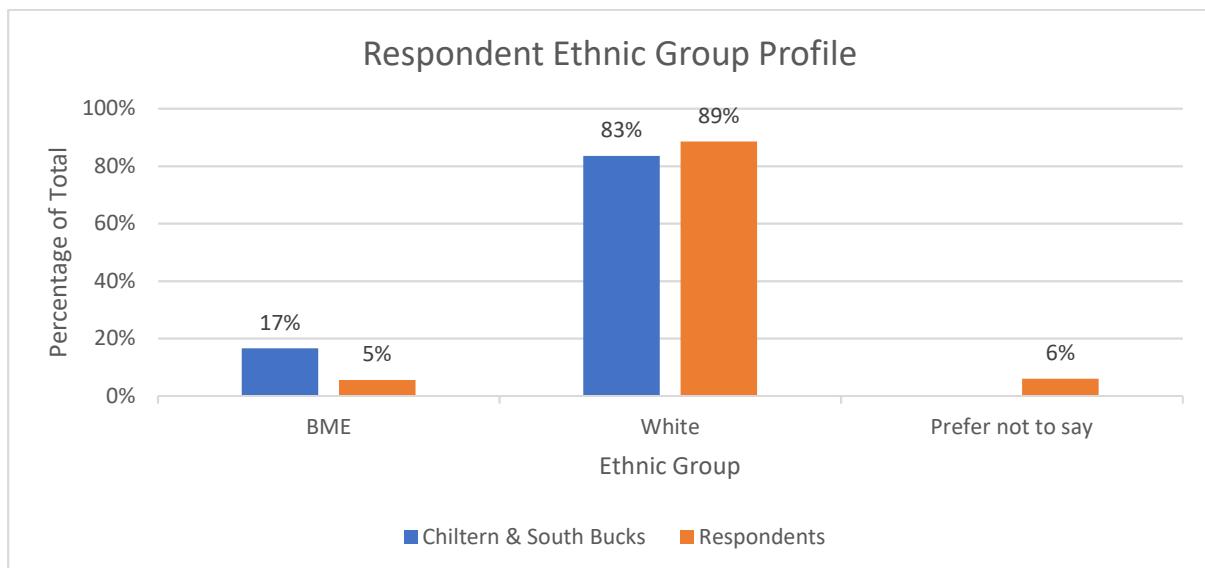


Figure 8: Respondent ethnicity profile. Based on 634 responses to the ethnicity question.

Source: Chiltern & South Bucks figures, ONS 2021 Population Estimates by ethnic group (2019)

White ethnic groups (89%) were over-represented compared with the Chiltern and South Bucks population (83%).

Appendix

Sample Questionnaire

Neighbourhood Policing Survey - what are your concerns?

Overview

'Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger together'

If you live, work or do business in the Chiltern and South Bucks areas of Buckinghamshire, we want to hear about your local policing issues or concerns.

This survey has been posted on behalf of the **Chiltern & South Bucks (CSB) Policing Issues Forum** for the sole purpose of helping to identify local community concerns. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the **CSB Forum by email**.

Chiltern & South Bucks (CSB) Policing Issues Forum

The CSB Forum is an independent group. It supports the process for identifying areas of focus for the Chiltern & South Bucks Local Policing Area (LPA) Neighbourhood Police teams. It encourages engagement between local residents and Neighbourhood Police teams. In this way we hope to increase community involvement and a sense of individual responsibility, whereby we can all help make our community a better place to be.

Your views matter

The CSB Policing Issues Forum works with local Community Boards and Thames Valley Police to better understand local policing issues or concerns.

The information you give will help focus neighbourhood policing on issues that matter to people who live or work in the Chiltern and South Bucks LPA.

We hope you will take a few minutes out of your day to give your views and help us build a better Buckinghamshire for everyone.

The survey closes midnight Monday 3 May 2021

Privacy

We will use the information you provide only for the purpose of this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. Please visit the **Privacy page** <[/privacy_policy/](#)> to read our full privacy notice.

Your neighbourhood policing concerns

'Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger together'

The Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum works with Thames Valley Police and Community Boards to understand local policing issues or concerns.

The information you give will be used to set the areas of focus for neighbourhood policing in the Chiltern and South Bucks area.

At the end of the survey you can opt in to receive more information about the CSB Forum - as well as given a link to the CSB Forum website.

What are your top three neighbourhood concerns or issues?

From the list below choose **THREE** neighbourhood policing issues or concerns.

- Please put these in order of priority. Where 1 is your highest priority, 2 your second highest priority and 3 your third highest priority.
- To change your choices, first de-select one or more options. Then re-select your preferred option.

(Required)	1	2	3
Anti-social behaviour <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Burglary - residential properties <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Burglary - sheds and garages <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Burglary - commercial properties <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child Sexual Exploitation <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Dog fouling <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cyber crime/fraud <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Littering <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Modern Slavery <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rogue traders/scams <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drug dealing <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speeding <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Theft from vehicles <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Theft of vehicles <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Violence against a person <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rural crime <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Drug and alcohol misuse <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cyber bullying <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Criminal damage <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knife crime <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify) <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other

Use this space for any comments about your policing concerns or issues (optional):

About you

Before you go it would really help us to know a bit more about you.

We will use the information you provide here only for the purpose of this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details.

We ask for these details to help us understand the views of different people, and try to involve as many as possible in our work.

If you would like to be more involved with your local Community Board, or receive regular updates, please provide your email address.

Are you?

Please choose an answer that best describes in what capacity you are completing the survey e.g. you may be a Buckinghamshire resident but completing the survey on behalf of your organisation.

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Resident - someone who lives in Buckinghamshire Councillor - Buckinghamshire Council Councillor - Town or Parish Council
 Organisation - e.g. business, charity, community group Employee - work in Buckinghamshire but live elsewhere Other

What is your postcode?

This must be a postcode within the Chiltern & South Bucks area. If you work in Chiltern & South Bucks but live elsewhere, please use your work postcode.

For us to look at how we can help it's essential we know where in Buckinghamshire people feel there is a problem. A local post code will help us do that. You will not be personally identified or contacted by giving your postcode.

Postcode:

What is your email address?

If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

Email

What age are you?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Under-18 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-84
 85+ Prefer not to say

What is your ethnicity?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- White Mixed Asian or Asian British Black or Black British
 Other (please specify) Prefer not to say

Other

Would you like to be more involved with your local Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum, or receive regular updates?

You must provide your email address (above) if you want to receive further updates and information. Skip this question if you do not want us to contact you and do not tick any boxes.

Please select all that apply

Yes - please send me regular updates by email which I can unsubscribe from at any time (including a link to the CSB meeting on 18 May)

Yes - just send me a link to view/join the CSB meeting on 18 May

Yes - just send me one email about how I can get more involved if I wish to

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